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Holding firm

The Australian wool auctions saw general price gains this week despite the Australian dollar continuing to ascend in value against all of the major trading currencies.

General gains of 10 to 15ac were recorded on the Merino sector alongside a mediocre 5ac increase in crossbred wool types.

Global stocks of those broader wools are slowly moving again, giving some minor confidence that more of that type can find a home at the consumer level.

Clearance rates remain strong with 89.9 per cent of all wool offered being cleared to the trade.

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Blitzing the field

The Central West held its second race meet with Todd Austin Stables taking four from the five races. Pictured with winner Past Tense are Bailey Merchant and Jockey Ric McMahon.

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A show-stopper

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The editor's desk

Looking into the efforts made by ordinary people during the flood events in southeast Queensland and northern New South Wales, I am inspired by courage people have to make extraordinary efforts to help others - including their pets.

But it makes me wonder, how much more could have been done, if we had a stronger established SES.

The SES have been the unsung heroes during the Black Summer bushfires and now again during these floods.

There may come a time when our region's SES crew and volunteer fire and emergency service men and women are called upon in a similar disaster.

The person responsible in that situation, may be you.

If you are someone who is unsure of how to spend their time, now is the time to join one of those services.

- Michael R Williams



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Clean Up Australia Day big in Winton

By Winton Shire Council

Well done Winton, "clean Up Australia Day 2022" is done and dusted (pardon the pun!).

Today was well attended, thank you to those who turned up.

The morning was finished with a well-earned breakfast.

Thank you to mother nature as she turned down temp for a little while, which was nice but obviously we had to fight off the flies.

There would have been a couple of cars of rubbish picked up from around town, well done.



Mayor Gavin Baskett lending a hand.



A truck full of rubbish.



Tilly Mutton, Pippa Mutton and Reagan Fraser cleaning up in Winton.

Leader's sister paper in SA wins big

The Border Watch, a Today News Group affiliated paper that covers Mount Gambier in South Australia, has won big, taking home 2021 Newspaper of the Year (over 4,000 circulation) at the recent Country Press South Australia annual awards dinner in Adelaide.

Today News Group recently acquired the Longreach Leader, and it just goes to show the incredible depth of talent in their ranks.

Judges of the event commented that the Border Watch had consistently engaging clean, bold headlines, pictures, and a main story with a couple of lead-in stories on the front page.

Also on the front page was a very soft line underneath the paper banner pointing to regular sections within the paper without making the front page messy.

The Border Watch produces weekly, a consistently clean newspaper with most stories having a bold headline to alert the reader as well as a picture relating to the story.

Local general news is well covered and the sports section is outstanding.

There is also consistent space throughout the publication and the body, and type size of the editorial does not change.

The paper is a well finished off product although I did note the pictures may be able to be adjusted to suit the dull newsprint as some looked a little cold and a tad flat."



Congratulations to The Border Watch and everyone who works on the publication. Great recognition for an incredibly good newspaper and dedicated team.

Mothers have your say

Longreach mothers will once again be given an opportunity to have their say, as the Longreach Hospital is undertaking a survey on the quality of its maternity and birthing services.

Longreach Hospital Senior Medical Officer Dr Kirsty Symmons said the results of the survey would be used to help plan future service delivery.

"This is the second maternity services survey we have undertaken of women who have given birth at Longreach, following the first one that was conducted in early 2019," Dr Symmons said.

"In the 2019 survey, we received 112 responses and between 80-90 per cent of the responses indicated high satisfaction levels with most aspects of our maternity service.

"More than 90 per cent of respondents said they would deliver in Longreach again and recommend it to others.

"These survey results are a testament to the quality of the birthing service we deliver here at Longreach."

Dr Symmons said it was important for the maternity team not to rest on their laurels.

"We are continually looking at ways we can improve our maternity and birthing services and what we can do better," she said.

"Continuing feedback from our clients is a vital element in helping maintain high standards of service so we are keen to survey our mums and their families again to ensure we are still delivering the best service possible."

Dr Symmons said mothers who had given birth at Longreach from 2019 to 2021 were being invited to participate in the survey.

The survey will be available online and in paper form and will be active from 7 March to 6 May.

Dr Symmons said around 60 babies a year, on average, were born at Longreach Hospital.

She said the Longreach Hospital unit 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.

"For a woman who lives out of Longreach, her midwife will liaise with the outreach midwifery staff in her community," she said.

"Women also have the options of shared care with their regular GP, public care with a GP obstetrician at Longreach hospital or private care with a chosen GP obstetrician in Longreach."

Dr Symmons said the Longreach Hospital maternity unit offered three single ensuite rooms, a birth suite, a maternity assessment room, a nursery, and an equipment room.

"The three single rooms on the maternity ward are big rooms with an ensuite but also an area with a sink where mums can give their babies baths," she said.

"The birthing suite importantly also allows space for family to be with a woman and the birthing team during the birth of a baby if they choose.

"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."



Dr Kirsten Symmons.

Dr Symmons said the maternity unit had a midwifery staff of seven that was supported by allied health professionals and General Practitioners with advanced training in obstetrics.

"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," she said.

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

"For women who have complications in their pregnancy, the Longreach maternity team has close contact with maternal foetal medicine, obstetric medicine, and perinatal mental health teams at several tertiary hospitals."

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Phones removed for quiz

They were asked to remove their phones and place them in a bucket.
Locals took on the impossible task at Trivia Night at the Longreach State School.



Margaritas have their thinking caps on.



Smarticus than the rest.



At Your Cervix ready to prove their intellect.



Keen to show off their giga brains, Show Me The Pesos.



Torrs Road ready to prove their worth.



Old Beef Hooked are the smartest.



Grand philosophers, The Salty Rims.



Finally Dr Smarts, El Poco Loco.



Smarter than fifth graders, Taco Bout Winners.



Buckhunter Banditos are the most clever.

Mandate a show stopper

By Lachlan Millar, Gregory MP

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"Perversely, the same COVID19 requirement that will see committees lose volunteers will also mean they need more volunteers to enforce the exclusion of unvaccinated patrons at the show gate."

Mr Millar said people may not want to volunteer for the social confrontation this will create.

"Most people know each other in country towns," he said.

Mr Millar said given Queensland's high vaccination rates and the subsidence of the omicron wave, he hoped the Chief Health Officer and the Health Minister would consider there is no longer a public health need served by this requirement.

"The irony is that showgrounds usually



have multiple users these days – from overflow campers to touch footie, cricket, and other sports," he said.

"It seems the only user being singled out for vaccine enforcement is the local show society.

"The show societies have done it tough

through the pandemic - the first year was a write-off and last year was a struggle; we still had cancellations.

"I was very saddened to see the Clermont Show Society was unable to fill its executive committee this year.

"Our shows are a celebration of our rural towns; they operate on a fully volunteer basis and create millions of dollars of value for the Queensland economy.

"I don't think it is too much to ask for a little support from the Queensland Government."

Perret blasts State Government over college closure

Gympie MP and Shadow Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries, and Forestry Tony Perrett has lambasted the State Government over accepting donations from Queensland University of Technology CEO Peter Coaldrake, a man known for his involvement in a report that recommended the closure of the Emerald and Longreach Agricultural Colleges.

"The Premier might be unaware, but several ministers should have been aware, the agricultural minister was aware, several Labor backbenchers should have been aware, I have raised it several times in the parliament, everyone concerned with the outrageous closure of agricultural colleges knows Professor Coaldrake is a Labor donor," Minister Perrett said.

"He donated \$1,760 in June 2018—just two weeks before delivering his controversial report recommending closing the Emerald and Longreach agricultural colleges.

"He was paid \$61,600 for the politically motivated report to justify their closure and the subsequent asset sale of Emerald college's Berrigurra property for \$32.5 million."

"It was reported in the Brisbane media and across regional Queensland," he said.

"I asked the director-general about Professor Coaldrake's remuneration.

Mr Perrett claimed he was told the procurement process was undertaken by the Department of the Premier and Cabinet - it appears no one checks on potential conflicts or seeks the advice of the Integrity Commissioner.

"No one [in the Labor Party] saw a problem with the donation and the commissioning of a report to justify the closure of those colleges - they see nothing, hear nothing, and know nothing," he said.

"It does not wash - the shameful decision to close the colleges was rubber-stamped by the same Labor donor and supporter who will now conduct just the latest review the Premier has announced.

The Premier said she is confident that he, Professor Coaldrake, 'will do a thorough and effective job now' - after the hit job on the agricultural colleges, they are ominous words.

There is a stench around this government - so far integrity, accountability, and transparency look dead."

The Coaldrake report was released in 2019 at the time, RAPAD Chair Rob Chandler accepted its findings.

"This is their report, they've made the hard call, now work with us to reinvigorate VET and skilling in the region, across all sectors, not just agriculture," Councillor Chandler said.

"We need the VET sector to support what we have right now - tourism, agriculture, community services, civil and construction, aged care - then watch it grow and expand.

"But limiting the potential of the LPC to traditional industries misses a great opportunity to economically diversify the area and boost the regions resilience."



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Warego MP Ann Leahy speaking at the WQAC assembly.



Planning Minister Steven Miles speaking at the WQAC assembly.

Tackling housing is critical

By Michael R Williams

At this year's Western Queensland Alliance of Council's Assembly one major talking point was that of housing shortages.

The event was a collaboration between the three major congregational organisation of Western Queensland local governments, of northwest, central west, and southwest.

Housing shortages is an issue felt by towns all over outback Australia, it directly affect worker shortages, and is a major detriment to regional economies.

The alliance of councils have proposed to make the housing crisis a Federal election issue, calling on the Government to commit to introducing a Regional Home Guarantee Scheme and a new Regional Homebuilder Grant Scheme to meet the needs of rural communities.

Executive Officer of North West Queensland Regional Organisation of Councils, Greg Hoffman said housing has been a priority area since the inception of the WQAC.

"Since we were established, we've been doing detailed research and analysis, and in the case of housing, we've developed a significant report which, for the first time, delved into great detail into the extent and great challenges faced by communities and individuals wanting to buy or build housing in Western Queensland," he said.

"We are now seeing that that report is being looked at, as it does provide solutions not just identifying the problem.

"Local government, state government, and federal government and go about the business now of helping to solve the problem."

The report was released in late October last year, and since the WQAC have conducted lengthy and extensive conversations with leaders about the issues it addressed.

Mr Hoffman said WQAC had been working with, not only governments, but different industry interests such as the technology, building, and finance industries.

"We've talked to all of the players as to what and how they can be a part of the solution," he said.

"As to the Federal Government, we've identified some policy changes they could make to their housing policies and programs that would be more user friendly to Western Queensland a region current policies are not well designed for," he said.

"We're talking to the State Government about how we can work with them on social housing provisions, and State Government employee housing, which is another challenge.



The WQAC closing address.



Maranoa MP David Littleproud speaking at the WQAC.



The crowd at the WQAC assembly.

"Councils themselves - looking to how they could collaborate with one another on the business of providing housing."

Mr Hoffman said 1,500 houses are currently needed in the private market and the State Government, themselves, are needing an additional 130 and councils need 300 more.

"We are talking to these groups about how we start the process on solving this issue," he said.

"And, it will be a long one [process], there's

no easy fix."

The WQAC will be meeting with Minister for Housing Michael Sukkar to discuss his policies around the assembly's proposed variant to the Regional Home Guarantee Scheme.

"This is a variant on the scheme that already exists," he said.

"We're calling it a variant because it will need to have some different features for it to work in our location.

"It's currently not very well designed for our

housing market in western Queensland."

The WQAC hopes to implement the mechanisms needed to build the housing required.

"It's been a challenge for a long time, and our current approaches don't work," Mr Hoffman said.

"We've got to be innovative, we've go to look to new ways these changes can occur.

"We've got to look to Federal policies, they can be changed."



GWJ Founder Neil Glentworth giving a speech remotely.



Greg Hoffman, WQAC Leadership Group. He is the Executive Officer, North West Queensland Regional Organisation of Councils (NWQROC).

Outback regions in focus

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"The program entitled "Out West, Where the Stars are Brightest" brings Federal Government Ministers and Senators and Opposition Shadow Ministers to Charleville ahead of the Federal election due by May. They have been called upon to respond to the WQAC 2022 Federal Election Campaign - "Invest in the West, It Pays Dividends" setting out the projects, policy and program priorities that support our communities," Cr Radnedge said.

The Assembly will be opened by Deputy Premier Stephen Miles MP, Minister of State Development, Infrastructure, Local Government and Planning. The two-day program will delve into the big issues for Western Queensland – housing, digital connectivity, disaster management and resilience, climate change, aged care, business attraction and investment, and the Covid-19 pandemic.

The event has also attracted a sell-out 30 sponsors and exhibitors who will feature in the Trade Marquee showcasing the latest on offer in support of the day-to-day operations of our councils

The 22 councils of Western Queensland made the historic step in 2020 to formally unite as the WQAC and ramp up representation and recognition in pursuing common priorities. The WQAC brings together their representative bodies: North West Queensland Regional Organisation of Councils (NWQROC); Remote Area Planning and Development Board (RAPAD); and the South West Queensland Regional Organisation of Councils (SWQROC).

The 22 councils ranging from the Gulf of Carpentaria to the New South Wales border, generate \$9.35 billion of the State's Gross Product from 1.3 per cent of the Queensland's population.

This contribution, coming from the resources, agricultural, fishing and tourism sectors, is 2.2 times per capita above the Queensland average, demonstrating the value of the Western Queensland regions to the State and national economies.

Visit the WQAC website at wqac.com.au/assembly2022 for all Assembly 2022 information.



WQAC2022 ROC Chairs Mayor Rayner, Mayor Bawden, Mayor O'Toole.



Group photo of the mayors who attended the event.

What’s on

Licorice Pizza a must-see

Oscar season brings out my passion for movies even more than normal due to the sheer quality of films annually nominated by the Academy.

One of the frontrunners for Best Picture at this year's awards is the latest feature by Paul Thomas Anderson, *Licorice Pizza*, a coming-of-age story that fully deserves its triad of nominations.

Set in the sunny, carefree locale of 1970's West Los Angeles, *Licorice Pizza* follows new friends Alana Kane (Alana Haim) and Gary Valentine (Cooper Hoffman) as they bond, grow and blossom a beautiful friendship that eventually turns into an encounter with the feeling of first love, and how a 25-year-old woman and 15-year-old boy must deal with the many problems that come their way.

The film borrows elements from Anderson's Oscar-nominated *Boogie Nights*, most notably its setting which feels like it was plucked right out of days gone as *Licorice Pizza* utilises its setting magnificently with awe-inspiring recreations of long-standing

MOVIE
REVIEW



HAMISH HART

national landmarks and pop culture references for those born in Generation X.

However, cheap nostalgia isn't the only thing *Licorice Pizza* has going for it as this coming-of-age joyride contains some of the most likeable and well-written characters seen on the big screen in quite some time.

Licorice Pizza contains enough charisma, personality, and tender moments of affection to be considered one of Paul Thomas Anderson's best; we are introduced to a simple story that tackles much more complicated subject matters without ever specifically digging into them,



“Make sure to grab a slice of *Licorice Pizza* whenever you can as there is a good chance this will be the 94th Best Picture winner very soon.” - Hamish Hart, Movies with Hart.

allowing viewers to decipher the messages and meanings for themselves, something that not many movies allow people to do anymore.

The film is carried by its incredible screenplay and direction from one of the industry's all-time great filmmakers, and if you're search-

ing for a movie that isn't afraid to be itself, make sure to grab a slice of *Licorice Pizza* whenever you can as there is a good chance this will be the 94th Best Picture winner very soon.

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

Longreach and Central West Community Event Billboard

Friday, 18 March

Ride 2 School Day

Location: Memorial Park, Winton

Time: 7am

Mayor’s Morning Tea

Location: Memorial Park, Winton

Time: 10am

Easter Colour Competition

Collect your colouring sheet from any Library or Council office within the region.

Outback Futures Community Visit

Wellbeing support through a dedicated team at Outback Futures; services offered include counselling, psychology, occupational therapy and speech therapy.

Contact email address: info@outbackfutures.org.au

First Five Forever

An interactive educational experience for children learning to read.

Location: Longreach Library

Time: 9.30am

Lucky Street Draw

For more information call the Birdcage Hotel at (07) 4658 1230

Location: Birdcage Hotel

Time: 5pm

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

Scavenger Hunt

This March, Council is hosting the region’s biggest ever scavenger hunt! For more information or to gain access to the smart phone app please visit longreach.qld.gov.au events or give us a call on (07) 4658 4111.

Location: Across the region

Isisford Skin Clinic

Please call 4658 to book an appointment for: - skin biopsies - excisions - skin checks

Location: Isisford Primary Health Centre 2 St Helena St, Isisford QLD 4731

Time: 9am - 6pm

Saturday, 19 March

Winton Men’s Shed Open Day

Location: Winton Men’s Shed

Time: 9am

Alpha Rugby League Football Club - Trivia Night

Time to test your trivia knowledge. \$20.00 per team of 6. Dinner and bar available. Register your team on the night or via email at alphabrumbies@gmail.com

Location: Alpha Town Hall

Time: 6pm

QCWA

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

Location: Qantas Park

Time: 9am

Beach Race Day

Get ready for the first Longreach Race Day of the year, the 5 race program, ‘Beach Race Day - XXXX Publicans Cup!’ Bring the whole family and your mates for an entertaining afternoon of country racing and don’t forget to keep it casual with our beach theme!

Location: Longreach Racecourse

Time: 12pm

Longreach Archival and Historical Research Group meeting

Come along to learn new skills and make friends.

Location: 12 Swan Street

Time: 2pm

Wool Spinning

Come get artsy.

Location: Longreach Arts and Crafts Centre

Time: Afternoons

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: 7am

Morning Golf, Longreach

For more information email longreachgolf@gmail.com

Goose Club and RSL members Draw

For more information call (07) 4658 1092

Location: Longreach RSL

Time: 1pm

Sunday, 20 March

Community Yard Sale

Stuff to sell and treasures to find? Set up a site or head down to hunt for treasure.

Location: Wellshot Hotel

Time: 9am

Men’s Shed Markets

For more information please call 0400 719 837.

Location: Ilfracombe Main Street

Time: 7am

Community Garden

Come lend a hand in creating a beautiful garden.

Location: Longreach Youth Centre

Time: 6.30am

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: 1pm

Monday, 21 March

Longreach Town Band Brass Ensemble Rehearsals

Location: Longreach State School

Time: 6pm

Longreach SES Group Training

Are you committed to attending regular training and activating during events?

Location: Longreach SES Base, 14 Minor Road

Time: 7pm

Tuesday, 22 March

Longreach Playgroup

Ages 0-5 yrs. \$2.00/visit. A friendly and informal playgroup with a regular routine, safe outdoor play area and a range of organised activities for babies, toddlers and pre prep aged children. Please bring shared morning tea, hat & water.

Location: Lioness Park

Time: 9 am

Social Tennis Longreach

For more information please contact Anna-Marie Moffat on 0417 112 517 or visit the Longreach Tennis Facebook Page.

Location: Longreach Tennis Club

Time: 6.15pm

Longreach Brolga Girl Guides Meeting

Looking for fun, friendship and adventure? If you are a girl 5 - 17 years old then Girl Guides is for you!

Location: Guides hut, 15 Stilt Street, Longreach.

Time: 5.30pm

Thomson River Lions Club Meeting

For more information please contact Bobbie Willersdorf on 042758315

Location: Birdcage Hotel

Time: 6pm

Sheak It Up Fitness – Zumba, Longreach

\$10 per session, first session free

Location: Edgely Hall

Time: 5.30pm

Longreach Squash

Come along and have a bash.

Location: Longreach Squash Courts

Time: 5.30pm

Wednesday, 23 March

Darts at the Wellshot

Warm up your arms, stretch those muscles and work on your hand-eye coordination. Cost: \$5

Location: Wellshot Hotel

Time: 7pm

Rotary Club Meeting, Longreach

Rotary is dedicated to causes that build international relationships, improve lives, and create a better world to support our peace efforts and end polio forever.

Location: Birdcage Hotel

Time: 7pm

Ricca Terra Wine Dinner

Head over to Harrys for a night filled with delicious wine and food. 4 wines & 4 courses - all matched perfectly. Hosted by Laurie Greenwood. A night not to be missed.

Location: Harry’s Restaurant

Time: 6.30pm

Dance Lessons - Isisford

For more information contact Fiona Ludgate on 0422 772 066 or tf.ludgate@bigpond.com.

Location: Isisford Community Hall

Time: 3.30pm

Thursday, 24 March

Social Craft at the Library

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

Location: Longreach Library

Time: 9:30am

Hole-in-One

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

Location: Longreach Golf Course

Time: 4pm

Thomson River Lions Bingo

Come along for a bit of fun, a night out and help support our community.

Location: Birdcage Hotel

Time: 6.30pm

John Villier's record

This year's John Villier's Outback Art exhibition, generously sponsored by The John Villiers Trust, saw a record number of sales, 208.

The 40 Artworks were chosen by judges Sarah Barron – Co-Chair Flying Arts Alliance and Leanne Kelly Galleries Coordinator Moreton Bay Regional Council, with \$16000 in prize money shared by the winning artists – Adult and Emerging Youth Category, and \$10000 for the Major Prize Winner.

The 2022 John Villiers Outback Art Prize Finalist Exhibition will be on display at the Outback Regional Gallery Winton until Sunday 8 May.

Peoples Choice Voting is open now at the gallery and is sponsored by Ros Kavanagh of Elders Insurance Central Queensland.

For those who live remotely, all artworks can be seen via our online voting portal and people can vote there too, <https://matildacentre.interactivink.com.au/vote>.

Major Winner this year was artist Paul White from Bulleen, Victoria with his pencil on paper artwork 'Lake Menindee, Running on Empty'. Paul won \$10000 and this artwork is acquired by the Outback Regional Gallery.

Winner of the Emerging Youth Category is Isabelle Nutter with her artwork 'No Worries'.

Our opening night and awards night attracted around 100 people including the support of Longreach Mayor Tony Raynor and wife Vicki and also Deputy Mayor of Rockhampton Regional Council Neil Fisher.

All artworks are for sale and enquiries made through the Waltzing Matilda Centre.

Youth Development Workshops in Winton that have been sponsored by The John Villiers Trust will be announced soon – all youth are welcome to attend.

For any artists seeking to enter next years prize our call for entries will open mid year.



Winning piece in the Yout category, Isabelle Nutter 'No Worries'.



The winner of the Adult Prize, Paul White 'Lake Menindee, Running on Empty'.



The front of the Outback Regional Gallery.

Covid cases

As of mid-week active Covid cases in the Central West had dropped to 11, with none being managed in hospital.

Since the first case on 22 December, the Central West Hospital and Health Service recorded 415 cases.

Currently, 94.1 per cent of eligible Central West residents aged 12 years and older are now fully vaccinated with two doses of vaccine.

However, health staff continue to urge locals to get tested if they have symptoms, no matter how mild.

Vulnerable people should make sure they are vaccinated and receive their booster dose as soon as they are eligible, as well as maintain good hygiene practices and socially distance where possible.

Everyone aged 5 years and over can get vaccinated at:

- Longreach 17 March
- Winton 18 March (child vaccinations)
- Muttaborra 22 March
- Alpha 24 March
- Longreach 25-26 March
- Aramac 28 March
- Tambo 30 March
- Isisford 1 April.

Bookings are essential, please phone 1800 953 703, or email: CW-COVAX@health.qld.gov.au Both the Blackall and the Winton general practices are also providing COVID-19 vaccinations.

- Phone the Blackall General Practice on 4657 8200 during business hours to discuss your nurse-led vaccination appointment.

- Phone the Winton Medical Practice on 4657 2755 during business hours.

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 quarantine until you have received your test result. If you test positive, our staff will provide information on isolating and next steps.

We are aware that some Central West residents may not be reporting positive results from Rapid Antigen Tests (RAT) if they are administered at home.

It is vital we know who has tested positive so they can isolate and be managed appropriately to minimise their risk of transmitting the virus to others and so people receive the care they need. Remember if your test is not registered, we don't know about you and your positive result.

So please, if you have done a home RAT test, please register the result at: <https://www.qld.gov.au/rat-positive>

- National Coronavirus Hotline: 1800 020 080

- There is also a raft of useful information on the Queensland Health website. <https://www.health.qld.gov.au/>



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WQAC a solid opportunity

The recent assembling of local governments in Charleville known as the Western Queensland Alliance of Councils heard from a range of speakers that were both informative and thought provoking.

Knowing and understanding the root causes of the problems facing communities in western Queensland is important when then attempting to provide the solutions.

Whether it be addressing the problems around providing and acquiring housing, improved road funding or changed economic development approaches, all three levels of government need to be reading from the same page when it comes to causation.

This assembly facilitated this perfectly with very senior members of both state and federal



governments in attendance along with senior departmental officials.

The attendance by corporate entities also underlines the importance of joint gatherings, because providing solutions need not be and most likely won't always be the responsibility of councils or other governments.

The private sector has a significant amount it can both offer and learn from these gatherings that can positively contribute to future outcomes in our towns.

A collaborative approach to resource management was my most recent topic, and could really be the underlying theme for each and every issue we currently face.

The assembly heard that world freight routes will most likely not stabilise until between 2024 and 2026.

This means for some time yet supply issues will continue to dictate local pricing, providing an ideal environment for domestic manufacturing to prosper, and where better than western Queensland.

The Barcardine Renewable Energy Zone is

the early mover in this respect, with both low cost, no emission energy availability, circular economy style compatibility, established businesses (so reliable corporate partners) and huge amounts of available resources (space, water, sunlight and wind to name a few).

Projects like this and the Blackall Wool Scour will potentially change the local economy from both a growth and value adding perspective for existing and new businesses and individuals.

Innovation is one part, but so is resourcing and supporting the existing industrial or agricultural base and traditional employment sectors through both a growth and future directional change process, something our council is preparing for and ready to deliver upon.

As evening falls, nothing but surreal skies do I see

There's an old Irving Berlin song with the line, 'Blue skies, smiling at me, nothing but blue skies do I see ...'

I've seen plenty of blue skies out here, but since the volcanic eruption off Tonga a few weeks back, we've been getting what I call surreal skies.

I have some experience with surreal skies, having lived in the north of Canada.

I've been privileged to lay back on a crust of snow after midnight in a Canadian winter, looking up at a northern sky when Aurora Borealis was in full effect.

The vivid, almost electric, greens and purples have to be seen to be believed.

And heard, but that's another story.

Further south, where my family had a cottage, you could see the Northern Lights, but not quite so spectacularly.



The best way I can describe them is it's like being inside an enormous plastic sandwich bag, watching a Titan shine a golden light, which follows the folds at the top of the bag.

You actually see the northern lights best in a clear sky, with no cloud/moisture interference, as it happens, we often getting pretty clear skies out here.

And even without clouds, the sky has been taking on some uncanny hues at twilight.

Tonight we had a sky that reminded me very much of that Borealis effect.

A brilliant pale light, kind of in the shape of the Statue of Liberty's crown, loomed up from behind our house dam and the windmill, suffusing everything in an ethereal glow.

We've had everything from deep silvery greys, which are not unusual, to that ultraviolet glow you see with a black light, which is.

At the other end of the spectrum we've seen almost blood-red skies or nearly neon orange, the latter especially when clouds appear.

Sometimes the sky seems to have layers of colours, especially when cloudless.

One evening, from the ground up, it went from pale orange to a subtle gold tinge, topped by rose gold, and varying shades of steely blue that ended in deep purple.

Spectacular.

Most evenings I head out to take photos of the 'great colour of the western sky', as my husband calls it, in between feeding the dogs or bringing in the wash.

Often times I end up simply walking for that great shot I know is waiting down the road.

Other times I use the surreal sky to frame my favourite tree.

A couple weeks back I was hanging the washout in the twilight at the end of the day.

The sky that evening was burnt sienna, with the bright silver sliver of a crescent moon hanging overall.

I wish I could capture it on my camera, but it seems to misread colours at low levels, sadly, and I've yet to figure out how to compensate.

Luckily, if you live out here, you can simply walk outside and look up to see for yourself.

Critical carers: Millar barracks for Covid rule change

Gregory MP Lachlan Millar has asked the Queensland Health Minister to include the residential support staff at Queensland's boarding schools in the critical worker categories exempted from the seven day isolation rules for close contacts of Covid-19 cases.

"The teaching staff at these schools are already categorised as critical workers but the residential staff are not," he said.

"Surely this is just an oversight by the Chief Health Officer.

"I have formally asked that the Minister look at including the residential staff."

"A critical worker can continue to work despite being a close contact as long as they can return a daily negative RAT showing they are not infected.

Mr Millar said it is a practical consideration that means a teacher doesn't have to isolate for a week every time one of her students is positive.

"That simple and practical solution is keeping our schools open," he said.

"But our boarding schools are struggling with providing their normal residential services and support to their boarding students because if one student tests positive, then several residential staff may find they are categorised as a close contact.

"They then have to isolate, even if their RAT results are negative."

Mr Millar said he had raised the issue with the Central Queensland Hospital and Health Board which has several boarding schools in its care, in both Rockhampton and Yeppoon.

"But I have heard nothing back," he said.

"So I have formally lodged the question on notice in parliament today.

"Over half of Gregory's people are categorised as living remotely or very remotely, so we have many boarding school students and this is directly impacting their quality of school and daily life.

"It could be so simply fixed if the Minister would take the time to look at it. I hope she will do so as these are the rules that affect how we live with Covid-19 into the future."



Q&A

How did you end up in Longreach?
I was offered a job at Our Lady's Catholic Primary School and currently teach Year 6.

What is the best advice you've ever received?
Best advice I ever received was, "Do something right the first time and you won't have to fix it later."

What is something you do in your spare time?
Socialising with people that I work with and meeting new people from Longreach (most of the time at the Birdcage).

What is your favourite place in the Central West?
I haven't been to many places in the Central West, but I would have to say either Longreach or the Birdcage.

What would you consider your greatest achievement?
I would say my greatest achievement is finishing and graduating with my degree in Education to become a teacher.



with Sahlie Komndi

THREE ... ways to reduce your risk of skin cancer

- 1

Slip, slop, slap

Sunscreen takes 20 minutes to sink into your skin and start protecting you properly, so make sure you apply SPF 30+ or more prior to leaving the house. If you're spending extended time in the sun, reapply your sunscreen every two hours or more frequently if swimming or sweating.
- 2

Relocate to shade

Sunscreen alone can't keep you completely protected. Ideally, sit in the shade where possible. An umbrella or shade tent at the beach is ideal but also try to cover up with long-sleeved, breathable shirts.
- 3

Skin checks

Get to know your skin and check it regularly. In addition, schedule a professional skin check at least once every year. If detected and treated early, most skin cancers result in a positive outcome.



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Supporting media

By Michael R Williams

As a way of evening the playing field between papers, radio and television, Gregory MP Lachlan Millar has begun releasing his lodgements to newspapers with an embargo for the date they are to be released in parliament. An initiative that helps keep locals informed and papers up to date with more time specific platforms.

“Local papers are paramount to keeping the community informed as to what’s going on,” he said.

“It’s important that we support local papers – the Longreach Leader and papers like that.

“That paper’s been around for over 90 years, and I’ve always been a supporter of local media – in a previous life of mine, I was a

rural journalist myself.”

Mr Millar said he’d like to see more support for regional papers such as the Leader and the Barcoo Independent.

“Town’s identities are wrapped up in their local paper,” he said.

“I’m hoping to put in lodgements on a regular basis.”

VOX POP

WE TAKE IT TO THE STREETS

Who is your favourite star

Peter Collins said his favourite movie star was Clint Eastwood because he was always tough.

Graeme Campbell said his favourite movie star was Rin Tin Tin because he was always active.



SOCIALLY SPEAKING

Last week we published a story on worker shortages and different possible ways to alleviate the issue.

These were your responses.

Michael Lloyd: Yep Housing. But it’s a State issue. Maybe we should start looking at it as a local issue though and come up with some ideas as a local community.

Jessie Trump: Accommodation, especially furnished short lease accommodation earmarked for seasonal workers, is incredibly important. How are you going to get people out here to work if there’s nowhere to put them? Accommodation, especially furnished short-term accommodation earmarked for seasonal workers, is incredibly important. How are you going to get people out here to work if there’s nowhere to put them?

Jay Huxley: Interestingly we had 3 separate Aupairs lined up from overseas, after googling Longreach all changed their minds!! We had to start explaining in our ad that Longreach was not quite as remote as Google imagines might suggest!!

Angella Price: Accommodation. Plenty of work just nowhere to stay.

Betty Farraher: Cheaper airfares would see more visitors to our area. It shouldn’t cost that much to travel in regional Australia. It’s still going to be cheaper to holiday somewhere else.

Peter Garland: There will be plenty of Grey Nomads willing to do some hours every day at cleaning, shop assistance, stacking shelves, PR, even some mowing gardening, and general maintenance, for little in return.

A few free nights camping or some water and shady tree close to town, and a community sponsored meal once a week would not go unnoticed and give our towns a good name again after some woeful calls made last year.

Dan Nichols: It’s exactly the same in Winton.

Emma Read: No accommodation for anyone to put employees. No land allocation for anyone to build accommodation.

Barry Dodkin: Nothing wrong with the west.

Majory Lynette Tindall: Overprotective City parents discourage their school leaver teens from working and traveling, away from home, filling their heads with Doom Goom Stories of Low Pay, Exploitation, and Hard Work.

Norm Irwin: The government needs to cut back or stop entirely on jobseeker-single parents- new start payments and make people go and get a job, there’s plenty of them.

Angella Price: Accommodation. Plenty of work just nowhere to stay.

Some of the empty blocks could be used to put several of those tiny houses that could be used.

Karen Stockham: Most towns have small blocks that are unsuitable for a normal size house.

Rell Beck: Lobby government to drop vaccine mandates for hospitality as there are thousands who have lost their jobs who are now looking for work.

Longreach hearing to go ahead as planned

By Lachlan Millar, Gregory MP

The Queensland Parliamentary Health and Environment Committee hearings into the impact of federal health services on Queensland Health have been rescheduled due to the impact of flooding in south-east Queensland.

“To take account of the impact of the floods, the Committee has decided to cancel the Emerald Hearing where there had been few registrations of interest,” said local member, Lachlan Millar MP.

“The Bundaberg and Longreach Hearings

are fully subscribed.

However, registrations are still open for the Rockhampton Hearing if Central Highlanders wanted to travel to attend those instead.

“The cancellation allows the Bundaberg Hearing to be pushed back to Wednesday. Rockhampton will then take place on Thursday and the Longreach Hearing will take place as scheduled on Friday.”

With the lengthy title of “Inquiry into the provision of Primary, Allied and Private Health Care, Aged Care and NDIS Care Services and

its Impact on the Queensland Public Health System”, the hearings are a State-based investigation into the health services Queenslanders receive from the Federal Government.

The Committee will table a report to Queensland Parliament on March 31, 2022. Written submissions closed on December 23, 2021.

Details of the Hearing program for each location can be found here <https://www.parliament.qld.gov.au/Work-of-Committees/Committees/Committee-Details?cid=0&id=4131>

Setting the record right on history

In last week’s contribution from the Longreach Archival and Historical Research Group, the Leader failed to mention that the article had been sponsored by Smith Bros.

All contributions from the group will be sponsored in the future by the Smith Bros, and we apologise for any inconvenience.

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Making waves

Byron Baes star
Nathan Favro dishes
the dirt on Netflix's first
Australian reality series

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Line in the sand

Controversial reality series *Byron Baes* follows a group of artists, influencers and entrepreneurs navigating life and love in the coastal town. Nathan Favro, who stars in the show, breaks down the hype with **Siobhan Duck**

You can blame Chris and Liam Hemsworth. Or Matt Damon, perhaps. Even Nicole Kidman has played a part.

When Hollywood's A-list rolled into town – the Hemsworths now calling it home, Damon flying in for regular family holidays and Kidman to film *Nine Perfect Strangers* – they put Byron Bay on the world map as the place to be seen.

Suddenly anyone who's anyone (and everyone in between) wanted to call Byron home and, as the pandemic tightened its grip, people from all over Australia traded in suburban lockdowns for seaside bliss.

With so many beautiful people now in the one place, it's little wonder that the good folks at Netflix saw Byron as the perfect place to dip its toe into the reality TV scene with its Aussie answer to *The Hills*.

Byron Baes follows 13 of the young people in the NSW coastal haven's influencer community. Some of them are long-time residents while two moved to Byron specifically to film the series.

While Netflix viewers can't wait to get a better look at the scenic township that Hemsworth now calls home, there was fierce opposition from some locals who feared it would make their township seem tacky.

Byron Baes star Nathan Favro – who viewers may remember from *The Bachelorette* and *Bachelor in Paradise* – is nonplussed by the controversy.

"No one actually said anything to me but definitely a few of, like, my surfing buddies were at the paddle out [protest]," he shrugs.

"But, like, honestly, I was expecting a paddle out from day dot. The funny part is there's a paddle out for anything [new in Byron]."

"Like, we've never had traffic lights in Byron before and people here are really proud of that. So, when we they put traffic lights in, paddle out! Then a roundabout? Paddle out! Chris Hemsworth buys a house in Byron? Paddle out."

"Honestly, it's like: 'You guys need to go to work or else you're not going to be able to afford that room with all the rising house prices.'"

Favro says while the initial marketing of *Byron Baes* put a lot of locals offside, it also got people



Bae-watch: Reality TV veterans Elias Chigros (left) and Nathan Favro were lured back to the genre by global streaming giant Netflix's series *Byron Baes*.

talking, generating huge interest in the show in the process.

"They've definitely ruffled some feathers," he laughs.

"But the best part about that is whether people love it or hate it, or love to hate it, or hate to love it: everyone's going to watch it now."

Favro's relaxed attitude to the hoopla surrounding *Baes* may have something to do with the fact this isn't his first reality rodeo. In fact, he has weathered both the good and bad side of the genre.

He's the first to admit he didn't come off too well when he was courting Ali Oetjen on the 2018 season of *The Bachelorette* and copped abuse for his behaviour.

Favro blames a mixture of naivety, immaturity and bad editing for becoming the series villain.

"It was a bit of a nightmare for me because I was younger and I don't think I was really totally ready for it mentally," he says of his time in the *Bachelorette* mansion.

"I was youngest person that ever go on that show in Australia at least."

It was a different story when he did *Bachelor in Paradise*, where he suddenly found himself a series favourite.

"What was funny about it was I went from being the full villain, like, the up-myself jerk [in *The Bachelorette*] to *Bachelor in Paradise* where they gave me the hashtag Nice Guy Nathan," he laughs.

"I mean, how do you flip from being the absolute worst to the absolute best?"

"I think I even did an Instagram post about it when *Bachelor in Paradise* came out where I was like: 'I was me when you hated me, and I was me when you loved me. I have been there the whole time.'"

Although he has no regrets about doing either show, Favro says the experience put him off ever doing another network television show. A global streaming giant like Netflix, he says is a different prospect altogether and an opportunity too good to refuse.

Favro doesn't see *Byron Baes* as his shot at redemption. Nor did he go into it behaving differently for

the cameras this time. But he thinks it will give people a more authentic sense of who he is.

"*The Bachelorette* and *Bachelor in Paradise* are very different formats [to *Baes*] in terms of editing," he says.

"I guess they have a character picked out for you sometimes, and they go ahead and get that from you no matter what you say or do."

"On *Byron Baes* it's different."

I have just been myself the whole time but, with this format, you know that they're not necessarily looking for specific characters. You know why? Because they don't need to do that because they came to Byron because there was already such a diverse, crazy, outrageous bunch of characters that they didn't need to [edit them for drama]. They ended up with characters that they didn't even know existed."

And there are characters aplenty in *Byron Baes*, including Kyle Sandilands' former personal assistant, Alex Reid (who is every bit as acid-tongued as his former boss), Australia's most followed influencer, Jade Kevin Foster (who moved from the Gold Coast to film the series) and the crystal-obsessed Hannah Brauer.

And with the global reach of Netflix behind this eclectic crew, the *Baes* cast could soon find themselves joining the ranks of Byron's many internationally famous residents.

Certainly, the series can only further consolidate Byron's reputation as a playground for the rich and famous.

Favro sees that as a win for Byron rather than a drawback. After all, he says, Byron is a place where hippies, surfers and uber-famous celebrities live side-by-side.

And that makes for some great TV with classic moments.

"I think there are 11 billionaires in Australia and five of them live in Byron," he says.

"Where else do you find a little surfy town with billionaires walking around? It's just crazy how much of a diverse crowd it's attracted, but I love it."

■ *Byron Baes*, streaming, Netflix

Movie Guide

PICK OF THE WEEK

THE PERFECT CRIME

Friday
MURDER ON THE ORIENT EXPRESS
Seven, 8.30pm, M (2017)

Agatha Christie's classic story gets another remake, and this time Kenneth Branagh takes the reins as both director and star as the incomparable Belgian detective Hercule Poirot. Featuring a stellar ensemble cast including

Johnny Depp, Willem Dafoe, Judi Dench, Daisy Ridley and Michelle Pfeiffer, among others, the plot revolves around the search for the murderer of a businessman who was travelling aboard the *Orient Express*. The movie is stylish and has interesting visuals, and Branagh's outrageous moustache almost steals the show. Those in the mood for quaint fun will find this murder mystery a trip worth taking. ★★★★★

Carriage of justice:
The star-studded cast of *Murder on the Orient Express*.



DOLITTLE
9Go!, Friday, 7.40pm, PG (2020)

Taking place in 19th-century England, this family-friendly flick is all about Welsh veterinarian Dr John Dolittle (Robert Downey Jr, pictured). When young Queen Victoria (Jessie Buckley) is poisoned with deadly nightshade, the doctor and his travelling company – a squirrel (voiced by Craig Robinson), Capuchin monkeys, a gorilla (Rami Malek), a polar bear (John Cena), an ostrich (Kumail Nanjiani), a duck (Octavia Spencer) and a sugar glider – set sail a mythical island said to hold the cure. ★★★★★



THE SAPPHIRES
10 Shake, Saturday, 6.30pm, PG (2012)

With an all-star cast including Deborah Mailman, Chris O'Dowd and songstress Jessica Mauboy (pictured, right with Miranda Tapsell), this uplifting tale set in the '60s is based on the true story of four Aboriginal women who auditioned to entertain US troops in Vietnam. Bright cinematography and upbeat soul music characterise the film, but director Wayne Blair also enters darker territory exploring the racial tensions of the era. It's an inspirational story about coming up against the odds. ★★★★★



MIDNIGHT IN PARIS
SBS World Movies, Saturday, 8.30pm, PG (2011)

Woody Allen's uplifting study in existentialism and nostalgia is a joy to watch both for fans of the eccentric director and for unapologetic Francophiles. Owen Wilson steps assuredly into the lead role as Gil, a restless writer holidaying in Paris with his fiancée (Rachel McAdams, pictured with Wilson). Racked with writer's block and a peculiar sense that he should have been born 90 years earlier, Gil finds himself seeking solitude in the Parisian night. ★★★★★



HAMPSTEAD
SBS World Movies, Sunday, 6.35pm, PG (2017)

Despite living in the same idyllic London neighbourhood, Emily (Diane Keaton) and Donald (Brendan Gleeson, pictured with Keaton) could not have more different experiences of Hampstead. While widowed American Emily lives in a posh apartment, Donald is an Irish loner who lives in a makeshift cabin on the Heath. When his home is threatened by real-estate developers, Emily believes she has found her next great cause but gets more than she bargained for. ★★★



THE HUNGER GAMES: CATCHING FIRE
10 Shake, Monday, 8.30pm, M (2013)

This second instalment of the three-part series sees Katniss Everdeen (Jennifer Lawrence) and Peeta Mellark (Josh Hutcherson, pictured with Lawrence) become targets of the Capitol after their victory in the 74th Hunger Games sparked a rebellion among the districts of Panem. Philip Seymour Hoffman is the new head game-maker and conspires with President Snow (Donald Sutherland) to manipulate Katniss and use her as a puppet in the struggle for power. ★★★★★



INCEPTION
9Go!, Tuesday, 8.35pm, M (2010)

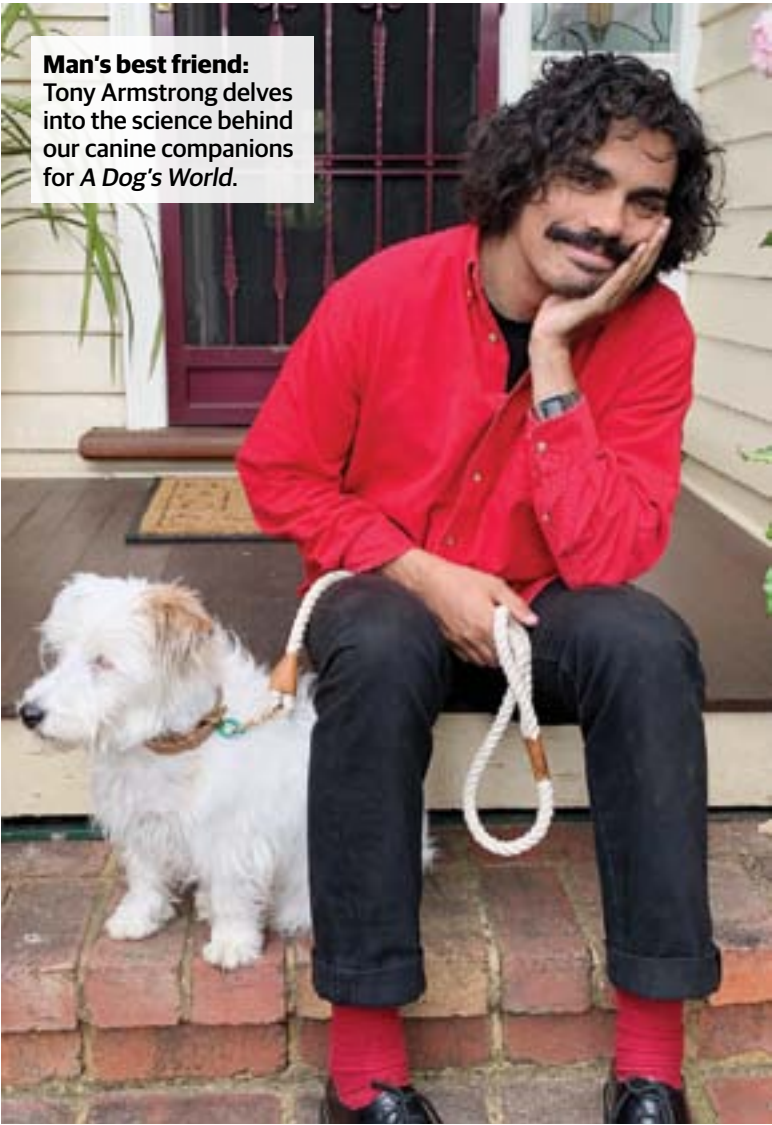
Inventive filmmaker Christopher Nolan (*Memento*, *The Dark Knight*) combines the mind-bending concepts of *The Matrix* with the heart-stopping action of the *Bourne* movies to create this astounding sci-fi thriller. Set in a world where it is possible to enter the human mind by invading a person's dreams, it stars Leonardo DiCaprio (pictured) as dream extractor Dom Cobb, who specialises in subconscious security, but who also steals from his unsuspecting clients. ★★★★★

The Guide

PICK OF THE WEEK

A DOG'S WORLD WITH TONY ARMSTRONG
ABC TV, Tuesday, 8.30pm

Have you stared lovingly into your dog's eyes and wondered what they were thinking? Any dog lover will admit to that! While this heartwarming new series can't answer that age-old question, it delivers on a bunch of others that enlighten us on man's best friend. Hosted by ABC News presenter Tony Armstrong, this three-part deep dive into our canine counterparts is a playful and educational delight. The series begins with a look at friendship, exploring the evolution of the human and dog bond. Next week, Armstrong explores dogs' senses and how science can reveal how they experience the world, concluding with an exploration of dog happiness.



UNFORGOTTEN
ABC TV, Saturday, 8.30pm

It's rare for a crime series to pull on the heartstrings as much as this award-winning sensation. Returning tonight for its fourth season, the British series is awash with emotion and intricate characters, none the least its protagonists, DCI Cassie Stuart (Nicola Walker, pictured) and DI Sunny Khan (Sanjeev Bhaskar), who share a beguiling friendship as partners in a police unit that deals with cold cases. The fourth season begins to unfurl with a peek into the lives of four suspects after a body is found in a scrap yard. Stuart and Khan discover they all have one thing in common: connections with the law. It's probably the best season yet.



TROPPO
ABC TV, Sunday, 8.30pm

This week marks the halfway point of this enjoyable homegrown crime drama, which unabashedly taps into tropes and formulas. After all, there's a reason why the disgraced ex-cop and eccentric private investigator are recurring characters; it is gratifying to immerse in the motivations and stories of those who step out of society. The scenic, unforgiving outback setting doesn't hurt, either, adding another sense of otherness to the mystery. This week, ex-cop Ted (Thomas Jane), and PI with a shady past, Amanda (Nicole Chamoun, pictured) find their investigation getting more difficult, just as Ted receives some bombshell news.



LA BREA
Nine, Monday, 9pm

The world feels like a crazy place at the moment. But if tuning into a series that helps you forget the headlines and news is a high priority, this American science fiction drama could be your remedy. Just beware: it'll probably make your head spin. So far, the story of two families' lives torn apart by a massive sinkhole in LA – which also happens to be a portal – has either frazzled or thrilled viewers. It's so over the top and confusingly written that it's a sure-fire distraction. Now, a super storm is causing chaos, while Gavin (Eoin Macken, pictured) embarks on a journey into his past, which might be the key to saving his family in the present.

Friday, March 18

ABC TV (2) 6.00 News Breakfast. 9.00 ABC News Mornings. 10.00 Q+A. (R) 11.10 George Clarke's Amazing Spaces. (R) 12.00 ABC News At Noon. 1.00 The Pool. (PG, R) 1.55 Les Misérables. (Mav, R) 3.00 ABC News Afternoons. 4.00 Escape From The City. (R) 5.00 Kurt Fearnley's One Plus One. (R) 5.30 Hard Quiz. (PG, R)	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 The Cook Up With Adam Liaw Bitesize. (PG, R) 2.10 Mystery Of Rome's Sunken City. (Ma, R) 3.00 NITV News: Nula. 3.30 The Cook Up With Adam Liaw Bitesize. (R) 3.40 Going Places With Ernie Dingo. (PG, R) 4.10 The Royal House Of Windsor. (PG, R) 5.05 Jeopardy! (PG) 5.30 Letters And Numbers. (R)	SEVEN (7) 6.00 Sunrise. 9.00 The Morning Show. (PG) 11.30 Seven Morning News. 12.00 MOVIE: A Hologram For The King. (2016, Mdlins, R) Tom Hanks. 2.00 House Of Wellness. (PG) 3.00 The Chase. (R) 4.00 Seven News At 4. 5.00 The Chase Australia. Hosted by Larry Emdur.	NINE (8, 9) 6.00 Today. 9.00 Today Extra. (PG) 11.30 Morning News. 12.00 MOVIE: The Work Wife. (2018, Mav) Cerina Vincent, Elisabeth Harnois, Kevin Sizemore. 1.45 Talking Honey: Relationship Specials. (PG) 2.00 Pointless. (PG) 3.00 Tipping Point. (PG) 4.00 Afternoon News. 4.30 Millionaire Hot Seat. (R) 5.30 WIN News.	TEN (5, 1) 6.00 The Talk. (PGa) 7.00 Judge Judy. (PG, R) 7.30 The Bold And The Beautiful. (R) 8.00 Studio 10. (PG) 12.00 Dr Phil. (PGal) 1.00 Australian Survivor. (R) 2.30 Entertainment Tonight. 3.00 Judge Judy. (PG, R) 3.30 Freshly Picked With Simon Toohey. 4.00 Farm To Fork. (PG, R) 4.30 The Bold And The Beautiful. (PG) 5.00 10 News First.
6.00 The Drum. 7.00 ABC News. 7.30 Gardening Australia. Millie Ross propagates plants. 8.30 Miniseries: The Teacher. (Malns) Part 2 of 4. Jenna's life falls apart as she is formally charged with having sex with a minor. 9.20 Grantchester. (Mav, R) Georgie investigates a decaying slum. 10.10 Mum. (Ml, R) 10.40 ABC Late News. 10.55 Shaun Micallef's MAD AS HELL. (M, R) 11.25 Starstruck. (Ml, R) 11.50 QI. (PG, R) 12.25 Rage. (MA15+adhlnsv)	6.00 Mastermind Australia. (PG) 6.30 SBS World News. 7.35 Robson Green's Icelandic Adventure. (M) 8.30 Queen Victoria: Love, Lust And Leadership. (M) Part 2 of 3. 9.25 The Pyramids: Solving The Mystery: Dahshur – An Incredible Discovery. (R) 10.20 SBS World News Late. 10.55 8 Out Of 10 Cats Does Countdown. (Mals, R) 11.50 Agatha Christie's Criminal Games. (Masv, R) 1.35 The Killing. (Mv, R) 3.50 When Buildings Collapse. (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.	6.00 Seven Local News. 6.30 Seven News. 7.00 Better Homes And Gardens. Hosted by Johanna Griggs. 8.30 MOVIE: Jack Reacher: Never Go Back. (2016, Mv, R) Jack Reacher comes to the aid of an army officer he suspects is the victim of a conspiracy. Tom Cruise, Cobie Smulders, Danika Yarosh. 10.50 To Be Advised. 12.10 MOVIE: Crimes Of Passion: Sleepwalker. (1997, Mv, R) Hilary Swank. 2.00 Home Shopping. (R) 4.00 Million Dollar Minute. (R) 5.00 NBC Today.	6.00 Nine News. 7.00 Rugby League. NRL. Round 2. Sydney Roosters v Manly Sea Eagles. 8.55 Golden Point. A wrap-up of the Sydney Roosters versus Manly Sea Eagles match, with news and analysis. 9.45 MOVIE: The Infiltrator. (2016, MA15+adv, R) A US agent goes undercover to bring down Colombian drug lord Pablo Escobar. Bryan Cranston, Diane Kruger. 12.05 Tipping Point. (PG, R) 1.05 Drive TV. (R) 1.30 TV Shop: Home Shopping. (R) 4.00 Take Two. (R) 4.30 Global Shop. (R) 5.00 TV Shop: Home Shopping. (R) 5.30 A Current Affair. (R)	6.30 The Project. The hosts and guest panellists take a look at the day's news, events and hot topics. 7.30 The Graham Norton Show. (Mlins) Graham Norton chats with actors Billy Connolly, Jodie Whittaker, Dame Eileen Atkins and Lenny Henry, and Olympic diver Tom Daley. Music from Coldplay, who perform their single <i>My Universe</i> . 8.30 To Be Advised. 11.40 The Project. (R) The hosts and guest panellists take a look at the day's news, events and hot topics. 12.40 The Late Show With Stephen Colbert. (PG) Late-night talk show. 1.30 Home Shopping. (R) 4.30 Infomercials. (PG, R)
ABC TV PLUS (22) 6am Children's Programs. 5.10pm Fireman Sam. 5.20 PJ Masks. 5.35 Luo Bao Bei. 5.50 Peppa Pig. 5.55 Circle Square. 6.05 Octonauts. 6.20 Bluey. 6.25 Shaun The Sheep. 6.40 Andy's Safari Adventures. 7.00 Dino Dana. 7.10 Andy And The Band. 7.30 Spicks And Specks. 8.00 Hard Quiz. 8.30 MOVIE: Love Birds. (2011, PG) 10.10 MOVIE: Ghost Stories. (2018, M) 11.45 QI. 12.15am Community. 12.45 Parks And Recreation. 1.05 Grand Designs. 1.55 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 Huang's World. 1.40 Heimo's Arctic Refuge. 2.30 Flophouse. 3.00 Jungletown. 3.50 WorldWatch. 5.15 Joy Of Painting. 5.45 Shortland St. 6.15 Alone. 7.05 Jeopardy! 7.35 8 Out Of 10 Cats Does Countdown. 8.30 Hoarders. 9.20 How To Make It On OnlyFans. 10.20 Day Of The Dead. 11.10 Instinctive Desires. 12.05am VICE News Tonight. 1.00 Criminal Planet. 1.50 Epicly Later'd. 2.40 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 House Of Wellness. 1.00 Million Dollar Minute. 2.00 Caravan & Camping WA. 2.30 Sons And Daughters. 4.30 Medical Rookies. 5.00 Australia's Deadliest. 5.30 Escape To The Country. 6.30 Bargain Hunt. 7.30 Railroad Australia. 8.30 Selling Houses Australia. 11.45 Greatest Outdoors. 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. 10.30 Pointless. 11.30 My Favorite Martian. Noon Days Of Our Lives. 12.55 The Young And The Restless. 1.50 The Bill. 2.50 Antiques Roadshow. 3.20 MOVIE: State Secret. (1950) 5.30 Murder, She Wrote. 6.30 Rugby League. NRL. Round 2. Sydney Roosters v Manly Sea Eagles. 7.00 Antiques Roadshow. 7.30 Escape To The Chateau. 8.35 MOVIE: The Da Vinci Code. (2006, M) 11.30 The Equalizer. 12.30am Antiques Roadshow. 1.00 TV Shop: Home Shopping.	10 PEACH (52, 11) 6am The Late Show With Stephen Colbert. 7.00 NBL Slam. 7.30 Seinfeld. 9.00 Becker. 10.00 The Middle. 11.00 Frasier. Noon To Be Advised. 1.00 Mom. 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. 11.00 Nancy Drew. Midnight Home Shopping. 12.30am Infomercials. 1.00 Home Shopping. 1.30 The Late Show With Stephen Colbert. 2.30 The Late Late Show With James Corden. 3.30 Becker. 4.30 Home Shopping. 5.30 Infomercials.
NITV (34) 6am Morning Programs. 9.10 Bushwhacked! 9.35 The Magic Canoe. 10.00 Arctic Secrets. 10.50 Going Places. 11.50 Songlines On Screen. 12.05pm MOVIE: Red Heat. (1988) 2.00 Shortland St. 2.30 Chefs' Line. 3.00 Bushwhacked! 3.25 The Magic Canoe. 3.50 Wolf Joe. 4.00 Aussie Bush Tales. 4.10 Grace Beside Me. 4.35 Molly Of Denali. 5.00 Our Stories. 5.30 NITV News: Nula. 6.00 Bamay. 6.35 News. 6.40 Arctic Secrets. 7.30 Little J And Big Cuz. 7.45 MOVIE: Crackers. (1998, M) 9.25 First Nations Bedtime Stories. 9.35 NITV On The Road: Barunga Festival. 10.35 Through The Wormhole. 11.25 Late Programs.	SBS WORLD MOVIES (32) 6am Fame. Continued. (2009, PG) 7.20 Orlando. (1992, PG) 9.00 Rosie. (2018, PG) 10.40 The White Crow. (2018, M, Russian) 1pm A United Kingdom. (2016, PG) 3.05 An Ideal Husband. (1999, PG) 4.55 Land Of The Bears. (2014, French) 6.30 Viceroy's House. (2017, PG) 8.30 Zero Dark Thirty. (2012, M) 11.20 Hell Or High Water. (2016, MA15+) 1.15am Ladies. (2017, M, French) 3.10 Shoplifters. (2018, M, Japanese) 5.25 Rosie. (2018, PG)	7MATE (74) 6am The Fishing Show. 7.00 Step Outside With Paul Burt. 7.30 Creek To Coast. 8.00 American Pickers. 9.00 Barter Kings. 9.30 Pawn Stars South Africa. 10.00 A Football Life. 11.00 America's Game: The Super Bowl Champions. Noon Storage Wars: Texas. 12.30 Pawn Stars. 1.00 Harbour Cops. 2.00 Billion Dollar Wreck. 3.00 Shipping Wars. 4.00 Timbersports. 4.30 Barter Kings. 5.00 Pawn Stars South Africa. 5.30 Storage Wars: Texas. 6.00 Friday Night Countdown. 9.30 AFL Post-Game Show. 10.00 Armchair Experts. 10.30 MOVIE: Goodfellas. (1990, MA15+) 1.30am Absentia. 2.30 Late Programs.	9GO! (82, 93) 6am Children's Programs. 11.30 Bakugan: Battle Planet. Noon Xena. 2.00 Hercules. 3.00 The Nanny. 3.30 3rd Rock From The Sun. 4.00 That '70s Show. 4.30 Everybody Loves Raymond. 5.30 The Nanny. 6.00 MOVIE: The Emoji Movie. (2017) 7.40 MOVIE: Dolittle. (2020, PG) 9.30 MOVIE: Horrible Bosses. (2011, MA15+) 11.30 Everybody Loves Raymond. Midnight #Killerpost. 1.00 Below Deck. 2.50 Mike Tyson Mysteries. 3.00 Bakugan: Battle Planet. 3.30 Ninjago: Masters Of Spinjitzu. 4.00 TV Shop: Home Shopping. 5.00 Pokémon Journeys. 5.30 Mega Man: Fully Charged.	10 BOLD (53, 12) 6am Home Shopping. 8.00 Escape Fishing With ET. 8.30 Bondi Rescue. 9.00 Jake And The Fatman. 10.00 Diagnosis Murder. 11.00 JAG. Noon NCIS. 1.00 Walker, Texas Ranger. 3.00 Jake And The Fatman. 4.00 Diagnosis Murder. 5.00 JAG. 6.00 Bondi Rescue. 7.30 NCIS. 8.30 Law & Order: SVU. 10.30 CSI: Crime Scene Investigation. 12.30am Home Shopping. 2.00 Jake And The Fatman. 3.00 JAG. 4.00 Walker, Texas Ranger. 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 (2) 6.00 Rage. (PG) 7.00 Weekend Breakfast. 9.00 Rage. (PG) 12.00 ABC News At Noon. 12.30 Midsomer Murders. (Mv, R) 2.00 Grantchester. (Mav, R) 2.45 Outback Ringer. (Final, PG, R) 3.15 Landline. (R) 3.45 First Nation Farmers. (R) 4.00 Basketball. WNBL. Round 15. Melbourne Boomers v Canberra Capitals. From Melbourne Sports Centres - Parkville. 6.00 War Stories: ANZAC Painter. (R) The story of Harold Prosser. 6.10 George Clarke's Amazing Spaces: House In 24 Hrs Special. (Final, R) Presented by George Clarke. 7.00 ABC News. Takes a look at today's top stories. 7.30 Death In Paradise. (Final, Mav) A man confesses to murdering his boss. 8.30 Unforgotten. (Return, Mal) After a body is discovered in a huge scrap yard, DCI Cassie Stuart and DI Sunny Kahn investigate. 9.20 Troppo. (Mal, R) A shocking revelation leads Amanda and Ted to focus their attention on Yoon Sun and Olivia as prime suspects. 10.15 Call The Midwife. (PG, R) Four male junior doctors arrive. 11.15 Les Misérables. (Mv, R) Paris is on the brink of revolt. 12.15 Rage. (MA15+adhlnsv) ABC TV PLUS (22) 6am Children's Programs. 7.10pm Andy And The Band. 7.30 Spicks And Specks. 8.00 QI. 8.30 Live At The Apollo. 9.15 Sammy J. 9.20 Whose Line Is It Anyway? 10.05 Penn & Teller: Fool Us. 10.50 Gavin & Stacey. 11.20 Schitt's Creek. 11.40 Archer. Midnight Year Of The Rabbit. 12.30 The Young Offenders. 1.00 The Planets. 2.00 Close. 5.05 Little Princess. 5.15 Late Programs.	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 The Rising. 3.00 The Cook Up With Adam Liaw Bitesize. (R) 3.10 March Of The Penguins. (PG, R) 4.40 World War Speed. (PGad, R) 5.40 Secret Nazi Bases. (PGa, R) 6.30 SBS World News. 7.30 Celebrity Letters And Numbers. (M, R) 8.30 Exploring Northern Ireland. (PG) Part 3 of 4. 9.30 World's Greatest Bridges: The Iron Bridge, Shropshire. (R) A look at The Iron Bridge in Shropshire. 10.20 8 Out Of 10 Cats Does Countdown. (Mals, R) 11.10 MOVIE: Midnight In Paris. (2011, PGs, R) 12.55 MOVIE: Vicky Cristina Barcelona. (2008, Ma, R) Scarlett Johansson, Javier Bardem, Rebecca Hall. 2.40 MOVIE: The 15:17 To Paris. (2018, Malv, R) Alek Skarlatos, Spencer Stone. 4.25 VICE Guide To Film. (MA15+d, 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.	SEVEN (7) 6.00 NBC Today. 7.00 Weekend Sunrise. 10.00 The Morning Show: Weekend. (PG) Highlights from the past week. 12.00 Horse Racing. Golden Slipper Day and All-Star Mile Race Day. 5.00 Seven News At 5. 5.30 Creek To Coast. A look at the latest in outdoor activities. 6.00 Seven News. 7.00 Football. AFL. Round 1. Brisbane Lions v Port Adelaide. 10.00 AFL Post-Game Show. A wrap-up of the game, including panel discussion and interviews, with access to players, coaches and staff. 10.30 To Be Advised. 11.30 Motorway Patrol. (PGL, R) Follows the work of a police unit. 12.00 Air Crash Investigation: Blown Away. (PG, R) Examines the crash of TransAsia Flight 222. 1.00 Madeleine McCann: The Hunt For The Prime Suspect. (Ma, R) A look at case of Madeleine McCann. 2.00 Home Shopping. (R) 4.00 Get Clever. (R) Educational kids' program. 5.00 House Of Wellness. (PG, R)	NINE (8, 9) 6.00 Easy Eats. (R) 7.00 Weekend Today. 10.00 Today Extra: Saturday. (PG) 12.00 Destination WA. 12.30 Drive TV. (PG) 1.00 My Way. (R) 1.30 Delish. 2.00 To Be Advised. 3.30 David Attenborough's Green Planet. 4.30 The Garden Gurus. 5.00 News: First At Five. 5.30 Getaway. (PG) 6.00 Nine News Saturday. 7.00 A Current Affair. 7.30 Space Invaders. (PG) A woman reaches out to Peter Walsh and the team to help her dad reclaim his independence. 8.30 MOVIE: The Shawshank Redemption. (1994, MA15+lv, R) After a soft-spoken, respected Maine banker is convicted for the murders of his unfaithful wife and her lover, he forms a friendship with one of his fellow inmates while serving at Shawshank State Prison. Morgan Freeman, Tim Robbins, James Whitmore. 11.20 MOVIE: Changeling. (2008, MA15+av, R) A woman's son disappears. Angelina Jolie, Colm Feore. 2.00 TV Shop: Home Shopping. (R) 4.30 Global Shop. (R) 5.00 TV Shop: Home Shopping. (R) 5.30 Wesley Impact With Stu Cameron. (PG, R)	TEN (5, 1) 6am Morning Programs. 7.30 What's Up Down Under. (R) 8.00 Left Off The Map. (R) 8.30 Pooches At Play. (R) 9.00 Freshly Picked. (R) 9.30 St10. (PG) 12.00 4x4 Adventures. (R) 1.00 All 4 Adventure. (PGL, R) 2.00 To Be Advised. 3.00 What's Up Down Under. 3.30 Waltzing Jimeoin. (PGL, R) 4.00 Farm To Fork. (PG, R) 4.30 Taste Of Australia. (R) 5.00 News. 6.00 Soccer. A-League Men. Round 19. Sydney FC v Melbourne Victory. From Netstrata Jubilee Stadium, Sydney. 9.00 Ambulance Australia. (Maln, R) A crash on a busy intersection sees a severely broken leg front and centre, but paramedics fear the patient may also have spinal cord injuries. Another patient suffers from potentially deadly sepsis. 10.00 Ambulance. (Ma, R) With both the call centre and the teams on the road pushed to their limits, paramedics race to help patients in cardiac arrest, including a person who passed out and another who is struggling to breathe. 11.00 FBI. (Mv, R) The team investigates an extremist gun group after an anti-gun lobbyist building is bombed. 12.00 Home Shopping. (R) 3.30 Infomercials. (PG, R) 5.00 Hour Of Power. Religious program.
ABC TV PLUS (22) 6am Children's Programs. 7.10pm Andy And The Band. 7.30 Spicks And Specks. 8.00 QI. 8.30 Live At The Apollo. 9.15 Sammy J. 9.20 Whose Line Is It Anyway? 10.05 Penn & Teller: Fool Us. 10.50 Gavin & Stacey. 11.20 Schitt's Creek. 11.40 Archer. Midnight Year Of The Rabbit. 12.30 The Young Offenders. 1.00 The Planets. 2.00 Close. 5.05 Little Princess. 5.15 Late Programs.	SBS VICELAND (31) 6am WorldWatch. 11.30 SBS Courtside. Noon Basketball. NBA. Chicago Bulls v Phoenix Suns. 2.30 Hunt For The Trump Tapes. 3.00 Over The Black Dot. 3.30 Yokayi Footy. 4.25 WorldWatch. 5.50 Insight. 6.50 Extreme Food Phobics. 7.40 Impossible Engineering. 8.35 Secrets Of America's Shadow Government. 9.25 Black Market. 10.20 The X-Files. Midnight Late Programs.	7TWO (72) 6am Morning Programs. 11.00 Horse Racing. Golden Slipper Day and All-Star Mile Race Day. Noon Weekender. 12.30 Creek To Coast. 1.00 House Of Wellness. 2.00 Weekender. 2.30 The Great Outdoors: Greatest Escapes. 3.30 Harry And Meghan: The First Tour. 4.30 Charles: 50 Years A Prince. 5.30 Ed And Karen's Recipes For Success. 6.30 The Yorkshire Vet. 8.30 Escape To The Country. 11.30 Late Programs.	9GEM (81, 92) 6am Morning Programs. 8.30 TV Shop. 10.00 The Baron. 11.10 MOVIE: Mayerling. (1968, PG) 2pm MOVIE: All Creatures Great And Small. (1975) 4.00 Rugby Union. Super W. NSW Waratahs v Melbourne Rebels. 6.00 Customs. 6.30 Rugby Union. Super Rugby Pacific. Round 5. NSW Waratahs v Melbourne Rebels. 8.45 Super Rugby Pacific Post-Match. 9.00 MOVIE: Vantage Point. (2008, M) 10.50 Late Programs.	10 PEACH (52, 11) 6am The Late Show With Stephen Colbert. 7.00 The King Of Queens. 8.00 Frasier. 9.00 Becker. 10.00 The Middle. 11.00 The King Of Queens. Noon Australian Survivor. 3.00 Friends. 6.00 The Big Bang Theory. 10.15 Friends. 12.00am Home Shopping. 1.10 Infomercials. 1.40 Mom. 2.35 Naked Beach. 3.30 Nancy Drew. 4.30 Home Shopping.

NITV (34) 6am Morning Programs. 2.30 Yokayi Footy. 3.20 Rugby Union. Ella 7s. 3.50 Sportswoman 2021. 4.20 Over The Black Dot. 4.50 Rugby League. Koori Knockout. Men's. First quarter-final. Newcastle Yowies v Doonside Brown Bears. Replay. 5.50 VICE Sports. 6.20 First People's Kitchen. 6.50 News. 7.00 The South Sydney Story. 7.30 Josephine Baker: Story Of An Awakening. 8.30 MOVIE: Rogue. (2007, MA15+) 10.15 Late Programs.	SBS WORLD MOVIES (32) 6am Rosie. Continued. (2018, PG) 7.05 Viceroy's House. (2017, PG) 9.05 Land Of The Bears. (2014, French) 10.40 Two Days, One Night. (2014, M, French) 12.30pm Shoplifters. (2018, M, Japanese) 2.45 Fame. (2009, PG) 5.00 Orlando. (1992, PG) 6.45 What We Did On Our Holiday. (2014, PG) 8.30 Midnight In Paris. (2011, PG) 10.15 The Neon Demon. (2016, MA15+) 12.25am Late Programs.	7MATE (74) 6am Morning Programs. Noon Football. AFL Women's. Finals Week 1. 2.00 Football. AFL Women's. Finals Week 1. 4.00 Rides Down Under: Workshop Wars. 5.00 Pawn Stars South Africa. 5.30 Storage Wars: TX. 6.00 AFL Pre-Game. 7.00 Pawn Stars. 7.30 MOVIE: Indiana Jones And The Last Crusade. (1989, PG) 10.00 MOVIE: The Long Kiss Goodnight. (1996, MA15+) 12.30am Late Programs.	9GO! (82, 93) 6am Children's Programs. 1.30pm A1: Highway Patrol. 2.30 Peaking. 3.05 Ultimate Rush. 3.35 Soapbox Racing. Red Bull Series. Replay. 4.35 Road Trick. 5.35 Children's Programs. 5.45 MOVIE: Scooby-Doo. (2002, PG) 7.30 MOVIE: Assassin's Creed. (2016, M) 9.40 MOVIE: Birds Of Prey. (2020, MA15+) 11.50 Weird Science. 12.20am Flip It Like Disick. 2.10 Below Deck. 3.00 Late Programs.	10 BOLD (53, 12) 6am Shopping. 9.00 The Doctors. 10.00 What's Up Down Under. 10.30 Escape Fishing With ET. 11.00 Bondi Rescue. 11.30 Jake And The Fatman. 12.30pm JAG. 1.30 Diagnosis Murder. 2.30 Pat Callinan's 4x4 Adventures. 3.30 Hotels By Design. 4.00 Bondi Rescue. 4.30 iFish Summer Series. 5.00 Escape Fishing With ET. 5.30 Scorpion. 7.30 NCIS. 8.30 NCIS: New Orleans. 10.20 NCIS. 11.20 Late Programs.
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ABC TV (2) 6.00 Rage. (PG) 7.00 Weekend Breakfast. 9.00 Insiders. 10.00 Offsiders. 10.30 World This Week. (R) 11.00 Compass. (R) 11.30 Praise. (R) 12.00 News. 12.30 Landline. 1.30 Gardening Aust. (R) 2.30 Australia Remastered. (Final, R) 3.30 Short Cuts To Glory: Matt Okine Vs Food. (R) 4.00 Back In Time For Dinner. (PG, R) 5.00 Art Works. (PGns, R) 5.30 Antiques Roadshow. 6.30 Compass: Sacred Space – Marc Fennell. (PG, R) Geraldine Doogue meets Marc Fennell. 7.00 ABC News Sunday. 7.40 Grand Designs New Zealand. Hosted by Chris Moller. 8.30 Troppo. (Malv) Ted and Amanda's investigation heads down a dark path when more of Jong Min's remains are recovered. 9.30 Killing Eve. (Mav) 10.15 Harrow. (Mav, R) Harrow and Fairley attend a double fatality. 11.05 Top Of The Lake: China Girl. (Mals, R) 12.05 Mum. (Ml, R) 12.35 Diary Of An Uber Driver. (Mls, R) 3.15 Rage. (MA15+adhlnsv) 5.00 Insiders. (R)	SBS (3) 6.00 WorldWatch. 7.00 Small Business Secrets. (Return, PG) 7.30 WorldWatch. 12.00 Motorcycle Racing. Australian Superbike Championship. Round 2. 3.00 WorldWatch. 3.30 ABC America: World News Tonight. 4.00 Cycling. UCI World Tour. Paris-Nice Race. Highlights. 5.00 Small Business Secrets. (PG, R) 5.10 Two Sands. (PG) 5.40 Secret Nazi Bases. (PG, R) 6.30 SBS World News. 7.30 Baiae: The Atlantis Of Rome. (PG) Explores the submerged Roman city of Baiae. 8.30 A Spy In The FBI. (M) Looks at how Robert Hanssen was able to infiltrate and spy on the FBI for over 20 years. 10.10 The Real Hunt For Red October. (Mav, R) Part 2 of 2. 11.00 Michael Mosley: Into The Mind: Emotions. (PG, R) Part 1 of 3. 1.55 MOVIE: Food Fighter. (2018, Ml, R) 3.30 Contagion. (Maw, R) 4.40 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 House Of Wellness. (PG, R) 1.00 Santos Festival Of Cycling. 2.00 MOVIE: Police Academy 2: Their First Assignment. (1985, PGLnsv, R) 4.00 Better Homes And Gardens. (R) 5.00 Seven News At 5. 5.30 Weekender. 6.00 Seven News. 7.00 Dancing With The Stars: All Stars. (PGL) It is the first semi-final. 8.45 Crime Investigation Australia: On Borrowed Time – The Michael McGurk Assassination. (Malv) Takes a look at the 2009 case of businessman Michael McGurk, who was murdered outside his home in Sydney. 10.05 Born To Kill? Edmund Kemper. (MA15+asv) A look at serial killer Edmund Kemper. 11.10 Death Row: Countdown To Execution. (MA15+av) 12.15 The Proposal. (PGns, R) 1.15 Travel Oz. (PG, R) 2.00 Home Shopping. (R) 3.30 Million Dollar Minute. (R) 4.00 NBC Today. 5.00 Seven Early News. 5.30 Sunrise.	NINE (8, 9) 6am Morning Programs. 10.00 NRL Sunday Footy Show. (PG) 11.00 Rugby League. NRL Women's Premiership. Round 4. Parramatta Eels v Sydney Roosters. 12.50 Rugby League. NRL Women's Premiership. Round 4. Newcastle Knights v St George Illawarra Dragons. 2.30 Rugby League. NRL. Round 2. Newcastle Knights v Wests Tigers. 5.00 News. 5.30 My Way. 6.00 Nine News Sunday. 7.00 Married At First Sight. (PGal) The social experiment continues. 8.40 60 Minutes. Current affairs program, investigating, analysing and uncovering the issues affecting all Australians. 9.40 Nine News Late. A look at the latest news and events. 10.10 Australian Crime Stories: The Hunter. (Ml, R) A look at the case of David Pridaoux. 11.15 The First 48: The Fighter/ Final Ride. (Mav) 12.05 Shallow Grave. (Mav, R) 1.00 The Garden Gurus. (R) 1.30 TV Shop: Home Shopping. (R) 4.00 Believer's Voice Of Victory. (PGa) 4.30 Take Two. (R) 5.00 News Early Edition. 5.30 Today.	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 What's Up Down Under. (R) 9.00 Left Off The Map. (R) 9.30 St10. (PG) 12.00 Australian Survivor. (R) 1.30 To Be Advised. 2.40 My Market Kitchen. (R) 3.00 Luca's Key Ingredient. (R) 3.30 Waltzing Jimeoin. (PG, R) 4.00 Farm To Fork. (PG, R) 4.30 Taste Of Australia. (R) 5.00 News. 6.30 The Sunday Project. Joins panellists for a look at the day's news, events and hot topics. 7.30 Australian Survivor. A group of castaways are in Far North Queensland, where they face challenges in the quest for the title of Sole Survivor. 9.00 FBI. (Mv, R) When a US attorney is found dead steps away from the body of a private escort, the team must piece together what connected the two victims, while Jubal deals with his own connection to one of the deceased. 11.00 The Sunday Project. (R) Joins panellists for a look at the day's news, events and hot topics. 12.00 Home Shopping. (R) 2.30 Infomercials. (PG, R) 4.30 CBS Mornings.
ABC TV PLUS (22) 6am Children's Programs. 7.10pm Andy And The Band. 7.30 Compass. 8.00 You Can't Ask That. 8.30 Louis Theroux's Forbidden America. 9.35 Freddie Mercury: The Final Act. 11.05 Tate Britain's Great British Walks. 11.50 George Clarke's Amazing Spaces. 12.40am MOVIE: Love Birds. (2011, PG) 2.20 ABC News Update. 2.25 Close. 5.05 Little Princess. 5.15 Late Programs.	SBS VICELAND (31) 6am Morning Programs. 12.30pm WorldWatch. 1.00 Front Up. 1.30 Climbing Lebanon. 2.00 Nuts And Bolts. 2.30 Look Me In The Eye. 3.30 WorldWatch. 4.00 Insight. 5.00 Lee Lin Chin's Fashionista. 5.10 Unknown Amazon. 6.00 Speed With Guy Martin. 6.55 Lost Gold Of World War II. 7.40 Ice Cowboys. 8.30 The Story Of Late Night. (Final) 9.20 Cola Wars. 10.50 Late Programs.	7TWO (72) 6am Morning Programs. 9.00 Out Of The Blue. 9.30 Australia's Best Backyards. 10.00 House Of Wellness. 11.00 NBC Today. Noon The Yorkshire Vet. 2.00 Caravan & Camping WA. 2.30 The Great Australian Doorstep. 3.00 Escape To The Country. 6.00 Dog Patrol. 7.00 Border Security. 8.30 Railroad Australia. 9.30 Hornby: A Model Empire. 10.30 Great Scenic Railway Journeys. 11.10 Late Programs.	9GEM (81, 92) 6am Morning Programs. 8.30 The Incredible Journey. 9.00 TV Shop. 10.00 My Favorite Martian. 10.30 Edgar Wallace Mysteries. 11.50 Garden Gurus. 12.20pm Getaway. 12.50 MOVIE: I'm All Right Jack. (1959) 3.00 MOVIE: Angels One Five. (1952) 5.00 MOVIE: The 7th Dawn. (1964, PG) 7.30 David Attenborough's Seven Worlds, One Planet. 8.40 MOVIE: The Bourne Ultimatum. (2007, M) 10.50 Late Programs.	10 PEACH (52, 11) 6am Basketball. NBL. Round 8. Cairns Taipans v Brisbane Bullets. 6.30 The Big Bang Theory. 8.30 Neighbours. 10.30 The Middle. 11.00 To Be Advised. Noon Basketball. NBL. Round 16. Melbourne United v Adelaide 36ers. 2.00 Basketball. NBL. Round 16. Brisbane Bullets v Cairns Taipans. 4.00 The Middle. 5.00 Friends. 6.00 The Big Bang Theory. 8.30 Friends. 11.00 Late Programs.
NITV (34) 6am Morning Programs. 11.00 Gaelic Football. Ladies Association. Highlights. 11.15 Football. CAFL. 12.45pm Motor Racing. W Series. Round 6. Highlights. 1.15 Soccer. Serie A Femminile. 3.00 Rugby Union. Monsoon Rugby Union. 4.30 Softball. SA Premier League. 6.00 Going Native. 6.30 News. 6.40 Natural Born Rebels. 7.40 Ice Cowboys. 8.40 The Ripple Effect. 9.35 Hawaiian: The Legend Of Eddie Aikau. 11.05 Late Programs.	SBS WORLD MOVIES (32) 6am Orlando. Continued. (1992, PG) 6.20 Land Of The Bears. (2014, French) 7.55 What We Did On Our Holiday. (2014, PG) 9.45 Robinson Crusoe. (2016, PG) 11.25 Boy. (2010, M) 1pm Ladies. (2017, M, French) 2.55 Viceroy's House. (2017, PG) 4.55 Esio Trot. (2015, PG) 6.35 Hampstead. (2017, PG) 8.30 Parasite. (2019, MA15+, Korean) 10.55 Late Programs.	7MATE (74) 6am Morning Programs. 1pm Paralympic Winter Games Beijing 2022: Highlights. H'lights from the Winter Paralympics. 2.00 Hook Me Up! 3.00 Ultimate Fishing. 4.00 Pawn Stars South Africa. 4.30 Barter Kings. 5.00 Pawn Stars UK. 5.30 American Pickers: Best Of. 6.30 Football. AFL. Round 1. West Coast v Gold Coast Suns. 9.30 MOVIE: Kingsman: The Secret Service. (2014, MA15+) 12.05am Late Programs.	9GO! (82, 93) 6am Children's Programs. Noon MOVIE: Rocky. (1976, PG) 2.30 MOVIE: Rocky II. (1979, PG) 5.00 MOVIE: Rocky III. (1982, PG) 7.00 MOVIE: Rocky IV. (1985, PG) 9.00 MOVIE: Rocky V. (1990, M) 11.00 MOVIE: Rocky Balboa. (2006, M) 1am Flip It Like Disick. 2.50 Mike Tyson Mysteries. 3.00 Power Rangers Super Beast Morphers. 3.30 Thunderbirds. 4.30 Teen Titans Go! 4.50 Late Programs.	10 BOLD (53, 12) 6am Infomercials. 7.00 Shopping. 7.30 Key Of David. 8.00 The Doctors. 9.00 Healthy Homes Aust. 9.30 Bondi Rescue. 10.00 iFish Summer. 10.30 Reel Action. 11.00 Escape Fishing. 11.30 4x4 Adventures. 12.30pm Scorpion. 2.30 Soccer. A-League Women. Preliminary final. 5.00 Pooches At Play. 5.30 What's Up Down Under. 6.00 Bondi Rescue. 7.30 NCIS. 9.25 NCIS: Los Angeles. 11.15 Late Programs.

Wednesday, March 23

<p>ABC TV (2) 6.00 News Breakfast. 9.00 ABC News Mornings. 10.00 Four Corners. (R) 11.00 Monash And Me. (PG, R) 12.00 ABC News At Noon. 12.30 National Press Club Address. 1.40 Media Watch. (PG, R) 2.00 Press. (Mls, R) 3.00 ABC News Afternoons. 4.00 Escape From The City. (R) 5.00 Kurt Fearnley's One Plus One. (R) 5.25 Hard Quiz. (PG, R)</p>	<p>SBS (3) 6.00 WorldWatch. 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 Dateline. (R) 2.30 Insight. (R) 3.30 Destination Flavour China Bitesize. (R) 3.40 The Cook Up With Adam Liaw. (PG) 4.10 Portillo's Greatest Railway Journeys. (PG, R) 5.05 Jeopardy! (PG) 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: I'll Be Watching. (2018, Mav, R) 2.00 Autopsy USA: Bob Marley. (Mdv, 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. 9.00 Today Extra. (PG) 11.30 Morning News. 12.00 Married At First Sight. (R) 1.30 My Way. 2.00 Pointless. (PG) 3.00 Tipping Point. (PG) 4.00 Afternoon News. 4.30 Millionaire Hot Seat. 5.30 WIN News.</p>	<p>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. (PG) 1.00 To Be Advised. 2.00 Entertainment Tonight. 2.30 Everyday Gourmet With Justine Schofield. (R) 3.00 Judge Judy. (PG, R) 3.30 Left Off The Map. 4.00 Good Chef Bad Chef. 4.30 The Bold And The Beautiful. (PG) 5.00 10 News First.</p>
<p>6.00 The Drum. 7.00 ABC News. 7.30 7.30. Presented by Leigh Sales. 8.00 Hard Quiz. (PG) Presented by Tom Gleeson. 8.30 Shaun Micallef's MAD AS HELL. (M) Host Shaun Micallef presents a round-up of important news stories of the week. 9.00 Starstruck. (Final, MI) Tom comes back into Jessie's life. 9.25 QI. (Ms) Hosted by Sandi Toksvig. 9.55 Adam Hills: The Last Leg. (R) UK-based panel show. 10.35 ABC Late News. 10.50 The Business. (R) 11.10 Killing Eve. (Mav, R) 11.55 Press. (Mal, R) 12.55 Midsomer Murders. (Mv, R) 2.25 Adam Hills: The Last Leg. (R) 3.05 Rage. (MA15+adhlnsv) 4.25 The Drum. (R) 5.25 7.30. (R)</p>	<p>6.00 Mastermind Australia. (PG) Presented by Marc Fennell. 6.30 SBS World News. 7.30 Michael Mosley's Health Intervention. (M) Part 3 of 3. 8.30 Life On The Outside. (M) Part 2 of 3. Danielle Cormack presents an initiative to tackle recidivism in Australia. 9.35 The Responder. (MA15+) A police officer is offered a path to redemption in the form of a young heroin addict. 10.35 SBS World News Late. 11.10 In Therapy. (Mal) 12.00 The Handmaid's Tale. (Malsv, R) 12.55 The Good Fight. (Malv, R) 1.55 Before We Die. (Malv, R) 4.05 VICE Guide To Film. (MA15+alv, 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 Home And Away. (PGs) 7.30 Warnie. (Premiere) Features stories of cricketing legend Shane Warne, who unexpectedly passed away in 2022. 8.30 America's Got Talent: Extreme. (Premiere, PG) Contestants from all over America showcase stunts and extreme talents for a panel of expert judges, including Simon Cowell, Nikki Bella and Travis Pastrana. Hosted by Terry Crews. 11.00 Autopsy USA: Mindy McCready. (MA15+av) A look at the suicide of Mindy McCready. 12.00 Splitting Up Together. (PGa, R) 1.30 Harry's Practice. (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 A Current Affair. 7.30 Married At First Sight. The social experiment continues. 9.00 Under Investigation: The Coward Killer. (MA15+av) Follows the trail of serial killer John Wayne Glover, from the '60s to his murder spree in the '80s. 10.00 Nine News Late. A look at the latest news and events. 10.30 Forensics: The Real CSI: Indecent Exposure. (MA15+) Investigators search for a sex offender. 11.40 Grand Hotel. (Mds, R) 12.30 Tipping Point. (PG, R) 1.30 TV Shop: Home Shopping. (R) 2.30 Global Shop. (R) 3.00 TV Shop: Home Shopping. (R) 4.00 Believer's Voice Of Victory. (PGa) 4.30 A Current Affair. (R) 5.00 News Early Edition. 5.30 Today.</p>	<p>6.30 The Project. A look at the day's news. 7.30 Ambulance Australia. (Ma) Follows dispatchers and paramedics working for Queensland Ambulance Service's operations. 8.30 Gogglebox Australia. (Mals) A diverse range of people open their living rooms to reveal their reactions to popular and topical TV shows, with the help of special, locked-off cameras which capture every unpredictable moment. 9.30 To Be Advised. 10.30 This Is Us. (PGIs) Kevin visits the construction site. 11.30 The Project. (R) A look at the day's news. 12.30 The Late Show With Stephen Colbert. (PG) Hosted by Stephen Colbert. 1.30 Home Shopping. (R) 3.30 Infomercials. (PG, R) 4.30 CBS Mornings.</p>
<p>ABC TV PLUS (22) 6am Children's Programs. 7.10pm Andy And The Band. 7.30 Anh's Brush With Fame. 8.00 Art Works. 8.30 Tate Britain's Great British Walks. 9.15 Fake Or Fortune? 10.20 Keeping Australia Safe. 11.20 Louis Theroux's Forbidden America. 12.20am Community. 12.45 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 Payday. 12.50 Noisy. 2.30 Motherboard. 3.00 Earthworks. 3.50 WorldWatch. 5.15 Joy Of Painting. 5.45 Shortland St. 6.15 Forged In Fire. 7.05 Jeopardy! 7.35 8 Out Of 10 Cats Does Countdown. 8.30 Celebrity Letters And Numbers. 9.30 MOVIE: Overlord. (2018, MA15+) 11.30 MOVIE: Shanghai Surprise. (1986, M) 1.15am Cycling. UCI World Tour. Volta a Catalunya. Stage 3. 3.15 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 Miniseries: Bancroft. 1.00 Million Dollar Minute. 2.00 To Be Advised. 2.30 Sons And Daughters. 4.30 QE2: The World's Greatest Cruise Ship. 5.30 Escape To The Country. 6.30 Bargain Hunt. 7.30 The Coroner. 8.30 Ms Fisher's Modern Murder Mysteries. 9.30 Frankie Drake Mysteries. 11.30 Late Programs.</p>	<p>9GEM (81, 92) 6am TV Shop: Home Shopping. 7.00 Creflo Dollar Ministries. 7.30 TV Shop: Home Shopping. 10.00 Speedseries. (Return) Noon Days Of Our Lives. 12.55 The Young And The Restless. 1.50 The Bill. 3.00 Antiques Roadshow. 3.30 MOVIE: The Man Who Haunted Himself. (1970, PG) 5.30 Murder, She Wrote. 6.30 Antiques Roadshow. 7.30 As Time Goes By. 8.50 Midsomer Murders. 10.50 House. 11.50 Late Programs.</p>	<p>10 PEACH (52, 11) 6am The Late Show With Stephen Colbert. 7.00 Frasier. 8.00 The King Of Queens. 9.00 Becker. 10.00 The Middle. 11.00 Frasier. Noon Mom. 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. Midnight Shopping. 12.30 Infomercials. 1.00 Shopping. 1.30 Late Programs.</p>
<p>NITV (34) 6am Morning Programs. 1.30pm Merchants Of The Wild. 2.00 Shortland St. 2.30 Chefs' Line. 3.00 Jarjums. 3.25 The Magic Canoe. 3.50 Wolf Joe. 4.00 Aussie Bush Tales. 4.10 Grace Beside Me. 4.35 Molly Of Denali. 5.00 Our Stories. 5.30 Te Ao With Moana. 6.00 Bamay. 6.30 News. 6.40 Arctic Secrets. 7.30 Country Music. 8.30 Yokai! Footy. 9.25 The Ripple Effect. 10.20 News. 10.30 Sisters In League. 11.30 Late Programs.</p>	<p>SBS WORLD MOVIES (32) 6am Morning Programs. 6.35 Loving. (2016, PG) 8.50 Dean Spanley. (2008, PG) 10.45 As It Is In Heaven. (2004, M, Swedish) 1.10pm Sonu Ke Titu Ki Sweetey. (2018, PG, Hindi) 3.40 The Red Balloon. (1956, French) 4.25 Princess Caraboo. (1994, PG) 6.15 The Fifth Element. (1997, PG) 8.30 Lost In Translation. (2003, M) 10.25 Nightcrawler. (2014, M) 12.35am Late Programs.</p>	<p>7MATE (74) 6am Morning Programs. 9.00 Storage Wars: TX. 9.30 Pawn Stars. 10.00 A Football Life. 11.00 America's Game. Noon Biker Battleground Phoenix. 1.00 Outback Truckers. 3.00 Billion Dollar Wreck. 4.00 Fish'n With Mates. 4.30 Barter Kings. 5.00 Portland Charter Boat Wars. 5.30 Storage Wars: TX. 6.00 American Pickers. 7.00 Pawn Stars. 8.30 MOVIE: Dirty Harry. (1971, MA15+) 10.40 Late Programs.</p>	<p>9GO! (82, 93) 6am Children's Programs. Noon Xena. 2.00 Motor Racing. IndyCar Series. Xpel 375. 3.00 The Nanny. 3.30 3rd Rock. 4.00 That '70s Show. 4.30 Raymond. 5.30 The Nanny. 6.00 3rd Rock. 6.30 That '70s Show. 7.00 Young Sheldon. 7.30 RBT. 8.00 Territory Cops. 8.30 MOVIE: Pulp Fiction. (1994, MA15+) 11.35 Young Sheldon. Midnight Below Deck Mediterranean. 1.00 Kardashians. 2.00 Late Programs.</p>	<p>10 BOLD (53, 12) 6am Infomercials. 8.00 Motor Racing. Formula 1. Round 1. Bahrain Grand Prix. 9.00 Jake And The Fatman. 10.00 Diagnosis Murder. 11.00 JAG. Noon NCIS. 1.00 Walker, Texas Ranger. 3.00 Diagnosis Murder. 4.00 JAG. 5.00 Star Trek: The Next Generation. 6.00 Bondi Rescue. 7.30 NCIS. 8.30 NCIS: Los Angeles. 10.20 Socceroos: Road To Qatar. 10.50 FBI: Most Wanted. 11.45 Late Programs.</p>

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Thursday, March 24

<p>ABC TV (2) 6.00 News. 9.00 News. 9.55 Aust Story. (R) 10.30 Scottish Vets Down Under. (PGm, R) 11.00 The Wildlife Revolution - A Catalyst Special. (Final, PG, R) 12.00 News. 1.00 Hard Quiz. (PG, R) 1.30 Shaun Micallef's MAD AS HELL. (M, R) 2.00 Press. (Mal, R) 3.00 News. 4.00 Escape From The City. (R) 4.55 Kurt Fearnley's One Plus One. (R) 5.25 Hard Quiz. (PG, R)</p>	<p>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 North America With Simon Reeve. (Madlw, R) 3.00 Going Places With Ernie Dingo. (R) 3.30 Destination Flavour China Bitesize. (R) 3.40 The Cook Up With Adam Liaw. (PG) 4.10 Portillo's Greatest Railway Journeys. (R) 5.05 Jeopardy! (PG) 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: Pay It Forward. (2000, Mav, R) 2.30 Dog Patrol. (PGa, R) 3.00 The Chase. (R) 4.00 Seven News At 4. 5.00 The Chase Australia.</p>	<p>NINE (8, 9) 6.00 Today. 9.00 Today Extra. (PG) 11.30 Morning News. 12.00 Married At First Sight. (R) 1.30 Driving Test. (PG, R) 2.00 Pointless. (PG) 3.00 Tipping Point. (PG) 4.00 Afternoon News. 4.30 Millionaire Hot Seat. (R) 5.30 WIN News.</p>	<p>TEN (5, 1) 6.00 The Talk. (PGa) 7.00 Judge Judy. (PG, R) 7.30 The Bold And The Beautiful. (PG, R) 8.00 Studio 10. (PG) 12.00 Dr Phil. (PGa) 1.00 Australian Survivor. (R) 2.00 Entertainment Tonight. 2.30 Everyday Gourmet With Justine Schofield. (R) 3.00 Judge Judy. (PG, R) 3.30 Left Off The Map. 4.00 Good Chef Bad Chef. 4.30 The Bold And The Beautiful. (PG) 5.00 10 News First.</p>
<p>6.00 The Drum. 6.55 Sammy J. (PG) 7.00 ABC News. 7.30 7.30. 8.00 Foreign Correspondent. International current affairs program. 8.30 Q+A. Public affairs program. 9.35 Rosie Batty's One Plus One: Frances Rings. Choreographer Frances Rings chats to Rosie Batty. 10.05 Scottish Vets Down Under. (PG, R) 10.35 ABC Late News. 10.50 The Business. (R) 11.05 A Dog's World With Tony Armstrong. (R) 12.05 Press. (Final, PG, R) 1.05 Call The Midwife. (PG, R) 2.05 Top Of The Lake: China Girl. (Mals, R) 3.00 Rage. (MA15+adhlnsv) 4.25 The Drum. (R) 5.20 Sammy J. (PG, R) 5.25 7.30. (R)</p>	<p>6.00 Mastermind Australia. (PG) 6.30 SBS World News. 7.30 Every Family Has A Secret: Peter Eden And Derek Pedley. (Return, PG) 8.30 The Royals: Keeping The Crown: Breaking Tradition. (PG) Explores the history of royal families. 9.30 Britain's Most Expensive Houses. (PG) A look at expensive UK homes. 10.30 SBS World News Late. 11.00 Gomorrah. (Final, MA15+v) 11.55 Manayek. (Mals) 3.30 Blinded. (Mdlsv, R) 4.20 VICE Guide To Film. (Mlv, R) 4.50 Destination Flavour Down Under Bitesize. (R) 5.00 France 24 Feature. 5.15 NHK World English News. 5.30 Deutsche Welle English News.</p>	<p>6.00 Seven Local News. 6.30 Seven News. 7.00 Home And Away. (PGs) 7.30 MOVIE: Harry Potter And The Chamber Of Secrets. (2002, PGhv, R) Harry investigates strange occurrences at Hogwarts after returning to the school against magical advice. Daniel Radcliffe, Emma Watson. 10.45 The Latest: Seven News. 11.15 To Be Advised. 12.15 Air Crash Investigation: Deadly Inclination. (PGa, R) Examines the crash of Alitalia Flight 404. 1.15 Travel Oz. (PG, 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 Rugby League. NRL. Round 3. St George Illawarra Dragons v Cronulla Sharks. 8.55 Thursday Night Knock Off. Post-match NRL news and analysis of the St George Illawarra Dragons versus Cronulla Sharks. 9.45 Nine News Late. A look at the latest news and events. 10.15 Psychopath With Piers Morgan. (MA15+, R) 11.15 New Amsterdam. (Mamv, R) 12.05 The Horn. (Malm, R) 1.00 Getaway. (PG, R) 1.30 TV Shop: Home Shopping. (R) 2.30 Global Shop. (R) 3.00 TV Shop: Home Shopping. (R) 4.00 Believer's Voice Of Victory. (PGa) 4.30 A Current Affair. (R) 5.00 News Early Edition. 5.30 Today.</p>	<p>6.30 The Project. Join the hosts for a look at the day's news, events and hot topics. 7.00 Soccer. 2022 FIFA World Cup AFC Qualifier. Australia v Japan. From Accor Stadium, Sydney. 9.30 Law & Order: SVU. (Ma, R) Benson becomes involved after the owner of a local restaurant takes a realtor hostage. Rollins faces difficult decisions after her father is hospitalised following a ministroke. 11.30 The Project. (R) Join the hosts for a look at the day's news, events and hot topics. 12.30 The Late Show With Stephen Colbert. (PG) Hosted by Stephen Colbert. 2.30 Home Shopping. (R) 3.30 Infomercials. (PG) 4.30 CBS Mornings. Morning news and talk show.</p>
<p>ABC TV PLUS (22) 6am Children's Programs. 7.10pm Andy And The Band. 7.30 Spicks And Specks. 8.30 Penn & Teller: Fool Us. 9.10 Hard Quiz. 9.40 Shaun Micallef's MAD AS HELL. 10.10 QI. 10.45 Gruen. 11.20 Live At The Apollo. 12.05am Would I Lie To You? 12.35 Community. 1.05 Parks And Recreation. 1.30 Plebs. 1.50 ABC News Update. 1.55 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 Jasper And Errol's First Time. 1.00 Mr Tachyon On The Edge Of Science. 1.30 Most Expensivest. 2.00 Gaycation. 2.50 Cyberwar. 3.50 WorldWatch. 5.15 Joy Of Painting. 5.45 Shortland St. 6.15 Forged In Fire. 7.05 Jeopardy! 7.35 8 Out Of 10 Cats. 8.30 Roswell: The First Witness. 9.25 Behind Bars: World's Toughest Prisons. 10.20 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 Miniseries: Bancroft. 1.00 Million Dollar Minute. 2.00 The Great Australian Doorstep. 2.30 Sons And Daughters. 4.30 To Be Advised. 5.30 Escape To The Country. 6.30 Bargain Hunt. 7.30 Father Brown. 8.30 Inspector George Gently. 10.30 Without A Trace. 11.30 Late Programs.</p>	<p>9GEM (81, 92) 6am Morning Programs. 11.30 My Favorite Martian. Noon Days Of Our Lives. 12.55 The Young And The Restless. 1.50 The Bill. 2.50 Antiques Roadshow. 3.20 MOVIE: Let's Be Happy. (1957) 5.30 Murder, She Wrote. 6.30 Rugby League. NRL. Round 3. St George Illawarra Dragons v Cronulla Sharks. 7.00 Antiques Roadshow. 7.30 RBT. 8.30 To Be Advised. 9.30 A+E After Dark. 10.30 Law & Order. 11.30 Late Programs.</p>	<p>10 PEACH (52, 11) 6am The Late Show With Stephen Colbert. 7.00 Frasier. 8.00 The King Of Queens. 9.00 Becker. 10.00 The Middle. 11.00 Frasier. Noon This Is Us. 1.00 The Big Bang Theory. 1.30 Friends. 2.00 Mom. 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 Mom. Midnight Shopping. 12.30 Infomercials. 1.30 Late Programs.</p>
<p>NITV (34) 6am Morning Programs. 1.40pm Firekeepers Of Kakadu. 2.00 Shortland St. 2.30 Chefs' Line. 3.00 Bushwhacked! 3.25 The Magic Canoe. 3.50 Wolf Joe. 4.00 Aussie Bush Tales. 4.10 Grace Beside Me. 4.35 Molly Of Denali. 5.00 Our Stories. 5.30 The 77 Percent. 6.00 Bamay. 6.30 News. 6.40 Arctic Secrets. 7.30 Going Places With Ernie Dingo. 8.30 Tribal. 9.20 MOVIE: Narrow Margin. (1990) 11.05 Late Programs.</p>	<p>SBS WORLD MOVIES (32) 6am The Fifth Element. Continued. (1997, PG) 8.00 The White Balloon. (1995, Farsi) 9.35 Princess Caraboo. (1994, PG) 11.25 A Monster In Paris. (2011, French) 1.05pm Do Not Hesitate. (2021, M, Dutch) 2.50 Loving. (2016, PG) 5.00 Bugsy Malone. (1976, PG) 6.40 Finding Graceland. (1998, PG) 8.30 The King's Speech. (2010, M) 10.40 Twice Born. (2012, MA15+, Italian) 1am Late Programs.</p>	<p>7MATE (74) 6am Morning Programs. 10.00 A Football Life. 11.00 America's Game. Noon Biker Battleground Phoenix. 1.00 American Pickers. 2.00 Pawn Stars. 3.00 Billion Dollar Wreck. 4.00 Fish'n With Mates. 4.30 Barter Kings. 5.00 Pawn Stars UK. 5.30 Storage Wars: TX. 6.00 Football. AFL. Round 2. Western Bulldogs v Carlton. 9.30 AFL Post-Game Show. 10.00 MOVIE: 21. (2008, M) 12.30am Late Programs.</p>	<p>9GO! (82, 93) 6am Children's Programs. Noon Xena. 2.00 Hercules. 3.00 The Nanny. 3.30 3rd Rock. 4.00 That '70s Show. 4.30 Raymond. 5.30 The Nanny. 6.00 3rd Rock. 6.30 That '70s Show. 7.00 Young Sheldon. 7.30 Survivor 42. 8.30 MOVIE: Jaws. (1975, M) 11.00 Young Sheldon. 11.30 Weird Science. Midnight Below Deck Mediterranean. 1.00 Kardashians. 2.00 Vanderpump Rules. 2.50 Late Programs.</p>	<p>10 BOLD (53, 12) 6am Infomercials. 8.00 What's Up Down Under. 8.30 NBL Slam. 9.00 ST: Next Gen. 10.00 Diagnosis Murder. 11.00 JAG. Noon NCIS. 1.00 Walker, Texas Ranger. 3.00 Diagnosis Murder. 4.00 JAG. 5.00 ST: Next Gen. 6.00 Bondi Rescue. 6.30 Soccer. 2022 FIFA World Cup AFC Qualifier. Australia v Japan. 7.00 Bondi Rescue. 7.30 NCIS. 8.30 Bull. 10.30 NCIS: LA. 11.30 Late Programs.</p>

On Demand

DIVINE DETECTIVE

SISTER BONIFACE MYSTERIES
Streaming, BritBox

When Bermudan detective Felix Livingstone (Jerry Iwu) steps off the train ready for what he thinks is his first day at Scotland Yard, he's greeted by the last person he could have possibly expected – the cheerful crime-solving nun Sister Boniface (Lorna Watson) on her trusty Vespa.

This energetic spin-off from beloved mystery series *Father Brown* sees the spirited sister (first seen in season one episode 'The Bride of Christ') act as a similar, divinely inspired detective, solving crimes alongside police in the aptly named village of Great Slaughter.

With a PhD in chemistry, an IQ of 156 and rumours she turned down a job offer from MI5 after working as a codebreaker in World War II, Sister Boniface is the secret weapon of her local police force. From her crime lab in the convent – packed with the most cutting-edge equipment the 1960s has to offer – the remarkably progressive sister helps DI Sam Gillespie (Max Brown, *Downton Abbey*) and DS Livingstone solve the alarming number of murders in their quaint little village.

In the 10-episode first season, the trio take on all manner of quirky cases, ranging from a handmaid slain at a local fete to a rock'n'roll singer killed backstage and the discovery of bones during the annual giant marrow contest.

Watson's performance as the gleeful-yet-pious investigator is an absolute delight. It's plain to see why she left such an impression on creator Jude Tindall in just one *Father Brown* episode all those moons ago.



Sister act: Jerry Iwu, Lorna Watson and Max Brown in *Sister Boniface Mysteries*.



TURNING RED
Streaming, Disney+

Confident yet dorky and adorable, 13-year-old Mei Lin (voice of Rosalie Chiang) is just starting to come to terms with the chaos and changes of adolescence when she discovers that if she gets too excited or stressed (which is all the time), she turns into a giant red panda. This marvellously diverse coming-of-age story is bright, colourful and so much fun.



SHINING VALE
Streaming, Foxtel On Demand

It was meant to save their marriage, but moving from the city to a house in Connecticut that may or may not be haunted isn't going smoothly for Pat and Terry Phelps (Courteney Cox, pictured, and Greg Kinnear). This week, author Pat breaks through her writer's block and finds her muse, while Terry makes a pitch to the archdiocese.

FOXTEL



PROJECT ADAM
Streaming, Netflix

NETFLIX

After accidentally crash-landing in 2022, time-travelling fighter pilot Adam (Ryan Reynolds) works with his 12-year-old self (Walker Scobell, pictured with Reynolds) to travel back in time to meet their late father (Mark Ruffalo) and prevent him from inventing time travel. Directed by *Free Guy*'s Shawn Levy, their mission is family-friendly adventure at its best.



MINX
Streaming, Stan

Stan.

When Joyce (Ophelia Lovibond) can't find anyone in Los Angeles interested in printing her bold feminist views, she teams with low-rent publisher Doug (Jake Johnson, pictured with Lovibond) to combine their interests and create the first adult magazine for women. Set in the 1970s, this cheeky new comedy charts their cultural revolution.



PHOENIX RISING
Streaming, Binge

BINGE

Actress and activist Evan Rachel Wood (pictured) bares all in this empowering, candid and moving documentary. Sharing her alleged abuse at the hands of rock icon Marilyn Manson (aka Brian Warner), Wood is using her own experience to co-author legislation that extends the statute of limitations for domestic violence victims in California.



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country kitchens recipes

Farmhouse Vegetable Lasagne

Serves: 4

Prep time: 30 minutes

Cook time: 1 hr 30 minutes

3 serve per portion

Ingredients:

- 2 tablespoons extra virgin olive oil
- 1 brown onion, diced
- 2 cloves garlic, minced
- 1 medium capsicum, diced
- 2 sticks celery, diced
- 2 medium carrots, diced
- 1 small eggplant, diced
- 1 medium zucchini, grated
- 1 cup mushrooms, diced
- 3 tablespoons tomato paste
- 400g can tomatoes, reduced salt
- 1 cup vegetable stock, reduced salt
- 1/3 cup red wine (optional)
- 1/2 bunch rosemary
- 1 tablespoon fresh parsley
- 2 tablespoons dried thyme
- 1 tablespoon dried oregano
- 1 tablespoon dried sage
- Pepper, to taste

White sauce:

- 1 litre milk, reduced fat
- Pinch nutmeg
- 4 tablespoons cornflour

Method:

- **PREHEAT** oven to 160°C.
- **HEAT** oil in a large saucepan and cook onion until softened, about 5 minutes, then add garlic and all other vegetables. Cook for a few minutes stirring constantly.
- **ADD** tomato paste, canned tomatoes, vegetable stock, wine and herbs.
- **BRING** to the boil and simmer for about 30 minutes. Do not reduce the sauce too much as any excess will be absorbed in the pasta/lasagne sheets.
- **HEAT** milk and nutmeg in saucepan, add cornflour and stir until it thickens.
- **LAYER** the tomato sauce, a lasagne sheet and white sauce in the baking dish. Repeat with two more layer.
- **SPRINKLE** with cheese and bake for approximately 45 minutes to an hour.

**Recipe courtesy of Anne Fomiatti, Texas Branch*

Everyday Food



Everyday Food

Honey Soy Chicken Stir Fry

Serves: 4

Prep time: 20 minutes

Cook time: 15 minutes

1 1/2 serve per portion

Ingredients:

- 400g rice noodles
- 1 tablespoon olive oil
- 400g chicken breast, skinless and cut into strips
- 1 onion, finely sliced
- 1 carrot, sliced diagonally
- 2 celery sticks, sliced diagonally
- 1/2 red capsicum, thinly sliced
- 1 bunch bok choy, roughly chopped

Sauce:

- 2 tablespoons reduced-salt soy sauce
- 2 teaspoons cornflour
- 1/2 cup vegetable stock
- 1 tablespoon honey
- 1 tablespoon sesame seeds

Method:

- **PLACE** noodles in large bowl, cover with boiling water for 1 minute, drain then refresh in cold water and set aside.
- **HEAT** oil in a wok (or large pan), add chicken and cook for 5-10 minutes. Set aside.
- **COOK** onion, carrot, celery, and capsicum for 2 minutes.
- **RETURN** chicken to the pan, add bok choy, and cook for 2 minutes.
- **MIX** cornflour and soy sauce to make a paste, then add the vegetable stock (hot), honey and sesame seeds and pour over the chicken and vegetables.
- **COOK** for a further 1-2 minutes until sauce thickens.
- **COMBINE** the chicken and vegetables with noodles and serve.

**Recipe courtesy of the Country Kitchens team*

QLD COUNTRY WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION
COUNTRY Kitchens
Recipe for good health

health + wellbeing
Queensland



Empowering women through education and health is a priority for the Queensland Country Women's Association (QCWA). The QCWA Country Kitchens program, funded by the Queensland Government through Health and Wellbeing Queensland, supports Queenslanders to adopt healthier lifestyles. To find out more about the program visit <https://qcwacountrykitchens.com.au/>.

Out and About



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- 1: Eliza Panitz, Jim Miclam, and Sally-Anne Lee having a friends night out.
- 2: Flipping pancakes David Wegger.
- 3: Darren Wilesmith, Zoe Walker, and Jono and Rachael Wilesmith having a night out.
- 4: On their camp chairs, Lani, Tayah, and Melissa Ellewood, and Julie Bailey-Bratt.
- 5: Having a coffee Rosemary Champion and Craig Fitzsimmons.
- 6: Sharing pancakes, Neil Fraser and Stephen Cavill.
- 7: Janet Hatfield and Danny Feneck enjoying a night at the opera.
- 8: In the kitchen, Lyndall Harriman and Jenny Coombes.
- 9: Friend time, Heather Hale, Karen and Bob Thomson, and Craig Boosey.



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Out and About



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10: Friends see opera together, Jo Bartley, Emilee Pennisi, and Lily Smith.



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11: By the beer keg, Kate Probert, Sharon Ritchie, William Chan, Reza Gilani, and Amanda and Shane McNamara.

12: Womanning the door Irene Harvey and Lina Weger.

13: Just havin a cuppa Maddelin McCosker and Danielle O'Neal.

14: Family picnics, Tom Currie, Jenny Elson, and Fin Currie, Tiffany Cover, and Josh and Matilda Adams.

15: Loving the music, Kashish Bararia and Tia Whyman.

16: Here for the music Daniel Teese.

17: From Remote Area Family Services, Emilie Cameron and Annette Leaver.

18: A lovely breakfast with Ben and Janelle Kent.



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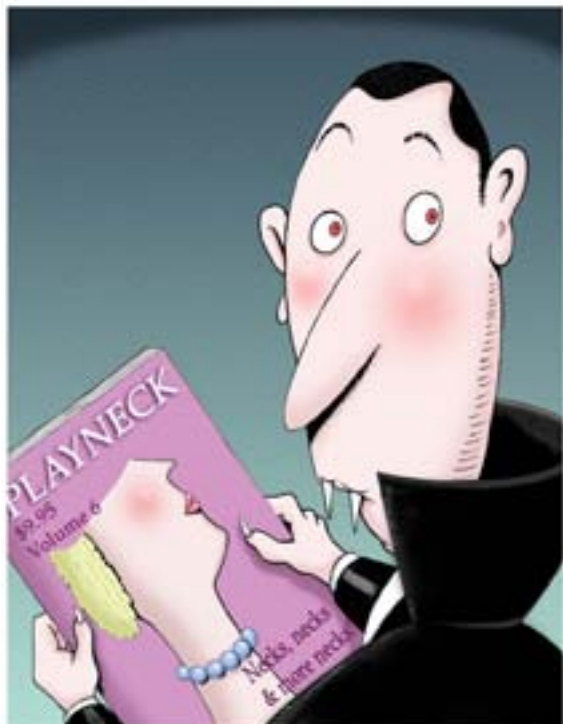
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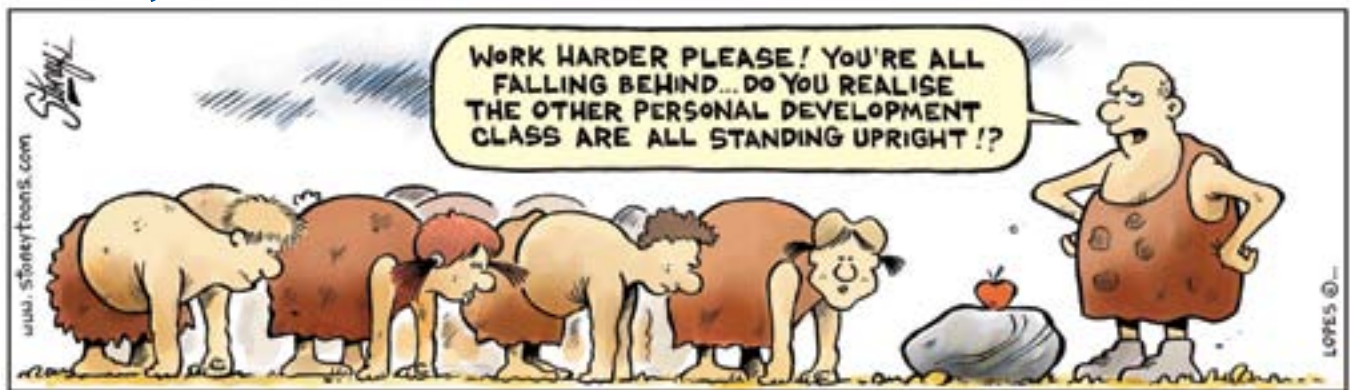
Bushy Tales



Swamp



Insanity Streak



Ballard Street



Roland finally allows himself the leeway to look on the bright side of things.

Grin Bin



Tackling Parkinsonia

By Anna-Marie Moffat, Central West Regional Pest Management Group

Parkinsonia (Jerusalem thorn or jelly bean tree) was introduced as an ornamental and shade tree from Tropical America.

Unfortunately, due to its highly invasive-ness, Parkinsonia is listed as a restricted invasive plant.

Left to grow in a normal life cycle this plant can produce hundreds of seeds which can be distributed by flowing water, vehicles, footwear, and animals.

Prickly acacia was introduced from India in the late 1800s for shade and fodder, especially for our Queensland Drought Conditions.

Like its cousin, Parkinsonia is also a highly invasive plant and when left alone can choke out native grasslands and infest river systems.

Mesquite (Algarroba) like the prickly acacia, mesquite was introduced into Australia from North/South America for fodder and ornamental purposes for homesteads and gardens.

A large mesquite tree has the potential to produce over 140,000 seeds which makes it a highly invasive species.



Mesquite flower.

There are various methods on how to remove these trees which include but not limited to, mechanical, biological, and herbicide control.

More information can be found by visiting the DAF website.



Prickly Acacia.

Agricultural investment at all time high

A survey - conducted by Rabobank - into the confidence in Queensland agricultural industry has reported trends have continued to improved early this year, but trends may buck after devastating floods in the state's southeast corner.

The latest survey – completed last month – showed Queensland rural confidence had remained at positive levels recorded at the end of 2021, with 90 per cent of the state's agricultural producers expecting agribusiness conditions to either remain stable or improve further in the year ahead

Investment intentions among Queensland producers were found to be at their highest level in the survey's 22-year history, with 94 per cent of those surveyed planning to increase or maintain the same level of investment in their business in the coming 12 months.

The survey found strong commodity prices and seasonal conditions were the key reasons for optimism within the agricultural sector.

Rabobank regional manager for Northern Queensland and Northern Territory Trent Mc-

Indoe said the devastating extreme rainfall events that had occurred in the south-east of the state since the survey had been taken had, however, significantly impacted some agricultural production in the region.

“The main impacts have been on dairy, horticulture (such as sugar cane and soybeans) and beef operations in the region, with, very sadly, some stock losses and also damage to crops and infrastructure,” he said.

Across the state, the survey found 39 per cent of farmers have an optimistic outlook on the 12 months ahead (this figure unchanged from last quarter), while just eight per cent expected agribusiness conditions to deteriorate in the year ahead (compared with 10 per cent previously). A total of 52 per cent expect conditions to remain stable.

Commodity prices and seasonal conditions were cited, respectively, by 79 per cent and 48 per cent of Queensland producers with a positive outlook on the year ahead as key reasons for their optimism.

Mr McIndoe said the combination of strong

commodity prices, good seasonal conditions across much of the state and low interest rates have contributed to the positive outlook among many producers and the healthy investment appetite.

This was being reflected in a strong appetite for property purchase.

“We have never seen the Queensland agricultural property market so strong,” Mr McIndoe said.

“There are not a lot of properties on the market, but when they do become available they are very well contested and it is not unusual to see 15 to 20 registered bidders at auctions.

“Beef is the commodity that is outperforming everything else at present, and we are seeing that reflected in the demand for cattle properties.

“But activity for sugar cane farms is starting to increase, and some of those cane farms are being converted to beef production and other commodities as well as being held under cane production.”

Farmers for big change

Farmers for Climate Action have stood by the latest IPCC report which showed Australian agriculture has already been “copping it” and that without deep cuts this decade worse is to come.

The date showed that this would include a drop in wheat yields by up to 30 per cent in southwest Australia, alongside lower milk production and livestock reproduction as a result of extreme weather events.

“We need deep emissions cuts this decade to protect Australian farmers. Agriculture is leading the way on emissions reduction but we need deep emissions cuts in transport and energy,” Farmers for Climate Action CEO Fiona Davis said.

“Regional Australia has so much to gain from emissions reduction.

“It will not only protect our farmers and our food supplies, but we can create tens of thousands of regional jobs in green hydrogen and renewable power generation.”

The IPCC report confirms again Australia will produce less food in key farming areas.

“Hot days, more heatwaves and less rain through cool seasons in the southwest and south-east of the continent will mean more heat stress for livestock and reduced grass growth,” Ms Davis said.

“Ultimately this will mean Australia produces less red meat and less of the country will be suitable for growing crops.”

Experts are in

The world-first Sheep Sustainability Framework (SSF) has today announced a series of new appointments to its leadership, including Dr Scott Williams as Chair and four new members of the Sustainability Steering Group (SSG).

Three new representatives have also joined the combined Sheep Producers Australia (SPA) and WoolProducers Australia (WPA) Board – joint owners of the SSF.

Established in early 2021, the SSF was created to help the industry better understand its opportunities, challenges and impacts in key areas such as environmental health, economic resilience, animal care, and people and community. It presents evidence to stakeholders that Australian sheepmeat and wool is produced responsibly, and demonstrates the industry has a clear path towards continual improvement, where needed.

A respected veterinary scientist and R&D manager, Dr Williams’ appointment as Chair comes following the resignation of Verity Morgan-Schmidt who has chosen to step away from the role due to growing professional and personal demands.

Dr Williams, who has more than 30 years’ experience in animal health, biosecurity, animal welfare, facilitation, strategic planning, corporate governance and the broader agriculture sector, said he was looking forward to building on the important foundational work already completed, to bring an excellent sustainability framework into effect.

“The Sheep Sustainability Framework is a vital initiative for the sheep industry and I sincerely thank Verity, as well as her predecessor Professor Bruce Allworth, for their leadership and the activity they have overseen to help establish and evolve this world-first initiative,” Dr Williams said.

“Australian sheepmeat and wool have become premium products and our customers and consumers are willing to pay a good price but, in return, they expect all of our ‘ducks lined up’ when it comes to quality and integrity.

“We can’t describe our performance in sustainability without agreeing to what sustainability is and how it is measured, and the SSF gives us a common understanding of the territory and language by which to communicate our credentials.

“I’ve had a strong interest in sustainability for a long time, and the opportunity to be part of delivering the Sheep Sustainability Framework was too good to pass up.”

Soil data exchange comes with reward

The Federal Government has launched a program that will see farmers and other land managers receive payment in exchange for sharing their historical soil test data.

Minister for Agriculture and Northern Australia, David Littleproud said \$21 million would be available to land managers wanting to contribute their soil data to a national database.

“The Historical Soil Data Capture Payments Program is part of the National Soil Strategy which aims to build knowledge

for land managers to benchmark their soil against regional or type averages,” he said.

“We know there is a lot of privately held soil data captured for agricultural management and other purposes.

“This program aims to gather and preserve soil data and make it centrally and publicly available for others to use.”

Mr Littleproud said better soil data will lead to improved research, technology, and policy outcomes that will benefit all Australians.

“The Australian Government is seeking suitably qualified service providers to act as data brokers to help deliver the program,” he said.

“An industry briefing will be held on 16 February to inform agronomists, advisers, soil testing service providers, and others about the opportunity to be data brokers.

“Once selected, data brokers will work with land managers to source soil data that has been collected and tested using approved testing methods in a laboratory.”

Market report shows wool holding gains

By Australian Wool Innovation

The Australian wool auctions saw general price gains this week despite the Australian dollar continuing to ascend in value against all of the major trading currencies.

General gains of 10 to 15ac were recorded on the Merino sector alongside a mediocre 5ac increase in crossbred wool types.

Global stocks of those broader wools are slowly moving again, giving some minor confidence that more of that type can find a home at the consumer level.

Clearance rates remain strong with 89.9 per cent of all wool offered being cleared to the trade.

Merino and oddments cleared 90.8 per cent but crossbreds cleared just 86.3% as prices offered in that sector continue their slump.

The Eastern Market Indicator (EMI) received a 6ac (0.4 per cent) boost this week to close at 1413ac/clean kg.

The Western Market Indicator (WMI) enjoyed the best of buyer action in that selling centre by moving 13ac or 0.9 per cent higher to 1457ac/clean kg but once again a relatively lower clearance was achieved with 14.8 per cent being held back as seller price expectations were not met.

In USD terms the EMI gained 7usc or 0.7 per cent to close at 1034 usc/clean kg.

Many of the buying fraternity, on both sides of the contract, are lamenting that logistics issues are impeding normal business activities. The locals are missing selling/trading opportunities due to delays exceeding well over a month now.

This is tightening funds and consequently,

overseas buyers are unable to get the quantities required fixed at current price levels, so production schedules can be set for the immediate to medium term.

Demand is reported as being good from all destinations, as Indian and European interests continue to apply strong competition in the auction rooms to the dominant Chinese.

Direct buying and offshore derived indent orders from the first stage manufacturing sector are alleviating any funding issues at present as the larger volumes on offer are mainly being sold.

This relieves some of the pressures on our local traders to finance all or indeed more of that inventory.

48,500 bales has been rostered to sell next week with Wednesday and Thursday auctions over those two days.

Gardening



Eucalyptus erythrocorys at Alpha State School.

National eucalypt day

By Neil Fisher

Did you know that next Wednesday is National Eucalypt Day? If there is one plant that has a love hate relationship with the public it would be the Gum Tree or Eucalyptus.

Yet the Eucalypt is an Australian icon that gave the shade by a billabong to the Jolly Swagman, motivated Albert Namatjira to paint those stunning outback landscape paintings and provided May Gibb's inspiration for the Snugglepot and and Cuddlepie story.

Any let's not forget the Koala's in the old Gum tree.

Here in Central Queensland there are two Eucalypts species that are nationally loved for the tree's trees part in our countries history. From the Coolibahs or Eucalyptus coolabah that inspired Banjo Paterson after he visited Combo waterhole in 1895 to pen the lyrics for Waltzing Matilda.

To the "Tree of Knowledge" in Barcaldine, a Ghost Gum or Eucalyptus papuana that was the central meeting place during the 1891 Shearers' Strike.

For around 150 years this Eucalypt grew in front of the Barcaldine Rail Station until the tree was poisoned and killed in 2006.

A quite unique memorial now stands on this site.

Eucalypts are predominately native to Australia but they can also be found growing naturally in a couple of other countries including Indonesia, Philippines and New Guinea.

In fact of the 700 species of Eucalyptus there are only 15 species found outside Australia.

In recent years Eucalypts have been reclassified from Eucalyptus to Corymbia, Angophora, Stockwellia, Allosyncarpia, Eucalyptopsis and Arillastrum.

For many gardeners is the blooms of the Eucalypts that attract interest.

Here in the west there are some spectacular flowering Eucalypts that could make a great addition to your garden.

In some cases you might need a large garden.

I always love seeing the Lemon Flowered



Eucalyptus coolibah growing in Winton.

Gum or Eucalyptus woodwardii in bloom in many gardens in Longreach.

This is a showy is a small tree or Mallee and a pendulous habit with blue-grey leaves.

Spectacular large yellow flowers occur between July and November that will birds to the garden.

Eucalyptus woodwardii will survive in very dry conditions and is also frost tolerant.

At the Alpha State School is a very attractive yellow flowering Eucalyptus erythrocorys or the Red Capped Mallee.

It is a spectacular Western Australian native and adapts very well to the western districts of Central Queensland, growing to a small ornamental tree.

Its outstanding feature is blood-red flower buds, followed by spectacular yellow flowers, usually starting at this time of the year, to the start of winter.

However, in mild winter years, it has been known to flower right through to spring.

This particular gum has a wide range of tolerances, including drought, lime and salt soils, and is only frost-tender when young.

Then in the town of Tambo just behind the Tambo Teddies, you will find the flowering version of the platypus.

This tree is a natural oddity with masses of pink blooms and jet black iron bark.

The tree in question is the Pink Flowering Ironbark or Eucalyptus sideroxylon rosea.

It is a useful timber tree due to very hard wood that for years has been used for heavy construction and railway sleepers but this tree also has pretty pink flowers.

Eucalyptus sideroxylon rosea is a large frost tolerant tree that is suitable for medium to larger gardens and is hardy in a wide range of soils and climates.

Growing along the fence line of the Iron Bark Inn in Barcaldine is a stunning small silver leaved tree with lime green flowers.

The tree was Eucalyptus kruseana or the Bookleaf Mallee.

It is an unusual and very attractive small tree growing to about three metres high by one-and-a-half metres wide.

Eucalyptus kruseana has tiny, round, blue-grey, stalk less leaves which cling densely to the branches.

In home gardens this species often develops a single trunk rather than the multiple stems of a Mallee.

The bark of the main stem is reddish brown, but splits longitudinally and rolls at the edges to reveal pale green inner bark.

It is the clusters of lime green flowers of Eucalyptus kruseana that become the feature of this tree.

This Eucalypt is flowering now attraction many Butterflies to the garden.

In front of the Blackall State School there are a number of Eucalyptus torwood is a natural hybrid of Eucalyptus torquata, crossed with Eucalyptus woodwardii.

This is one of my favourite of all ornamental small eucalypts.

This small, evergreen tree will provide the gardener with a wide range of flower colour- a bit like a lucky dip!

For example, if you were to plant three trees, it would not be uncommon to end up with a yellow, a pink, and an orange flowering tree, or even ranges of shades between three colours.

The tree can sometimes have a slightly wil- lowish appearance from a distance, making it quite suitable as an ornamental specimen.

It is frost, drought, lime and salt resistant.

WEATHER

FORECAST

Warnings

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

Longreach:

Sunny. Light winds becoming northeasterly 15 to 20 km/h during the morning then turning east to southeasterly during the day.

Saturday. Sunny.

Isisford:

Sunny.

Saturday. Mostly sunny.

Barcaldine:

Sunny.

Saturday. Sunny.

Central West District:

Sunny. Light winds becoming east to northeasterly 15 to 20 km/h during the morning then tending east to southeasterly 15 to 25 km/h during the day.

Northern Goldfields & Upper Flinders District:

Mostly sunny. Winds east to northeasterly 15 to 20 km/h tending east to southeasterly 15 to 25 km/h during the morning then becoming light during the evening.

Central Highlands & Coalfields District:

Mostly sunny. Light winds becoming southeasterly 15 to 25 km/h during the day then becoming light during the evening.

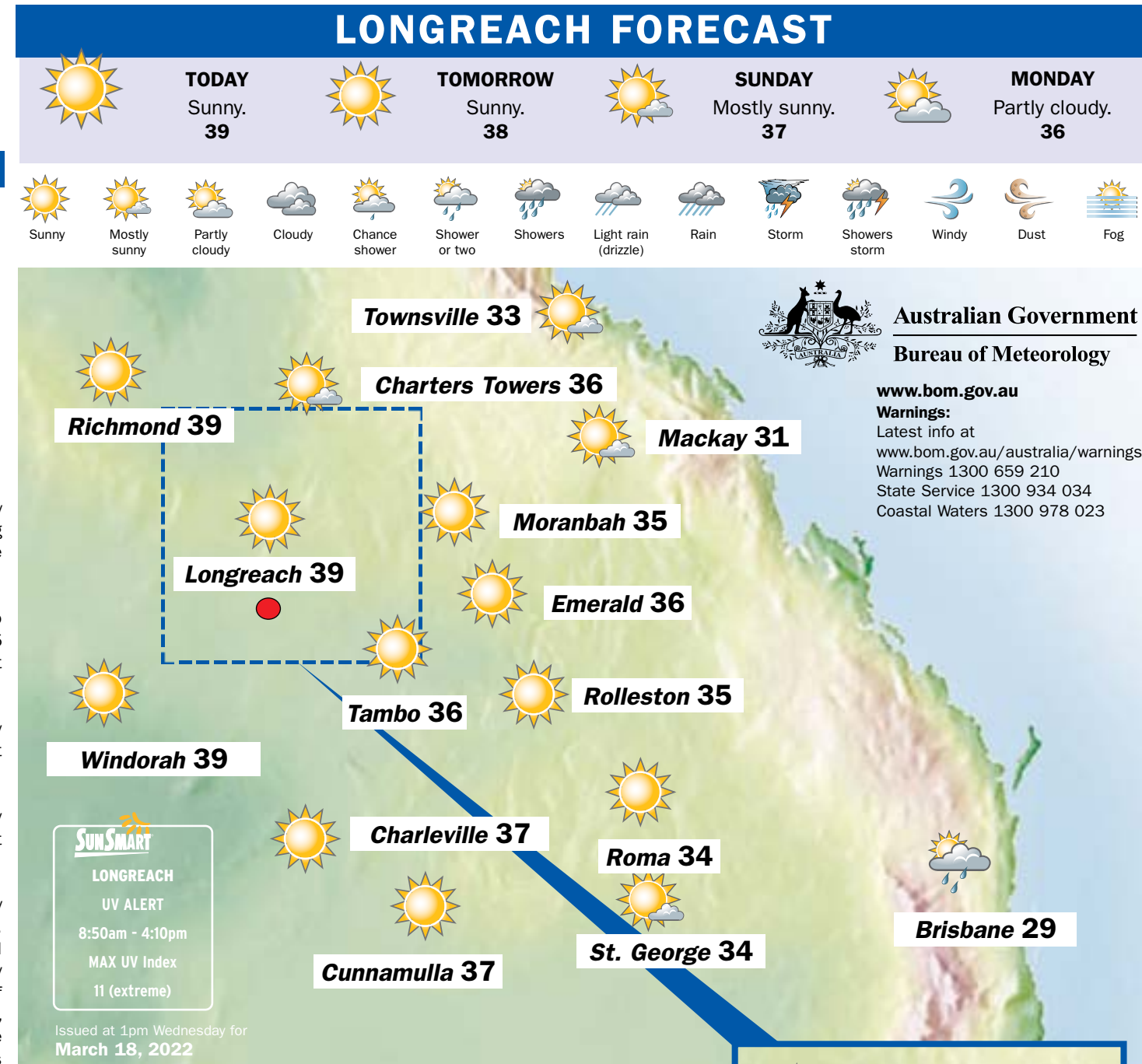
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Mostly sunny. Light winds becoming southeasterly 15 to 25 km/h during the day then becoming light during the evening.

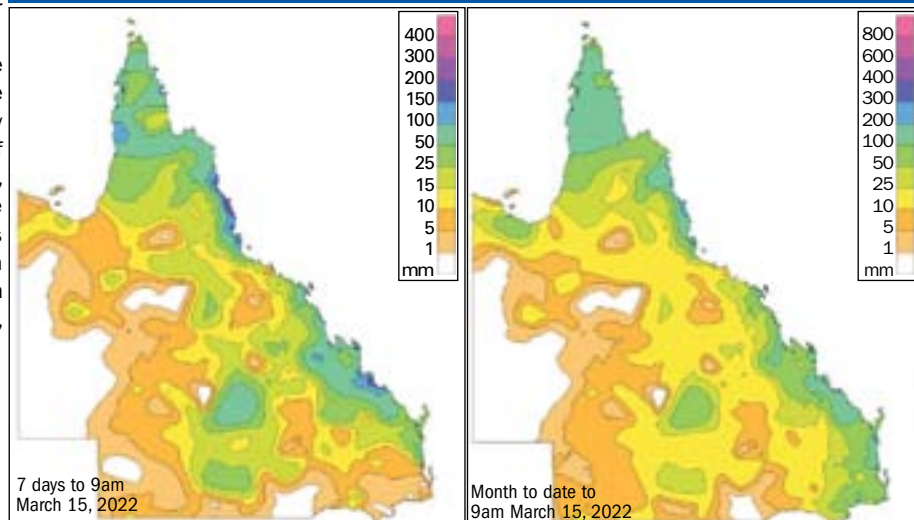
Queensland:

A ridge over the east of the state will slowly weaken. A trough will move into the far southwest. A weak trough will linger about the North Tropical Coast enhancing rainfall in the north. Mostly sunny in the interior of Queensland. A slight chance of showers about the east coast south of Cairns, increasing to a medium chance about the southeast. A high to very high chance of showers and storms over the Peninsula and coast north of Cairns. Temperatures above average tending near average in the southeast.

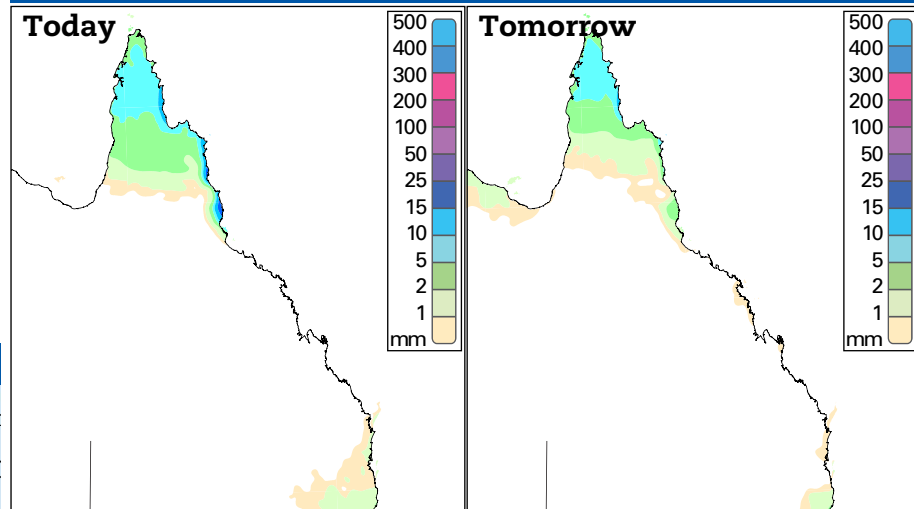
Saturday. A ridge will linger over the east of the state. A trough in the southwest is likely move slowly eastwards across the interior. Mostly sunny in the interior. A slight to medium chance of showers about the east coast south of Cooktown, increasing to a medium chance about the southeast. A slight chance of showers and storms about the southern interior, and a medium to high chance of showers and storms about the Peninsula and Gulf Country. Temperatures above average, tending near average in the southeast.



RAINFALL



Forecast Rainfall

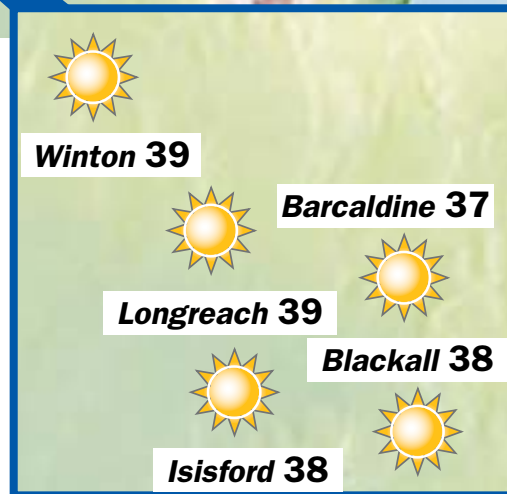


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City	Condition	Max
Adelaide	Partly cloudy.	27
Brisbane	Shower or two.	29
Canberra	Partly cloudy.	28
Darwin	Shower or two. Possible storm.	34
Hobart	Cloudy.	19
Melbourne	Shower or two.	22
Perth	Partly cloudy.	28
Sydney	Shower or two.	27

SUN & MOON

		Sunrise	Sunset	Moonrise	Moonset
Friday		6:26am	6:37pm	6:49pm	6:04am
Saturday		6:26am	6:36pm	7:24pm	7:01am
Sunday		6:27am	6:35pm	8:00pm	7:59am
Monday		6:27am	6:34pm	8:39pm	8:59am
Tuesday		6:27am	6:33pm	9:22pm	10:01am
Wednesday		6:28am	6:32pm	10:10pm	11:06am



THE WORLD

World conditions yesterday

City	Weather	Max	Min
Athens	cloudy	14	5
Auckland	fine	25	13
Bangkok	storms	35	28
Beijing	snow	3	2
Berlin	fine	16	3
Christchurch	fine	16	9
Denpasar	fine	31	27
Dublin	sunny	13	1
Hong Kong	sunny	27	21
Honolulu	cloudy	28	23
Jakarta	rain	28	25
Johannesburg	storms	16	13
Kuala Lumpur	storms	33	24
London	sunny	14	5
Los Angeles	sunny	26	12
Madrid	rain	14	10
Moscow	fine	1	-4
New Delhi	fine	34	20
New York	rain	12	8
Noumea	rain	30	25
Paris	rain	14	9
Auckland	fine	25	13
Port Vila	showers	31	22
Seoul	cloudy	15	6
Singapore	storms	34	24
Suva	storms	32	24
Tel Aviv	fine	16	5
Tokyo	fine	19	8
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Colin (Dec), Ronald Roslyn, Glen (Dec), Jane,
Richard (Dec), Donald, Lea, Kerry (Dec),
Peta & Partners
Loved Grandmother, Great-Grandmother &
Great-Great-Grandmother
Passed Away 28th February 2022
Aged 86 Years
Will be sadly missed by all

TRAD, Mike

1938 – 2022
Passed away on 25th February 2022.
Formally of Winton, Charleville and Aramac
(in the 1950's & 1960's)
Beloved husband to wife Kay (formally
Steele) and father to Paul, Tim,
Damian & Gen.
Rugby League player, Member of local
Horse Racing Clubs & Race Caller, Golfer,
and Stock & Station Agent for
Dalgety's and Elders.

LITTLE Ronald James

The relatives and friends of the late
Ronald James Little, better known
as 'Ronnie' and formerly of
Cassowary Street Longreach,
are respectfully invited to attend his
Graveside Funeral Service commencing at
10.30am on Wednesday 23rd of March 2022
at the Longreach Lawn Cemetery.
Longreach Regional Council
Funeral Directors of Longreach

SANDERSON, Harry Frank

(better known as Sandy)
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passed away on Wednesday 9 March 2022.
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Austin and McMahon blitz

Racing returned to the grass track in the Out-back on Saturday, for Barcaldine's first meeting of the 2022 season which saw a wonderful day's racing on the track/ fashion and glamour off the track as part of the meet and mingle race day.

Racing honours stayed in Barcaldine, with champion trainer, Todd Austin and stable jockey, Rick McMahon combining for four of the five winners on the day, stamping their authority as the stable to beat in the upcoming 2022 Central West Racing season.

Race one was the first of four winners for Austin and McMahon, when they combined with Keddlestone, who is part owned by Gary Peoples, and produced a well timed run along the rails, coming from last to arrive in the nick of time to beat stable mate, London Ruler, ridden by Brooke Richardson - and Vinaigrette who just peaked on its run late to run third for Raymond Fraser and John Rudd.

The second race on the card was won by Matilda, trained by Gary Bignell of Cunnamulla and ridden by Stevie Galvin.

It was a mixing and muddling affair, the Maiden with Another Tosser and Country Roads racing hard together early, when the pair shifted off the track, turning for home, Matilda went back to the fence and came away to score an impressive victory by a length over Another Tosser for Mark Oates and Ben Moffat and Goody Goody, who came from last for Brendan Richardson and Robbie Farr, finished in third.

Race three, was taken out by the impressive Blademan, the second of Austin and McMahon's winners for the day.

This one owned by Liam Balderson, produced a well-timed run to defeat Strawberry Blonde and Oliphants.

This was Blademan's second career win in five starts, and when this galloper puts it all together, he is destined for open company.

Race four on the cards was won by one of the benchmarks for racing in the Central West, Star of O'Reily, which was the third win for Austin and McMahon.

Coming off a second, in the Magic Million's Country Cup on the Gold Coast, he made light work of his opposition, carrying a massive impost of 65kgs, to win by two lengths over The Old Stage of Heroism for Boyd Foster and Tim Brumble, and Zillator, the early pace setter for



Daved Rewald and Stevie Galvin finished in third.

Racing wrapped up in race five, which was another very impressive winner for Austin and Rick McMahon, this one in the shape of Past Tense.

Another horse which settled at the rear of the field, Past Tense took a checkered passage up the home straight to come away and win over No Innuendo and Get In The Grove.

Past Tense, owned by the Daniel's family of Cloncurry, looks to have a very very fruitful

2022 in front of him.

Racing returns to Longreach this weekend, for their XXXX Gold Publican's Cup Race Day, followed by Alpha on 26 March, then Blackall 2 April, then all roads lead to Birdsville for their first meeting of 2022, 10 and 11 April.

Fight for the Duck St Shield as season comes to close

By Michael Lloyd

Last Friday night saw the last regular game for the Longreach Cricket Association's Senior Competition.

With the Grand Finalists already decided, this game had no impact on the season, however it was for a very important piece of silverware called the Duck St Shield.

The Longreach RSL took on the Birdcage Hotel for the dominance of Duck Street and

the knowledge they would hold the trophy for next six months.

The Birdcage batted first and struggle to score due to tight bowling from Jack Marshall, Jade Fuller and Aron Rayner.

At 2/8 off 5 overs, the Birdy Boys needed to get a move on, enter Ash Boyd.

Clearly the player of the season for the Birdcage, Boyd batted masterfully again to finished with 44 off 32 in a total of 103 off 20 overs. Chasing a gettable total, the RSL had

thoughts of ending the season with at least one piece of silverware.

While Callum Jackson and skipper Jade Fuller showed glimpses of a fightback, the RSL ended the night being bowled out for 69.

John Christensen was the star bowler with 3 for 4 off 2 overs and Ash Boyd followed up his batting with 2 for 2 of 2.

This Friday sees the defending Champions the Wellshot Hotel take on the Birdcage

Hotel in the final, 6:30pm at the Longreach Showgrounds.

Food and drinks will be available and its free entry.

The Cricket Association will be giving all profits from the Grand Final to Luke Miller and his family to aid in his recovery from a vehicle accident.

We ask if you are not supporting one of the teams, please wear yellow and blue for Luke, the Parramatta colours.

Final barrel races

The final leg of the Outback Barrel Horse Circuit was had in Longreach.

The sport of barrel racing has been growing exponentially in the Central West over the past few years.



Ladies' Bowls Champions



Well, the Ladies Fours Championship has been run and won.

The team of Michelle McKewen, Ce-rise Woodfield, Coral Williamson, and Gail Butt proved too good for Paula Brun, Dorrie Delaney, Selena Hayward, and Baileigh.

After 13 ends Michelle's team was holding a 2 shot lead but then scored 8 shots in 5 ends to skip out to a 23-15 lead and Paula's team couldn't close the gap.

The score ended up 33-16.

Well done ladies. In a Championship Men's Fours game we saw the powerful side of Ray Harmsworth, Ian Cameron, Dave Ramage, and Russell Schofield take on and defeat Shawn Ryan, Justin Hunt, Bluey Beard, and Cisco Llewelyn.

After giving away 6 shots on the first end it was going to be a battle for Shawn's team and after the 5th end, they were 14-1 down. Shawn's boys did come back at Ray's team when they scored 5 shots on the 14th end to be 23-17 down.

But Ray's team got back on track and going by the scorecard took the win by 34-21.

We also had a Men's Championship Singles game between Peter Thurecht and Patrick Casey.

Pete was leading 6-5 on the 8th end but then had a good run for the next 8 ends stretching his lead to 18-5 before Patrick got off 5. Patrick hung in there and got back within 5 shots before Pete slowly but surely crept away and ended up winning 31-16.

The other Men's Singles game saw Tony Barbeler up against Russell Brooke.

Russ got the first 2 ends but unfortunately for him, Tony was just too hot and after gaining a good lead at 17-5 after 13 ends, he never relinquished his hold on the game and ended up winning 31-14.

In social bowls, Bub Barbeler and Terry Harris had a 24-20 win over Mick Wedge and Bob Grant, and on the next rink, we saw John Hawkes and Ian Bodill defeat Peter Anderson and Amanda by 24-18.

All in all, another good day on the green.

Lloydy's Serve

Michael Lloyd

Through it all, it matters how we look after our own

Back in the day, finishing sports stars would be given a farewell match to raise funds for their retirement.

This was before the days of professionalism, when most sport players would compete for the love of the game and some travelling money if they were lucky.

In fact, sport has been used as a fundraiser for many causes over the years.

Floods, Fires, Cancer research and Children's charities are just some of the movements behind games and events to raise money.

I was at the Allan Border tribute match when Paul "Fatty" Vautin took that catch,

the Pink Test has become an annual event on the Australian Cricket calendar, and the Queensland Masters Bulls spend their year travelling the country raising money for charity, including Longreach when they came out to support Outback Futures.

Sport also helps out on a smaller scale at the local level.

Towns get together to fundraise for Pink Stumps Day, Mental Health, and many other National causes.

But what we do extra well out here in the West is looking after our own.

When there is a person or family in need,

people just come together to do what is needed.

This brings me to one that is close to me.

Luke Miller was the unfortunate victim of a vehicle accident at work a couple of months ago.

I met Luke at a State of Origin night, when he was supporting the Blues and myself the Maroons.

The banter was classic that night and continued every time we got together. He and his wonderful wife Chantelle, have been big supporters of many sporting events in Longreach, especially Athletics.

Luke would often be one of the first at the track to set up and last to leave after spending all day with the starters pistol.

This Friday night the Longreach Cricket Association will be donating the profits from their Grand Final to the Miller Family to aid in his recovery.

We invite everyone to come down, or donate through the funding page you can find on our Facebook page.

While it might be a small gesture, we want Luke, Chantelle and the Miller Family that we are there for them and we look forward to seeing Luke back in Longreach soon.



Captain Jack Madden is in doubt for this week's opening clash but played his cards close to his chest.

New era begins for CQ

By Liam Emerton

The Rockhampton League Club Central Queensland Capras will open their Hostplus Cup campaign in a rough opening round, but this isn't the Capras of old.

The South Logan Magpies last faced Rockhampton last year on the 23 May 2021 when the Brisbane Broncos feeder club brought a packed team including now-Cowboys halfback Tom Dearden and Bronco winger Corey Oates.

They may not pack the exact firepower this weekend as last year but the Magpies are always a tough game, especially at home.

Last year the Capras led on the half-time hooter at Browne Park but failed to capitalise

on the lead, with the Magpies winning 34-20 in the end.

But that was last season and this year the Capras have won both their trial matches and are looking like a team transformed.

CQ Capras coach Lionel Harbin believes it's a new era and the team is looking forward to the challenge that is the South Logan side.

"We've trialled pretty well, but there's still a lot of things to work on," he said.

"The boys have worked extremely hard and I'm just excited to see them play this week.

"This is a new year. We worked hard to iron out the creases. It's about us staying in the moment and not thinking too far ahead.

"We have until later in the week to finalise

the squad. There's a couple of guys that are under an injury cloud so we're going to give them until Wednesday.

"But we've given guys in the trials to play in positions during the trial games and they've done extremely well so we're confident with the guys who will step in the positions."

Captain Jack Madden is one of those players under a cloud of injury but was keeping his chances of playing close to his chest.

After recovering through a bout of Covid several weeks ago, Madden will be hoping to get onto the field if proven fully fit by the deadline.

"I'm just looking forward to starting the season. I think we're in for a big year and I just can't wait to get started" said Madden.

"I had Covid just before the first trial game, the injury though, it should be fine.

"I'm hopeful [that I'll be able to play] but I won't say much more than that.

"I'm just excited to see all the boys play round one.

"We've got a great squad this year and the coaching staff all get along really well.

"We're not worried about who they've got or who they've got coming back from the Broncos, it's more about focusing on ourselves and that's what we've been doing at the trials."

That match kicks off at 3pm on Sunday afternoon at Davies Park in Brisbane and is available to watch on the new Q Plus streaming service.



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