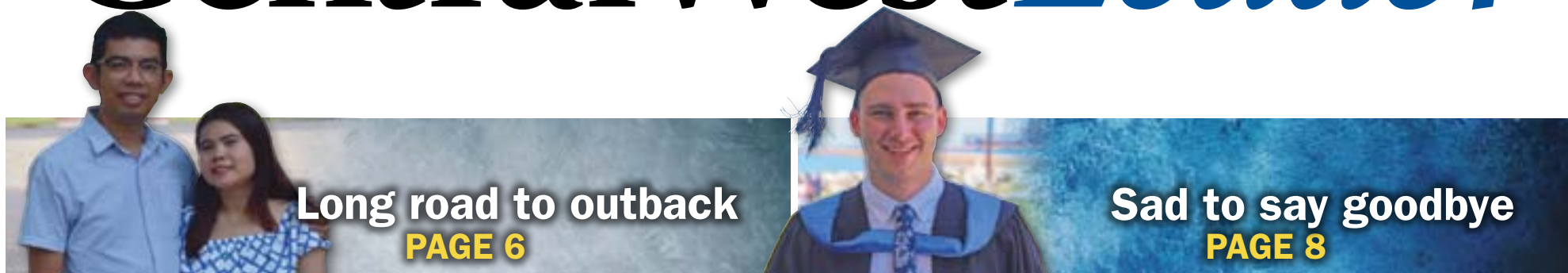


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Barrel action

It was at Blackall's show-grounds last weekend, where Central Western Queensland horse enthusiasts descended to compete at the Outback Barrel Horse Circuit (OBHC) two-day event, with the competition proving to be hotter than the weather!

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Overall Winner of both Saturday and Sunday's events – Tash Purvis, from Charleville and her horse Playboy Cowboy. Picture: SMP PHOTOGRAPHY

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Relief, just for a moment

I write this looking out at my backyard that has been drenched with, from what I've heard, is one of the biggest down-pours Longreach has experienced in five years.

The past week has been violent with a surge in Covid cases and the feistiest heatwave this Brisbane boy has experienced – 48 degrees!

But today is cool.

And the bird's are chirping and getting silly with their flights from one tree to another. There's a sense of relief in the air.

But there are some who are trapped in their homes, and while that is for a good reason; we should consider them.

If you know someone who is isolating, make sure they don't feel lonely. Help gather their groceries and do the things we may take for granted.

- Michael R Williams



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Locals off to band camp at Mt Coot-tha

By Michael R Williams

Members of the Longreach Town Band took a trip to Brookfield, and finally Mt Coot-tha to attend an annual camp held by the Queensland Band Association.

Students were able to work with tutors, conductors, and career musicians over the course of the camp's four to five day run.

Band president Tanya Lloyd said the Mt Coot-tha open air amphitheatre provided a wonderful venue for students to showcase what they'd learned over the course of the week.

"This year The QBA wanted to encourage young brass band musicians to play and students come from all over Queensland, from many community bands," she said.

"Musicians from Longreach had the opportunity to meet new players, some of whom are quite experienced; are exposed to different styles of music from different conductors; can hear from people who have travelled the world, making music their career.

"The youth band played music for up to six hours each day of the camp, in sectionals and as part of the whole group."

Trombone player Tea Rumsey said the event was "pretty fun".

"I look forward to it every year," she said.

"Some of my favourite moments were creating a UNO club with my cabin and the kids in the cabin next door, I can say I'm an UNO expert now.

"Playing our yearly game of volleyball, swimming in the pool, and watching multiple kids be hit in the head by a ball - and the music of course were also fun."

Ms Rumsey said she the Town Band has been encouraging her, and other members, to take opportunities like this where they can.

"As our Band is part of the QBA network, campers receive a discount on the camp fee, as well as sponsorship from Yamaha, to help regional musicians attend Brisbane for the week," she said.

"Longreach youth campers are exposed to like-minded young people who are at many different levels of music standards and can watch and learn from the older students so it's an incredibly valuable experience for them."

Trumpet player Malcolm Strong also attended the camp and said he loved being on camp with a whole of bunch of kids like himself, "really loving their music".

"The best part of camp for me musically was Dominic Longhursts tutorial and working with him, he is a world renowned cornet player; I loved hearing him play, and it was so great to have some sectional sessions with him," he said.

"He is inspiring and I learnt a lot.

"I also loved catching up with friends from last year, looking forward to the next one.

"My parents said to say the concert at the end, because you can see and hear how much fun we are having by the music performed."

Mr Strong said the Town band is a really important part of his musical journey and education.

"Getting to play with adults and kids alike who all care about making music is something I really enjoy," he said.

"I am always encouraged by those that play with us, trumpets are obviously still the best section!

"The band helps simply by encouraging to us to go and experience a band full of people



Tea Rumsey and Malcolm Strong at the QBA annual camp.



Tea Rumsey playing the trombone.

my own age, who love music like I do.

"Also – the band is part of Queensland Band Association, who runs the camp and links us with bands all over the state who are about making music for the community, which is our main goal."

Mr Strong said it is important for locals to

get these opportunities.

"We don't have 40 youth playing instruments to make a full brass band in town, to experience playing in group like that is so much fun and I wouldn't trade the week for anything," he said.

"Well spent holiday time."

Deep rain hits district to ease the heat

Longreach and much of the Central West received deep rain, between 50 and 90 mm mid-week, with the Bureau of Meteorology claiming it would ease the oppressive heatwave the region experienced earlier in the week.

The rain was so heavy in the Murrumbidgee

area that roads to the town were inaccessible and the residents experienced power outages and cuts to telecommunications.

All Longreach Regional Council-controlled roads had been closed, with the exception of Yaraka Emmet and Blackall Emmett.

In the Winton Shire, the only road closed was Kennedy Dev Road, with many local roads 4WD only.

In the Barcaldine Region, Cramsie to Murrumbidgee, Ilfracombe to Aramac and Longreach to Murrumbidgee were closed.

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and were managed as normal but were kept in quarantine for the following week.

All quarantining staff and the aged care residents were tested according to current protocols before coming out of quarantine a week later. Central West Health Executive Mr Anthony West said the organisation was in touch with all staff and aged care resident families throughout the process and provided support and information to them as required.

"Once the facility is deep cleaned, we hope to have the Alpha MPHS back in operation as soon as possible," he said.

"Temporary staff will then continue to staff the MPHS until such time as the permanent staff members are cleared to return to work."

There are currently have 12 staff at Alpha, which is equivalent to a full normal day shift.

While Alpha was in lockdown, local resi-

dents were being directed to seek emergency care if required through the 000 system.

Mr West said Alpha residents who had GP or other consultations scheduled at the MPHS over the that week were being contacted to have their appointments rescheduled.

Covid-19 testing is available via appointment at the Alpha MPHS.

"You may be tested if you are symptomatic or if you have been informed you are a close contact by a Queensland Health officer," Mr West said.

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

"This testing will be done as a drive-through in the ambulance bay.

"Please only attend after you have been

given an appointment time by a Queensland Health officer."

The phone number to arrange a Covid-19 test at Alpha is 4809 7023.

On behalf of Central West Health Mr West said they understand that community members may be anxious, please be reassured that every person that needs to be tested will be tested.

"If you call the number and the phone is busy, please try again periodically until you can get through," he said.

"If you are unwell and in need of urgent medical care, please call 000.

"If you have general questions about Covid-19, please call 134 Covid (134 268)."

Central West Health thanked locals for their understanding and said they look forward to working alongside you.

Community transmission in new year Covid surge

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All of the cases have been managed at home or in their private accommodation through a partnership between Central West Health and Metro North Hospital and Health Service.

Central West Hospital and Health Service chief executive Anthony West has commended all Central West residents for their strong response to the vaccination program in our region and continue urging everyone to ensure they have their booster dose and encourage parents to bring their children in for the child vaccine.

"Vaccination continues to be our best protection against Covid-19 and our outreach vaccination clinics are continuing across the region," he said.

"Currently, 91.2 per cent of eligible Central West residents aged 12 years and older are now fully vaccinated with two doses of vaccine.

"The rate of vaccination amongst our First Nations residents also is very high with 77.9 per cent of those aged 12 years and over fully vaccinated.

Central West Health has also delivered 3429 booster vaccinations across the region to date.

"Our 5-11-year-old vaccination program started last week, and we have delivered 160 vaccinations so far at Barcaldine and Longreach," Mr West said.



Lilly Michaelis is all smiles as the first person to be vaccinated in the 5-11 year old group at Barcaldine on 11 January. Lilly is supported by father Les Michaelis, and immuniser Jennifer Goodwin.

"Remember, the child vaccine has to be delivered in two doses about eight weeks apart, so it's vital children are brought back for their second dose for maximal protection.

"And if you haven't yet had your second dose of vaccine – or your first – please come in for those doses.

"As well as being vaccinated, please wear masks as directed, practice social distancing and good hygiene, including frequent washing of hands with sanitiser and get tested if you have symptoms, no matter how mild."

Current confirmed community vaccination clinics are:

- Winton 18 to 20 January

- Longreach 21 and 22 January
- Muttaborra 25 January
- Alpha 27 January
- Longreach 28 and 29 January
- Aramac 31 January
- Tambo 2 February
- Isisford 4 February

Bookings are essential, please phone 1800 953 703, or email: CW-COVAX@health.qld.gov.au

For 5-11 years, the call centre team will provide information on available appointments and parent/guardian consent requirements.

Remember to be tested if you have any symptoms, no matter how mild.

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

Testing is available for free at all our facilities in the Central West through a combination of Rapid Antigen Tests (RATs) and Polymerase Chain Reaction (PCR) tests, depending on individual requirements.

You must isolate until you have received your test result. If you test positive, our staff will provide information on quarantining and next steps.

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There is a raft of useful information on the Queensland Health website.

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Support local businesses

By Michael R Williams

With recent supply chain issues, locals have been reminded of the importance of small local businesses.

Locally sourced produce rarely has the same supply chain issues, and the money stays in the community improving the town's economy overall.

Longreach Fruit Barn Business Owner Sam Tweedale said he believes larger chain supermarkets get more traffic due to their convenience.

"You're in a supermarket that provides everything, and for people with children – as a father myself – it can be frustrating getting them in and out of a car," he said.

"I think it can come down to convenience and pricing too – the bigger chains can be cheaper."

Mr Tweedale said as a smaller family-owned business the money they earn stays in the community.

"Our suppliers are also all small family-owned businesses and that has that flow-on effects back down through the supply chain," he said.

"We just have that connection to town – not saying the other supermarkets don't.

"I think it's important to have that extra option in town; when the smaller businesses don't shut up in towns, it does put a bit of pressure [to keep prices down]."

Mr Tweedale encouraged locals to continue to support the small local businesses.

"Things are great when I do run short to see new people from town or people I don't normally see," he said.

"It would be good to see that."

Mr Tweedale said his "killer" orange juice will remain made to order.

Co-Owner of Savage Butchers and Jemco Queensland Jed Marks said it was important to support local businesses.

"We understand that sometimes we aren't open when the IGA is, but we keep in competition with them all the time," he said.

"Also try to match the prices that would be seen outside of town as well.

"We understand that we might not stock the exact thing you want, but we also have some unique foods as well."

The Savage Butchers also support local producers of Cattle, Sheep, and Goat – also other local businesses who help make their products.

"I believe supporting locals is very crucial in times like these when there is not a lot of supply around and not a lot of tourists around either," Mr Marks said.

"We need to try to keep the community going and thriving."

Mr Marks said his team's slogan is "we have



Sam Tweedale at the Longreach Fruit Barn



The team at the Savage Butchers.

better meat than down the street".

"We can talk to the people who come to us, and say 'hey what are you after this weekend?', and you could say 'I'm on a budget', or 'I've got

a barbecue coming along', or 'I got to feed 19 kids', we can cater to them," he said.

"If you come into the butcher shop, you can talk to us and get a bit more of a feel of what

you need."

Both business owners said that panic buying is not necessary, while they get short in some supplies there is no real "drama".

Worker's Union warns of oncoming trucking crisis

The Australian Worker's Union says the current transport crisis has highlighted the continued failings in the nation's approach to energy prices and has had a knock-on effect on our sovereign capability.

It was revealed in December that, as a country, we are running short of AdBlue, an essential diesel-fuel additive that reduces nitrous oxide and is required in most of the nation's 1.5 million trucks, as well as in many smaller vehicles.

This is mainly due to high international gas prices, with cheap gas a key element in the production of urea, which in turn is used to make the product.

China – which provides 80 per cent of Australia's supply – has restricted urea exports and begun stockpiling it, due to the high gas prices.

The future looks grim here, an AWU spokesperson said, with Incitec Pivot – Australia's only AdBlue maker – saying that it will "reluctantly" stop manufacturing at its Brisbane-based Gibson Island facility in 2022, as it cannot secure an affordable, long-term gas supply from Australian producers.

Energy Minister Angus Taylor says AdBlue shipments are en route, and that there's enough to last five weeks.

Daniel Walton, AWU National Secretary, rebutted, saying Mr Taylor's response revealed the extent of the problem.

"Given how critical diesel fuel is to the operation of our transport and logistics, manufacturing, agriculture, and mining and resources sectors, this is shocking," Mr Walton says.

"The Morrison Government talks of a gas-led recovery, yet a gas shortage means we have just a five-week supply of a product that is critical to the basic functioning of our society.

"We should never have had to rely on importing such an essential product – urea, which is also used in fertiliser – when we could have been making it here in large quantities."

Mr Walton said Australia is the world's richest energy-exporting nation we have utterly failed at providing affordable gas prices at home.

"So instead of being able to ramp up our domestic manufacturing to cover supply chain failings, we are about to see another local plant fold just as vital imports are squeezed."

Trucking industry experts say operators are trying to get as much AdBlue as they can to keep their trucks running.

"Without trucks, as we know, Australia stops, and if you look at half of Australia's truck fleet not being able to operate then we have serious concerns," Road Freight NSW chief Simon O'Hara says.

Late last week Incitec Pivot answered a panicked Federal Government call to bolster local AdBlue supplies.

Incitec Pivot says it will rapidly design, trial, and scale-up manufacturing of significant quantities of technical grade granular urea, a critical AdBlue component.

But there was still no announcement on the company's long-term plan to end AdBlue production at Gibson Island due to high gas prices.

Mr Walton said that at a time when the nation's focus is supposed to be on building strategic capability and sovereign capacity, the situation does not inspire confidence.

Instead, it starkly reveals the impact high gas prices have on our ability to kick-start new industries and protect existing ones – not just for industries relying on gas for energy, but for those relying on it as feedstock for essential inputs.

"Australia used to be a manufacturing powerhouse, but as gas prices have soared,

our manufacturing industry has begun to contract and many of our remaining industries are struggling," he said.

"Shoring up our gas supply and delivering affordable energy should be a no-brainer.

"Not only would it preserve jobs, it would lead to a manufacturing renaissance with many more highly skilled and highly paid jobs created across the country.

"There are new ventures, such as processing critical minerals and rare earths, where Australia declares great ambition.

"To do all these things we must leverage our abundant reserves of natural gas."

But unlike every other gas exporting country in the world, Australia doesn't reserve any gas for its domestic market.

"Australia has a gas export industry without a gas reservation policy, so multinational gas companies can export as much of our gas as they see fit overseas, driving up prices here," he says.

"So Australian businesses and households find themselves paying more for our own gas than we charge our customers overseas. It's crazy!"

Gearing up for a big year

By Michael R Williams

With both success and tribulations in 2021, the new year has local tourism businesses excited for what is looking to be their biggest year on record.

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Outback Aussie Tours owner operator Alan Smith said the company's boat cruise is already two-thirds booked for the year.

He said the volatility of bookings and cancellations had changed the operational conditions on the road and in the marketplace, had put a lot of pressure on his team and suppliers.

"They (staff and suppliers) did an amazing job, and we had close to a record year," he said.

"The positives out of last year were when we had fairly good numbers on our tours that made a big difference in our performance."

A struggle Mr Smith and his team had was organising hotel operators, meal providers, service, and entry providers to packages with his tours.

"As an example, with the New South Wales border closures, we were having to cancel – sometimes last-minute – going into hotels and motels in South Australia and New South Wales," Mr Smith said.

"While at the same time coming up with an alternative program where we can fit a coach full of people – on the road already – on an alternative program.

"It was a logistical nightmare for our team – but I don't just think of our team, I think of our suppliers; what some of them lost was unthinkable, particularly Innamincka and Tibobura which just got thrashed last year."



The Outback Aussie Tour team at the Christmas Lights Tour last year.

Mr Smith said with that volatility in the market tours could go from full or half-full to near-on-empty.

"People were getting scared off from travelling to Queensland, and I guess the biggest the negative effect was when the airline hostess said she had caught Covid," he said.

"When it got out in the media it was then followed by the Brisbane lockdowns – we had three weeks where we were very much affected.

"We had \$800,000 cancelled in one week."

Mr Smith said his team and the market responded quite well, but much of his potential business had been devastated.

"One of the things that really hurt was our summer bookings," he said.

"Our summer program was a non-event, we only took not even a handful of tourists.

"It was the lightest summer period we've had for 10 or 15 years."

Positively, Mr Smith said there was a lot of road traffic in Longreach throughout 2020, and the boat and day tour side of his business was able to respond accordingly.

"That bounced back fairly quickly and was busy until the second or third week of October before petering off," he said.

"We ran full dinner cruises until early December – the business was certainly there.

"Operationally we just need to question how we operate out of summer.

"Overall it was a good year, it just came with a lot of heartache."

Going into this year, Mr Smith said he is looking at record bookings for his extended tour program.

"If Covid's settled down by April/ May, enough for people to have the confidence to travel, it will be – all things equal – the record year," he said.

"It's not just potential – it's booked.

"The unknown factor is the Covid factor.

"You know what, we didn't know what we were getting into last year, but we ended up having a good year financially."

First baby of the New Year welcomed to the world

Longreach welcomed its first baby this year on 6 January, when little Maddison Grace was born to local residents Shelley and David Carr.

Maddison is their second child and is sister to older sibling, Emily.

Ms Carr said she was very happy to be able to have the birth in her home community with the support of the Longreach Hospital maternity team.

"In these uncertain times, I am really happy not to have to travel away for birthing services," she said.

"I couldn't have hoped for a better experience."

Longreach Hospital Maternal and Child Services Manager Meri Howden said the maternity unit was thrilled to be able to support the Carr family as they welcomed their second child and the unit's first baby of 2022.

"It's always exciting to be at work in the New Year, at a time of renewal and new starts," she said.

"We have such a supportive specialist, medical and midwifery team here that can provide holistic maternity services to the entire family during these challenging times."

Ms Howden said Maddison was one of two babies born at Longreach so far this month.

Last year, the Longreach Hospital maternity unit recorded 63 births.

"On average, about 60 babies a year are born at Longreach Hospital," Ms Howden said.

"We had 57 births in 2020, 62 in 2019, and 61 in 2018; we had a surge in birthing numbers early last year, which was undoubtedly connected to the pandemic lockdown in early 2020.

"But then things settled down a bit for the rest of the year, although we did end up with

a higher overall birth total than normal."

Ms Howden said she believed some mums who might otherwise have travelled outside the region to give birth decided it was safer to stay within the Central West and birth here at our excellent birthing unit, and this added to our overall birthing total last year.

"I think this trend may continue during 2022 with more women deciding to stay and birth in the Central West."

Ms Howden said the Central West Health maternity service operated as a Midwifery Group Practice, where each woman was assigned a known midwife who would provide most of her care pre, during, and post-birth.

"The maternity service midwifery staff are supported by allied health professionals and General Practitioners with specialist training in obstetrics," she said.

"In addition to our Longreach Midwifery

Group Practice midwives at the birthing unit, our Central West Health midwives also provide outreach ante and postnatal services throughout the region, as does our partner the Royal Flying Doctor Service.

"Our Child Health team also plays a big part in our comprehensive service."


The Longreach Hospital maternity unit offers three single ensuite rooms, a birth suite, a maternity assessment room, a nursery, and an equipment room.

"Importantly, the birthing suite also allows space for the family to be with a woman and the birthing team during the birth of a baby if they choose," Ms Howden said.

"We also have on-site accommodation at no cost at Longreach Hospital for women in the lead-up to giving birth from 36 weeks onwards. This is particularly convenient for women who live away from Longreach."

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A long road to Longreach

By Michael R Williams

After leaving the Myanmar city of Naypyidaw, Aung Thu Moe and his wife Wendy would coincidentally meet in Singapore, where they were both studying, and where Moe would eventually woo and propose to her.

Moe would go on to work as a software engineer, and Wendy nurse at the hospital.

They met at a party through their mutual friends.

“Then I decided to take her out,” Moe said.

“We went to the theme park and spent the whole day before I decided to confess to her my feelings.

“Then after a few years, when I decided to propose to her, I planned a trip to South Korea and I did it there.”

In southeast Asia it is popular for couples to go for pre-wedding photo shoots, Moe and Wendy would visit Da Nang in Vietnam for these photos.

“You go for a trip with your spouse and a photographer and a make-up artist, then you will visit nice places and take photos there,” Moe said.

“Those photos can be used for the wedding day itself.

“For us, it was on top of a mountain; it was a very small town with a wide variety of attractions, with a castle on top of that mountain.”

Due to living away from home, Moe and Wendy had to have two weddings – one in Singapore and one at home in Myanmar.

“We had to have one small wedding in Singapore for our close friends and colleagues because most of them would be unable to travel to Myanmar,” Moe said.

“It was just small.

“Two weeks later we went back to Myanmar to have one big wedding for our relatives.”

The Myanmar wedding was held in a Buddhist monastery.

“In the morning we met with the monks and got their blessings; after lunch, we invited our relatives and eat lunch.

“Mostly our parents we the ones entertaining because, after 12 years in Singapore, we don’t recall most of our relatives.”

Wendy said there were over 600 people in attendance.

“If we went back to the village we are from, it would be even bigger; we would have to party for three whole days,” she said.

For the next two years, Moe and Wendy would maintain the ordinary work-life balance until Covid-19 hit.

“It was really a struggle because Singapore was very strict about their restrictions,” Moe said.

“The first three months were the hardest, you could not go out unless it was for something essential.

“Then after three months they knew what Covid could do so they started to relax – by De-



The pre-wedding photos Moe and Wendy took.

cember the restaurants could start selling take outs – they couldn’t even sell take outs it was that bad.

“From then they would flip-flop on the rules based on the number of cases.”

Moe would be forced to work from home, and Wendy, as a Nurse was considered high risk – they were discouraged from meeting people in person.

“Before Covid we would travel at least four or five times a year,” Wendy said.

They had already planned to eventually move to Australia, but the difficult conditions had spurred them on.

“We were tired of the city lifestyle – it’s exhausting to work every day, and just the only entertainment we have is dining out, cinema, or shopping,” he said.

“All entertainment there costs money; it’s not fun.”

Making the move during Covid-19 was difficult for Moe and Wendy, taking two years for their paperwork to be finalised.

Thankfully, they were able to find work swiftly as Wendy was able to easily fit into the Aged Care system that is starved for good workers.

“In order to get the job here, firstly I had to obtain the nursing license,” she said.

“If you want to work in Australia, you have to get the Australian license, I cannot work from a Singapore license.

“It was difficult also because of Covid, as it



was taking longer for people to give my recommendation, but luckily I got the job after the interview.”

Since coming to Longreach, they said they have enjoyed the experience.

“First of all the weather, when we first arrived in Brisbane; the weather in Brisbane is totally different from Singapore – it’s hot in the day and cold at night,” Moe said.

“We weren’t really happy with that, we’re not used to the cold.

“When we reached Longreach we were glad; it is hot all day and night.”

Moe also said he enjoys the safeness of Longreach’s community.

“It’s very peaceful, no noise at night – that’s quite rare from where we came from,” he said.

“The children can just roam around here.”

Men’s sheds to receive bonus funding for wellbeing

Men’s sheds from across the central west are set to received a leg up of \$13, 675 from local member David Littleproud.

The Barcaldine, Crows Nest, and Winton Men’s Sheds will each take a share from the funding, with Winton receiving \$5,385 in the 22nd round for the National Shed Development Program. “for health, wellbeing and events, and tools and equipment”.

Men’s Shed Vice President Andrew “Juddy” Judd said the funding would go towards a number of mental health events, two community open days, and purchase computer and printing equipment, along with a sander.

“We’re looking at doing a number of events involving the Winton cohort involving community,” he said.

“Although it’s the men shed, it’s not men only, women also are very welcome to pop along.

“We hope to do something with that money in collaboration with other associations.”

Mr Judd said traditionally mental health has been seen as an old man’s horn.

“But it shouldn’t be taken in that context – it’s open to all ages, certainly the mental health side of things,” he said.

“It’s about sitting down with a cup of tea or a glass of something cold and chatting about how your weeks been and directing people to the right help if need be.

“I think personally that’s particularly during COVID and post-COVID.”

Mr Judd said it was important that funding was coming to the Men’s Sheds as fundraising can be quite challenging.

“It’s an ongoing issue where we rely heavily on grants,” he said.

“Fundraising can be quite difficult because there are a lot of associations within small towns going for that dollar.

“So the grants are very welcome, and it goes to looking after the resilience of a country community.”

A second part of the funding will go towards building practical skills among Winton youth.

Winton Men’s Shed President Leonard

Coight said the funding would also go towards cultivating a younger crowd at the shed and developing youth with practical skills to help them land vital jobs.

“We have high schoolers that are interested in some form of Leadership or Project Management, so it’s another opportunity for us to mentor them,” he said.

“There’s a skill shortage in trades in the west anyway, I’m looking for a carpenter, and I can’t get one for the love of money.

“There are property owners all around the area that can’t get proper trade work for them – there’s just not enough workers.”

Minister Littleproud praised the 1,000+ strong Men’s Sheds program, which plays a vital role in preventing social isolation and mental ill health.

“They offer thousands of men of all ages a safe and friendly environment where they can work on meaningful projects while building strong social connections,” Mr Littleproud said.

“Since 2013, the Coalition Government has provided more than \$6.4 million to sup-

port Men’s Sheds.”

During the COVID-19 pandemic, the Government prioritised applications for IT equipment and training, which helped to maintain friendships and connections to shed projects and reduced social isolation.

“Many Sheds were forced to close their doors this year due to the pandemic, however that didn’t stop the shed community from staying connected,” he said.

“Our Government will continue to support regional and rural Men’s Sheds as part of our comprehensive approach to improving the health of Australian men.”

A Men’s Shed can range from purpose-built facilities, multipurpose buildings, or shared spaces that are used regularly to foster positive community spirit among men.

Shed groups can apply for grants up to a total of \$10,000 across three categories – health and wellbeing events, shed improvements, and tools and equipment, with priority given to sheds in disadvantaged areas.

Applications for Round 23 of the NSDP will open in mid-January 2022.

Basin fracking concern

According to a study conducted by Griffith University Professor Ian Lowe, the Palaszczuk Government's plans to frack the Lake Eyre Basin would release a "startling" amount of greenhouse gas and be counterproductive in its attempts to reach its 2030 GHG emissions reduction targets.

That's under a "low development" scenario.

Under a "high development" scenario, the project would be responsible for approximately 190 million tonnes per annum of fugitive and domestic emissions, and 300 million tonnes of emissions if the subsequent burning of the gas was taken into account.

According to Professor Lowe, the petroleum resources in the basin contain extremely high levels of carbon dioxide (around 30 per cent), which would have to be vented or otherwise disposed of, making them some of

the most polluting gas fields in Australia.

Production of gas inevitably also results in direct methane leakage (known as fugitive emissions) and methane is a very potent greenhouse gas.

Professor Lowe said to be serious about net-zero emissions by 2050 it would be criminally irresponsible for governments to be approving new fossil fuel projects.

"Approving fracking in the Channel Country would ensure the Queensland Government fails to meet its stated emissions reduction target," he said.

Lock the Gate Alliance Queensland, a rural-based anti-coalmining action group, spokesperson Ellie Smith urged the Palaszczuk Government to honour its past election promises and protect the floodplains of the Lake Eyre Basin from fracking.

She said Professor Lowe's report showed sacrificing the floodplains to fracking would make the job of emissions reductions in every other sector of the state's economy that much harder.

"This report confirms what we have long suspected - fracking this unique and spectacular part of Queensland will release a carbon bomb at a time when the world desperately needs to reduce greenhouse gas emissions," she said.

"If the Lake Eyre Basin is opened up to fracking the Queensland Palaszczuk Government will need to find its planned emissions reductions elsewhere.

"That means manufacturing businesses, agriculture, the transport sector, and Queensland households will all have to make up for the extra emissions of between 16 and

40 million tonnes of CO2 equivalent every year on top of existing reduction commitments just so companies like Origin can rip through another precious part of our state for profit."

Ms Smith said sacrificing Queensland's Lake Eyre Basin rivers and floodplains to fracking will harm the communities and the world-class organic beef industry of Far Western Queensland.

"It will threaten the Channel Country's free-flowing desert rivers, which are among the last desert rivers not seriously compromised by human activity on the planet," she said.

"It would be a travesty to allow thousands of fracking gas wells, roads, and pipelines to destroy these floodplains in order to build the dirtiest, most polluting gas fields in Australia."

Dream comes true as local man wins over \$1 million

A local must be jumping with joy after discovering he had won \$1.2 million in Keno.

Out grocery shopping the man, who wishes to remain anonymous, was caught unaware when he found out he had been holding a Keno Classic 10 Spot winning entry in draw 436.

"As you can imagine, I'm over the moon!" the local told Keno.

"I wasn't at the venue when the win went off; I'd just stopped in quickly while I was grocery shopping.

"When I'd gotten home, one of my friends came over and told me the 10 Spot had gone off, and they thought I was the winner."

The man told Keno he thought they were pulling a prank

"I kept saying, 'You're pulling my leg! Is this a new April Fool's thing?'," he said.

"But then I headed to the venue later, and they confirmed I really was the winner; I couldn't bloody believe it.

"They had to pick me up off the floor; This is a dream come true."

The local has been playing these same numbers for several years.

"I'm a millionaire," he said, "It's bloody good!"

The man said his retirement plans had become much more exciting after the win.

"I'm going to use my prize to set myself up for the future and to have a great retirement," he said.

"I have family, so I'll share some with them too; there will definitely be a few holidays as well.

"I've always wanted a motorbike, so I'd like to get my dream bike

"Tonight, we'll have a big family dinner to celebrate."

The winning entry was purchased at the Longreach Tavern.

Tavern manager Michael Trad said his entire team was celebrating the win.



Longreach Tavern owner Tim Trad said he was excited to hear the news about the Keno winner.

"It's an incredible win, not just for our winner, but also for the tavern and our small community," he said.

"News like this spreads fast, and our pa-

trons always get so excited when a big win goes off.

"Our team was so happy when the winner came in and scanned his ticket. He's very

deserving, and we wish him all the best with his prize.

"Hopefully, we have some more big Keno wins soon."

Longreach police watch

Erin Shawcross; Officer in Charge, Longreach Police Station

The Queensland Police Service is the lead agency in Search and Rescue Operations.

With the current extreme weather and distances between towns, the timelines to locating a person fit and healthy are drastically reduced.

For these reasons, it is wise to equip yourself with sufficient supplies for any road trip.

If you hit car trouble a can of soft drink won't give a great deal of benefit; aim for a few litres of water per person in the car.

In the event of car trouble, it is advisable to stay with your car.

Tell people your plans with expected arrival times, have an action plan if you don't reach your destination at a given time, tell others what they need to do.

Constable Chris' traffic tips:

- On average 56 people are killed and 317 seriously injured each year on Queensland roads as a result of speed-related crashes.

- Many of those hospitalised will suffer from the effects of their injuries for the rest of their lives.

If caught exceeding the speed limit you could be fined \$183 up to \$1286, and lose up to 8 demerit points; you can even have your license suspended for 6 months.

The facts:

- Speed camera fines do not go into government revenue.
- They are used to improve sections of roads where crashes occur, road safety education and awareness programs, and injury rehabilitation programs.
- 1 in 3 people killed or injured in crashes involving speed are not the driver of the vehicle.
- Just over 5km/ph above the speed limit in urban areas and 10km/ph above in rural areas is enough to double the risk of a casualty crash.
- Don't rush your drive, give yourself extra time to get to your destination, and don't drive tired.

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JCU graduate doctors Lily Aboud and Annabelle Faint on placement in Longreach in 2021.



Kane and partner Celene Cuzzubbo, a JCU pharmacy graduate, at the Roly Poly sculpture near the Blackall Hospital.



Annabelle Faint.



Kane Langdon.

Students sad to say bye

Now James Cook University graduates, Dr Annabelle Faint and Dr Kane Langdon said they had the time of their lives as student doctors in the Central West in their final year of medical school.

Dr Faint, from Buderim, graduated in December after spending a total of five months at Longreach Hospital in 2021.

Her one regret?

Not spending her entire sixth year in the west.

“Being in a small community, you really felt that you were part of a team,” she said.

“I wish in hindsight I had spent the whole year in Longreach.

“I loved Longreach, and I would definitely see myself going back there.”

All JCU medical students do at least 20 weeks of rural placements during their degree as part of JCU College of Medicine and Dentistry’s commitment to building a fit-for-purpose medical workforce for underserved communities in Queensland.

Highlights of Dr Faint’s extended placement at Longreach included delivering a baby on her birthday and flying to Birdsville on outreach for a week as part of the Covid response team for a pop-up clinic at the Big Red Bash.

“I think that at JCU you’re shaped as a doctor just purely based on the experiences we’re given,” she said.

“The more you go rural, the more opportunities you have to step out of your comfort zone.”

Gladstone-raised Dr Langdon said he thoroughly enjoyed working in the Blackall Hospital Emergency Department and impressed staff with his enthusiasm, drive, and clinical knowledge.

Jumping headlong into the Central West’s busy winter social season endeared him to

a friendly community on his 10-week placement, with outreach to Tambo.

“My rural placements have been one of the biggest influences on my perspectives as a medical student,” Dr Langdon said.

“Especially at the smaller sites, they’re a unique opportunity to learn directly from practising medical professionals who are often exceptionally good at what they do.

“It has been during these placements that I have made the largest improvements in terms of my practical skills as a student doctor.

“I chose to go to the Central West because I had experienced the people out there as very welcoming.”

He said the presentations that came into the ED at Blackall were varied and interesting.

“So not only was it good on the social and community side, there was some really interesting medicine as well,” he said.

Dr Langdon also graduated from JCU with a Bachelor of Medical Science (Honours) in addition to receiving the Dr David Graham Prize for achieving the highest marks in the surgery components of his Bachelor of Medicine, Bachelor of Surgery.

Professor Sarah Larkins, Dean, JCU College of Medicine and Dentistry, said JCU was proud to train doctors “from, in, with, and for rural, regional and remote communities”.

“Around 70 per cent of our students come from rural, regional or remote backgrounds, three-quarters of JCU medicine graduates ‘go rural’ after graduation, and almost half of our graduates are now generalist practitioners, far more than any other university in the country,” Professor Larkins said.

She said despite graduating just 2.4 per cent of the national output of doctors, around 50 per cent of rural, regional and remote doctors in Queensland were JCU graduates.



Annabelle with her parents Dr Roger Faint and Robyn Faint and brother Angus.

Why we say no to the mandates

Communities are built on unity, trust, and from many different opinions and backgrounds.

While uncommonly there may be areas of judgement and division over differing opinions, like in any healthy relationship a community overcomes this to coexist happily.

Especially in critical times like Covid, the recent drought, or bushfire season.

Segregation creates tension and resentment.

Small communities built on faith and unity fall apart.

The intended Government mandates from 17 December to exclude the unvaccinated from entering various venues are causing enormous separation already, creating fear.

People are losing their jobs, their livelihoods, their sanity!

This is the same as the apartheid we saw in Nazi Germany and historically with racial discrimination. Mainstream media is finally reporting what others have known for months; that the spread of the virus is predominately from the vaccinated, and now we see proof in the new variant, Omicron.

The jabbed are blaming the vax-free for blocking their path to freedom, the vax-free are blaming the vaxed for allowing the country to spiral into a dictatorship under the rule of a corrupt government system.

Before the mandates were announced no one cared.

If you wanted the vaccination for health reasons great, perfect, that is exactly the right decision for you to make.

Those who chose not to partake in a medical trial (yes, it is a trial until at least the end of 2022) had their reasons and your medical decisions should always be private and confidential information and are absolutely no one's business.

These mandates are being handed out by a corrupt system under the guise of public health orders.

The burden is then placed onto the employer/business owner to enforce the oppressive and unethical discrimination of only employing vaccinated staff and being liable should they have adverse reactions.

Why isn't the Government and big pharma liable for these reactions?

Businesses are already under strain and stretched to their limit.

Turning away lifelong customers, family members, friends.

Because of a choice, many have weighed up for months and months, deliberated over ex-

tensively with their family, and discussed with their health provider.

It is the Australian way to respect and welcome all; our customers, our friends, our families, and never should a person have to disclose their private medical and personal information.

It is bullying, intimidation, and domination to the highest degree.

The government's response to a global "pandemic" with a 99 per cent recovery rate is not the response of a sane organisation.

It makes one delve further into what the bigger agenda is here, into what mainstream media admittedly calls the New World Order!

Anyone questioning the mandates is labelled anti-vaxer or conspiracy theorist.

But the government's masks are becoming more and more transparent, the more they push the more we push back.

Are facial recognition/microchips inserted under the skin the future you want?

Like volunteer Swedish workers who have these implanted, so they no longer have to carry cash, ID, keys, gym passes etc.

Now many Swedes are getting Covid vaccine passports implanted.

The chips and passports aren't mandatory yet, but it is only a matter of time.

China has also taken this step.

Control in every form.

We will not comply.

Freedom is not something that can be taken away from you.

It is not a privilege you can earn nor is it expendable.

Freedom of choice is our God-given birthright.

Please I urge everyone to do their own research independent of mainstream media by searching uncensored apps like Telegram.

Be united, care for each other, respect each other and every personal decision, read between the lines.

Ask questions.

Do the research for the future of our kids.

Say no to the mandates.

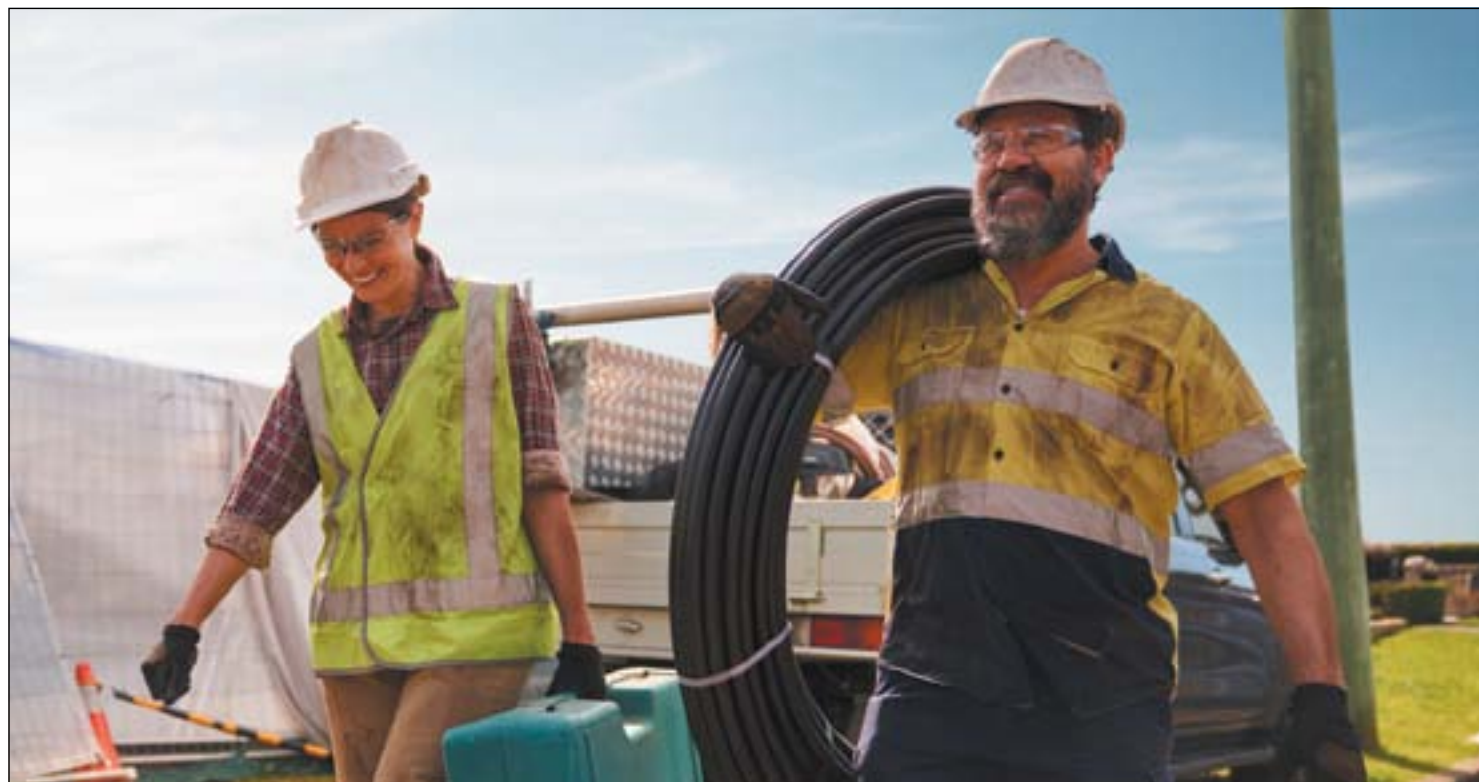
If the vaccine works, my thought for the day is;

"Unvaccinated people can enter venues before 80% rates.

Unvaccinated people can't enter venues after 80% vaccination rate".

Edwina Cameron

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Your response to fracking

Your responses to our "Fracking Outrage" story in the last edition

There goes the neighbourhood. I was out near Roma earlier in the week. Local cattleman told me if he had his time over he would never let gas wells on his property.

- John Elliott

A lot of them have sold their souls to the devil mate.

It will take years if at all for Miles to get over the Gas Rush!

- Ken Brown

Welcome to reality... Who doesn't remember "palletchuck" vowing to protect the reef if elected...

So she was elected..

Then within days of the win, she ran straight out and drove her tongue fair up and into Adani's ring gear, handing over the artesian basin and flicked on the green lights for Abbott point.

Now it's your turn for the Premier's shaft.

She is a dirty rotten lying mongrel and it absolutely needs to go.

- Wayne Brooks

Printed papers essential

More than half of people who do not read local newspapers believe they are essential to their communities, a national survey has found.

Findings from the survey show that 64.5 per cent of respondents consider a printed copy of a local newspaper an essential service to their communities. Further, 48 per cent, or just under half, state that if they ever did read a local newspaper, they prefer to do so in print, compared with online (33 per cent) or via social media (13 per cent).

The survey, conducted in July and August this year, sought the views of 400 Facebook users, who do not read a local newspaper, about the role of local news within their communities.

The research targeted participants in areas that were being served by independent local newspapers within the Country Press Australia (CPA) network.

The findings come as many local newspapers have struggled to survive during the pandemic.

Deakin University Associate Professor Kristy Hess, who is leading the research, said the Facebook survey supported findings from a previous national study of local newspaper readers, her team conducted last year, highlighting a passion for the printed product.

“The fact that social media users examined here (in the latest survey) also indicate a preference for print is perhaps especially profound,” she said.

Cost and accessibility were the key reasons these Facebook users did not engage with a local newspaper in print or digital format, said Dr Hess.

“Many participants highlighted that the absence of a home-delivery service or easy way to access the paper created an impediment to accessing the physical copy. They also indicated that they resisted paying for local news and would engage if it were free.

“This resonates with findings from our first survey of newspaper readers – that is, the existence of a culture of ‘free’ where people believe local news content should be readily available without cost to audiences.”

Bruce Morgan, Executive Director, for CPA, said the survey results were not surprising and reinforced the mood of many regional communities.

“It is not just about the survival of local independent (newspaper) businesses, but that it is fundamental to community well-being, and to basic democratic notions of accountability within those communities,” he said.

“Issues around accessibility and cost are also not surprising and reflect swings in community expectation in recent generations. Most independent publishers are adapting to that, having learned from the mistakes of the big corporate players who are now deserting the regions.”

Both surveys are part of a national three-year Australian Research Council-funded project involving researchers from Deakin and RMIT universities, with support from Country Press Australia, the peak media body for independent news organisations. The project is about to enter its third year.

Associate Professor Hess said the voices and perspectives of everyday people were often missing in policy discussion about the future of local media.

Almost 30 per cent of Australia’s population, close to 8 million people, live outside major cities in rural and regional areas, and are less-well serviced than their urban counterparts.

A copy of the survey report can be found here: www.localnewsinnovation.org

Why I love it here

Macca has a feature on his Sunday morning radio program, Australia All Over, called ‘Why I Live Where I Live.’

There are countless reasons why I live where I live, chief of which is that my husband lives here, but there are also moments that remind me, why I love where I live.

One such moment happened back when we were finished some stock work one day.

The sheep were turned out into their paddock, the jobs are done for the day, and we were driving home after sundown looking forward to a bath and supper.

A full moon was rising through a massive cloud bank - illuminating parts so that they seemed to glow brilliant white in the twilight, while the rest were charcoal shadows chasing around the moon.

Actually, in front of it, I suppose, but it looked like the moon was wreathed in clouds.

In the rearview mirror was reflected the ever-changing colours that follow an outback sunset.

And the dogs, grinning as they felt the wind in their faces.

I reckon aside from eating and working, standing in the draft created by a vehicle on the move is one of a dog’s favourite past-times.

Certainly, it is for our dogs, who jostle for the best spot.

Since I only had two with me, they each had a top spot, one on each side of the tray.

You would think, being surrounded by such glory, it could hardly be improved upon.

However, I also had the car stereo playing;



my favourite piece from the Da Vinci Code soundtrack, Chevaliers de Sangreal added a mythic quality to the scene.

So there I was, driving along with the wind rushing across my face (I’m a bit like the dogs I guess, enjoying the feel of a strong breeze, especially when it’s cool air after a hot summer’s day, drinking in the moment with every sense and thinking that life doesn’t get much better than this.

Then the lightning started, adding a dramatic touch.

Storms had been gathering on the horizon throughout the late afternoon, and we were wondering whether we’d get anything out of them.

I can smell rain in the air as I write this, but it’s so faint I don’t think it’s falling on us.

But somewhere, someone is getting rain and that warms my heart.

Anyway, that’s a little taste of where I live and why I love it.

Thank you to volunteers of Ilfracombe

Ilfracombe — and every other community here in the Central West — has a proud tradition of voluntary service.

Volunteers built our communities, including much of the infrastructure we see around us.

Look around your town and district and you’ll see the evidence of someone’s passion and dedication.

I sat down and tried to brainstorm activities of volunteers and it was an impressive list. And, probably not complete.

They run the gamut from show societies to service groups, from sporting clubs to arts festivals, from drought and flood relief to community services like Meals on Wheels.

Any time a need is identified, there is always a dedicated group of volunteers to try and meet it.

Volunteering one’s time and effort can sometimes seem like a thankless task, but it isn’t.

Even if people don’t think to say so, they are thankful for all the hard work that, each and every day, makes our lives and our corner of the world brighter.

Part of Australia Day here in the west is the honouring of individuals who have made a difference in their community.

Since only a few of the many volunteers can be acknowledged with Australia Day awards, I thought I would take the opportunity to thank each and every one of you who make our communities a little better each day.

You know who you are.

We know who you are.

Thank you for your involvement, your commitment, your service, your caring, your passion.

Your efforts, large or small (though there is no such thing as a small contribution — you never know the impact a single gesture or moment might have on someone’s life), have not gone unnoticed.

You make a difference, to each and every one of us, and to our communities as a whole.

You show us your love, with everything you do.

Love of sport or the arts.

Love of service.

Love of community.

You make the lives of those who may be struggling just that little bit easier.

You bring comfort and companionship.

You put smiles on the faces of our children.

You bring hope when hope has faded.

When the world seems to be at its darkest, you are the spark that lights our way.

Countless hours of service, over the last couple of years, in particular, have helped us all to cope with new challenges.

I am so proud to be part of such a caring community, dedicated to supporting every member.

I cannot imagine a world without our volunteers and I hope I never have to.

Thank you.

House of Gucci: All style, no substance



The strive for success is a long, arduous road littered with numerous obstacles and tragedies only rivalled by the necessary payments willing to be made.

Perhaps no success is more controversial than the rise of the Gucci family, whose polemical achievements created a scandal that lasted over 20 years and became the subject of director Ridley Scott’s latest feature, House of Gucci, a disproportionate biography which, ironically, fails to capture the rich lifestyle of the Italian empire.

House of Gucci starts off with so much promise, kicking off an enthralling story with charm and personality suited for the period.

But all the charm is soon sucked out after the first act because of poor pacing and over-stuffing.

Director Scott bounces from scene to scene without giving them enough time to breathe and settle in, leading to a disconnected, monotone storyline that could’ve left out a lot of unnecessary plot elements in order to focus on the moments that truly matter.

Ridley Scott’s House of Gucci isn’t a bad movie by any means, but the film does suffer from over-staying its welcome and failing to capitalise on the movie’s most important aspects, instead deciding to focus on the least important moments.

Majority of the actors deliver wonderful



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performances and shine in their respective roles, but if you’re looking for a simple retelling of a tragic murder mystery, House of Gucci is an easy skip only worth watching if you’re looking to see actors do the very best in their craft.

Full review available at www.movieswith-hart.com.

Of steel: A man of honour

By Michael R Williams

Coming to Longreach

With several titles, Longreach resident Chris Hamilton is known for his watchmaker-like approach to business and community.

He is the CEO of RESQ+, president of the Longreach RSL Sub Branch, committee member on the Health and Community Care Longreach Board, committee member of the Longreach Memorial Services Club, “and a few other things”.

Born on a cattle property east of Taroom, Mr Hamilton found himself in Longreach after a series of happy accidents.

“The bush has always been a part of my life, and I had always had a desire to get back to it,” he said.

Late in 2019, Mr Hamilton arrived in Longreach for “well-known local identity”, Damien Kennedy’s 60th birthday.

It was during that time current mayor Tony Rayner courted Mr Hamilton for the job of CEO of RESQ+, the job Mr Rayner was currently moving on from.

Coincidentally, RESQ was started by Mr Hamilton in 2013 when his company at the time, Employment Services Queensland, had won the contract to deliver the Remote Jobs and Communities Program which would morph into the current community development program.

After the company’s inception, the role of General Manager would be given to Councillor Rayner, and Mr Hamilton would go on to other work for the next six years before returning.

Rescuing RESQ

The timing was optimal for Mr Hamilton who had had enough of the city life and was keen to come out to the bush.

“I wanted a change, it was time to come out to the bush,” he said.

“January of 2020, I packed up and came out here.”

Mr Hamilton said employment services wasn’t exactly his passion, but he still believed it was a job worth doing.

“I think for someone to find work after they’ve been either unemployed for a long time or they are just entering the workforce is a significant moment in their life,” he said.

“We are proud of everyone that we’ve managed to put in.

“The ones that rip at your heartstrings are the ones where it’s been a kid from the wrong side of the track, they’ve grown up to a dysfunc-



tional family, they’ve disengaged from school and community from an early age – once they’ve seen their vision they can’t be stopped.”

Focus and priorities

Mr Hamilton said his leadership style was learned from his time in the military.

“Good governance has to come from the top and you need to have a good relationship with the board,” he said.

“What I learned in the military is mission control, which is to be very clear with what want with a task, give your staff the resources and flexibility they require, and then make them accountable for it.

“The saying goes you can’t delegate accountably, but you can delegate accountability.”

Mr Hamilton said working in military spac-

es helped him learn to think from different perspectives.

“You want to let your staff work to their comfort level – you’re allowing them to be innovative and create their own ideas,” he said.

“You don’t teach them what to think, you teach them how to think.

“When you are working at the senior level in the military, you are picking up a heck of a lot of techniques you can bring into your ordinary life,” he said.

Military through and through

Chris Hamilton said he had wanted to be in the army since the age of four.

“I grew up on a steady diet of World War II books and Commando comics, Mum and Dad were born as a part of the Greatest Generation,” he said.

“Military Service, in no matter the colour the uniform, runs pretty strong in my bloodline – on Mum’s side they are direct descendants of Captain William Blythe, the Governor of New South Wales.

“On my Dad’s side, there were a number of World War I Veterans and certainly World War II.”

Mr Hamilton would go on to join the cadet unit boarding school and the Army Reserve at University and has crossed over from full-time and part-time army work ever since.

Then, when the former committee of the Longreach RSL Sub Branch vacated their positions, Mr Hamilton took over as the President.

He is currently is hoping to groom a successor.

Omicron surge delays Queensland school return

The Palaszczuk Government has announced they will be postponing the beginning of the school year by two weeks, from Monday 24 January 24 to Monday 7 February.

This was done to avoid opening schools during the predicted peak of the Omicron wave and to allow more time for children to receive their Covid-19 vaccinations.

Premier Anastacia Palaszczuk said modelling showed the likely peak of Omicron cases would be in the last week of January and the first week of February.

“This is a common-sense move to avoid students heading back to primary or secondary school just as the rapidly rising number of Omicron cases in Queensland hits its peak,” she said.

“As the Chief Health Officer has said, there is no way to completely stop this virus from spreading.”

Premier Palaszczuk said it was about taking steps to protect the community – including our children – as much as possible.

“I know parents are concerned about sending children back to school at a time like this, so I want to assure them that delaying the start of the school year by just two weeks is a sensible solution,” she said.

“This is especially important to give more time to vaccinate 5 to 11-year-olds, who only become eligible to be vaccinated tomorrow, Monday 10 January.”

Education Minister Grace Grace said students will not miss out on any essential con-



tent due to the delayed start of term, with teachers to review lesson plans to deliver the curriculum accordingly.

Ms Grace said schools would still be open for vulnerable children and the children of essential workers. Years 11 and 12 students will participate in learning from home from 31 January, to ensure other cohorts do not miss out on learning, the end of the school year will be extended for them by one week until 16 December.

“Principals will implement staffing arrangements to ensure only the minimum number of staff are on-site, but we will ensure vulnerable children and children of essential workers can still attend,” she said.

“This the first time most of us in Queensland are experiencing widespread community transmission of Covid-19, and it’s challenging for everyone.

“I have been working closely with my Department and key stakeholders on a number of plans and scenarios for months, but the emergence of the Omicron variant has seen cases rise much more quickly than expected.”

Ms Grace said an extensive range of resources and activities will be available to students via our comprehensive learning@home site.

“However, school staff – like the wider

workforce – are likely to be significantly impacted by the number of Covid cases, so directed remote learning won’t be offered at this stage other than for years 11 and 12,” she said.

“Parents and carers can decide what their children do over these two weeks.

“Staff who are able to work will be carrying out a range of duties, just as they would on other student-free days.

“The Department will continue to work closely with key stakeholders and will ensure that our school communities, parents, and carers are kept informed.”

Health Minister Yvette D’Ath said using the time to get vaccinated was vital.

“January and February are going to be tough months for Queensland, with a significant impact expected on all our workforces – including teachers,” she said.

“But the more people who are vaccinated, the smaller the impact on our health service.

“I cannot emphasise enough, getting vaccinated is the best way to protect yourself against Covid-19.

“Whether it’s your first or second jab or your booster, do not delay.”

The new term start date of 7 February will apply to all Queensland primary schools, secondary schools, including Catholic and independent, and state delivered and sessional kindies.

Long daycare will stay open subject to workforce capacity.

Out and About



1: Emmie Lewis, friends and family, celebrating her 23rd Birthday.
2: The Wilkie family grabbing dinner at the Birdcage Hotel.
3: More and friends and family of Ms Lewis.
4: Tony Farrell, Jason Hurst, Nam Ngayer, and Mark Cooper grabbing bevies at the RSL.
5: Jasper Graham, Joe Daly and Toby Weiss cooling off after a big week.
6: Tina Hancock, Charlie Ballard, and Gordon Butt having a girls' night out.
7: Georgia Wright's family celebrating her 18th birthday.
8: Georgia Wright and her friends celebrating her birthday the right way.



9: Candice Livingstone, Jasmine Hancock, Charli Hancock, Captain Haye, Myra Haye, Thomas Kirkland, and Anna Livingstone having a family day.
10: Harber Ramsay, Ella Goodman, Jordon Ramsay, and Bowen Goodman out for a swim.
11: Cooper Hallim, Dawson Hallim, and Sonny Hancock having a boys day at the pool.
12: Candice Livingstone, Jasmine Hancock, Charli Hancock, Captain Haye, Myra Haye, Thomas Kirkland, and Anna Livingstone having a family day.



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Never say never
Bridget Everett shows
you can go home again in
Somebody Somewhere

Puppy love

Grazier **Aticia Grey** puts kelpie pup Gossip through her paces for new ABC documentary **Muster Dogs**

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New dogs, new tricks

Muster Dogs is an adorable new series that follows five kelpies as they each get trained by different graziers to be muster dogs. Aticia Grey takes part in the documentary and tells **Danielle McGrane** how important these animals are to her.



Training day: The graziers and kelpies of *Muster Dogs*, from left: Rob and Lucifer; Frank and Annie; Aticia and Gossip; Joni and Jet; and CJ and Spice.

There's a new documentary series that seriously has the 'aww' factor.

Muster Dogs follows five kelpie puppies from the same litter as they're sent to different graziers around the country to learn how to become muster dogs. And the best part is, it's all been captured on camera.

Aticia Grey, a grazier from Western Australia, has had working dogs on her property for nearly 10 years now and is one of the five graziers taking part in the series.

Grey grew up on the property she now works on, but growing up, the dogs were often more of a hindrance than a help.

"We just had the token heeler who'd be in the yard with us, but most of the time they'd cause more harm than good," she said.

But on a trip to New Zealand she saw a dog helping out on the paddocks, and she realised their potential to help move the livestock.

"It wasn't until 2013 that I really saw working dogs being used the way that we use them now so I'm relatively new to the game," Grey said.

In *Muster Dogs*, dogs are sent to nearly every state to learn how to gather and move livestock across the properties – that is, to learn the job of mustering. And the graziers are given milestones for each puppy to reach by expert trainer Neil McDonald.

The graziers are Frank Finger in Qld, Rob Tuncks in Victoria, CJ (Catherine) Scotney in the NT, Joni Hall who works across the Top End, and Grey in WA.

At the end of the year, the dogs are pitted against each other for the ultimate working dog challenge.

"There were five of us involved, all from different areas of Australia, and we [each] received a pup who was about 10 weeks old, all from the same litter," Grey said.

"Every three months or so we'd film a bit of an assessment to see how we got on reaching the milestones, but also everyone's situation is different. So for me, over here in WA, we were still in a drought so we had actually de-stocked, so I had limited stock to actually train my pup on, which did set us back a bit.

"It's not perfect and things go wrong, but that's also life so we're keeping it real."

A lot of people might not know what mustering entails.

"Any kind of stock handling involves my dogs – whether we're going out and mustering cattle into the yards, or trying to put them up onto the truck, my dogs are involved in any aspect of the stock," Grey said.

The dogs also have the job of influencing the cattle, if they manage to catch them from a young age.

"The main role I got them for was for educating our younger cattle," Grey said.

"We actually teach our young cattle how we want them to behave – show them how we want to flow through a cattle yard, how to load on a truck, how to stay together as a mob and not run away."

Kelpies are Grey's favourite breed for mustering, although there are so many factors that determine how a dog will turn out.

"They're all different in their own right and they all progress at a different rate as well," she said.

These dogs all had a very strong work instinct, but Grey says hers has already become part of the family.

"For all of us they're more than just a tool, you see their personalities and characters," Grey said.

"My girl, I just love her nature. Her personality is the most human. She's really quirky and a lot of fun."

Grey's dog, Gossip, is now one of about 12 that she keeps on her property at any one time.

"It's a good number for me," she said.

"It gives me two teams of four dogs and then one or two that might be out for injury or maternity leave, and then two young ones coming in."

There's an art to training these dogs too, which is apparent in the documentary series.

What also comes across, is how much each person comes to rely on these dogs.

"Since the drought, we're actually trying to change our focus and do a lot more with just the three of us – my partner Adam and my mum are here on the station with me," she said.

"Instead of getting a chopper in and getting a big mustering crew and having people working with us throughout the year, we're actually going to try and just manage the station with three of us for the most part."

"Every now and then we might need to get people in for a couple of weeks but for the most part the

dogs are going to be our crew and we're going to try and handle our cattle a lot more with the dogs and a lot less with the machinery."

These dogs truly have a purpose, and Grey says not many realise that the dogs thrive on that. She's hoping that, through this series, people can see just how invaluable they are on these properties for mustering cattle.

"I'm really hoping people see just how vital a part these dogs are to what we do on properties," she said.

"Not every property uses them but there are a lot that do and they're invaluable."

"And I'd like this series to show just how much the dogs actually love what they do and they want to be out there and they live for that work. I really hope that the audience can see that – just how good at what they do they can be if they get the chance."

■ *Muster Dogs*, Sunday, 7.40pm, ABC TV and ABC iview



Movie Guide

PICK OF THE WEEK

YOUNG HEARTS RUN FREE

Child's play:
Willem Dafoe
and Brooklynn
Prince in *The
Florida Project*.

Friday
THE FLORIDA PROJECT
ABC TV Plus, 8.30pm,
MA15+ (2017)

One way to describe this film is as a film about childhood. Yet, not the Hollywood clichéd version of childhood. It's also a story about poverty, yet again, not a clichéd trope of overcoming obstacles or being looked down upon. In short, it is one of the most outstanding films of the past decade and it begs multiple viewings. In a cheap motel, on the road to Florida's Disneyland, lives young Moonee (an outstanding Brooklynn Prince) and her mum Halley (Bria Vinaite). Moonee chases adventure and fun while her mum works out ways to pay the rent. Willem Dafoe – in a career-best performance – plays motel owner Bobby, who begrudgingly becomes a caretaker of sorts. Simply sensational. ★★★★★



DAWN OF THE PLANET OF THE APES
7mate, Friday, 7.30pm, M (2014)

Our conflicted relationship with animals is explored in this sequel, set 10 years after 2011's *Rise of the Planet of the Apes*. Humankind is in crisis after a devastating global virus, and the survivors must negotiate for resources with a community of genetically enhanced apes. The negotiations go awry – Malcolm (Jason Clarke) favours co-operation with the simian cousins, while his boss (Gary Oldman, pictured) distrusts them – and the two species are brought to the brink of war. ★★★★★



THE SECRET LIFE OF WALTER MITTY
7Flix, Saturday, 7pm, PG (2013)

Ben Stiller (pictured) stars in and directs this earnest tale based on a short story by James Thurber. Stiller plays the titular character, a man who surrenders to his imagination to escape his boring life and inability to talk to his crush (Kristen Wiig). When Walter discovers the photograph his magazine wants to use as their final cover has gone missing, he sets out halfway across the world to find its reclusive photographer (Sean Penn) and save his job. It's slow to start, but worth discovering. ★★★★★



THE PLACE BEYOND THE PINES
SBS World Movies, Saturday, 8.30pm, MA15+ (2012)

From the director of the frustrating yet bewitching *Blue Valentine* comes this three-part melodrama spanning 15 years, starring real-life couple Ryan Gosling (pictured) and Eva Mendes, along with Bradley Cooper and Ben Mendelsohn. Mysterious Luke (Gosling) is a motorcycle stuntman who, upon returning to New York, discovers he has fathered a son with ex-lover Romina (Mendes). Desperate to provide for him, he turns to robbing banks and soon cop Avery (Cooper) is on his tail. ★★★★★



VITA & VIRGINIA
SBS World Movies, Sunday, 8.30pm, M (2018)

Romance blossomed in 1920s London between popular author and aristocrat Vita Sackville-West and literary trailblazer Virginia Woolf (Gemma Arterton and Elizabeth Debicki, both pictured). The pair's real love letters (over 500 of them spanning two decades) form the basis of this intense and poetic high-society affair, from their cautious first meeting to the writing of Woolf's most successful book, *Orlando*, inspired by their relationship. It's a fine rendering of a remarkable love story. ★★★★★



FAST & FURIOUS
Seven/Prime7, Monday, 9.30pm, M (2009)

Revhead rivals Paul Walker (pictured) and Vin Diesel put the pedal to the metal in the fourth instalment of the action-packed franchise. When a funeral brings him back to Los Angeles, fugitive ex-con Dom Toretto (Diesel) reignites his long-standing feud with cop Brian O'Connor (Walker). But when the prickly pair are forced to confront a mutual enemy, they must team up to achieve their shared aim. High-speed hotties Michelle Rodriguez and Jordana Brewster go along for the ride. ★★★★★



LITTLE WOMEN
Seven/Prime7, Tuesday, 8.30pm, G (2019)

Director and screenwriter Greta Gerwig turns the seventh film adaptation of Louisa May Alcott's Civil War novel into a charming coming-of-age story. Saoirse Ronan (pictured) stars as writer Jo, who returns home to Massachusetts to be with her sisters Meg, Amy and Beth (Emma Watson, Florence Pugh and Eliza Scanlen respectively) after one of them becomes ill. Laura Dern as Marmee, Meryl Streep as Aunt March and Timothée Chalamet as Laurie complete the cast of classic characters. ★★★★★

The Guide

PICK OF THE WEEK

ALL CREATURES
GREAT AND SMALL
ABC TV, Saturday,
8.30pm



MUSTER DOGS
ABC TV, Sunday, 7.40pm

Puppies, and kelpie puppies in particular, are ridiculously cute and will make even the hardest of hearts skip a beat and swoon involuntarily. These pups may pull at the heart strings but don't be fooled – they are here to work, and work they shall. In this four-part series, training begins hard and fast as the graziers – helped by master dog trainer Neil McDonald – try to get Annie, Gossip, Lucifer, Spice and Chet up to speed in just 12 months instead of the usual three years. This series reveals the emotional, economic and environmental benefits of using dogs, rather than machines, to muster on the land.



BRITAIN'S SCENIC RAILWAYS
SBS, Monday, 7.35pm

When not stuck in a peak-hour push on the morning commute, travelling by train is by far one of the most enjoyable and relaxing ways to travel. And venturing further afield, you get to soak up some spectacular scenery along the way. In the final part of this series, we explore the heritage railway that runs through the Severn Valley between Worcester and Shropshire, following the tracks of the old Great Western Railway. Celebrating its historical importance, we'll learn how a group of dedicated volunteers revived the line 50 years ago so generations to come can marvel at the preserved locomotives, quaint stations and rolling fields.



NCIS: LOS ANGELES
10, Tuesday, 10.30pm

Try as they might, social media and politics have a troubled relationship and we see that in full force tonight after Gia, the highly popular social media influencer daughter of an equally high-profile and powerful US ambassador, goes missing. Are their clues in any of her posts that may help Callen (Chris O'Donnell, pictured) and the team track her down? And in the world of international diplomacy, are there any secrets the special agents are not privy to? In an online world of manufactured and stylised lives, the agents are going to need all the help they can get to get to the truth, so call on Aliyah De Leon (Briana Marin) to help.



Animal instincts:
Samuel West,
Nicholas Ralph,
Callum Woodhouse
and Anna Madeley
star in *All Creatures
Great and Small*.

Friday, January 21

ABC TV (2) 6.00 News Breakfast. 9.00 ABC News Mornings. 10.00 Our Dementia Choir. (PG, R) 11.00 The Heights. (PG, R) 12.00 ABC News At Noon. 1.00 Kurt Fearnley's One Plus One. (R) 1.30 Van Der Valk. (MdsV, R) 3.00 ABC News Afternoons. 4.00 Think Tank. (PG, R) 5.00 Restoration Australia. (PG, R) 5.55 Julia Zemiro's Home Delivery. (PG, R) Julia Zemiro interviews various celebrities.	SBS (3) 6.00 WorldWatch. 9.30 Greek News. 10.30 German News. 11.00 Spanish News. 11.30 Turkish News. 12.00 Arabic News F24. 12.30 ABC America: World News Tonight. 1.00 PBS NewsHour. (R) 2.00 Gourmet Farmer. (PG, R) 2.30 Going Places With Ernie Dingo. (PG, R) 3.00 NITV News: Nula. 3.30 The Cook Up With Adam Liaw. (PG, R) 4.00 Great Canadian Railway Journeys. (R) 5.05 Jeopardy! 5.30 Letters And Numbers. (R)	SEVEN (7) 6.00 Sunrise. 9.00 The Morning Show. (PG) 11.30 Seven Morning News. 12.00 MOVIE: Singin' In The Rain. (1952, G, R) 2.30 Border Security: International. (PG, R) 3.00 The Chase. (R) 4.00 Seven News At 4. 5.00 The Chase Australia. (R)	NINE (8, 9) 6.00 Today. The latest in news, current affairs, sport, politics, entertainment, fashion, health and lifestyle. 9.00 Australian Open Tennis Pre-Show. Reviews, previews, interviews, highlights and opinions from the Australian Open at Melbourne Park. 10.00 Tennis. Australian Open. Day 5. From Melbourne Park. Hosted by Tony Jones and Roz Kelly.	TEN (5, 1) 6.00 The Talk. (PGa) 7.00 Judge Judy. (PG, R) 7.30 The Bold And The Beautiful. (PG, R) 8.00 Studio 10. (PG) 12.00 Dr Phil. (PGad, R) 1.00 To Be Advised. 2.45 Entertainment Tonight. 3.00 Judge Judy. (PG, R) 3.30 Left Off The Map. 4.00 Farm To Fork. (PG) 4.30 The Bold And The Beautiful. (PG) 5.00 10 News First.
6.30 Summer Drum. Analysis of the day's news. 7.00 ABC News. Takes a look at today's top stories. 7.30 Midsomer Murders. (Mav, R) Barnaby attends a family friend's wedding. 9.00 Miniseries: The War Of The Worlds. (Mv) Part 3 of 3. Amy plumbs the depths of her memory looking for the key to resist the Martian terror. 10.00 Mum. (Mls, R) Cathy's having a barbecue. 10.35 ABC Late News. Detailed coverage of the day's events. 11.00 Van Der Valk. (Final, Mlv, R) Part 3 of 3. 12.35 Rage. (MA15+adhlnsv)	6.00 Mastermind Australia. (R) 6.30 SBS World News. 7.35 Good With Wood. 8.30 Walking Britain's Roman Roads: Dere Street. (PG, R) Dan Jones explores Dere Street. 9.25 Ancient Superstructures: The Great Wall Of China. (PG, R) Part 3 of 4. 10.25 SBS World News Late. 10.55 8 Out Of 10 Cats Does Countdown. (Mls, R) 11.50 Agatha Christie's Criminal Games. (Madv, R) 1.35 The Kimberley Cruise: The Full Journey. (R) 4.25 Kambuwal, Guuwa & Gayiri Country. (R) 5.00 France 24 Feature. 5.15 NHK World English News. 5.30 Deutsche Welle English News.	6.00 Seven Local News. 6.30 Seven News. 7.00 Cricket. Big Bash League. Eliminator. 10.00 MOVIE: The Fast And The Furious. (2001, Malv, R) An LAPD officer goes undercover to infiltrate an illegal street-racing gang in Los Angeles. Paul Walker, Vin Diesel, Michelle Rodriguez. 12.10 MOVIE: Reaper. (2000, Mav, R) A novelist becomes a murder suspect. Chris Sarandon, Catherine Mary Stewart. 2.00 Home Shopping. (R) 4.00 Million Dollar Minute. (R) Hosted by Simon Reeve. 5.00 NBC Today. News and current affairs.	6.00 Nine News. 7.00 Tennis. Australian Open. Night 5. From Melbourne Park. Hosted by James Bracey. 11.00 New Amsterdam. (Madm, R) Sharpe lands in hot water when she goes out on a limb for a patient. Max's grief comes to a head. 12.00 Reverie. (Mav, R) Monica seeks help after a bombing. 1.00 Bondi Lifeguard World Adventures: Cairns To Cape Pt 1. (PG, R) The boys head to Cape York. 1.30 TV Shop: Home Shopping. (R) 4.00 Take Two. (R) Home shopping. 4.30 Global Shop. (R) Home shopping. 5.00 TV Shop: Home Shopping. (R) 5.30 Customs. (PG, R)	6.30 The Project. A look at the day's news and events. 7.30 Soccer. AFC Women's Asian Cup. Group Stage. Australia v Indonesia. 10.30 The Graham Norton Show. (Ms, R) 11.30 Drunk History Australia. (MA15+I, R) 12.00 Bull. (Mv, R) 12.00 The Project. (R) 12.00 Bull. (Mv, R) 1.00 The Late Show With Stephen Colbert. (PG) 2.00 Home Shopping. (R) 2.30 Infomercials. (PG, R) 3.00 Home Shopping. (R) 5.30 Infomercials. (PG, R)
ABC TV PLUS (22) 6am Children's Programs. 5.10pm The Wonder Gang. 5.20 Kangaroo Beach. 5.35 Milo. 5.50 Peppa Pig. 5.55 Hey Duggee. 6.05 Octonauts. 6.20 Bluey. 6.25 Peter Rabbit. 6.40 Andy's Dinosaur Adventures. 7.00 Dino Dana. 7.15 Odd Squad. 7.30 Spicks And Specks. 8.00 Hard Quiz. 8.30 MOVIE: The Florida Project. (2017, MA15+) 10.15 Doctor Who. 11.05 Brassic. 11.50 QI. 12.20am Community. 12.40 Parks And Recreation. 1.00 Last Woman On The Planet. (Final) 2.05 ABC News Update. 2.10 Close. 5.05 Little Princess. 5.15 Hoot Hoot Go! 5.20 Pingu In The City. 5.30 Wallykazam! 5.55 Late Programs.	SBS VICELAND (31) 6am WorldWatch. Noon Leah Remini: Scientology And The Aftermath. 2.30 Bamay. 2.50 The Ice Cream Show. 3.50 WorldWatch. 5.15 Joy Of Painting. 5.45 Shortland Street. 6.15 Alone. 7.05 Jeopardy! 7.35 8 Out Of 10 Cats Does Countdown. 8.30 Hoarders. (Final) 9.20 Sex & Music: Sex and Pain and Rock 'N' Roll. 10.25 Sexplora. 11.25 Narcos. 12.15am VICE News Tonight. 1.10 MOVIE: The Breaker Upperers. (2018, M) 2.35 NHK World English News. 3.00 Thai News. 3.30 Bangla News. 4.00 Punjabi News. 4.30 Sri Lankan Sinhalese News. 5.00 Korean News. 5.30 Indonesian News.	7TWO (72) 6am Home Shopping. 6.30 Travel Oz. 8.00 Harry's Practice. 8.30 Million Dollar Minute. 9.30 NBC Today. Noon Bargain Hunt. 1.00 Million Dollar Minute. 2.00 Last Chance Learners. 2.30 Sons And Daughters. 4.30 RSPCA Animal Rescue. 5.00 Escape To The Country. 6.00 Bargain Hunt. 7.00 Better Homes And Gardens. 8.30 The Amazing Homemakers. 9.30 Australia's Big Backyards. 10.30 The Mentalist. 12.45am The Fine Art Auction. 4.00 Better Homes And Gardens. 5.30 Home Shopping.	9GEM (81, 92) 6am TV Shop: Home Shopping. 7.00 Creflo Dollar Ministries. 7.30 TV Shop: Home Shopping. 9.00 Australian Open Tennis Pre-Show. 10.00 Tennis. Australian Open. Day 5. 5pm Tennis. Australian Open. Night 5. 10.00 House. 11.00 The Equalizer. Midnight My Favorite Martian. 12.30 Adventures In Rainbow Country. 1.00 TV Shop: Home Shopping.	10 PEACH (52, 11) 6am The Late Show With Stephen Colbert. 7.00 NBL Slam Highlights Show. 7.30 Seinfeld. 8.00 Man With A Plan. 8.30 Becker. 9.00 The Middle. 10.00 Frasier. 11.00 The King Of Queens. Noon Becker. 1.00 The Big Bang Theory. 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 Mom. 10.30 Nancy Drew. 11.30 Friends. Midnight Home Shopping. 12.30 Infomercials. 1.00 Home Shopping. 1.30 The Late Show With Stephen Colbert. 2.30 The Late Late Show With James Corden. 3.30 Crazy Ex-Girlfriend. 4.30 Home Shopping. 5.30 Infomercials.
NITV (34) 6am Morning Programs. 8.45 Waabiny Time. 9.10 Bushwhacked! 9.35 The Magic Canoe. 10.00 Great Blue Wild. 11.00 Who Do You Think You Are? Noon Lagau Danalaig: An Island Life. 1.00 Pacific Lockdown: Sea Of Resilience. 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 Mustangs FC. 5.00 Our Stories. 5.30 NITV News: Nula. 6.00 Bamay. 6.30 News. 6.35 Great Blue Wild. 7.30 Little J And Big Cuz. 7.45 MOVIE: Storm Boy. (1976, PG) 9.20 Robbie Hood. 10.25 MOVIE: Jeddah. (1955, PG) Midnight Late Programs.	SBS WORLD MOVIES (32) 6am Richard The Stork. Continued. (2017) 6.35 Bill. (2015, PG) 8.20 A Matter Of Life And Death. (1946, PG) 10.15 Heidi. (2015, PG, German) 12.20pm Woman At War. (2018, M, Icelandic) 2.15 About Elly. (2009, PG, Persian) 4.25 The Nightingale. (2013, Mandarin) 6.20 Blinded By The Light. (2019, PG) 8.30 The Song Of Names. (2019, M) 10.35 Do Not Hesitate. (2021, M, Dutch) 12.20am The Wave. (2015, M, Norwegian) 2.20 Young And Beautiful. (2013, MA15+, French) 4.00 Accidentally Dad. (2020, M, Vietnamese)	7MATE (73) 6am Morning Programs. 9.00 Down East Dicking. 10.00 NFL: Road To The Playoffs. 11.15 Sound FX: Best Of. Noon Billy The Exterminator. 12.30 Pawnography. 1.30 Shipping Wars. 2.00 American Pickers. 3.00 Storage Wars: TX. 3.30 Bull Riding. PBR Australia. Monster Energy Tour. Round 10. Mackay Invitational. 4.00 Timbersports. 4.30 Heavy Rescue: 401. 5.30 Storage Wars: TX. 6.00 Cricket. Big Bash League. Eliminator. 7.00 Pawn Stars. 7.30 MOVIE: Dawn Of The Planet Of The Apes. (2014, M) 10.05 MOVIE: The Last Boy Scout. (1991, MA15+) 12.15am Late Programs.	9GO! (82, 93) 6am Children's Programs. Noon The Incredible Hulk. 1.00 SeaQuest DSV. 2.00 The A-Team. 3.00 The Nanny. 3.30 Raymond. 4.30 Malcolm. 5.30 News. 6.00 Tennis. Australian Open. Night 5. 7.00 Young Sheldon. 7.30 MOVIE: Madagascar. (2005, PG) 9.15 MOVIE: Wedding Crashers. (2005, M) 11.40 Young Sheldon. 12.05am Lipstick Jungle. 1.05 Summer House. 2.00 Love Island USA. 2.50 Clarence. 3.00 Bakugan: Battle Planet. 3.30 Ninjago: Masters Of Spinjitzu. 4.00 Pokémon Journeys. 4.30 Beyblade Burst Rise. 4.50 The Tom And Jerry Show. 5.10 Care Bears: Unlock The Magic. 5.30 Gumball.	10 BOLD (53, 12) 6am Home Shopping. 7.00 Infomercials. 8.00 Pat Callinan's 4x4 Adventures. 9.00 iFish Summer Series. 9.30 Jake And The Fatman. 10.30 Diagnosis Murder. 11.30 JAG. 1.30pm Star Trek: The Next Generation. 3.30 Jake And The Fatman. 4.30 Diagnosis Murder. 5.30 JAG. 7.30 NCIS. 8.30 Law & Order: SVU. 10.30 CSI: Crime Scene Investigation. 12.30am Home Shopping. 1.00 Infomercials. 1.30 Home Shopping. 2.00 SEAL Team. 3.00 NCIS. 4.00 NCIS: New Orleans. 5.00 Diagnosis Murder.

CONSUMER ADVICE (P) Pre-school (C) Children (PG) Parental Guidance Recommended (M) Mature Audiences (MA15+) Mature Audiences Only (AV15+) Extreme Adult Violence (R) Repeat (a) Adult themes (d) Drug references (h) Horror (s) Sex references (l) Language (m) Medical procedures (n) Nudity (v) Violence.

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ABC TV (22) 6.00 Rage. (PG) 7.00 Weekend Breakfast. 10.00 Rage. (PG) 12.00 ABC News At Noon. 12.30 Midsomer Murders. (Mav, R) 2.00 Australia Remastered. (R) 3.00 Landline Summer. (R) 3.30 Rulla's Cooking On Country. (R) 4.00 Basketball. WNBL. Round 8. Melbourne Boomers v Townsville Fire. 6.10 George Clarke's Amazing Spaces. (R) George Clarke travels to Dudley. 7.00 ABC News. Takes a look at today's top stories. 7.30 Death In Paradise. (Return, Mv) A TV news presenter is found strangled. 8.30 All Creatures Great And Small. (Premiere, PG) Fresh out of Glasgow Veterinary College, a young man follows his dream to become a vet in the Yorkshire Dales, where he soon discovers that treating the animals is as much about treating their owners. 9.20 Call The Midwife. (Ma, R) The prospect of a new romance for Lucille brightens the mood at Nonnatus House. 10.20 Father Brown. (Ma, R) A convention of jesters visits Kembleford. 11.05 Finding Alice. (Ml, R) Alice grows desperately short of money. 11.55 Rage. (MA15+adhlsv)	SBS (3) 6.00 WorldWatch. 11.30 Turkish News. 12.00 Arabic News F24. 12.30 ABC America: World News Tonight. 1.00 PBS NewsHour. (R) 2.00 Figure Skating. ISU European Championships. Highlights. 3.30 Cycling. Road National Championships. Women's Race. Highlights. 4.30 The Cook Up With Adam Liaw Bitesize. (PG) 4.35 London's Great Bridges. (R) 5.30 Tony Robinson's Forgotten War Stories. 6.30 SBS World News. 7.35 Great Escapes With Morgan Freeman: El Chapo. (M) Takes a look at drug kingpin El Chapo. 8.30 The World's Greatest Hotels: Browns, London. (PG) Takes a look at the Browns, London. 9.20 World's Most Beautiful Railway. (R) A look at the Caledonian Sleeper. 10.15 8 Out Of 10 Cats Does Countdown. (M, R) 11.10 Dublin Murders. (MA15+a, R) 12.15 MOVIE: Ali's Wedding. (2017, Mal, R) Osamah Sami, Don Hany, Helana Sawires. 2.15 MOVIE: The Extraordinary Journey Of The Fakir. (2018, Mlv, R) Dhanush, Bérénice Bejo. 3.55 Sinkholes: Deadly Drops. (PGa, R) 4.50 Destination Flavour Down Under Bitesize. (R) 5.00 France 24 Feature. 5.15 NHK World English News. 5.30 Deutsche Welle English News.	SEVEN (7) 6.00 NBC Today. 7.00 Weekend Sunrise. 10.00 The Morning Show: Weekend. (PG) 12.00 Coastwatch Oz. (PG, R) 12.30 Motorbike Cops. (PG, R) 1.00 Cricket. The Women's Ashes. Twenty20 International. Australia v England. Game 2. From Adelaide Oval. 4.30 Harbour Cops. (PGa, R) 5.00 Seven News At 5. 5.30 Creek To Coast. (R) 6.00 Seven News. 7.00 Cricket. Big Bash League. Qualifier. 10.00 MOVIE: 2 Fast 2 Furious. (2003, Mlv, R) A disgraced cop with an eye for fast cars agrees to work undercover and help bring down a drug lord in Miami. However, before their mark will hire him, he has to first prove his skills by engaging in a race. Paul Walker, Tyrese Gibson, Eva Mendes. 12.10 Air Crash Investigation: Deadly Go Round. (PGa, R) Takes a look at China Airlines Flight 140, which crashed 104m from Nagoya Airport in Japan. 1.10 The Zoo. (R) Narrated by Melissa Doyle. 2.00 Home Shopping. (R) 4.00 Get Clever. (R) Educational kids' program. 5.00 My Greek Odyssey: Karpethos And Kasos. (PG, R) Hosted by Peter Maneas.	NINE (8, 9) 6.00 Weekend Today. News, current affairs and sports. 9.00 Australian Open Tennis Pre-Show. Reviews, previews, interviews, highlights and opinions from the Australian Open at Melbourne Park. 10.00 Tennis. Australian Open. Day 6. 6.00 Nine News Saturday. 7.00 Tennis. Australian Open. Night 6. From Melbourne Park. Hosted by James Bracey. 11.00 New Amsterdam. (Ma, R) When an inmate comes in with a preventable illness, Max, Sharpe and Iggy head to the source, Rikers Island. 12.00 Manifest. (Mav, R) Afraid of losing his daughter to the Believers, Ben confronts Adrian. Saanvi seeks help from an old flame. 1.00 Bondi Lifeguard World Adventures: Cairns To Cape Pt 2. (PG) The boys continue their trip to Cape York. 1.30 Customs. (PG, R) Follows customs officers at work. 2.00 TV Shop: Home Shopping. (R) 4.30 Global Shop. (R) Home shopping. 5.00 TV Shop: Home Shopping. (R) 5.30 Wesley Impact With Stu Cameron. (PG, R) Hosted by Stu Cameron.	TEN (5, 1) 6am Morning Programs. 7.30 Escape Fishing. (R) 8.00 My Market Kitchen. (R) 8.30 Pooches At Play. (R) 9.00 Freshly Picked. (R) 9.30 St!O. (PG) 12.00 4x4 Adventures. (R) 1.00 All 4 Adventure. (a, R) 2.00 Destination Dessert. (R) 2.30 Three Blue Ducks. (PGL, R) 3.00 Farm To Fork. (PG, R) 3.30 Taste Of Australia. (R) 4.00 Waltzing Jimeoin. (PGls, R) 4.30 Roads Less Travelled. (R) 5.00 News. 6.00 Soccer. A-League Men. 9.00 Ambulance. (Ma, R) With a spike in staff illness due to COVID-19, the ambulance service calls on the military for help. However, before the recruits can be deployed they must undergo three days of intensive training. 11.00 FBI: Most Wanted. (MA15+v, R) Missteps along the way lead to more death as the team investigates the high-profile murder of a professional basketball player's wife, who was a famous supermodel-turned-lifestyle guru. 12.00 Home Shopping. (R) 1.30 Infomercials. (PG, R) 2.30 Home Shopping. (R) 5.00 Hour Of Power. Religious program.
ABC TV PLUS (22) 6am Children's Programs. 7.30pm Spicks And Specks. 8.00 QL. 8.30 Melbourne International Comedy Festival 2021: Opening Night. (Final) 9.25 Whose Line Is It Anyway? 10.10 Insert Name Here. 10.40 Schitt's Creek. 11.05 The Trip To Greece. 11.30 MOVIE: Red Dwarf: The Promised Land. (2020, PG) 1am David Attenborough: Kingdom Of Plants. 1.50 ABC News Update. 1.55 Close. 5.05 Late Programs.	SBS VICELAND (31) 6am WorldWatch. 9.30 SBS Courtside. 10.00 Basketball. NBA. Philadelphia 76ers v Los Angeles Clippers. 12.30pm WorldWatch. 1.30 What Would Diplo Do? 2.00 Unknown Amazon. 2.50 The Pizza Show. 3.20 WorldWatch. 4.50 It's Supertime! 5.50 Delivering The World: Inside DHL. 6.40 The Story Of The Songs. 7.35 Brooklyn Nine-Nine. 8.30 Why Women Kill. 10.15 The X-Files. 11.55 Late Programs.	7TWO (72) 6am Home Shopping. 8.30 Travel Oz. 10.00 Weekender. 10.30 Creek To Coast. 11.00 Horse Racing. Royal Randwick Raceday. 4.30pm Border Security: International. 5.00 Ed And Karen's Recipes For Success. 6.00 Football. AFL Women's. Round 3. Gold Coast Suns v Brisbane Lions. 8.00 The Yorkshire Vet. 9.00 Escape To The Country. 11.00 The Mentalist. 1am The Fine Art Auction. 4.00 Late Programs.	9GEM (81, 92) 6am Newstyle Direct. 6.30 TV Shop: Home Shopping. 7.00 Leading The Way. 7.30 TV Shop: Home Shopping. 8.00 Beyond Today. 8.30 TV Shop: Home Shopping. 9.00 Australian Open Tennis Pre-Show. 10.00 Tennis. Australian Open. Day 6. 5pm Tennis. Australian Open. Night 6. 10.00 House. 11.00 The Equalizer. Midnight My Favorite Martian. 12.30 Rainbow Country. 1.00 TV Shop.	10 PEACH (52, 11) 6am The Late Show With Stephen Colbert. 7.00 The King Of Queens. 8.00 Man With A Plan. 8.30 Frasier. 9.30 To Be Advised. 2pm Man With A Plan. 3.00 Friends. 6.00 The Big Bang Theory. 10.15 Friends. 12.10am Home Shopping. 1.10 Infomercials. 1.40 Mom. 2.05 Seatbelt Psychic. 2.35 Crazy Ex-Girlfriend. 3.30 Nancy Drew. 4.30 Home Shopping.
NITV (34) 6am Morning Programs. 1.40pm Rugby Union. Ella Ts. 2.00 Ice Hockey. National Hockey Super League. 4.00</				

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<p>(2) 6am Morning Programs. 10.30 World This Week. (R) 11.00 Compass. (PG, R) 11.30 Praise. (R) 12.00 News. 12.30 Landline Summer. (R) 1.00 Finding Alice. (M, R) 1.45 Mum. (MIs, R) 2.15 Doc Martin. (Return, PGa, R) 3.00 Aussie Inventions That Changed The World. (PG, R) 4.05 Nigel Slater's Middle East. (R) 5.00 Dream Gardens. (R) 5.30 Nigella's Cook, Eat, Repeat. (R)</p>	<p>SBS (3) 6.00 WorldWatch. 9.30 Greek News. 10.30 German News. 11.00 Spanish News. 11.30 Turkish News. 12.00 Arabic News F24. 12.30 ABC America: World News Tonight. 1.00 Speedweek. 3.00 Figure Skating. ISU European Championships. Highlights. 4.30 Cycling. Road National Championships. Men's race. Highlights. 5.35 Tony Robinson's Forgotten War Stories. (PG)</p>	<p>SEVEN (7) 6.00 NBC Today. 7.00 Weekend Sunrise. 10.00 The Morning Show: Weekend. (PG) 12.00 Dog Patrol. (PGa, R) 12.30 Coastwatch Oz. (PG, R) 1.00 Cricket. The Women's Ashes. Twenty20 International. Australia v England. Game 3. From Adelaide Oval. 4.30 Border Security: International. (PG) 5.00 Seven News At 5. 5.30 Weekender.</p>	<p>NINE (8, 9) 6.00 Weekend Today. News, current affairs and sports. 9.00 Australian Open Tennis Pre-Show. Reviews, previews, interviews, highlights and opinions from the Australian Open at Melbourne Park. 10.00 Tennis. Australian Open. Day 7.</p>	<p>TEN (5, 1) 6.00 Mass. 6.30 Hillsong. 7.00 Leading The Way. (PGa, R) 7.30 Tomorrow's World. (PGa) 8.00 GCBC. (R) 8.30 Freshly Picked. (R) 9.00 Everyday Gourmet. (R) 9.30 St10. (PG) 12.00 To Be Advised. 1.45 Farm To Fork. (PG, R) 2.15 My Market Kitchen. (R) 2.30 Australia By Design: Architecture. (Return) 3.00 Taste Of Australia. (R) 3.30 Roads Less Travelled. (PGI, R) 4.00 All 4 Adventure. (I) 5.00 News.</p>
<p>6.05 Australia Remastered: Forest. (Final, R) Presented by Aaron Pedersen. 7.00 ABC News Sunday. (R) 7.40 Muster Dogs. (PG) Part 1 of 4. Follows five kelpie puppies from the same litter on their journey to become muster dogs. 8.40 Vera. (Ma, R) Part 4 of 4. Vera investigates the death of a teenager whose body was found floating in a reservoir. 10.10 Doc Martin. (Ma, R) Penhale holds a police open day. 11.00 Harrow. (Malv, R) The death of a student is investigated. 11.50 Silent Witness. (MA15+av, R) 1.55 Rage. (MA15+adhInsV) 4.00 Keeping Australia Safe. (Ma, R) 5.00 Gardening Australia. (R)</p>	<p>6.30 SBS World News. 7.35 Treasures Of Gibraltar. Historian Bettany Hughes visits the small British Overseas Territory of Gibraltar. 8.30 Caesar's Doomsday War. Explores Julius Caesar's war in Gaul as well as the stories of the local tribes who fought the might of Rome. 10.00 Top Ten Mummies Of Egypt. (PGa, R) A look at the mummies of Egypt. 11.45 The Great Plague: Decimation. (Ma, R) 12.40 24 Hours In Emergency: Children Of Men. (Mal, 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. The Knockout. 10.00 MOVIE: Cold Pursuit. (2019, MA15+av, R) An unassuming snowplough driver seeks revenge on a criminal kingpin for his son's murder. Liam Neeson, Laura Dern, Micheál Richardson. 12.25 Air Crash Investigation: Dead Of Winter. (PGa, R) Examines Continental Airlines Flight 1713. 1.25 The Zoo. (R) A circus elephant is given to Western Plains Zoo. 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 Sunday. 7.00 Tennis. Australian Open. Night 7. From Melbourne Park. Hosted by James Bracey. 11.00 New Amsterdam. (Mamv, R) With the hospital on lockdown, Sharpe and Max find their lives in danger. 12.00 Manifest. (Madv, R) In the wake of a devastating tragedy, Ben tries to connect with a despondent Olive. 1.00 Bondi Lifeguard World Adventures: Hawaii Ocean Paddle Pt 1. (PGI) The lifeguards head to Hawaii. 1.30 TV Shop: Home Shopping. (R) 4.00 Believer's Voice Of Victory. (PGa) Religious program. 4.30 Take Two. (R) Home shopping. 5.00 News Early Edition. 5.30 Today. The latest in news and current affairs.</p>	<p>6.30 The Sunday Project. Panellists dissect, digest and reconstitute the daily news, events and hottest topics. 7.30 I'm A Celebrity... Get Me Out Of Here! Aussie celebrities continue their test of survival in the Australian outback. 9.15 FBI. (Mv, R) After a front-running female presidential candidate is targeted with a car bomb, FBI special agents Maggie Bell and Omar Adom "OA" Zidan must hurry to track down the bomber before they strike again. 11.00 The Sunday Project. (R) Panellists dissect, digest and reconstitute the daily news, events and hottest topics. 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>
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<p>NITV (34) 6am Morning Programs. 11.15 Football. WKFL. From Western Australia. 12.45pm Motor Racing. W Series. Highlights. 1.15 Soccer. Serie A Femminile. 3.00 Rugby Union. Monsoon Rugby Union. 4.30 Rugby Union. WA Premier Grade. 6.00 Going Native. 6.30 News. 6.40 Great Blue Wild. 7.30 Who Do You Think You Are? 8.30 Australia Uncovered: Incarceration Nation. 10.00 MOVIE: Radiance. (1998, M) 11.30 Late Programs.</p>	<p>SBS WORLD MOVIES (</p>			

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6.00 Julia Zemiro's Home Delivery. (PG, R) 6.30 Summer Drum. 7.00 ABC News. 7.30 7.30. (Return) 8.00 Back Roads: Boulia, Queensland. Hosted by Heather Ewart. 8.30 The China Century: City Of Protest. (Malv) Part 4 of 5. 9.30 The Rise Of The Murdoch Dynasty: The Rebel Alliance. (MI, R) Part 2 of 3. 10.25 Strong Women. (PGI, R) 10.55 ABC Late News. 11.25 Old People's Home For 4 Year Olds. (R) 12.25 Killing Eve. (MA15+v, R) 1.10 Silent Witness. (Mav, R) 2.10 MOVIE: Maigret In Montmartre. (2017, Madnsv, R) Rowan Atkinson, Sebastian De Souza. 3.40 Rage. (MA15+adhlsv) 4.55 Summer Drum. (R) 5.25 7.30. (R)	6.00 Mastermind Australia. (R) 6.30 SBS World News. 7.35 Britain's Scenic Railways. (PG) Part 4 of 4. 8.30 Secret Scotland: Loch Ness. (R) Part 3 of 5. Susan Calman continues her search for secrets on the banks of Loch Ness. 9.20 Historic House Rescue: Welsh Farmhouse Pt 1. (R) Part 1 of 3. Follows the restoration of Llwyn Celyn, a medieval hall house in Monmouthshire, Wales. 10.15 SBS World News Late. 10.45 The Crimson Rivers. (MA15+av) 11.45 Wisting. (Malv, R) 12.35 Unit One. (Malsv, R) 3.55 Sinkholes: Deadly Drops. (PG, R) 4.45 Destination Flavour Down Under Bitesize. (R) 5.00 France 24 Feature. 5.15 NHK World English News. 5.30 Deutsche Welle English News.	6.00 Seven Local News. 6.30 Seven News. 7.00 Border Security: Australia's Front Line. (PG, R) 7.30 Motorway Patrol. (PGI) Authorities hunt down car thieves. 8.00 Highway Cops. (PG) A man on the run abandons his pooch. 8.30 9-1-1. (M) An explosion rocks the hospital where Michael Grant's boyfriend, Dr David Hale, is performing surgery. 9.30 MOVIE: Fast & Furious. (2009, Mlsv, R) A fugitive battles a drug cartel. Vin Diesel, Paul Walker. 11.40 Surveillance Oz. (PG, R) 12.10 Hooked On The Look. (MA15+ad, R) 1.10 Travel Oz. (PG, R) 2.00 Home Shopping. (R) 4.00 NBC Today. 5.00 Seven Early News. 5.30 Sunrise.	6.00 Nine News. 7.00 Tennis. Australian Open. Night 8. From Melbourne Park. Hosted by James Bracey. 11.00 New Amsterdam. (Mam, R) Max and Luna make some new friends as he struggles with the realities of being a single father. 12.00 Reverie. (Mav, R) Mara tries to save a young dancer. 1.00 Bondi Lifeguard World Adventures: Hawaii Ocean Paddle Pt 2. (PG) The lifeguards tackle a challenge. 1.30 TV Shop: Home Shopping. (R) 2.30 Global Shop. (R) Home shopping. 3.00 TV Shop: Home Shopping. (R) 4.00 Believer's Voice Of Victory. (PGa) Religious program. 4.30 Customs. (PG, R) Follows customs officers at work. 5.00 News Early Edition. 5.30 Today.	6.30 The Project. The hosts and guest panellists take a look at the day's news, events and hot topics. 7.30 I'm A Celebrity... Get Me Out Of Here! Aussie celebrities continue their test of survival in the Australian outback. 9.30 FBI: Most Wanted. (Mv) After a prized Kentucky racehorse is stolen and its groomer is taken hostage, the Fugitive Task Force learns that they may be the only ones who consider the young woman's safety a priority over the horse's. 11.30 The Project. (R) A look at the day's news and events. 12.30 The Late Show With Stephen Colbert. (PG) Late night talk show. 1.30 Home Shopping. (R) 2.30 Infomercials. (PG, R) 3.00 Home Shopping. (R) 4.30 CBS Mornings. Morning news and talk show.
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NITV (34) 6am Morning Programs. 1.30pm Going Native. 2.00 Shortland Street. 2.30 Chefs' Line. 3.00 Jarjums. 3.25 The Magic Canoe. <				

Tuesday, January 25

<p>ABC TV (2) 6.00 News Breakfast. 9.00 ABC News Mornings. 10.00 Nigel Slater's Middle East. (Final, R) 11.00 Muster Dogs. (PG, R) 12.00 ABC News At Noon. 1.00 All Creatures Great And Small. (PG, R) 2.00 Death In Paradise. (Mv, R) 3.00 ABC News Afternoons. 4.00 Think Tank. (R) 5.00 Restoration Australia. (R)</p>	<p>SBS (3) 6.00 WorldWatch. 9.30 Greek News. 10.30 German News. 11.00 Spanish News. 11.30 Turkish News. 12.00 Arabic News F24. 12.30 ABC America: World News Tonight. 1.00 PBS NewsHour. (R) 2.00 Where Are You Really From? (PG, R) 3.00 Going Places With Ernie Dingo. (PG, R) 4.00 Great Canadian Railway Journeys. (PGad, R) 5.05 Jeopardy! 5.30 Letters And Numbers. (R)</p>	<p>SEVEN (7) 6.00 Sunrise. 9.00 The Morning Show. (PG) 11.30 Seven Morning News. 12.00 MOVIE: Joe Versus The Volcano. (1990, PGL, R) Tom Hanks, Meg Ryan, Lloyd Bridges. 2.00 Motorbike Cops. (PG, R) 2.30 Border Security: International. (PGad, R) 3.00 The Chase. (R) 4.00 Seven News At 4. 5.00 The Chase Australia. (R)</p>	<p>NINE (6) 6.00 Today. The latest in news and current affairs. 9.00 Australian Open Tennis Pre-Show. Reviews, previews, interviews, highlights and opinions from the Australian Open at Melbourne Park. 10.00 Tennis. Australian Open. Day 9.</p>	<p>TEN (5) 6.00 The Talk. (PGa) 7.00 Judge Judy. (PG, R) 7.30 The Bold And The Beautiful. (PG, R) 8.00 Studio 10. (PG) 12.00 Dr Phil. (PGa, R) 1.00 To Be Advised. 3.00 Judge Judy. (PG, R) 3.30 Left Off The Map. 4.00 Farm To Fork. (PG) 4.30 The Bold And The Beautiful. (PG) 5.00 10 News First.</p>
<p>6.00 Julia Zemiro's Home Delivery. (PG, R) 6.30 Summer Drum. 7.00 ABC News. 7.30 Australian Of The Year 2022. (PG) From the National Arboretum, Canberra. 8.45 Old People's Home For 4 Year Olds. (Final, R) Part 5 of 5. 9.50 Griff's Great Australian Rail Trip: Darwin To Alice Springs Make Sure You Drink Water! (PG, R) Griff Rhys Jones heads to Darwin. 10.40 QI. (Final, MIs, R) 11.10 ABC Late News. 11.40 Miriam & Alan: Lost In Scotland. (Ml, R) 12.30 Killing Eve. (Masv, R) 1.10 Silent Witness. (Mav, R) 3.15 Rage. (MA15+adhlnsv) 5.00 Summer Drum. (R) 5.30 7.30: The Interviews. (R)</p>	<p>6.00 Mastermind Australia. (R) 6.30 SBS World News. 7.30 Great Continental Railway Journeys: Palermo To Mt Etna. (PGav, R) Hosted by Michael Portillo. 8.35 Alhambra: Secrets Of The Ancient Builders. Takes a look at Alhambra, a fortress and palace in southern Spain built more than 800 years ago. 9.35 Australia In Colour: Making Australia. (PGa, R) Part 4 of 4. 10.35 SBS World News Late. 11.05 Shadow Lines. (Premiere, Malv) 12.00 The Looming Tower. (MIsV, R) 3.35 Sinkholes: Deadly Drops. (PGa, R) 4.30 VICE Guide To Film. (Mdlv, R) 5.00 France 24 Feature. 5.15 NHK World English News. 5.30 Deutsche Welle English News.</p>	<p>6.00 Seven Local News. 6.30 Seven News. 7.00 Border Security: Australia's Front Line. (PG, R) A man makes a shocking confession. 7.30 The Queen Unseen. (PG) Takes a look at Queen Elizabeth II. 8.30 MOVIE: Little Women. (2019, G, R) During the 19th century, four young sisters are each determined to live life on their own terms. Saoirse Ronan, Emma Watson, Florence Pugh. 11.20 Autopsy USA: Donna Summer. (Ma) 12.20 Absentia. (MA15+av, R) 1.20 The Zoo. (R) 2.00 Home Shopping. (R) 4.00 NBC Today. 5.00 Seven Early News. 5.30 Sunrise.</p>	<p>6.00 Nine News. 7.00 Tennis. Australian Open. Night 9. 11.00 New Amsterdam. (Ma, R) Max and Reynolds treat a young patient who comes to New Amsterdam with symptoms of a heart attack. 12.00 Reverie. (Mav, R) The team help a wrongly imprisoned boy. 1.00 Bondi Lifeguard World Adventures: Hawaii Ocean Paddle Pt 3. (PGI) The lifeguards tackle a challenge. 1.30 TV Shop: Home Shopping. (R) 4.00 Believer's Voice Of Victory. (PGa) Religious program. 4.30 Customs. (PG, R) Follows customs officers at work. 5.00 News Early Edition. 5.30 Today.</p>	<p>6.30 The Project. The hosts and guest panellists take a look at the day's news, events and hot topics. 7.30 I'm A Celebrity... Get Me Out Of Here! Aussie celebrities continue their test of survival in the Australian outback. 9.30 NCIS. (Mv) The team investigates after the body of a US Navy reservist is found riddled with bullets in a beat-up car used for target practice at a gun range. Kasie weighs the pros and cons of buying a gun. 10.30 NCIS: Los Angeles. An ambassador's daughter goes missing. 11.30 The Project. (R) A look at the day's news and events. 12.30 The Late Show With Stephen Colbert. (PG) Late night talk show. 1.30 Home Shopping. (R) 4.30 CBS Mornings.</p>
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Wednesday, January 26

<p>ABC TV (2) 6.00 News. 7.30 WugulOra Morning Ceremony 2022. 8.30 News. 9.00 Australia Day. 10.20 ABC News Mornings. 11.00 How Australia Got Its Mojo. (PG, R) 12.00 ABC News At Noon. 1.00 Australian Of The Year 2022. (PG, R) 2.30 Heywire. (R) 3.00 ABC News Afternoons. 4.00 Wildflowers Of The Midwest Of WA. (PG, R) 4.30 Restoration Australia. (R) 5.30 January 26.</p>	<p>SBS (3) 6.00 Sunrise Ceremony. 8.00 Lil Bois. (PG, R) 8.15 Our Place. (PGa, R) 9.40 Bamay. (R) 10.00 MOVIE: Rabbit-Proof Fence. (2002, PG, R) Evelyn Sampi, Tianna Sansbury. 11.30 NITV News Special: Day 26. 12.00 Sunrise Ceremony. (R) 2.00 Where Are You Really From? (PG, R) 4.00 Great Canadian Railway Journeys. (PG, R) 5.05 Jeopardy! (PG) 5.30 Letters And Numbers. (R)</p>	<p>SEVEN (7) 6.00 Sunrise. 10.00 The Morning Show. (PG) 11.30 Seven Morning News. 12.00 MOVIE: The BBQ. (2018, PGal, R) 2.00 Motorbike Cops. (PG, R) 2.30 Border Security: International. (PGad, R) 3.00 The Chase. (R) 4.00 Seven News At 4. 5.00 The Chase Australia. (R)</p>	<p>NINE (8, 9) 6.00 Today. The latest in news and current affairs. 9.00 Australian Open Tennis Pre-Show. Reviews, previews, interviews, highlights and opinions from the Australian Open at Melbourne Park. 10.00 Tennis. Australian Open. Day 10.</p>	<p>TEN (5, 1) 6.00 Sunrise Ceremony. 8.00 Studio 10. (PG) 12.00 Dr Phil. (PGa, R) 1.00 To Be Advised. 3.00 Judge Judy. (PG, R) 3.30 Left Off The Map. 4.00 Farm To Fork. (PG) 4.30 The Bold And The Beautiful. (PG) Carter gets uncomfortable. 5.00 10 News First.</p>
<p>6.25 Summer Drum. 6.55 Governor-General's Australia Day Message 2022. An address to the nation. 7.00 ABC News. Takes a look at today's top stories. 7.30 Australia Day Live 2022. Concert and fireworks spectacular. 9.30 Fisk. (PG, R) Helen meets formidable opposing counsel Alice Pike and stumbles upon Roz's passion project. 10.00 Hard Quiz. (PG, R) Presented by Tom Gleeson. 10.35 ABC Late News. 11.05 The China Century: City Of Protest. (Malv, R) 12.05 Killing Eve. (Mav, R) 12.45 Father Brown. (Ma, R) 1.35 Silent Witness. (MA15+, R) 2.35 Rage. (MA15+adhlnsv) 5.05 Summer Drum. (R) 5.30 7.30 Special: The Property Market. (R)</p>	<p>6.00 Mastermind Australia. (R) Presented by Marc Fennell. 6.30 SBS World News. 7.30 Great Australian Railway Journeys: Kuranda To Townsville. (PGa, R) Michael Portillo explores Queensland. 9.30 Araatika! Rise Up. (MA15+) Documents how a group of Indigenous NRL players came together to develop a pre-game ceremony. 11.00 SBS World News Late. 11.30 In Therapy. (Mls) 12.25 Witch Hunt. (MA15+I, R) 2.15 Cacciatore: The Hunter. (MA15+v, R) 4.25 VICE Guide To Film. (Mlv, R) 4.55 Destination Flavour Down Under Bitesize. (R) 5.00 France 24 Feature. 5.15 NHK World English News. 5.30 Deutsche Welle English News.</p>	<p>6.00 Seven Local News. 6.30 Seven News. 7.00 Cricket. Big Bash League. The Challenger. 10.30 Gordon, Gino & Fred: American Road Trip: Brokeback Mountain (Texas) (Mls) Gordon Ramsay, Gino D'Acampo and Fred Sirieix continue their road trip, travelling to Texas. 11.30 Surveillance Oz. (PG, R) A man dices with death at a train station. 12.00 Mean Mums. (PGI, R) Jess loses the school rat. 1.00 Harry's Practice. (R) Information about pet care. 1.30 The Zoo. (R) A fennec fox is due to give birth. 2.00 Home Shopping. (R) 4.00 NBC Today. News and current affairs. 5.00 Seven Early News. 5.30 Sunrise.</p>	<p>6.00 Nine News. 7.00 Tennis. Australian Open. Night 10. 11.00 New Amsterdam. (Mad, R) The doctors stop at nothing to help their patients following changes at the hospital. 12.00 Reverie. (Mav, R) Mara tracks down an elderly woman. 1.00 Bondi Lifeguard World Adventures: Hawaii Ocean Paddle Pt 4. (PGI) The lifeguards tackle a challenge. 1.30 TV Shop: Home Shopping. (R) 2.30 Global Shop. (R) Home shopping. 3.00 TV Shop: Home Shopping. (R) 4.00 Believer's Voice Of Victory. (PGa) Religious program. 4.30 Customs. (PG, R) Follows customs officers at work. 5.00 News Early Edition. 5.30 Today.</p>	<p>6.30 The Project. The hosts and guest panellists take a look at the day's news, events and hot topics. 7.30 I'm A Celebrity... Get Me Out Of Here! Aussie celebrities continue their test of survival in the Australian outback for the chance to claim the title of King or Queen Of The Jungle and a cash prize for charity. Hosted by Julia Morris and Dr Chris Brown. 9.30 Bull. 11.30 The Project. (R) The hosts and guest panellists take a look at the day's news, events and hot topics. 12.30 The Late Show With Stephen Colbert. (PG) Late night talk show. 1.30 The Talk. (PGa) Talk show. 2.30 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. 7.15pm Odd Squad. 7.30 Anh's Brush With Fame. 8.00 Making Child Prodigies. 8.30 Golden Guitar Awards. 10.00 Tate Britain's Great British Walks. 10.45 Doctor Who. 11.35 Return To Belsen. 12.25am Community. 12.45 Parks And Recreation. 1.05 ABC News Update. 1.10 Close. 5.05 Little Princess. 5.15 Hoot Hoot Go! 5.20 Pingu In The City. 5.30 Wallykazam! 5.55 Late Programs.</p>	<p>SBS VICELAND (31) 6am WorldWatch. Noon MOVIE: Kim Dotcom: Caught In The Web. (2017, M) 2.05 The Last Shot. 2.55 Rise. 3.45 WorldWatch. 5.15 Joy Of Painting. 5.45 Shortland Street. 6.15 Alone. 7.05 Jeopardy! 7.30 TikTok And NITV Present: First Sounds. 9.30 MOVIE: Shock Wave 2. (2020) 11.45 MOVIE: Gangs Of Wasseypur Part 2. (2012, MA15+) 2.40am 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 Bargain Hunt. 1.00 Million Dollar Minute. 2.00 Sydney Weekender. 2.30 Sons And Daughters. 4.30 RSPCA Animal Rescue. 5.30 Escape To The Country. 6.30 Bargain Hunt. 7.30 The Coroner. 8.30 To Be Advised. 10.30 Miranda. 11.50 What A Carry On! 12.30am Andrew Denton's Interview. 1.30 Late Programs.</p>	<p>9GEM (81, 92) 6am Morning Programs. 10.30 Australia's Top Ten Of Everything. 11.30 My Favorite Martian. Noon Seaway. 1.00 World's Greatest Journeys. 2.00 The Young And The Restless. 3.00 MOVIE: A Hole In The Head. (1959) 5.30 Antiques Roadshow. 6.00 Tennis. Australian Open. Night 10. 7.00 Antiques Roadshow. 7.30 As Time Goes By. 8.50 MOVIE: The Man From Snowy River. (1982, PG) 11.00 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 The Big Bang Theory. 1.30 Friends. 2.30 NBL Slam. 3.00 The King Of Queens. 4.00 Becker. 5.00 Frasier. 6.00 Friends. 6.30 Neighbours. 7.00 Friends. 8.00 The Big Bang Theory. 10.10 Mom. 11.05 Late Programs.</p>
<p>NITV (34) 6am Morning Programs. 11.30 NITV News Special: Day 26. Noon Sunrise Ceremony. 3.15 Persons Of Interest. 4.15 Anthem Sessions Interstitials. 4.35 My Survival As An Aboriginal. 5.30 Always Was Always Will Be. 6.00 NITV News Special: Day 26. 6.30 Island Paradise: Living In The Torres Straits. 7.30 Tik Tok And NITV Present: First Sounds. 9.30 Araatika: Rise Up! 11.00 Late Programs.</p>	<p>SBS WORLD MOVIES (32) 6am Jour De Fete. Continued. (1949, French) 6.40 Rosie. (2018, PG) 8.20 Mon Oncle. (1958, French) 10.25 Back To Burgundy. (2017, M, French) 12.30pm The White Balloon. (1995, Farsi) 2.10 Watership Down. (1978, PG) 3.50 The Boy And The Beast. (2015, PG) 6.00 Satellite Boy. (2012, PG) 7.40 Storm Boy. (1976, PG) 9.20 Samson And Delilah. (2009, M) 11.15 Late Programs.</p>	<p>7MATE (73) 6am Morning Programs. Noon Billy The Exterminator. 12.30 Pawnography. 1.30 Picked Off. 2.30 The Grade Cricketer. 3.00 Highway Thru Hell. 4.00 Al McGlashan's Fish'n With Mates. 4.30 Heavy Rescue: 401. 5.30 Storage Wars: TX. 6.00 Pawn Stars. 6.30 Cricket. Big Bash League. The Challenger. 7.00 Pawn Stars. 8.30 Storage Wars. 9.30 Extreme Unboxing. 10.00 Desert Collectors. 11.00 Late Programs.</p>	<p>9GO! (82, 93) 6am Children's Programs. Noon The Incredible Hulk. 1.00 SeaQuest DSV. 2.00 The A-Team. 3.00 The Nanny. 3.30 3rd Rock From The Sun. 4.00 That '70s Show. 4.30 Malcolm. 5.30 News. 6.00 3rd Rock From The Sun. 6.30 That '70s Show. 7.00 Young Sheldon. 7.30 RBT. 8.00 Gold Coast Cops. 8.30 MOVIE: Mad Max. (1979, MA15+) 10.30 To Be Advised. 12.30am Late Programs.</p>	<p>10 BOLD (53, 12) 6am Infomercials. 8.00 Unknown Road Adventures. 8.30 Star Trek: The Next Generation. 9.30 Jake And The Fatman. 10.30 Diagnosis Murder. 11.30 JAG. 1.30pm Star Trek: The Next Generation. 3.30 Jake And The Fatman. 4.30 Diagnosis Murder. 5.30 JAG. 7.30 NCIS. 8.30 NCIS: Los Angeles. 11.15 FBI. 12.10am Home Shopping. 1.40 Infomercials. 2.10 48 Hours. 3.10 SEAL Team. 4.05 Diagnosis Murder. 5.00 Jake And The Fatman.</p>

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<p>6.00 Julia Zemiro's Home Delivery. (Final, PG, R) 6.30 Summer Drum. 7.00 ABC News. 7.30 7.30. 8.00 Kurt Fearnley's One Plus One. Kurt Fearnley speaks with Harry Garside. 8.30 Miriam & Alan: Lost In Scotland. (Mls) Part 2 of 3. 9.20 Our Dementia Choir. (Final, PG, R) People with dementia form a choir. 10.35 ABC Late News. 11.05 Aussie Inventions That Changed The World. (PG, R) 12.00 Killing Eve. (Mav, R) 12.40 The Rise Of The Murdoch Dynasty. (MI, R) 1.35 Call The Midwife. (PG, R) 2.35 Rage. (MA15+adhlnsv) 4.55 Summer Drum. (R) 5.25 7.30. (R)</p>	<p>6.00 Mastermind Australia. (R) 6.30 SBS World News. 7.30 Druids: The Mystery Of Celtic Priests. Takes a look at the druids. 8.30 Extra Life: A Short History Of Living Longer: Behaviour. (PG) Part 4 of 4. Explores public involvement and engagement during a health crisis. 9.35 La Fortuna. (Mls) Alex and Lucia must put their skills when they travel to Atlanta to attend the beginning of the trial. 10.40 SBS World News Late. 11.10 Gomorrah. (MA15+v) 12.10 We Are Who We Are. (MI, R) 1.15 The Hot Zone. (Ma, R) 3.55 Blinded. (MA15+s, R) 4.45 Destination Flavour Down Under Bitesize. (R) 5.00 France 24 Feature. 5.15 NHK World English News. 5.30 Deutsche Welle English News.</p>	<p>6.00 Seven Local News. 6.30 Seven News. 7.00 Border Security: Australia's Front Line. (PG, R) A French traveller attracts attention. 7.30 Mates On A Mission. (PGal) Shane Jacobson, Todd McKenney, Brian Taylor and Kris Smith head to Japan. 8.55 MOVIE: Fast Five. (2011, Mlv, R) A crew of street racers plan a heist as they deal with the attentions of a drug lord and a federal agent. Vin Diesel, Paul Walker, Jordana Brewster. 11.35 Surveillance Oz. (PG, R) 12.05 Scandal. (Mav, R) 2.00 Home Shopping. (R) 4.00 NBC Today. 5.00 Seven Early News. 5.30 Sunrise.</p>	<p>6.00 Nine News. 7.00 Tennis. Australian Open. Night 11. 11.00 New Amsterdam. (Mam, R) Max races against the clock to rearrange the budget when faced with employees going unpaid. 12.00 Reverie. (Mav, R) Mara's personal tragedy comes to a head. 1.00 Bondi Lifeguard World Adventures: Outback Adventure. (PGI) The lifeguards head off on a road trip. 1.30 TV Shop: Home Shopping. (R) 2.30 Global Shop. (R) Home shopping. 3.00 TV Shop: Home Shopping. (R) 4.00 Believer's Voice Of Victory. (PGa) Religious program. 4.30 Customs. (PG, R) 5.00 News Early Edition. 5.30 Today.</p>	<p>6.30 The Project. A look at the day's news and events. 7.30 I'm A Celebrity... Get Me Out Of Here! Aussie celebrities continue their test of survival in the Australian outback. 9.00 Law & Order: SVU. (Ma) Assistant District Attorney Carisi prosecutes Richard Wheatley for the murder of Kathy Stabler. 10.00 Blue Bloods. Frank is at odds with his friend. 11.00 The Project. (R) A look at the day's news and events. 12.00 The Late Show With Stephen Colbert. (PG) 1.00 Home Shopping. (R) 3.00 Infomercials. (PG) 3.30 Home Shopping. (R) 4.30 CBS Mornings.</p>
<p>ABC TV PLUS (22) 6am Children's Programs. 7.15pm Odd Squad. 7.30 Spicks And Specks. 8.30 QI. 9.00 Hard Quiz. 9.30 Insert Name Here. 10.05 Doctor Who. 11.05 Melbourne International Comedy Festival 2021: Opening Night. Midnight Would I Lie To You? 12.30 Community. 12.50 Parks And Recreation. 1.10 ABC News Update. 1.15 Close. 5.05 Little Princess. 5.15 Hoot Hoot Go! 5.20 Pingu In The City. 5.30 Late Programs.</p>	<p>SBS VICELAND (31) 6am WorldWatch. Noon Leah Remini: Scientology And The Aftermath. 2.30 Most Expensivest. 3.00 The Ice Cream Show. 3.30 Bamay. 3.50 WorldWatch. 5.15 Joy Of Painting. 5.45 Shortland Street. 6.15 Alone. 7.05 Jeopardy! 7.35 8 Out Of 10 Cats Does Countdown. 8.30 The Curse Of Oak Island. 10.10 Chasing Famous. (Premiere) 11.00 Vikings. 11.55 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 Bargain Wars. 3.00 Highway Thru Hell. 4.00 Al McGlashan's Fish'n With Mates. 4.30 Heavy Rescue: 401. 5.30 Storage Wars: TX. 6.00 American Pickers. 7.00 Pawn Stars. 7.30 MOVIE: The Hitchhiker's Guide To The Galaxy. (2005, PG) 9.45 MOVIE: The 5th Wave. (2016, M) 12.10am Late Programs.</p>	<p>9GEM (81, 92) 6am Morning Programs. 10.30 Australia's Top Ten Of Everything. 11.30 My Favorite Martian. Noon Seaway. 1.00 World's Greatest Islands. 2.00 The Young And The Restless. 3.00 Antiques Roadshow. 3.30 MOVIE: School For Scoundrels. (1960) 5.30 Antiques Roadshow. 6.00 Tennis. Australian Open. Night 11. Women's singles semi-final. 7.00 Antiques Roadshow. 7.30 Death In Paradise. 8.40 To Be Advised. 11.00 Late Programs.</p>	<p>10 PEACH (52, 11) 6am The Late Show With Stephen Colbert. 7.00 Frasier. 8.00 Becker. 9.00 The Middle. 10.00 Frasier. 11.00 The King Of Queens. Noon Becker. 1.00 The Big Bang Theory. 1.30 Friends. 2.00 Carol's Second Act. 3.00 The King Of Queens. 4.00 Becker. 5.00 Frasier. 6.00 Friends. 6.30 Neighbours. 7.00 Friends. 8.00 The Big Bang Theory. 9.30 Seinfeld. 11.00 Late Programs.</p>
<p>NITV (34) 6am Morning Programs. 1.30pm Shortland Street. 2.00 Chefs' Line. 3.00 Jarjums. 3.25 The Magic Canoe. 3.50 Wolf Joe. 4.00 Aussie Bush Tales. 4.10 Project Planet. 4.35 Mustangs FC. 5.00 Te Ao With Moana. 5.30 The 77 Percent. 6.00 Bamay. 6.30 News. 6.40 Great Blue Wild. 7.30 Going Places With Ernie Dingo. 8.30 Miniseries: New Gold Mountain. 9.30 MOVIE: O Brother, Where Art Thou? (2000, M) 11.25 Late Programs.</p>	<p>SBS WORLD MOVIES (32) 6am The Thief Lord. Continued. (2006, PG) 6.50 Ottolenghi And The Cakes Of Versailles. (2020, PG) 8.15 Mary And The Witch's Flower. (2017, PG) 10.10 Nadia, Butterfly. (2020, M) 12.10pm The Rocket. (2013, M) 2.00 Rosie. (2018, PG) 3.40 Mon Oncle. (1958, French) 5.50 Buggy Malone. (1976, PG) 7.30 Irrational Man. (2015, M) 9.20 Margin Call. (2011, MA15+) 11.20 Late Programs.</p>	<p>7MATE (73) 6am Morning Programs. Noon Billy The Exterminator. 12.30 Pawnography. 1.30 Picked Off. 2.30 Shipping Wars. 3.00 Highway Thru Hell. 4.00 Al McGlashan's Fish'n With Mates. 4.30 Heavy Rescue: 401. 5.30 Storage Wars: TX. 6.00 American Pickers. 7.00 Pawn Stars. 7.30 MOVIE: The Hitchhiker's Guide To The Galaxy. (2005, PG) 9.45 MOVIE: The 5th Wave. (2016, M) 12.10am Late Programs.</p>	<p>9GO! (82, 93) 6am Children's Programs. Noon The Incredible Hulk. 1.00 SeaQuest DSV. 2.00 The A-Team. 3.00 The Nanny. 3.30 3rd Rock From The Sun. 4.00 That '70s Show. 4.30 Raymond. 5.30 News. 6.00 3rd Rock From The Sun. 6.30 That '70s Show. 7.00 Young Sheldon. 7.30 MOVIE: The Sum Of All Fears. (2002, M) 10.00 MOVIE: American Made. (2017, MA15+) 12.10am Late Programs.</p>	<p>10 BOLD (53, 12) 6am Shopping. 6.30 Infomercials. 8.00 Socceros: Road To Qatar. 8.30 NBL Slam. 9.00 Escape Fishing. 9.30 Jake And The Fatman. 10.30 Diagnosis Murder. 11.30 JAG. 1.30pm ST: Next Gen. 3.30 Jake And The Fatman. 4.30 Diagnosis Murder. 5.30 JAG. 6.30 Soccer. FIFA World Cup Qualifier. AFC Third Round. Australia v Vietnam. 9.30 Hawaii Five-O. 10.30 MOVIE: Parkland. (2013, M) 12.30am Late Programs.</p>

On Demand

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SOMEBODY SOMEWHERE
Streaming, **Binge**

Described by its executive producer Carolyn Strauss as “a coming-of-middle-age story”, this new comedy-drama series, starring cabaret artist and comedian Bridget Everett (*Inside Amy Schumer*), wonders if it’s really ever too late to follow the path not taken.

At the heart of the show is Sam (Everett), an aimless 40-something woman who moved back to her Kansas hometown to care for her terminally ill sister Holly and still finds herself stuck there six months after Holly’s death, mainly for lack of a better plan.

A reunion with old classmate Joel (Jeff Hiller, inset) puts Sam’s cynical worldview to the test when he invites her to join choir practice. Joel remembers Sam as an electric young woman with an incredible voice, and he’s determined to find out if she’s still hidden inside the defeated and insecure woman before him.

Sam’s road to self-rediscovery and healing is paved with several obstacles, which is where *Somebody Somewhere*’s greatest moments are found – it’s a touching, honest and hilarious series with no airs or pretences whatsoever, just like Everett.



Raise your voice: Sam (Bridget Everett) faces a mid-life crisis in *Somebody Somewhere*.



AFTER LIFE
Streaming, **Netflix**

Ricky Gervais’ acclaimed comedy returns for a third and final season with widower Tony (Gervais) and the residents of Tambury. Tony’s still struggling to come to terms with the loss of his wife Lisa (Kerry Godliman), but is starting to realise that he can’t live in the past forever. The show’s outlook on grief and motivation is sure to leave you with plenty to consider.



KIN
Streaming, **AMC+**

This gritty Irish crime drama, starring *Game of Thrones*’ Aiden Gillen (pictured), pulls no punches when it comes to depicting an international gangland war. After the death of a boy, the tight-knit Kinsella clan, a small-time crime family in Dublin, go head-to-head with their suppliers, the Cunninghams, in a conflict where all the odds are stacked against them.



THE CLEANING LADY
Streaming, **Foxtel**
On Demand

When Cambodian doctor Thony (Élodie Yung, pictured) comes to the US for medical treatment to save her seriously ill son, a series of systematic failings make her an illegal immigrant. When she witnesses a murder, Thony has no choice but to start cleaning up the mess left behind by a Vegas mob boss.



HOTEL TRANSYLVANIA: TRANSFORMANIA
Streaming, **Amazon Prime Video**

Drac’s had three movies to get used to the idea having humans in his life, after all, his daughter Mavis (Selena Gomez) married one. But becoming human is another matter. When the “Monsterfication Ray” goes haywire, turning monsters into humans and vice versa, a powerless Drac (Brian Hull) and new monster Johnny (Andy Samberg) team up to find a cure.



THE TRAGEDY OF MACBETH
Streaming, **Apple TV+**

A visually striking masterpiece, director Joel Coen’s bold black-and-white adaptation of Shakespeare’s Scottish tragedy is as powerful as movies get. Denzel Washington and Frances McDormand (both pictured) play Lord and Lady Macbeth, an ambitious and cunning couple who will stop at nothing to fulfill a prophecy that sees him as the next King of Scotland.





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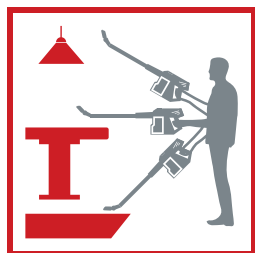


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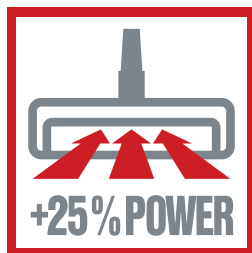
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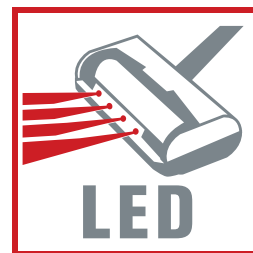
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Musuem honours doctor

By Muttaborra Museums

In 1994, a committee was established to curate the extensive medical collection that also now houses a local history display in what was the children's and iron lung wards.

The museum hospital is named in honour and recognition of the longest-serving doctor on its registry - Dr Joseph Arratta, 35 yrs, Physician and Surgeon.

Arriving in 1925, as a 25-year-old, he was a qualified General Practitioner.

During his career, he established an extraordinary reputation of care, innovation, and progressiveness to become highly respected amongst his peers and patients alike.

His ability to improvise under challenging circumstances have been recorded in his memoirs - "Doctor on the Landsborough" giving us a real insight into a time when medicines and products available were different in so many instances to what we have now, engineering and manufacturing were different, and training and understanding of medicine and procedures was constantly developing and evolving.

Very humbly written in his own words, his style is very easy to read containing many anecdotes of medical situations he found himself in and the improvisations he had to make with whatever was on hand.

Stories of some of the many colourful characters that he had treated in his time are included in his memoirs which affords the reader many a chuckle.

His observations on working and living within Central Queensland grazing, agriculture country with its dry and wet periods - and the challenges both situations bring - reveal a very thoughtful and insightful mind that was always planning ahead for ways to better circumstances.

The Dr Arratta Memorial Hospital Museum is exceptionally well preserved and presented from that period of medicine and the community is very proud of its establishment.

The Committee also curates the Cassimatis Store and Cottage in Muttaborra which has been preserved from the same era.



Pictures: MUTTABURRA DR ARRATTA MUSEUM

We are on Facebook as Muttaborra Museums and will have books for purchase in the New Year after the next print run so please get in early to reserve your copy via PM or alternatively they can be ordered through Muttaborra Post Office, for a thoroughly interesting read.

The Dr Arratta Memorial Hospital Museum in Muttaborra, Centre Of Queensland is maintained by a group of many very passionate and dedicated volunteers since 1993.

The hospital ceased operating as a surgical hospital in 1971 and subsequently closed in 1989 after operating as an outpatients clinic with visiting doctors.



Investigation Committee report is a blast from the past

The Northern Territory Investigation Committee has reported. Two Queenslanders comprised that Commission-Messrs W. L. Payne (Chairman of the Queensland Land Administration Board), and J. W. Fletcher, of Bonus Downs.

So, another report has been added to the long table of similar documents that litter, the chequered history of development work in Northern Australia.

Close upon the presentation of the document to Parliament has come to the assurance from the Minister for the Interior that prompt attention will follow its recommendations.

If that undertaking is honoured, then at last Australia will be on its way to getting somewhere with its outstanding domestic problem, which has hitherto defied real attention and brought ridicule upon this country.

The recommendations themselves are at once eminently sane, eminently predictable, and eminently free from the extravagance of the idea that has, in the past, rather marred conclusions based on similar investigations.

The report itself is easily summed up. The big population fallacy is given it quietus.

Two useful railway schemes are indicated to develop the limited areas that might be available for wool production.

Agriculture is rightly ruled out. Economical land tenures are rightly indicated and certain recommendations designed to get relief from taxation and charges as compensating factors to inevitable isolation are insisted upon.

From these bases, the commission has built up a report that everyone interested in the possibilities of pastoral investment in the Northern Territory should procure and study, for it does definitely open the way to opportunities that have hitherto been circumscribed and shackled by the unseeing eye of officialdom and the sheer inertia of those in high places.



Of course, the report will not please everybody.

No worthwhile report that was ever written ever did. But that should not be used as a pretext for any further delays. Here, to hand is a document indicating a

line of action that should be pursued resolutely.

If such action is taken then defects as they disclose themselves can be met then remedied- the hurdles can be jumped, or knocked over, or walked around as they are reached.

Hitherto the mind of authority, aided and encouraged by divided counsels in the ranks of the protagonists in territory reform, has adopted, as authority is inclined to do, the line of least resistance and just does nothing.

That old policy of negation should not be allowed to prevail.

This valuable report should be implemented without any avoidable delay.

It offers to the Lyons Government a valuable chance of doing something.

If there is weakness in the report I would in passing, indicate two things- the failure to provide for the set up for a local advisory board, a sort of local expert council to assist the Administrator in the peculiar problems of pastoral development in Northern Australia: and the failure to make a definite recommendation for the creation of port facilities somewhere on the Gulf coast to obviate the long land haulage to Townsville and elsewhere that is now inevitable.

But these, I have already insisted, are incidental to the major problems that have been dealt with.

Hammer out the angularities of the existing system on the anvil of the report as it at present stands and these other things can be dealt with in due time.

Speed is the essence of the contract.

That is the responsibility and the obligation upon those in authority.

If they can discharge that duty as well as the Commission has discharged its duty, then much may still be forgiven.

Stingrays on road

By Michael R Williams

Three members of the Longreach amateur swimming club, the Longreach Stingrays, travelled to Rockhampton to compete in the Central Queensland sprint championships. The event gave kids an opportunity to compete in the 50 metres backstroke, butterfly, freestyle.

Laurinda Long said the local competitors participated in 10 events.

Felicity Long, 14, competed in all four strokes, qualified for the finals in each, achieved two personal bests, and nabbed herself a bronze medal in backstroke.

Laurinda said it was a great opportunity to have the kids compete at these events because it's just the next level.

"The kids, they have to push themselves to that next level to be competitive," she said.

"They always go away and achieve PBs (personal bests), the atmosphere and excitement of the event pushes them that little bit further."

Ms Long said she believed the kids really enjoyed the trip.

"It's one of those events they always look forward to – going over and competing in Rocky," she said.

"They do always enjoy going up against those more competitive kids – and getting out of town."

Lleyton Long said he was really surprised to make the Freestyle final.

"I was really tied and had no energy," he said.

And Felicity Long said it was great to make all 4 finals.

"I wasn't really expecting to do that well, especially in Breaststroke and Butterfly," she said.

Ms Long said the Swim Club has slowly seen growth each year over the past few years.

"We're halfway through our season, but kids can always join," she said.

There is a Swimming Development Camp coming up on 30 January and a Local Club Carnival on 26 February.



Fletcher Long, Lleyton Long and Felicity Long, with coach Amanda Ross.



Felicity Long won a Bronze Medal for 50 metres Backstroke.



Fletcher Long, Lleyton Long and Felicity Long.

Hot bowls start

By Bones

Well, we're back on the green after a break due to some maintenance carried out on our playing surface in early December.

You can't say bowlers aren't dedicated as even though the temperature reached 45 degrees last Sunday, we still had 14 bowlers turn up for three games of social bowls.

In a pairs game, Russell Schofield and Bob Grant soundly beat Tony Emslie and Terry Harris by 39-8.

Shawn Ryan and John Hawkes battled hard to win their game against Tony Barbeler and Paula Brun by 23-20.

Special mention has to go to Shawn who was the first bowler of 2022 to bowl a wrong bias.

Peter Anderson, Cisco, and new club member Selina Hayward defeated Rodney Butt, Andrew Watts, and Pat Downing in a good game that ended up 28-17.

The club is planning on holding an Australia Day bowls day but obviously, Covid restrictions will play a part in that event.

More to come on that.

The club also wishes Ty Jesberg all the best in the Queensland Junior State Championships being played in Towoomba, as the current under 18 state Singles, Fours, and Triples champion; let's hope he does well again."

Tigers: What to expect

Longreach Tigers President, **NADIA HOAD** discusses what locals can expect from the club in the new year.

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

As a club and team, we had many notable achievements in the 2021 season. We were successful in securing the minor premiership and were well supported at all of our home games this year with some of the biggest crowds we have seen. Obviously, our best moment was winning the 2021 CWRL Premiership in one of the most nail-biting grand-final matches in front of a record home crowd.

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

We hope to grow both on and off the field in 2022 and have some exciting things in the pipeline. We are excited to be incorporating a Ladies Day into the draw as well as some jersey raffles and other exciting fundraising initiatives. We will also be setting up a sponsor area at all of our home games to recognise and give thanks for their wonderful contributions.

How can locals get on board with supporting the club?

We welcome all locals to get on board with supporting the club whether that be playing, assisting at our home games with setting up, working in the bar or at the gate, selling raffle tickets or doubles. Also just coming to watch our games is a way of supporting the club.

How would you describe your club's ethos?

Teamwork, respect, enjoyment, discipline, and sportsmanship are what make the game so special. We have grown to be a real league family and we welcome anyone that wants to join.

Do you see your team as premiership possibles? Why?

We would love to have the success we did in 2021, hopefully, we can use the momentum we gained last year to grow our squad and even tap into the junior talent that we know we have had success in recent years. It takes an entire squad to be successful and the stronger we can make our group the more chance we have of gaining back-to-back premierships.



The 2021 premiership winning side, the Longreach Tigers.

Winton outpaces Longreach in cricket

By Michael R Williams

Despite a strong start to Longreach at home, it was Winton's later batters who would carry them to 338 runs going into the switch – a score Longreach would come short at just 256.

Longreach Cricket Club captain Rob Johnson said batting first, Winton had "put on a few".

"It was good batting from young bull (Carlin Ellis)," he said.

"He put on a quick century with "bugger all balls".

"So yeah, the bowlers tried to bowl but, just had to wave "g'day to it".

Mr Johnson said the day was not too bad considering it was 44 degrees.

Winton captain Lionel Lenton said he was impressed with Longreach's bowling, but highlighted Carlin Ellis who hit 120.

"Young Darby hit 64, and a couple of thirties and fourties from others," he said.

Mr Lenton said it had been a good day to be "beating the Longreach blokes".



The Winton and Longreach teams both survived the heat to have a great game of cricket.

What's on



The staff at the Longreach Aquatic Centre are excited to have you come and try their new facilities for Australia Day.

Take a dip for Australia Day

By Michael R Williams

Longreach locals can get excited for outdoors, in-the-sun Australia Day festivities at the Longreach Aquatic Centre with lots of activities on offer.

The awards and main event will both be held at the pool.

Manager of the Aquatic Centre Amanda

Ross said the event was being held at the pool because the Longreach Regional Council felt it would be too hot in the Longreach Hall.

“Who wouldn’t want to be at a pool on Australia Day,” she said.

“We’ve got raft racing, a new inflatable water park provided by the Council, a slip and slide, and I’m pretty sure the Council will be

doing a scavenger hunt as well.”

Ms Ross the inflatable water park was purchased by the Council recently and will be revealed at the event.

“It’s 22 metres long, families should be very excited - one hundred per cent,” she said.

“I think it will be the best Australia Day Longreach has ever had.”

Longreach event information for big day

AUSTRALIA DAY, Longreach Region

Join us to reflect, respect, and celebrate our history, both its highs and its lows. Let’s recognise our nation, its achievement, and, most of all, our people.

Longreach Location: Longreach Aquatic Centre

- Time: 10 am
- Free Seniors Lunch, Longreach
- Location: Longreach RSL
- Time: 12 pm

Ilfracombe Location: Ilfracombe Pool and Spar

- Time: 10 am.
- Free Seniors Lunch, Ilfracombe

- Location: Wellshot Hotel
- Time: 12 pm
- **Cricket, Ilfracombe**
- There will also be a tarp slide and free barbecue
- Location: Wayne Taylor Centre
- Time: 3 pm
- **Australia Day Awards, Ilfracombe**
- Time: 7 pm
- **Isisford Colour Run Location: Whitman’s Memorial Park**
- Time: 7.30 am
- **Award Ceremony Location: Multipurpose Sports Complex**
- Time: 8.45 am

AUSTRALIA DAY, Winton Shire

- Award Ceremony, Winton Location: Waltzing Matilda Centre
- Bluey to make an appearance as a ticketed event.
- Time: 9 am

BARCOLDINE REGIONAL AUSTRALIA DAY EVENTS HAVE BEEN POSTPONED THE AWARD CEREMONY WILL BE LIVE STREAMED ON THE COUNCIL WEBSITE

BLACKALL-TAMBO REGIONAL AUSTRALIA DAY EVENTS HAVE BEEN POSTPONED

Blackall Australia Day event postponed

By Andrew Martin; Blackall-Tambo Regional Council Mayor

We all love Australia Day in the Blackall-Tambo Regional Council (BTRC), and it will remain as such forever despite the current hiccup to one of the best days we have in the year.

Our council has considered the state of Covid-19 in Queensland and noted the predictions of the peak of the spiraling numbers of infections to arrive somewhere around Australia Day hopefully, before, slowly falling away with the very satisfying upswing in vaccinations and the eventual declaration of Covid-19

being an endemic rather than pandemic in Australia.

We have all fought so wretchedly hard in BTRC over the last two years to keep ourselves safe sometimes, in the face of considerable criticism, all the while achieving vaccination rates the envy of many across the nation.

The question therefore that our Council asked ourselves was, ‘why would we encourage a surge in infections so close to the hopeful end of the two years ‘pain?’

The answer with considerable sadness was to postpone the excitement of a car rally in

Tambo and a wonderful gathering in Blackall to a more appropriate time but present the awards virtually to the eight successful candidates out of so many nominations this year.

We will compile a video to go on social media and our website in conjunction with a series of individual congratulatory phone calls from myself and no doubt our councilors to name but a few.

I am sure we all agree.... let’s get through this dreadful Covid-19 scourge ASAP to continue the onward and upward progress of this wonderful region.

Community Billboard

When attending events remember to wear a mask and be mindful of social distancing.

FRIDAY, 21 DECEMBER

First Five Forever

An interactive educational experience for children learning to read.

- Location: Longreach Library
- Time: 10 am

Multi-Purpose Raffle and RSL Raffle Draw

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

- Location: Longreach RSL
- Time: 6.30 pm

Alpha Meat Tray Raffle

We will be selling tickets to win a meat tray each week. We look forward to seeing you all there.

- Location: Alpha Golf Club
- Time: 6 pm

SATURDAY, 22 JANUARY

Desert Uplands Committee AGM and Mini Forum, Barcaldine

Topic of the day: Grazing to grow more grass presented by Raymond Stacey.

- Location: Raymond Chandler Park

QCWA Longreach Meeting

Just bring yourself or a friend as well and your sense of humour.

- Location: Qantas Park, Time: 9 am.

Park Run, Longreach

A free, weekly, timed 5k event every Saturday morning. Everyone is welcome to walk, jog, run or volunteer!

- Location: Meet at Beersheba Place
- Time: 7 am

Morning Golf, Longreach

For more information email longreach-golf@gmail.com

Goose Club and RSL members Draw

For more information call (07) 4658 1092

- Location: Longreach RSL
- Time: 1 pm

SUNDAY, 23 JANUARY

Community Garden

Come lend a hand in creating a beautiful garden.

- Location: Longreach Youth Centre
- Time: 6.30 am

Longreach Town Band Mixed Ensemble Rehearsals

- Location: Longreach State School.
- Time: 4pm

Social Bowls

For more information please visit Facebook, Longreach Bowls Club

- Location: Longreach Bowls Club
- Time: 1 pm

MONDAY, 24 JANUARY

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, 25 JANUARY

Sheak It Up Fitness – Zumba, Longreach

- \$10 per session, first session free
- Location: Edgely Hall
- Time: 5.30 pm

Aussie Trivia Night, Ilfracombe

Contact the Wellshot Hotel on 46582106 for more information.

- Location: Wellshot Hotel
- Time: 6.30 pm

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

WEDNESDAY, 26 JANUARY

AUSTRALIA DAY

Rotary Club Meeting, Longreach

Location: Birdcage Hotel

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Bushy Tales



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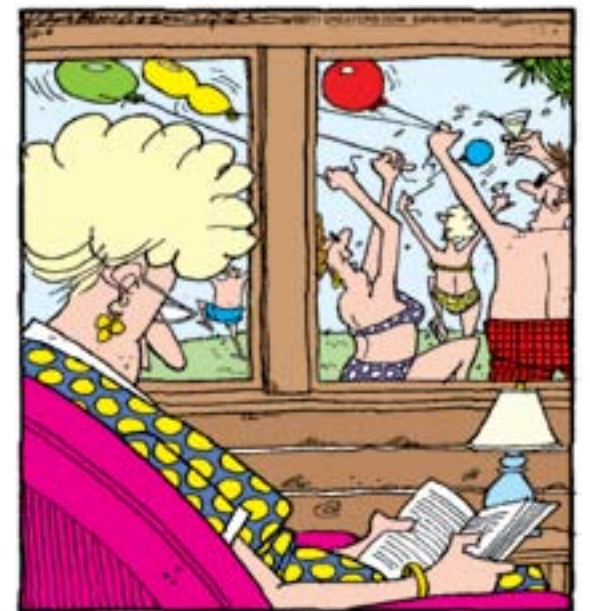
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Against the Grain



Cattle market strong

The Leader had a chat with Longreach Elders branch manager Tim Salter about how the various markets are going for local graziers.

Cattle

What is the forecast for the cattle market this year? What can graziers look forward to? Which breeds are looking to be more successful in the Central West region?

The 2022 cattle market forecast is very strong with early new year weaner sales in Victoria starting out exceptionally strong seeing many prices higher than the late 2021 year sales.

Hereford steers in these sales have reached over \$10/kg this week.

Roma and Dalby sales have also commenced on strong notes with Auctions Plus also maintaining high pricing.

Whilst store cattle prices are maintaining high levels fat cattle have eased slightly due to low staffing levels and reduced kills at major processors nationwide as a result of Covid.

We may not see prices rise again until supplies ease or Covid infection rates reduce or there is a major rainfall event to restrict supply however, the current levels are still exceptionally strong and well above early 2021 levels.

Graziers in the Central West are desperately looking for the long-promised widespread seasonal break, the majority of the West is again

looking at another tough year however, it is still early in the potential wet season, so we hope it happens sooner rather than later.

Were there any sales over the holidays? If so, what were some of the prices? If not, what are some of the expected prices in upcoming sales?

No sales over the break, things kick back into gear the first week of January at Roma and Dalby with Blackall nominating their first sale February 10 at this stage.

Small Animal

What is the forecast for the Sheep, Wool, and Goat market this year? What can Graziers look forward to?

Goats are hitting higher levels opening up at \$10.40 in places, and it will be interesting to see the anticipated impact of the Bourke plant when it opens up this year.

Sheep prices have eased again as a result of Covid, currently sitting around \$5.50 in comparison to last year's late market quotes of \$6-6.50.

These prices are in no way disastrous, they are still at some of the highest levels seen.

Lambs are also under pressure with rates back \$1-1.50/kg to around \$7-7.50.

Similar reasons to the cattle market, due to Covid restrictions.

Processors will like to see forward contract lambs come forward to get out of the system with many late-year contracted at \$8.50-9.00/kg expected to slaughter soon – they will no doubt measure sale yard rates to average prices back a bit.

I would expect the rates for sheep and lambs to rise if we see the current strong southern season continue and also if Queensland gets a decent wet season.

What would you recommend to people in or looking to get into the small animal industry do with stock at the moment?

Sheep graziers need to keep an eye on fly-strike at the moment with the pre-Christmas storms flies rather active, so if we get follow-up its likely to again become an issue.

Property

On the property market land sales in the Central West have been exceptionally strong in the recent 12 months with several local properties selling and achieving district records.

Many sales in the area achieved unprecedented rates of \$200-\$300 plus per acre.

I expect these levels to maintain good-quality, well-improved, and well-grassed properties as demand is very strong with current commodity levels and favourable interest rates.

Locust numbers persistant

Persistent locust and grasshopper populations have been spotted between Hughenden, Muttaborra and Winton.

According to the Department of Agriculture and Fisheries, adult spur-throated locusts have been reported from October to December 2021 around areas of the channel country however, at this time, they are not considered sufficient in number enough to cause significant pasture damage.

“Producers should be aware that the major difference between locusts and grasshoppers is that locusts have the ability to swarm, while grasshoppers do not,” a DAF spokesperson said.

“A range of environmental factors, including favourable weather conditions and natural control mechanisms such as pathogens and predators, impact on population sizes.”

The Department's Grasshopper Working Group, established in 2021, has been monitoring the current situation closely and helping with grasshopper/locust entification as requested.

They also conduct regular and structured on-ground surveillance of locust species across the region.

The group includes representatives from DAF, the Australian Plague Locust Commission and the National Recovery and Resilience Agency to ensure affected producers receive consistent information about grasshoppers and legal access to chemical control options.

“Producers are encouraged to keep an eye out for the small grasshopper nymphs and observe their locations,” they said.

“If grasshopper nymphs are occurring in discrete areas, there is an option to intervene early and spot-spray while they are still confined to a smaller area.

“This presents an opportunity to interrupt their life cycle as well as kill the current population and prevent them causing damage to pasture as adults.”

The Department of Agriculture and fisheries encouraged producers considering using spray options to carefully assess the benefit and cost of applying control options and to take into account the direct cost of the control, cost of applying the control, and the expected benefit from treatment.

“Producers should also consider property organic status when investigating control options,” they said.

Producers can get further information by calling the DAF Customer service centre on 13 25 23, by visiting their closest DAF office, observing Covid-19 protocols, and from DAF's website – <https://www.daf.qld.gov.au/business-priorities/biosecurity/invasive-plants-animals/fact-sheets#locust>.

Deciphering prohibitive, restrictive species

By Anna Moffat; Central West Regional Pest Management Group

Whether you are a Landholder, Resident, Rate Payer, Renter, Contractor, or Traveler everyone has a General Biosecurity Obligation (GBO) to take all reasonable and practical steps to minimise the risks associated with invasive plants.

Prohibited invasive plants - are plants that have been identified to have potential significant impacts and may not yet be present in Queensland.

These plants have a “must not deal with” stipulation, this includes, but not limited to: not keeping or possessing, producing or manufacturing, breeding, propagating, importing, distributing, and buying, supplying or using.

If you become aware of the presence of biosecurity matter that is prohibited matter, you must report it to Biosecurity Queensland without delay.

Restricted invasive plants - are plants that have been established in Queensland and threaten primary industries, the natural environment, livestock, human health, and people's livelihoods.

There are up to seven different categories, with categories 1 and 2 being the most severe and must be reported within 24 hours.

Like the prohibited invasive plants, these too have a “must not deal with” stipulation.

Category 1 must be reported to either Biosecurity or Council within 24 hours of finding: (includes but not limited to fire ants, electric ants, Asian Honey bees, and certain animal diseases, aquatic diseases, and pathogens).

Category 2 must be reported to either Biosecurity or Council within 24 hours of finding: (includes but not limited to noxious fish, weeds, and pest animals).

Category 3 Must not be sold, gifted, traded,



Harriisia Cactus

or released into the environment: (includes but not limited to pest weeds and animals, and noxious fish).

Category 4 must not be moved from its location to prevent further spreading into other areas: (includes but not limited to specific weeds, pest animals, and noxious fish).

Category 5 must not possess or keep this restricted matter: (includes but not limited to cactus, rabbits, noxious fish, and some grasses).

Category 6 must not feed anything in this category: (includes but not limited to feral deer, foxes, rabbits, wild dogs, and noxious fish)

Category 7 must not have in your possession and as soon as practicable, kill the restricted matter: (limited to noxious fish including but not limited to carp, tilapia).

Not everyone knows what they have growing in their backyard or what they are purchasing or being given, so sometimes things do fall

through the cracks.

By contacting your Local Council, Landcare Member/s or visiting the DAF website you can have plants identified and/or removed.

In the event a plant is either a prohibited or restricted invasive plant, you will be guided through the process on how to remove the species.

Invasive plants should never be placed onto Town Commons, Stock Routes or other people's properties, vacant land, or environmental areas.

It is advised to contact your Local Council to find out where it is appropriate to dispose of any weed material. Central Western Queensland has the right temperate Zone for all invasive plants to grow exponentially.

Over the coming months, we will delve into the prohibited invasive/restricted invasive plants located throughout Central Western Queensland.

Most if not all of these plants have either been found in residential gardens, along roadsides, on properties or in shops.

If you believe that you may have one of these plants growing in your yard or are unsure of what you have got,

contact your Local Council and have a chat with your Rural Lands Officer:

Other Agencies that can also assist:

- DAF: <https://www.daf.qld.gov.au/business-priorities/biosecurity/invasive-plants-animals/plants-weeds>
- DCQ: <https://desertchannels.com.au/?v=13b249c5dfa9>
- Landcare Groups: <https://landcareaustralia.org.au/>
- Weed Spotters Network: <https://www.qld.gov.au/environment/plants-animals/plants/herbarium/weeds/weed-spotters>

AgForce welcomes tighter regulations around goats

AgForce has welcomed tighter regulations for wild game harvesting in a bid to stamp out the theft of commercial goats across Queensland.

Driven by Safe Food Production Queensland, amendments came into force today, placing greater onus on wild animal harvesters and processors.

The changes, which include the need for harvesters to obtain a signed consent form from landholders, were introduced following a rise in goat thefts – sparked by soaring meat prices.

Figures from the State's Major and Organised Crime Squad (Rural) reveal the number of goats stolen has almost doubled in the past 12 months – with 429 head reported stolen across the State last year compared to 220 head in 2020.

With cases of both stolen and legal goat carcasses being processed through kangaroo chiller box facilities, concerns have been raised over animal traceability.

AgForce Sheep and Wool Board President Mike Pratt said he hoped tighter regulations would curb the problem, but urged producers to ear-tag kids at marking time and to remain vigilant and report all suspicious activities to police.

“The domestic goat market in Australia has gone from strength to strength over the past decade, and Queensland has been a key player with many producers receiving prices upwards of \$10 per kilogram,” he said.

“Unfortunately, the downside of that is that we are seeing callous individuals trying to cash in by taking what isn't theirs.

“Some producers have lost hundreds of thousands of dollars as a result, and, as well as the financial implications, there is an emotional toll, with many producers left devastated.”

Tighter regulations mean that the food safety programs and management statements of wild animal supply chain businesses must now ensure compliance with the following:

All wild game harvesters are required to obtain written consent from each landholder where harvesting of wild game is undertaken.

The consent form must contain contact details for the landholder and list the species of wild game permitted to be harvested on the property.

The consent forms for each landholder must always be carried by field harvesters when in possession of wild game carcasses.

All Safe Food accredited field depot operators and wild game processors that source field shot wild goats must retain a copy of the consent form on file and contact the landholder within 48hrs of receipt. This will verify the accuracy of the information on carcass tags and consent forms before the animals are sent or presented for further processing.

Mr Pratt said the crackdown was a welcome step in the right direction and encouraged landholders to ensure they have a signed consent form prior to allowing a harvester onto their property.

“We commend efforts by Safe Food Production Queensland to deter this illegal trade, and look forward to working with them to help protect the State's commercial goat industry,” he added.

Gardening



Marigolds.



Viola Tiger-Eye.



Viola Raspberries and Cream.



Potted Colour.

Totally Australian plants

Next Wednesday is Australia Day, the day we celebrate all the great things we love about Australia. From the beauty of the land to mate-ship and a sense of a fair go, from our laidback lifestyle to the people and cultures that our community so rich.

No forgetting those national symbols that represent what is so special about our nation. The barbie, the Aussie flag, zinc cream on our noses, thongs on our feet and for some the Akubra on heads. It is so good to be Australian.

Then don't ignore the Aussie flora and fauna as dinky di as Lamingtons or the annual Australia Day lamb ads. For the Australian Native Plant nuts like it is the Wattle. While unable to claim the national fauna uniqueness of the Koala and the Kangaroo, the floriferous wattle has those special and required attributes which make it a worthy Australian Floral Emblem.

The Wattle is ideally suited to withstand Australia's droughts, winds and bushfires. It is this resilience of the Wattle that represents the spirit of the Australian people.

To many, a wattle is just a wattle and most people have one growing somewhere in their backyard. They do not realise that there are literally hundreds of species of Acacia in the country from prostrate groundcovers and low, medium and bushy shrubs to very large shrubs and tall trees.

This spectacular group of plants, botanically known as Acacias, boast more than 650 known species throughout the Australian continent, and also occur in a number of other countries to a limited extent.

Quick growing, showy and tolerant of a wide range of climatic conditions, the wattles are ideal plants for the Aussie garden enthusiasts whether they live along the sandy coastlines, in the cooler ranges or outback in the nation's arid centre.

Whether you need a quick-growing large shrub for a privacy screen or a windbreak or a small shrub for mass colour display or trees for that fuller effect, the Wattle maybe the answer.

POT PLANTS FOR FEBRUARY

It's not just the garden that can look good for February, but it is also an opportunity to create colour displays on a balcony, patio or other sunny living areas. This can be achieved by planting beautiful flowering annuals in containers. Whether they be simple pots, decorative urns, or window planter boxes, containers are perfect for growing flowering annuals at any time of the year. They are also good for providing a low maintenance solution to brightening up a courtyard or patio area. Growing plants in containers can also provide a much-needed activity for children, providing both the thrill of watching the plant grow and the responsibility of maintaining the plant.

There are many varieties of annuals available at your local nursery suitable for container planting. Petunias are a regular favourite, offering a wide range of colours either in fashionable or bright mixes or in separate colours. Snapdragons, marigolds, pansies and violas all provide excellent displays in pots.

Plants can be purchased as seedlings and in a few short weeks they will be flowering. Once potted, these plants should be kept out of windy spots, as moisture will evaporate more quickly. Avoid very shady spots as well, as most summer annuals need plenty of sun. A handy hint to remember when planting your seedling - a good potting mix is important. I would recommend one that is well-balanced, light and easy draining and that includes slow release fertilisers and water retention granules. Remember though, a feed of a soluble fertiliser every couple of weeks will be needed to keep the flowers coming.

PLANT NOW FOR FEBRUARY

Annuals - Marigolds, Salvia, Petunia, Alyssum, Candytuft, Cineraria, Clarkia, Cornflower, Delphinium, Dianthus Gypsophila, Larkspur, Linaria, Lobelia, Pansy, Phlox, Poppy, Primula, Snapdragon, Statice, Stock, Sweet Pea, Verbena and Viola



Acacia macradenia.



Potted Colour Blackall.



Lobelia 1.

WEATHER

FORECAST

Warnings

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

Longreach:

Partly cloudy. Winds east to northeasterly 25 to 35 km/h.

Saturday. Partly cloudy.

Isisford:

Partly cloudy.

Saturday. Partly cloudy.

Barcaldine:

Partly cloudy.

Saturday. Partly cloudy.

Central West District:

Partly cloudy. Slight (20%) chance of a shower in the southwest in the morning and afternoon. The chance of a storm west of Longreach in the morning and afternoon. Winds easterly 20 to 30 km/h increasing to 25 to 40 km/h during the morning.

Northern Goldfields & Upper Flinders District:

Partly cloudy. Medium (50%) chance of showers in the north, slight (30%) chance elsewhere. The chance of a storm. Winds east to northeasterly 15 to 25 km/h becoming easterly 25 to 35 km/h during the morning.

Central Highlands & Coalfields District:

Partly cloudy. Slight (30%) chance of a shower. Winds easterly 25 to 35 km/h.

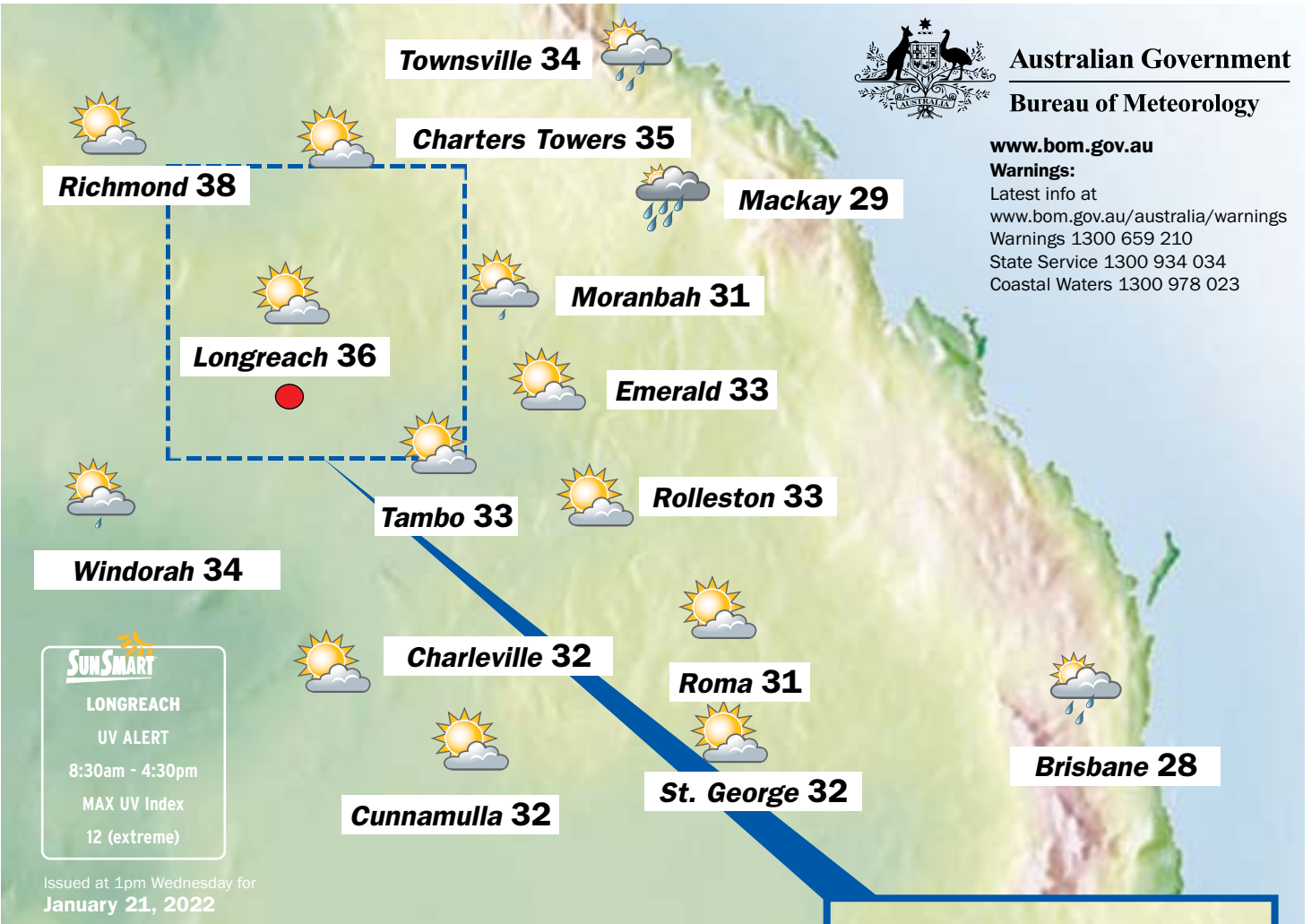
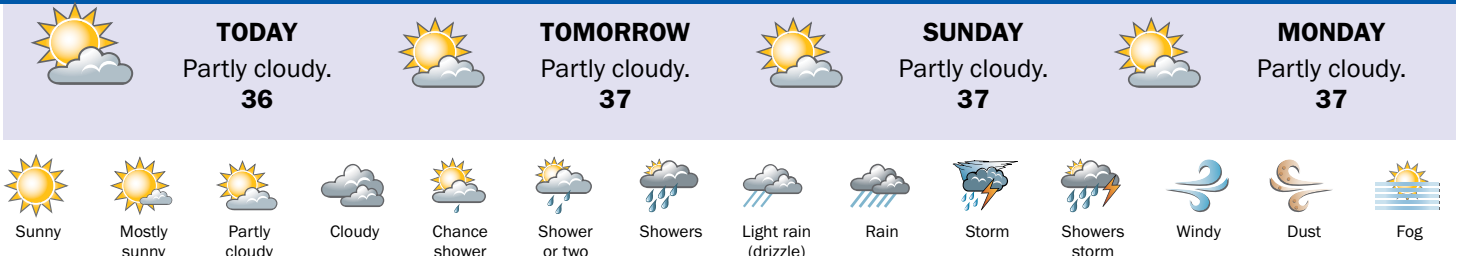
Maranoa & Warrego District:

Partly cloudy. The chance of a storm in the southwest in the afternoon and evening. Winds easterly 25 to 35 km/h.

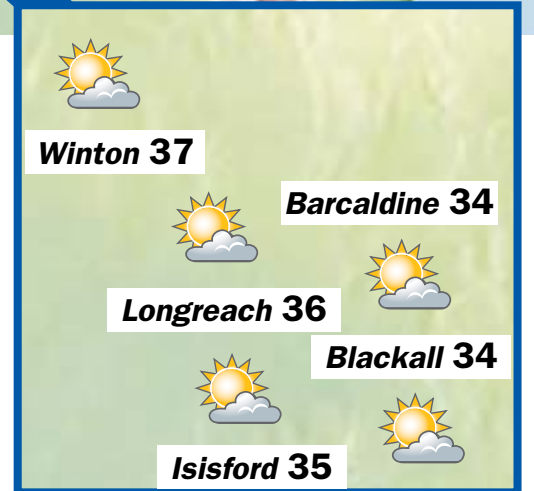
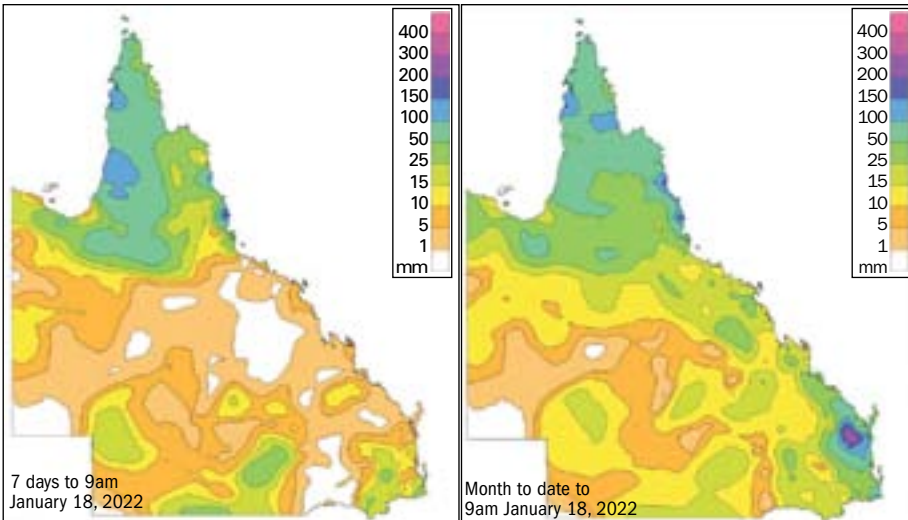
Queensland:

A trough in the western interior is likely to contract to the west of the state. A ridge along the east coast will strengthen and extend into the central interior. A weak trough over the far northern Coral Sea may move over the Peninsula. Partly cloudy about the far southern interior. A medium to high chance of showers about the east coast, increasing to a very high chance about the southeast and northeast tropical coasts. A slight to medium chance of showers and storms elsewhere, increasing to a medium to high chance about the far west with a risk of locally heavy falls with storm activity. Temperatures near average about the northeast, tending below average elsewhere. Daytime maximums tending well below average about west and southern interior. Saturday. A firm ridge will persist along the east coast and central parts of the state, with a trough likely to remain to the west of the state. A second trough may extend from the northern Coral Sea across Cape York Peninsula or the Torres Strait. Mostly sunny about the central to southern interior. A slight to medium chance of showers about the east coast, increasing to high to very high chance about the southern border ranges, central coast and northeast tropical coast. A slight to medium chance of showers and storms in the far west and in the north, increasing to a medium to high chance about Cape York Peninsula. Temperatures near average about the northeast, tending below average elsewhere.

LONGREACH FORECAST



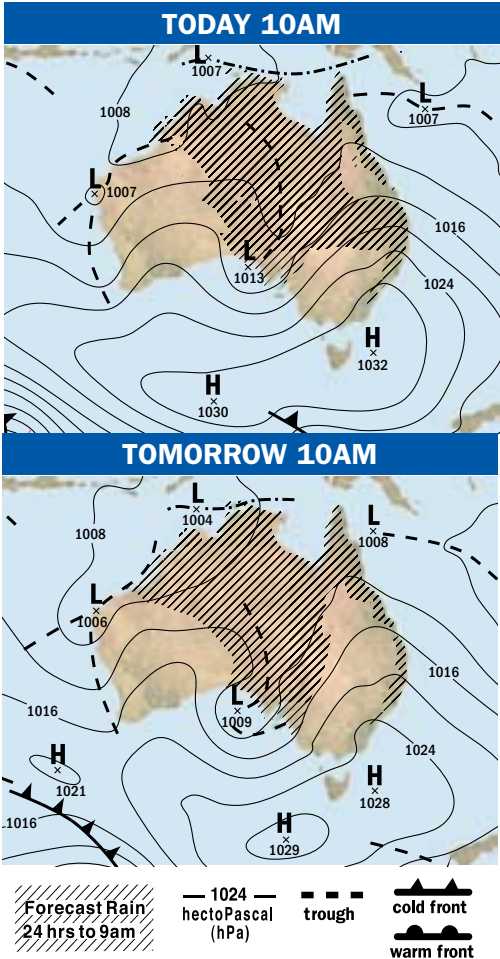
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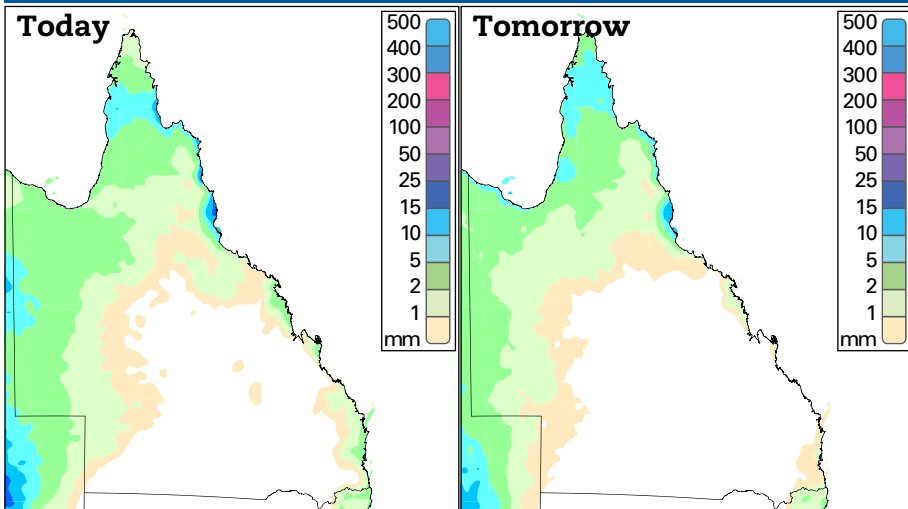
THE WORLD

World conditions yesterday

City	Weather	Max	Min
Athens	fine	13	0
Auckland	showers	25	18
Bangkok	fine	34	24
Beijing	cloudy	-2	-8
Berlin	snow	3	1
Christchurch	showers	19	10
Denpasar	storms	26	22
Dublin	cloudy	7	1
Hong Kong	fine	20	17
Honolulu	sunny	27	19
Jakarta	rain	32	24
Johannesburg	storms	25	15
Kuala Lumpur	storms	33	24
London	sunny	5	2
Los Angeles	sunny	23	9
Madrid	sunny	13	0
Moscow	rain	-2	-7
New Delhi	fog	17	12
New York	snow	2	1
Noumea	showers	29	24
Paris	cloudy	6	1
Auckland	showers	25	18
Port Vila	showers	30	22
Seoul	fine	2	-8
Singapore	windy	33	24
Suva	storms	29	23
Tel Aviv	fine	14	9
Tokyo	fine	9	0
Vancouver	showers	9	7
Wellington	showers	19	13



Forecast Rainfall



CAPITAL CITIES

City	Condition	Max
Adelaide	Shower or two later.	35
Brisbane	Shower or two.	28
Canberra	Partly cloudy.	24
Darwin	Showers. Possible storm.	32
Hobart	Sunny.	25
Melbourne	Sunny.	31
Perth	Very hot and sunny.	39
Sydney	Possible shower.	26

SUN & MOON

	Sunrise	Sunset	Moonrise	Moonset
Friday	5:54am	7:14pm	9:41pm	8:29am
Saturday	5:55am	7:14pm	10:15pm	9:24am
Sunday	5:56am	7:14pm	10:49pm	10:19am
Monday	5:56am	7:14pm	11:24pm	11:15am
Tuesday	5:57am	7:13pm	Nil	12:12pm
Wednesday	5:58am	7:13pm	12:01am	1:12pm



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Final Approval: 1pm Wednesday

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Tender for Trade Services Panel

Queensland Health has released a statewide
tender for a trade services panel.

Offers close Monday 31 January 2022.

For more information visit
https://qtenders.hpw.qld.gov.au
(reference RP99059) or email
Strategic_Procurement_NQ@health.qld.gov.au



Queensland
Government

General Notices

Public Notices and Event

Proposed Development

Make a submission from
**24th January 2022 to
16th February 2022**

**Reconfiguring a Lot for One (1)
Lot into Two (2) Lots and Material
Change on Use for Research and
Technology Industry**

Where: 36 Nisbet Street, Winton,
Queensland 4735

On: Lot 1 on AE160

Approval sought: Development Permit
for Reconfiguring a Lot (one (1) Lot into
two (2) Lots) and Material Change of Use
"Research and Technology Industry"

Application ref: WSC 21-10

**You may obtain a copy of the
application and make a submission to:**
Winton Shire Council
PO Box 288, WINTON, QLD, 4735

(07) 4657 2680

info@winton.qld.gov.au

Public notification requirements are
in accordance with the Planning Act 2016

CLASSIFIEDS EARLY DEADLINES

Australia Day 26th January

Classified deadlines for
Friday 28th January issue of the
Longreach Leader as follows:

TUESDAY 25th JANUARY at 1pm

Find it in the
**General
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section of Network Classifieds.

General Classifieds

Contract & Tenders

Longreach Regional Council Tenders:
• **Isisford Water Treatment Plant Minor
Upgrades and**
• **Isisford Water Mains Replacement.**

Tenders closing 2pm, Wednesday 9th February
2022, at the office of GBA Consulting Engineers,
73 Elm Street (PO Box 169) Barcardine Q 4725
Tel: (07) 46515 177 are invited for the following:

- Isisford Water Treatment Plant Minor
Upgrades and
- Isisford Water Mains Replacement.

Tender documents are available from GBA
Consulting Engineers by emailing your details
to: tenders@gbaengineers.com.au or can be
downloaded from the QTender website
https://qtenders.hpw.qld.gov.au/qtenders/

In accordance with the provisions of the Local
Government Regulation 2012, Council reserves
the right to later invite all tenderers to change
their tenders to take account of a change in the
tender specification. The lowest or any tender
may not necessarily be accepted.

Chief Executive Officer GBA Consulting Engineers
Longreach Regional Council

General Classifieds

Contract & Tenders



**Winton Shire Council
Tender WSCT-2122-08
Winton Airport Fuel Supplier
& Operator**

Winton Shire Council is seeking a
suitably experienced partner to supply,
operate, maintain and sell fuel at the
Winton Aerodrome. The incumbent is
required to operate the existing AVGAS
facility and supply, install and operate a
new Jet A-1 facility.

The tender package and all responses are
via Vendor Panel (ref. VP286443).

Contract & Tenders

LONGREACH SHOW SOCIETY INC.

TENDER OPPORTUNITY
Running of the bar at the 2022-2024 Longreach
Show events.

LSS is seeking tenders from suitably skilled and
capable community groups/clubs for the
running of the bar at the Longreach Annual Show for
a 3 year term from 2022-2024.

Please contact the Secretary to obtain the tender
document:

Email: longreachshow@outlook.com.au

Phone: 0467 566 728

PO Box 99 Longreach Qld 4730

Tenders close: Friday 18th February 2022

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Lloydy's Serve

Michael Lloyd



Ashes turns to dust...

Summer in the Central West involves avoiding the heat, waiting for it to rain, and watching copious amounts of cricket and tennis.

Well, 2022 has started much as 2021 ended.

It's hot, it still hasn't rained, that nasty C word is still around, and I love sport!

The Summer of Tennis has begun with the Aussies carving it up.

What a great role model Ash Barty is on and off the court.

We pummelled England in the Ashes, for those old enough, you will remember when this happened to us so I don't mind sending the Poms home with their tail between their legs.

After a few years in the West, I've realised to play cricket in the yard in summer means making the most of that two hours between 6 and 8 when the temperature drops to a balmy 38 (hopefully).

The wheelie bin is rolled out as the stumps, items such as cars, trees, and the trampoline are designated fielders and you plead with the dog to get off the pitch.

One of the things I love about cricket, and there are many, is that the players are mad, in a good way of course.

The Longreach and Winton teams took to the field last weekend when temps hit 44.

On the day I personally retired to the air con at the pub, but over my career, I've played on 40+ days, in Melbourne where you couldn't warm your fingers and days in Brisbane when you had to mop the pitch before play.

It's just what we do.

You can stand in the field all day, and then, when it's your turn to bat, get out first ball, ask Rory Burns!

It is one of the fundamentals of a junior cricket coach to make sure that players are involved in the game in the field, even if their batting or bowling comes to a premature end.

And on days like last Saturday, it tests even the best training and cricket-loving culture.

So as 2022 starts, remember, it's not that hot, the volunteers at your respective Clubs are doing their best to keep you safe and provide a fun atmosphere, and get out there and involved.

I look forward to seeing you out there over the summer on the pitch, across the court, in the pool, on the rink, or wherever you enjoy your sport.



Queensland's world number one Ash Barty is in hot form in Melbourne.

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Purvis steals the show

By Jaimee-Lee Prow

It was at Blackall's showgrounds last weekend, where Central Western Queensland horse enthusiasts descended to compete at the Outback Barrel Horse Circuit (OBHC) two-day event, with the competition proving to be hotter than the weather!

Continuing on from her winning streak from the New Year's Eve Tambo Rodeo, Charleville cowgirl Tash Purvis stole the show, taking out the field of 43 competitors in the Open Divisional Barrel Race to win both Saturday evening and Sunday morning's event to easily be labeled the fastest in town.

OBHC President Jaimee-Lee Prow said the event showcased some stellar competition, with some placings coming down to the hundredth of a second.

"Thank goodness for Electric Timers that can go down to the third decimal; the caliber of competition we have here in our neck of the woods is incredible - there is absolutely nothing in it and all the times certainly come down to the wire", explained Prow.

"It was great to witness Tash get the win, she is just as deserving as all of us - a young mum and horsewoman - Tash has been a staunch supporter and competitor of our Club since its inception, travelling many kilometers to make it to all our events.

"She has an incredibly talented Quarter Horse Gelding by the name of Playboy Cowboy who has a lot of speed and try, it's nice to see them find their groove again after Tash has got back in the saddle after having a baby."

Young Blackall competitor Sarah MacCronan dominated the Youth Divisional Event, taking out top honours in both Saturday and Sunday's competition.

The Blackall Barrel Racing event is part of the OBHC 2021/22 Super Series, which has seen the strong following of competitors travel extensively across Western Queensland earning points to take out the Series Championship - with events hosted in Cunnamulla, Augathella, Charleville, Longreach, Jundah and Blackall.

The series is drawing to an end, with one more event to be held in February at Augathella before the series final showdown to be hosted in the picturesque Outback in Longreach, undercover at the Australian Stockman's Hall of Fame (ASHOF), wrapping up the series with a bang - with ten thousand dollar Open Divisional prize pool up for grabs, making it one of the richest Barrel Racing events in Australia.

"We are extremely both excited and grateful of the support the ASHOF has thrown behind our club," Ms Prow said.

"To be able to hold our Outback club's final event in such an iconic Outback and premier location that celebrates stockmen/women contributions to our heritage makes us extremely proud to showcase our talented horse people and our sport - Longreach Regional Council is also giving great support towards our event.

"We anticipate lots of entries from around the state, with people prepared to travel a lot of distance to attend such an event, and we hope they enjoy their outback experience while out here competing."

BLACKALL BARREL RACE RESULTS - SATURDAY

OPEN 1D

- 1st - Tash Purvis & Playboy Cowboy (Charleville)
- 2nd - Charlee-Rose Prow & Rocking V Marilyn Munroe (Blackall)
- 3rd - Sarah MacCronan & Dunston (Blackall)
- 4th - Sarah MacCronan & Belle (Blackall)

OPEN 2D

- 1st - Makybe Edwards & Dulce (Isisford)
- 2nd - Hope Doyle & KND Super Morn (Charleville)



Young Augathella Cowgirl and her big paint horse Renegade made consistently solid runs over the weekend at Blackall Barrels, winning the Maturity age incentive on Saturday.

- 3rd - Summa Purvis & Dakota (Charleville)
- 4th - Emmie Creevey & Cowboy (Augathella)

OPEN 3D

- 1st - Sharna Simmons & Sid (Roma)
- 2nd - Sharna Simmons & Tazzy (Roma)
- 3rd - Jamielea Howlett & sox (Longreach)
- 4th - Shana Johnson & Pibbin (Aramac)

OPEN 4D

- 1st - Parker Pegg & Gold Cat (Augathella)
- 2nd - Shana Johnson & Holly (Aramac)
- 3rd - Rory Nichols & Malibu (Blackall)
- 4th - Sarah Hoad & Doc Holiday (Longreach)

YOUTH 1D

- 1st- Sarah MacCronan & Belle (Blackall)
- 2nd - Sarah MacCronan & Dunston (Blackall)
- 3rd - Summa Purvis & Playboy Cowboy (Charleville)
- 4th - Paige Meek & Sweet Peppy Sioux (Augathella)

YOUTH 2D

- 1st - Makybe Edwards & Oakeys Little Pearl (Isisford)
- 2nd - Parker Pegg & Roc (Augathella)
- 3rd - Hope Doyle & KND Super Morn (Charleville)
- 4th - Makybe Edwards & Dulce (Isisford)

YOUTH 3D

- 1st- Jamielea Howlett & Sox (Longreach)
- 2nd - Shana Johnson & Holly (Aramac)
- 3rd - Shana Johnson & Pibbin (Aramac)
- 4th - Jaylee Taylor & Cruz (Longreach)

LITTLE DRUMMERS (Under 10 Led)

- 1st - Jesse McClelland & Missy (Alpha)
- 2nd - Jayden Thompson & Playboy Cowboy (Charleville)

LITTLE DRUMMERS (Under 10 Unled)

- 1st - Maddy MacCronan & Trigger (Blackall)
- 2nd - Lachlan Baker & Eclipse (Charleville)
- 3rd - Lachlan Baker & Drover (Charleville)

ENCOURAGEMENT - Harry Baker (Charleville)

- FUTURITY WINNER (Horses 4,5,6 years) - Dunston (ridden by Sarah MacCronan)
- MATURITY WINNER (Horses 7,8,9 years) - Renegade (ridden by Bec Meek)
- SENIOR HORSE WINNER (Horses 14 years & over) - Rocking V Marilyn Munroe (Ridden by Charlee-Rose Prow)



Sarah MacCronan and her Dunston blitzed the field of Youth riders on Sunday's event to win the Youth 1D.

SUNDAY RESULTS -

OPEN 1D

- 1st - Tash Purvis & Playboy Cowboy (Charleville)
- 2nd - Sarah MacCronan & Belle (Blackall)
- 3rd - Sarah MacCronan & Cheyenne
- 4th - Charlee-Rose Prow & Rocking V Marilyn Munroe (Blackall)

OPEN 2D

- 1st - Sharni O'Toole & Roc N Gold (Blackall)
- 2nd - Emmie Creevey & Top Hat (Augathella)
- 3rd - Summa Purvis & Dakota (Charleville)
- 4th - Paige Meek & Checkers (Augathella)

OPEN 3D

- 1st - Sharna Simmons & Tazzy (Roma)
- 2nd - Shana Johnson & Holly (Aramac)
- 3rd - Sophie Heinnehan & Mac (Charleville)
- 4th- Jaylee Taylor & Cruz (Longreach)

OPEN 4D

- 1st - Sarah Hoad & Doc Holiday (Longreach)
- 2nd - Tori Castles & Eclipse (Charleville)
- 3rd - Charlee-Rose Prow & Boonstyle Fame (Blackall)
- 4th - Shana Johnson & Joker (Aramac)

YOUTH 1D

- 1st - Sarah MacCronan & Dunston (Blackall)
- 2nd - Sarah MacCronan & Belle

- 3rd - Sarah MacCronan & Cheyenne
- 4th - Charlee-Rose Prow & Rocking V Marilyn Munroe (Blackall)

YOUTH 2D

- 1st - Emmie Creevey & Cowboy (Augathella)
- 2nd- Hope Doyle & KND Super Morn (Charleville)
- 3rd - Paige Meek & Checkers (Augathella)
- 4th- Makybe Edwards & Dulce (Isisford)

YOUTH 3D

- 1st - Shana Johnson & Pibbin (Aramac)
- 2nd - Rory Nichols & Malibu (Blackall)
- 3rd- Tori Castles & Eclipse (Charleville)
- 4th- Jaylee Taylor & Cruz (Longreach)

LITTLE DRUMMERS - LED

- 1ST - Jesse McClelland & Missy (Alpha)
- 2nd- Jayden Thompson & Playboy Cowboy (Charleville)

LITTLE DRUMMERS - UNLED

- 1st - Maddy MacCronan & Trigger (Blackall)
- 2nd - Lachlan Baker & Eclipse (Charleville)
- 3rd - Lachlan Baker & Drover (Charleville)

ENCOURAGEMENT - Harry Baker (Charleville)

- FUTURITY WINNER - Dakota (Ridden by Summa Purvis, Charleville)
- MATURITY WINNER- Halls Sasperio (Ridden By Riley O'Dell, Jericho)