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Celebrating Margaret

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The editor's desk

Inspired by this week's Lloyd's Serve, I'd also like to talk about taking in a deep breath and starting again.

During this time of the year, the intense stress of managing the plethora of events and sports going on can get chaotic—while exhilarating.

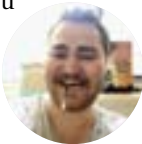
And the almost immediate drop-off that occurs as summer beckons can be startling.

Now's the time to go slow again.

Now's the time to feel like you're actually living in a small town again.

This week, our Director Damian Morgan visited both Barcaldine and Winton with the goal of increasing relations between those residents and our publication.

We would love to feature more of your stories, if you have a lead or a letter please email michael.williams@leadertoday.com.au



- Michael R Williams

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WE TAKE IT TO THE STREETS



Kellie Doyle said Wonder Woman 1984 is her favourite because Wonder Woman is awesome.



Edith Van Pacey said Alice in Wonderland was her favourite movie because of all the characters and it's fun.



Malcolm Strong said his favourite was Thor: Love and Thunder because Korg. "Korg's awesome".



Sam Tweedale said The Avengers series because they are well shot and create a good vibe.



Gaby Janho said he likes Batman more than Superman.



Shane Austin said his favourite movie was the original Batman because his children loved Batman.



Jay Maynard-Kath said Spiderman was her favourite film because he has always been inspiring.

More driver caution needed: Saunders

Assistant Minister for Train Manufacturing and Regional Roads Bruce Saunders has urged travellers to be warier when overtaking road trains along highways.

"We could talk all day about road safety, but one thing that has to happen is driver behaviour has to change," he said.

In my role as the Assistant Minister for Regional Roads, I do a lot of kilometres on Queensland roads and I know the investment from the Palaszczuk government.

We are spending over \$18 billion on regional roads at the moment, but safety also

involves driver behaviour.

The only way we are going to change this is with legislation and fines."

Mr Saunders rallied with Member for Gregory Lachlan Millar on his next point.

"He would have seen how motorists overtake the trucks with cattle and given no consideration to the fact that a truck cannot brake on a 10-cent piece." "Motorists have to leave room for the trucks.

"The trucks are important in regional communities because that is how we move our freight and livestock around.

"We have to make sure that drivers are aware that they cannot just overtake and stop in front of the B-doubles and B-triples on the road.

"We have to educate the people who visit Western Queensland and have never driven on these roads."

Mr Saunders claimed the State Government has committed "a lot of money to regional roads".

"We are doing heaps of work," he said.

"Looking out west, from Jericho across to Blackall, the Cramsie to Muttaborra roads, there are upgrades to roads all around regional Queensland."



Enjoying the workshop.



Getting into the spirit of the work shop.

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“The event was held over two days with 22 attendees’ coming from Winton and surrounding properties, it was fantastic to see a couple of men join in,” Shannon said.

“The plasma workshop involved participants decorating their own windmill blade, allowing them to learn new skills and let their creative flare to shine.

“Some found the workshop therapeutic while others found the workshop to be a positive social interaction that allowed them to walk away feeling accomplished.

“A special guest from Outback Futures joined the workshop and delivered the Head Yakka Program. Outback Futures is working with the Winton Shire Council to better understand, value and advocate for mental health and well-being in themselves, their families and the community as a whole.”

The Winton Shire Council hosted this workshop as part of the Community and Individual Support program and it was free of charge to participants.



Working hard to complete the picture.

“It is great to be able to deliver these types of workshops to the community, free or of a small charge to those attending as it brings community members near and far together and allows them to experience activities, they

wouldn’t normally indulge in,” Shannon said.

“Participants also helped decorate a windmill to be displayed in the community which represented the support of mental health awareness.”

Soldiers’ service recognised at dedication

Nineteen World War I veterans will be officially remembered and recognised with a dedication ceremony on 1 October at 10am at Longreach Cemetery.

The ceremony officially marks the end of an extensive project conducted by Longreach Archival and Historical Research Group volunteers.

The project, initiated by Beth Britton and taken up by Kay Kuhn – who had been researching WWI vets for several years, has seen the group work towards gaining this recognition for the veterans for their war service and to

give their families closure and respect.

The group has now proudly to announced 19 of these men have been honored with a plaque, made possible through assistance from the Office of Australian War Graves (OAWG) and the Longreach Regional Council.

The 19 graves now identified and marked are: BECK, Alfred; BRISBIN, John Henry Ferguson; BRODIE, George William; BYRNE, Thomas Martin; CHAPMAN, Alexander Austen; CLEARY, Martin Patrick; DUFF, Darcy Irwin; GORHAM, George Thomas; GRANT, John Joseph; HIGGS, Thomas Kendall; HILLEARD Ar-

thur John; Mcleod, John; RILEY, Martin; ROB-INSON, Matthew; SECOMBE, Albert Thomas; THOMAS/CARTER, Leslie Clement; WALSH, Callaghan Baird; WALSH, John Joseph; and WEIGHT, Stanley.

The Longreach Archival and Historical Research Group and Longreach RSL Sub-Branch invite all members of the public to attend the significant milestone event.

Enquiries to the Longreach RSL Sub-Branch President on 0438 535 850 or email Joshua.adams@rslqld.net.au.

Seniors Month on track

The countdown to next month’s Queensland Senior’s Month with more than 100 organisations awarded grants of up to \$1000 to support events and initiatives throughout the month.

Seniors Minister Craig Crawford said he was delighted by the fun and diversity in the state-wide activities.

“This year’s theme is “social connections”,” Mr Crawford said.

“Our figures show one in three seniors have reported feeling lonely.

“There are over 880,000 seniors in Queensland, so that’s a lot of people who may be feeling lonely and socially disconnected, and we want to change that.”

To find out more about Queensland Seniors Month, visit www.qldseniorsmonth.org.au or phone COTA Queensland on 1300 738 348.

Online gambling inquiry launched

The House of Representatives Standing Committee on Social Policy and Legal Affairs has launched an inquiry into online gambling and its impacts on people with gambling problems.

Chair of the Committee, Ms Peta Murphy MP, said ‘the inquiry will be a fresh look at online gambling and whether current laws, regulations, consumer protections and education and support programs are enough to reduce harm to gamblers.’

The Committee is seeking written submissions, ideally of no more than ten pages, from individuals and organisations providing recommendations relating to any or all of the inquiry terms of reference by 11 November 2022.

Response investment welcomed

The Royal Australian College of General Practitioners (RACGP) has welcomed the Albanese Government investing \$1.4 billion to extend COVID-19 response measures.

As part of the package announced Monday by Health and Aged Care Minister Mark Butler MP more than \$142 million will go towards Medicare Benefits Schedule (MBS) items and rebates from 1 October 2022 for the testing of COVID-19 and other respiratory viruses with \$48 million dedicated to extending around 100 GP-led Respiratory Clinics and \$5 million invested in extending telehealth MBS items to prescribe antivirals.

RACGP President Adj. Professor Karen Price welcomed the announcement.

“Our health system is under tremendous strain and these measures will make a real difference,” she said.

Take care on holidays

Queenslanders are being urged to enjoy our great lifestyle and keep safe, as school holidays move into their second week.

Attorney-General and Minister for Justice Shannon Fentiman said it was so important that families know what to look out for when planning their holiday.

“We want Queenslanders to take advantage of our great lifestyle, whether they’re camping, swimming, or visiting friends and family - while also staying safe,” Minister Fentiman said.

“When purchasing new equipment for camping or toys to use in the pool, please make sure you read the safety labels, and check if the items have been recalled.”

Tourism body moves to strengthen regional ties

Outback Queensland’s peak tourism body has moved to strengthen its partnerships with local councils by relocating its offices to Local Government House in Brisbane.

Outback Queensland Tourism Association (OQTA) Chair and Blackall-Tambo Mayor Cr Andrew Martin said the strategic move would allow the organisation to work even more collaboratively with its 19 partner councils.

“Outback Queensland’s footprint covers more than 930,000 square kilometres and we rely on our partnerships with councils to deliver and sustain a vibrant and resilient tourism sector,” Cr Martin said.

“We had a vision to shore up these key relationships by co-locating with the Local

Government Association of Queensland (LGAQ) and were able to negotiate an excellent outcome with LGAQ CEO Alison Smith.

“The LGAQ has been supporting and connecting councils for more than 125 years, and we’re delighted to be partnering with an organisation that shares our commitment to Outback Queensland’s communities and recognises the vital contribution of tourism to regional economies.

“The OQTA firmly believes in a fully networked approach to marketing, advocacy, product development and experience delivery, and we look forward to working side by side with our partners to deliver the best outcomes for our region.”

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No dig garden group stays

Margaret Murray is about to step down as group leader from the Barcaldine Garden Discussion Group that she helped originate 13 years ago but don't worry the group will go on.

And despite being in her eighties, Margaret is determined to stay involved and continue meeting with the other members every third Sunday of the month at 10am at a designated garden around the region.

"I always tell new members that we definitely don't dig and we don't prune but we have a very good morning tea," she laughed.

"Our membership is not very large and but they are very knowledgeable."

Margaret said she started the garden discussion group when she moved to the area.

"I moved here from the Sunshine Coast and at Nambour they use to have a garden

group with very strict rules, I wasn't on the committee or anything, but you had to pay your membership fee and be there at a certain time and all that," she explained.

"So when I came here and I saw there wasn't a garden group, I thought I'd like to get something organized but we didn't want to have to pay membership or have presidents and secretaries so we just called it the garden discussion group."

She said the group chooses somebody's garden and as group leader she phones the garden owner or approaches them in the street to ask permission for a visit from the club.

"I ask when can we come to your garden – some people say never or I get the distinct impression that they mean never and I don't bother them again," Margaret said.

"It's just a case of going to someone's garden, take your scones or something – whatever you're taking for morning tea and have a cup of tea and a good talk and walk around the garden. If you see something you want a piece of or some seeds of, people are only too happy to share what they have with you."

Margaret said most people are more than happy to host the group.

"They are happy to have us and they supply the tea and coffee and the members bring the food," she explained.

"The food is always very healthy and very tasty. We're always looking for new members."

For Margaret it really has been a good way to learn what grows well in the area and what won't because of the heat.

"I'm in my 80s and a few of our members

are that age as well and they have a lot of knowledge because they've lived here forever. They know the conditions."

Margaret said she was stepping down as group leader due to ill health but would be remain in the group.

"I don't use a computer, Jan has been doing the flyer that we put up every month to tell you where to come," she said.

"She's been doing that all this time and she's very good at it so, as I said to her the other day, you'll do it differently and just go on with it."

"The next garden we're going to is the prize-winning garden from the garden expo held in Muttaborra and the prize-winning garden in Barcaldine is owned by Margaret and Lionel Walsh. They've been founding members of this group."

The thanks of a grateful group

The Barcaldine Garden Discussion Group met as usual on 18th September, as arranged by our leader, Margaret Murray. Margaret is passing over the organisation of the meetings now, and I wanted to express gratitude to her for all the time and special personal efforts she made over many years.

I think that all of us who have enjoyed the sociable, interesting, and delicious get-togethers each month really appreciate all the quietly effective work she put in to make them happen.

No matter what she was dealing with in her own life, she made sure the group met each month, making the arrangements with the generous gardeners who hosted us.

I do not think anyone else would have had the same indefatigable persistence in persuading so many people to let us visit and enjoy their garden sanctuaries.

As a group, we have all grown old(er) together and from the wide variety of gardens we've seen lush, smart, wild, luxurious, productive, flowery, and fun, we have learned much more than we have forgotten.

Somehow, we are still not 'experts', but Margaret helped us gain much more than mere knowledge over the years.

Thank you Margaret!

We plan on having one or two more meetings this year.

A multi-award-winning garden in Ash Street on 16 October is the next.

Look out for the notices.



Margaret Murray and Carol Lane on a visit to Jane and Greg Castle's garden.

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Tackling risk of harms to our youth

By Karen Simmons

National Child Protection Week is about putting the best interests of children and young people at the forefront of public attention, and ran from September 4 to 10, 2022.

Central Queensland Indigenous Development (CQID) hosted a Child Protection Week barbecue breakfast on Thursday, September 8 at Anzac Park, for Longreach service providers and community members.

The theme for Child Protection Week this year was ‘Every child, in every community, needs a fair go.’

The purpose of the breakfast was to raise awareness in the Longreach community of child protection issues and strengths within the community.

Nadine Payne CQID Community Manager for Western Region said service providers and the community were invited to the event to discuss child abuse, neglect risk of harm, and how as a community we all play a vital role in keeping children safe.

“The vision of the child and family reform agenda is that Queensland families and communities are empowered to become stronger, more capable and more resilient and are supported by a child and family support system that understands and respects the importance of family, community and culture,” Nadine said.

Also present last Thursday were the Longreach Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Corporation, Central West Hospital and Health Service, Anglicare, Pioneer Nursing Home, Lives Lived Well, Longreach Courthouse staff and Queensland Police Service.

CQID is funded by the Department of Child Safety to provide Family Wellbeing Services Family Participation and Foster Kinship Care to Longreach and surrounds.

Family Wellbeing is a prevention and early intervention service to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander families to reduce the severe over-representation of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children in Out-of-Home care.

“We work in collaboration with other service providers in the region to wrap families with a holistic approach where families are well supported to achieve their goals,” Nadine said.

“Family Participation Program provides families that are engaged with Child Safety an opportunity to participate in decisions that are being made about their children.

“This program empowers families with ‘voice and choice’ on how they as a family want to address child protection concerns.”

Nadine said Foster Kinship Care is new to the region for CQID.

“As a licensed care service, CQID’s Foster and Kinship Care Program provides family-based placement options to support Department of Child Safety-approved foster and kinship carers with a focus on keeping children connected to culture and family,” she said.

“Additionally we are currently recruiting Foster Kinship carers in the region. If anyone would like to enquire about how to become a foster carer please contact our Emerald office on 07 4987 4792.”

Kids Helpline has reported an increase of 254% more emergency interventions in Australia over the past five years.

The most common reasons were due to child abuse, suicide attempts, sexual assault, and mental health escalation.

Yourtown Head of Advocacy and Research Kathryn Mandla said across this five-year period, emergency responses for sexual assault have spiked from 31 to 736 interventions.

“Emergency responses relating to suicide attempts almost tripled, increasing from 659 to 1,800 and those relating to child abuse almost quadrupled from 562 to 2055,” Ms Mandla said.

“An emergency intervention happens when Kids Helpline counsellors contact police, child protection or ambulance services when a child or young person is deemed to be at imminent risk of harm. Emergency intervention assistance was required on average 16 times a day in 2021.”

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By Michael R Williams and Tania Phillips

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“After two meetings, we decided to become incorporated,” Ms Fraser said.

“The committee and our band of loyal supporters have worked tirelessly to promote this profile of what we call Aging in the Outback and we’ve done that at a local, state and Federal level.

Currently, the corporation has done a strategic plan, a feasibility study, as well as a business case and, has been gifted a site by the Winton Shire Council.

They are currently looking to find funding to complete the project.

Ms Fraser said the site would also have additional allied health rooms,

“It would be a real community place for people to age, but would also bring more services into the community because currently, we don’t have enough room for the number of services that we have to bring in,” she said.

“So I guess the other thing is the construction of Jessamine place will, for many of our older residents provide some certainty that they will be able to remain close to their family, their friends and the community as they transition through what I call their twilight years.”

She said what currently happens now is people living in their own homes can get home care services and there is a clear continuity.

“We have now successfully negotiated with Winton Shire Council to change some of the criteria for entry into Diamantina Gardens which is the Independent living side of this aged care continuum for Winton,” Fraser said.

Fraser said it was originally community housing and people could not own their own houses who were not low-income earners to access Diamantina Gardens. However since changes were made in association with the State Government, the group has been working with the Shire Council to allow people to transition into Diamantina Gardens without any stipulations that they had to sell their homes.

“It gives people that flexibility because before people weren’t sure,” she said.

“Originally when they built Diamantina Gardens people thought – that’s great I can age and live here.

“But then when it was taken back over by the State Government they weren’t able to do that.

“People who are in Diamantina Gardens independently living are homed in places smaller than their own home purpose built for ageing who then can get the home care packages.

“Then there are people who really need that 24-seven care all under the one roof but they’re not needing more intensive support which is what we would see coming from the multi-purpose health service beds at the hospital.”

Ms Fraser hopes Jessamine Place would bridge the gap between these services.

“Jessamine place provides that intermediary care, 24-seven somebody there who can provide nursing and other community service type support where they get three meals a day, their wash and laundry – all of that happening under the one roof,” she said.

“It will then allow people to transition into the Multipurpose Health Service beds at the hospital.

“It will give them some certainty that they won’t be shipped out because there’s not enough multi-purpose health service beds or they’ve got wandering tendencies, and they need to be relocated to a dementia-specific area.

“We are currently looking at strategies to care for people with dementia at Jessamine Place as well because we believe, from all of the information we have, it will be not a problem.”

The Winton Community and Aged Care Services Group will be overseeing the project, but are currently in negotiations with providers.

“We’ve got a few people in mind around that but our government structure will be locally run and it will be coordinated locally because we want to make sure that the strategy that we put in place continues,” Ms Fraser said.

Much is still needed to fund the project: \$150,000 has been raised and \$11 million is needed

“We have put in money through the Building Better Regions fund which closed earlier in the year but it’s been caught up because of the Federal Election,” Ms Fraser said.

“We have been successful in getting a \$100,000 grant from the gambling fund just recently which is going to be used to construct a shed which we are hoping to turn into a secondhand shop.

“So that would be our be our secondary income.

“It will be our primary income until we build the facility and then it will be our secondary income once the facility is built.”

Carers’ free tour taken with gratitude

By Michael R Williams

Members of Longreach Home and Community Care were given a free boat ride from Outback Aussie tours recently.

HACC is funded by the department of health and provides services for those living over 65 to help them remain living at home independently.

Part of their funding is to provide group social support to clients to stop them from feeling isolated.

Jo Winkleman Coordinator Longreach HACC said the outing was a perfect fit for their clients.

“I approached Sue Smith a few months ago about the possibility of having a day tour for our clients to go on the boat,” she said.

“Doing a night cruise is something they would have access to, and I discussed the idea

of creating a morning tea trip down the river.

“Sue and Alan [Smith] were fantastic, and they rang back a couple of weeks later and graciously offered to provide the trip for free to our Longreach clients.”

Ms Winkleman said the Smiths were the kinds of people who would do anything for community.

“We managed to group up with Dale and Christine Bignell from Isisford,” she said.

“There were roughly 13 from Isisford and two clients from Yaraka who came up to join.

“We departed at 10.30, we had roughly an hour and a half on the river.

“We had a beautiful morning tea.

“The staff were fantastic and very accommodating.”

Ms Winkleman said without the help of the staff, a lot of her clients would not have ever been able to make such a trip.

“A lot of our clients are on wheelie walkers and would never have been able to get access to do something like this,” she said.

“And having the boat entirely to ourselves was such an experience. Some people commented that they had lived here many years and had never actually been out on the Thomson. Our clients said it was enjoyable to just have the peace, to just relax and look at the water.”

She said events like this were vitally important for her clients.

“As people age, a lot of activities become unachievable for them to be able to get to,” she said.

The clients at HACC have been invited to a number of morning teas from local groups like Morella and Isisford.

“A big thanks to Aussie Outback Tours,” said Ms Winkleman.



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Dianne Brown, an artist from Maleny, printing from her linocut.



Artists Judith Sinnamon and Emma Scragg explore Bimblebox NR by bicycle.

Flowers bring attention

By Bimblebox Art Project

This season's phenomenal rain has a spectacular wildflowers' display just starting to bloom on Bimblebox Nature Refuge, an 8000-hectare stand of native bushland situated 50 km north-west of Alpha, on Glenn Innes station.

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It was a fantastic Desert Uplands bush discovery through hiking, biking, drawing, painting, poetry, songwriting, printmaking and photography of nature's inspiring beauty and quiet ambient sounds.

"Artists are great communicators, and they are drawn to Bimblebox's unique environment," said co-manager Paola Cassoni.

"The property is the largest tract remaining of what once was a very common landscape in the Jericho subregion of the Desert Uplands.

"Every year, we host artists, birdwatchers, wildlife experts and botanists, or simply nature lovers to share our passion for the place.

"We thank the many volunteers that came to help at this year's Camp."

This year, artists travelled from as far as Sydney, Newcastle, Brisbane, and Mackay to camp out in a complete set with a bush camp kitchen, meals prepared on a combustion stove, a corrugated iron shower and bore and rainwater.

All of the structures and facilities were initially designed and fabricated from recycled materials by caretaker Ian Hoch and his son, Karl.

For most, this is their first remote experience of the Desert Uplands' flora and fauna and one-of-a-kind landscape.

The Bimblebox Nature Refuge has inspired a number of art exhibitions including Bimblebox 153 Birds, currently showing at Dogwood Crossing, Miles (till 28 October) and Bimblebox: art-science-nature an exhibition that toured nationally from 2014-2017.

Bimblebox is home to 181 bird species, with more likely to be identified during future surveys.

Campers informally compete to sight the most birds, and dinner conversation often centres on avian species attributes and behaviour.

The camp also provides a special opportunity for sharing ideas and art techniques.

Peta Lloyd, who travelled from her coastal home near Rockhampton, said "Bimblebox Nature Refuge is a magical experience.

"The cross fertilisation with the other artists and campers was wonderfully exciting.

"I cannot wait to return again."

Photographer and printmaker Sally North appreciated the special setting.

"The art camp provides the quiet serenity of the surrounding bush that is teeming with life.

"The deeper you look, the more it reveals.

"It gets into your soul and will stay with you forever."

The nature refuge is special in the eyes of



The group took many opportunities to learn from each other – Peta Lloyd explains printing methods with locally collected fragments of plants. Pictures: MALCOLM PATERSON



Frida Forsberg came from Toowoomba to make art in this island of biodiversity.



Art student Jesse Stewart and writer/artist Carol Schwarzman preparing dinner.

researchers and ecologists too.

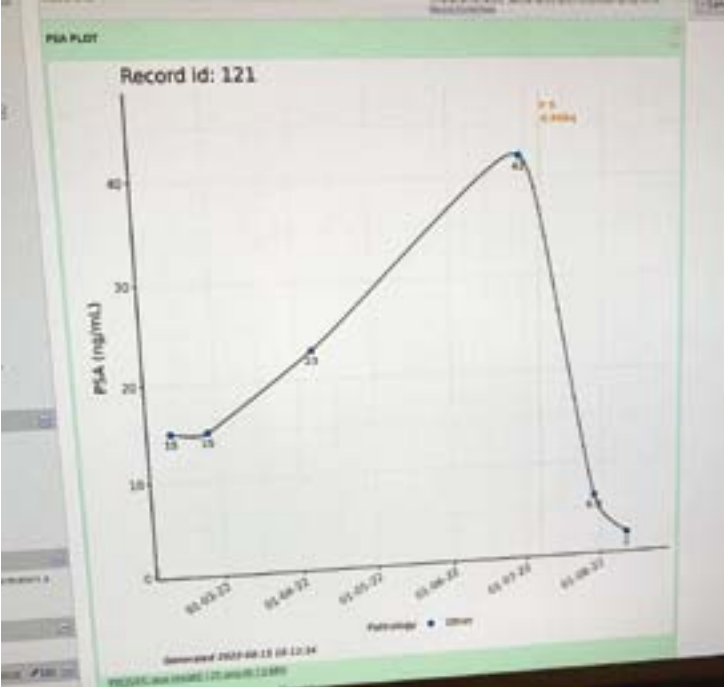
It is a recognised biodiversity 'hotspot', with an impressively wide range of

animal and plant species packed into this solitary remnant of one of Australia's unique habitats.

To find out more about the refuge, visit bimblebox.org/ and more on the art camps, bimbleboxartproject.com/



Margaret Stewart and Garry Carter are now looking to raise awareness about the potential benefits of medical trials. 299969
Picture: JULIAN LEHNERT



Garry's charts showed a marked decrease in cancer activity following the LuPSMA treatment - a breakthrough for the trial. 299969

New lease on life from trial

By Julian Lehnert

At first glance, septuagenarian Garry Carter is your typical 'Aussie' battler - sprightly, driven, always able to spin a great yarn.

Even into his mid-sixties, Garry was the kind of man one could find out and about, be that on horseback, mustering cattle in Longreach, or working at orchards in the Burnett - until he got a life-changing diagnosis.

Garry Carter now lives with a condition he shares with thousands of Australians every year: the 'silent killer' called cancer.

A smiling Garry greets me at the gates of a gorgeously maintained Kumbia garden in the South Burnett, extending his hand and leading me into a spacious living room to sit down and have a chat.

Around the room, intricate handmade dot-art signs and hangers grace the walls, and the proud Kamilaroi man proceeds to tell me about the stories behind each piece.

Looking at him then, you could be led to think Garry is just another one of Australia's friendly senior citizens, going about his daily hobbies and enjoying the later years of his life with little to worry about - but just a few years ago, the Kumbia resident was looking for a way out of his misery.

Garry Carter, 78, was diagnosed with prostate cancer in 2008, following investigations into what were first believed to be signs of arthritis in his hip.

Doctors were led to believe that the cancer had gone undetected for some years, spreading through his system and latching on to the bones before finally showing symptoms.

What followed over the next years were over a dozen doses of radiation, tablets, and chemotherapy - all of which would slow the spread of Garry's cancer, but never fully stop it.

When he was on chemotherapy, Garry had

one "good" week out of the month, being bed-ridden for the remaining three weeks.

"You go and have it, and two days later you're crook again," he explained.

"Sometimes you're in bed all day, sometimes you're on the toilet sick.

"Everything tastes like steel. I used to live on ice cream and jelly - the only thing I could manage to eat," Garry said.

After each course of chemotherapy, Garry's white blood cell count would drop, leading to him being hospitalised and treatment being halted, but his cancer levels would inevitably rise again.

Garry's doctor in Toowoomba declared his cancer was incurable - resistant to conventional treatments including removal of the prostate and hormone treatments.

The cycle of sickness, it seemed, was inescapable.

"I lived around the corner at the old post office, and I was so sick that other people had to come around and help to do my washing," Garry said.

"I was looking for a way out - I'd sit in my shed with a couple of dogs, thinking of how I could end my life."

A month after receiving his terminal diagnosis, however, Garry saw a light at the end of the tunnel: a trial for an experimental cancer treatment called LuPSMA.

Lutetium prostate-specific membrane antigen treatment is a form of nuclear medicine which doctors and researchers are currently investigating as a solution for cancer resistant to conventional medicine.

To access the trial, Garry had to travel to Brisbane, receiving four out of the total six doses that were part of the trial - before the state of Queensland discontinued the trial.

"My doctor kept arguing with Queensland

Health about it, but then Peter Mac[Callum Cancer Centre] down in Melbourne came good and said that for compassionate reasons they'd give me the next two doses for nothing," Garry said.

When I talked to Garry in early September, he had just returned from Melbourne, where he completed the latter of his two remaining doses in the trial - and he could not feel better about it.

"Around Christmastime [last year], my cancer levels went 'zoom', but now that I've had the two doses, it came down just like that!" Garry exclaimed.

"I've never felt better - I can play golf again! Before this, I didn't want to play golf anymore."

In July of this year, Garry's prostate-specific antigen levels - proteins produced by the prostate which can be elevated in sufferers of cancer - peaked at 42 nanograms per millilitre; two months later, he has hit an all-time low of 2 ng/mL.

Garry's response to the treatment has been so good that doctors have used his case as an example in papers and medical conferences to campaign for the efficacy of the LuPSMA trial, with the discourse now shifting toward making the medicine - normally priced at \$10,000 for a single dose - more affordable for the general public.

"I'm part Aboriginal, and a lot of this stuff [cancer] goes undetected in Aboriginal people, so I'm happy to put my name to this and get the word out," Garry said.

"Men will go 'I'm not getting bloody cancer!' but they don't know!"

"They end up just like me - I had cancer for three or four years and didn't even know! I was still riding horses and mustering cattle up at Longreach!"

In his fight against the 'silent killer', Garry is not alone.

Thousands of Australians are diagnosed with cancer every year, and many find themselves in a similar situation to the Kumbia septuagenarian.

What helped Garry break out of his cycle of sickness - besides the trial - was support from his community, especially his carer Margaret Stewart.

"I was married to a person who, when I got cancer, took off - they couldn't handle that," Garry said.

"I had to sell the house and had nowhere to live, so Margaret said I could come live at her house so she can look after me."

Garry's carer could not be prouder of his progress these past few years.

"I think it's absolutely brilliant," Margaret said.

"Garry wouldn't have done [the trial] if I hadn't pushed him, said 'come on, you've got to do this'."

"He'd say 'I don't want to go to Brisbane - it takes up all day and it's too far' and everything, and I said 'but it keeps you alive.'"

"For men, it's not a shameful thing to get tested. Apparently, you can even have blood tests done for prostate cancer now instead of 'the feel' from the doctor," she added.

Since the success of his experimental treatment, Garry has returned to 'normal' life, resuming his passions of sport, gardening and art in earnest.

Now, he and his carer are looking to raise awareness about the existence of medical trials, saying that they hope to inspire a real change in the world for their fellow cancer sufferers.

"If we can help even one person - whether they be black, white or brindle - we're happy," Margaret said.

NOTICE OF PROPOSED GRANT OF AN EXPLORATION PERMIT FOR MINERALS AND GRANT OF A MINING LEASE NATIVE TITLE ACT 1993 (CTH) SECTION 29

The Queensland Minister for Resources, PO Box 15216, City East, Queensland, 4002, hereby gives notice in accordance with section 29 of the *Native Title Act 1993* (Cth) of the proposed grant of an Exploration Permit for Minerals (EPM) 28494 and grant of a Mining Lease (ML) 400024 shown below under the *Mineral Resources Act 1989* (Qld).

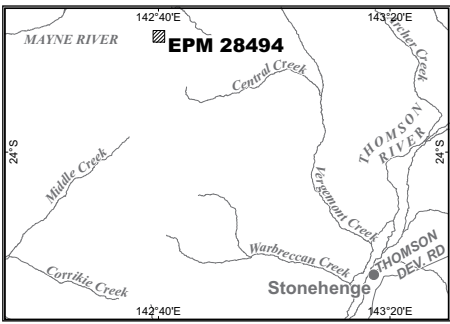
Nature of Act(s): The grant of an Exploration Permit for Minerals under the *Mineral Resources Act 1989* (Qld), authorises the holder to explore for minerals for a term not exceeding five (5) years with the possibility of renewal for a term not exceeding five (5) years. It is proposed to grant the Exploration Permit for Minerals subject to the *Mineral Resources Act 1989* (Qld). The grant of a Mining Lease under the *Mineral Resources Act 1989* (Qld) authorises the holder to mine and carry out associated activities subject to the *Mineral Resources Act 1989* (Qld) for a term not exceeding ten (10) years with the possibility of renewals for terms not exceeding ten (10) years.

Name and Address of person doing Act(s): It is proposed that the Exploration Permit for Minerals and Mining Lease be granted subject to the provisions of the *Mineral Resources Act 1989* (Qld) by the Queensland Minister for Resources, PO Box 15216, City East, Queensland, 4002.

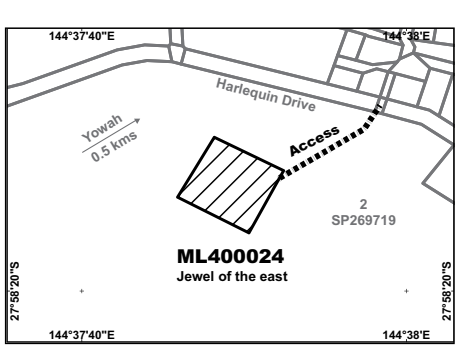
Native Title Parties: Under the *Native Title Act 1993* (Cth) any person who is a "native title party" is entitled to certain rights in relation to the proposed grant of Exploration Permit for Minerals and Mining Lease. Under section 30 of the *Native Title Act 1993* (Cth), persons have until three (3) months after the Notification Day to take certain steps to become native title parties in relation to this notice. Enquiries in relation to filing a native title determination application may be directed to the Federal Court, Brisbane Registry, Level 6, Harry Gibbs Commonwealth Law Courts Building, 119 North Quay, Brisbane, Queensland, 4000. Telephone: (07) 3248 1100 or Email: qldreg@fedcourt.gov.au. Enquiries in relation to the registration of a native title determination application may be directed to the National Native Title Tribunal, Brisbane Registry, Level 5, Harry Gibbs Commonwealth Law Courts Building, 119 North Quay, Brisbane, Queensland, 4000. Telephone: (07) 3307 5000 or 1800 640 501.

Further information: Further information about the proposed grant of the Exploration Permit for Minerals and Mining Lease, including extract of plans showing the boundaries of the Exploration Permit for Minerals and Mining Lease Applications may be obtained from the Department of Resources, Mining Registrar, Mineral Assessment Hub, Level 9, Verde Tower, 445 Flinders Street, Townsville, Queensland, 4810. Telephone: (07) 4447 9230 or Email: MineralHub@resources.qld.gov.au.

Exploration Permit for Minerals 28494 sought by Julie Ann Byth, over an area of 4 sub-blocks (12 km²), centred approximately 100 kms North West of Stonehenge in the locality of the Barcoo Shire Council and Winton Shire Council.



Mining Lease 400024 sought by Paul Fleming, over an area of 1.77 ha, centred approximately 0.5 km South West of Yowah, in the locality of the Paroo Shire Council.



Notification Day: 12 October 2022



What's on

Longreach and Central West Community Event Billboard

Do you have a community event you would like to have in our calendar? Please email michael.williams@leadertoday.com.au

SEPTEMBER

Friday, 23 September

Digital Music Workshop - Shiny Shiny Productions

There are only limited spots available for the workshop. To secure your spot please call us on (07) 4658 4111.

Location: Longreach Civic Centre

Time: 9am

Croquet

Contact: Jean Williams on 07 4651 2354.

Location: Oak Street, Barcaldine

Time: 8am

Barcaldine Senior Cricket

Location: Barcaldine Showgrounds

Time: 6pm

Saturday, 24 September

Outback Fest Anniversary

Location: Winton

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

Location: Longreach Golf Course

Time: Mornings.

Wool Spinning

Come get artsy.

Location: Longreach Arts and Crafts Centre

Time: Afternoons

Sunday, 25 September

QCWA Barcaldine Branch - Monthly Meeting

Monthly meeting of members and interested parties.

Location: QCWA Hall

Time: 3pm

Muttaburra Golf Club

Contact: Beau Gray on 0429 474 261.

Location: Muttaburra Golf Club

Time: 8.30am

Longreach Community Gardens

Come lend a hand.

Location: Longreach Youth Centre

Time: 8.30am

Barcaldine Golf

Contact: Michael Hayward.

Social Bowls

For more information please visit Facebook, Longreach Bowls Club

Location: Longreach Bowls Club

Time: 1 pm

Barcaldine Golf

Location: Barcaldine Golf Course, Pine Road

Time: 3pm

Longreach Town Band Mixed Ensemble Rehearsals

Location: Longreach State School.

Time: 4pm

Monday, 26 September

May Day Committee—Nathan Griggs Whip Cracking

May Day Committee is excited to have a free school holiday event. Fun things for the kids.

Cold drinks and Barbeque. Lots of fun for the whole family.

Location: Barcaldine Campdraft Grounds

Time: 5pm

Barcaldine Men's Shed

Contact: David Kerrigan on 0427 009 375.

Location: 103 Ash St

Time: 9am

September School Holiday Program begins

Council has organised a variety of activities for the September School Holidays.

Location: Various

Barcaldine Ukulele Group

No experience required and all welcome.

Location: The Willows Centre

Time: 5pm

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, 27 September

First 5 Forever

Families with Children 0-5 Years - Join us at the Blackall Library every Tuesday morning for the First Five Forever Program.

Location: Blackall Library

Time: 10am

Longreach Playgroup

Ages 0-5 yrs. \$2.00/visit.

Location: Lioness Park

Time: 9 am

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: 5.30 pm.

Longreach Squash

Come along and have a bash.

Location: Longreach Squash Courts

Time: 5.30 pm

Barcaldine Lawn Tennis

Contact: Tony Walsh on 0410 522 041, Brett Walsh on 0407 981 776 or email barcaldinetennis@gmail.com.

Location: Cnr Willow and Fir St

Time: 6pm

Thomson River Lions Club Meeting

For more information please contact Bobbie Willersdorf on 042758315

Location: Birdcage Hotel

Time: 6 pm

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

Alpha Touch Football

Location: Alpha Showgrounds

Time: 6.30pm

Wednesday, 28 September

Barcaldine Basketball

Contact: Central West Aboriginal Corporation on 07 4651 1226.

Location: St Joseph's Primary School

Time: 5.20pm – 8pm

Barcaldine Men's Shed

Contact: David Kerrigan on 0427 009 375.

Location: 103 Ash St

Time: 9am

Barcaldine Cultural Centre Craft Day

Contact: Karen Brown on 07 4651 2324.

Location: 20 Beech Street, Barcaldine

Time: 9.30am

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

Longreach Community Gardens

Come lend a hand

Location: Longreach Youth Centre

Time: 4.30pm

Darts at the Wellshot

Warm-up your arms, stretch those muscles and work on your hand-eye coordination.

Cost: \$5

Location: Wellshot Hotel

Time: 7 pm.

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: 7 pm

Thursday, 29 September

Police Remembrance Day

Police Remembrance Day is a special day for Police and the community to remember those officers who have given their lives in the performance of their duty.

Location: Longreach Police Station

Time: 9am.

Remembering HM Queen Elizabeth II

Mayor Tony Rayner will unveil a plaque celebrating the first visit of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II to Longreach in 1970, on the National Day of Mourning, Thursday 22 September.

Location: Longreach Civic Centre

Time: 10am

Tai Chi

Contact: Jean Williams on 07 4651 2354.

Location: The Willows Centre

Time: 9am

Social Craft at the Library

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

Location: Longreach Library

Time: 9:30 am

Barcaldine Golf

Contact: Michael Hayward.

Location: Barcaldine Golf Course, Pine Road

Time: 3pm

Hole-in-One

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

Location: Longreach Golf Course

Time: 4 pm

Thomson River Lions Bingo

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

Location: Birdcage Hotel

Time: 6.30 pm

WIN TICKETS to the 2022 Warwick Rodeo



The nation's top rodeo riders and the best broncs and bucking bulls gather for the **Warwick Rodeo** in October – known far and wide as "Australia's Most Famous".

To celebrate this years event **Longreach Leader** have **TWO** family passes up for grabs to attend the **Ariat Warwick Rodeo & Prydes Easifeed Warwick Gold Cup Campdraft 2022** being held from 24 – 30 October 2022 at the Warwick Showgrounds.

The riders and the bucking stock come together to try and prove the old saying wrong – “never the horse that couldn’t be rode, never the rider that couldn’t be throwed”.

Warwick Rodeo was immortalised in song by Australian country music legend Buddy Williams in the early 1940s and Warwick has always had a tradition of horsemanship and great riders.

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Focus turned to regions

On Monday last week, Domain announced its partnership with Regional Australia Institute (RAI) as their property partner in the institute's 'Move to More' campaign.

'Move to More' draws on research by the RAI that confirms a life in regional Australia is top of mind for thousands of city-dwellers who want more space, more family time and a better connection with the environment and their community.

In fact, the research shows one-in-five were considering a sea-change or tree-change.

Over the past year, keyword searches on Domain for 'regional' have increased by 57%2 showing hard numbers behind the popular 'tree change' narrative.

Domain's latest regional property insights highlight the opportunities and challenges that exist in the regional property market as it grapples with rising demand and housing supply shortages.

According to Domain House Price, Internal data and Vacancy Rate reports for 2022, National regional house prices are almost half that of the combined capitals.

Houses in regional areas have been selling 33% quicker than this time last year, however, the speed at which they are selling has plateaued over the last four months in line with the broader property market.

Buyer demand for houses in regional areas remains well above pre-pandemic levels.

People searching for property in regional

Australia on Domain peaked in August 2021 representing 25% of searches.

Data shows early signs of demand for regional properties on the rise since May 2022 after a few months of modest decline, most likely driven by interest rate rises putting pressure on metro property market affordability.

8 out of 10 suburbs that had the largest price growth were based in regional areas.

Domain CEO and Managing Director Jason Pellegrino said they look forward to working with Regional Australia Institute as they collectively face increasingly complex issues of housing affordability, supply shortages, changing demographics of our regional towns and communities and what that means for housing, land release and valuations.



Research by the RAI that confirms a life in regional Australia is top of mind for thousands of city-dwellers who want more space, more family time and a better connection with the environment and their community.

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If we're not feeding, we're firepoughing on the farm

Running a place is a lot like running any business, in that there are plenty of tasks involved in getting the job done, of course, the job is never 'done', but the important things generally are.

There are three categories for tasks: important, urgent and the wish list.

When important and urgent merge, that's the first task of the day.

For many years, important and urgent was hand feeding the stock we were able to hold onto during the drought.

We were fed something every day of the week.

With the beautiful rain we have had, nature has happily supplied the feed, so the stock is back to doing what comes naturally.

However, the same grass that frees up massive amounts of our day also produces a bushfire hazard.

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JOANNE ROBERTSON



In his spare time, the better half has been tinkering with our grader, to get it running properly.

Turns out there was a long lead time between fire seasons and little urgency.

Until important meets urgent, which was quickly coming upon us, as we had a decent body of feed going into spring.

Then spare time turned into a nearly full-time job.

I should point out that our grader could feature on the Machinery Mile, but as the better half says, 'Why put a perfectly good piece of machinery on display when we could be using it?'

And using it became a must.

He got the grader going to his satisfaction and immediately began grading fire breaks around the buildings and along fence lines.

His days are spent driving around the paddocks, just like he did while feeding, prompting the observation, 'If we're not feeding, we're fireploughing.'

The man is truly an inspiration, literary and otherwise.

A weight has lifted off our shoulders, thanks to the recent rain, but another burden is slowly being added as we wait for what looks like a stormy season.

I can vividly recall many sleepless nights,

watching for fires and waiting up for our rural firefighters to return to their beds. Or sometimes accompanying them on a callout.

Usually, though, I was on the day shift as a volunteer.

The downside of being able to see for miles is that you can spot every fire for miles in all directions, particularly after dark.

One night, back after the 2012 floods, there was an ominous glow in the north, south, east and west.

It felt like we were surrounded.

And the fires always seem closer than they actually are, which can be unnerving.

Fortunately, the North Ilfracombe Fire Brigade is a dedicated lot, and we have managed to stem fires before they got out of hand.

Here's hoping that our dedicated brigade is up to the task this fire season.

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Frightfully good holidays

By Michael R Williams

While Halloween is a fair way off, the Longreach Regional Council school holidays program kicked off with a scarecrow-making session at the Longreach Youth Centre.

Community Gardens member and event organiser Heather Hale said doing something in the community gardens and building scarecrows was a really fun thing to do with the kids.

“It’s been a massive success... but you could always have more scarecrows,” she said.

“They’re fabulous looking.

“The kids did such a great job, it was so much fun seeing what they were going to do.”

The scarecrows will be used to help maintain the community gardens at the back of the youth centre.

“The naming of the scarecrow, what their hat was going to look like, what their head was going to look like, the bodies... it was all great,” Ms Hale said.

“They sure sound like they had a great time.

“They were really well behaved and engaged with what they were doing.”

The scarecrows are up for all to enjoy currently.

If you would like to join the community gardens they are open Sunday mornings from 8am-12 and Wednesdays 4.30pm to 6pm.



Kassidee Horsten, Destiny Parsons, and Kellie Doyle with Milly Bobby-Brown, whose nickname is Eleven and she has superpowers—she’s related to the girl from Stranger Things.



Cash Jackson and Remi Knickel with Ricky Bobby who fell off a bridge when he was four and grew a moustache because he’s a gangster.



Denver Taiki, Olly Patten, Cameron Knickel with Billy Bonker who is very chubby and was in an accident.



Cameron Knickel said his scarcow’s “name is Jilly and he’s very big”.



The scarecrow making session was held at the Longreach Youth Centre.



Porsha Kingcher and Taya Miller with Linda who is “a ranga because we’re both rangas”.

Community Forums

Meet with Councillors and Staff – April 2022



Join new CEO Dirk Dowling, Councillors, and staff to discuss what’s important in your community.

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Yaraka Tue 4 Oct 1:00pm Yaraka Town Hall	Isisford Tue 4 Oct 5:30pm Outer Barcoo Interp. Centre	Ilfracombe Wed 5 Oct 6:30pm Martin Forrest Recreation Centre	Longreach Thu 6 Oct 5:30pm Longreach Civic Centre
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21-year-old means business

By Michael R Williams

At only 21-years-of-age Lily Smith has become the owner of her very own business.

She said she owes her success to the diligent attitude she learnt from her parents.

“I just love learning and progressing, so the next step for me was just to learn how to do the business side of things,” she said.

“Growing up with mum and dad [Alan and Sue Smith] having their own business it gives you a lot to strive towards.

“It’s inspiring to see what they do.”

Ms Smith said she got into hairdressing because it meshed well with her nature.

“I love being creative and being able to express that and help people feel better about themselves,” she said.

“Sometimes people just need to tell you how their day is... because it helps.

“It’s not exactly like how a nurse or doctor saves someone’s life—but if it helps them feel better about themselves then it’s a good thing to do.”

She has been a part of Sage Hair since she was in high school.

“I started a school-based apprenticeship when I was in Year 10, I approached my old boss Casey and asked if she would be interested in having me,” she said.

“At the time she was only doing school hours and had closed book clientele.

“I started only doing a day a week with her and then when I graduated, I went full time.

“When everyone was at schoolies, I ended up doing my first week of full-time work.”

Ms Smith has seen the business grow since its humble beginnings.

“Because I went full time the space was a bit too small so we moved into this space,” she said.

“We went from two chairs and a basin to six chairs and six basins.

“It was a pretty significant jump.”

From then, Ms Smith has built her edu-



There are lots of different “flashy” pieces of equipment at Sage Hair.



Lily Smith is ready to cut hair.

cation and her clientele, from apprentice to owner.

“I qualified for my apprenticeship in 2020, and in November, I’ll be two years qualified,” she said.

“My boss, Casey, actually moved away in September last year to Yeppoon.

“Then I took on more of a managerial role, which I had been doing intermittently anyways.

“So that gave me a lot of freedom to get used to running the front of shop.”

Ms Smith said this was an amazing opportunity you could never get in a city.

Farewell Ma'am



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Pall bearers carry the coffin of Queen Elizabeth II with the Imperial State Crown resting on top into St. George's Chapel, in Windsor.
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The world says goodbye

By Michael Holden and Kate Holton and Alistair Smout in Windsor

Queen Elizabeth has been laid to rest alongside her beloved husband after Britain and the world paid a final farewell to the nation's longest-reigning monarch in a dazzling show of pomp and ceremony.

Amid formality and careful choreography, there were moments of raw emotion. Late on Monday, an ashen-faced King Charles held back tears, while grief was etched on the faces of several members of the royal family.

Huge crowds thronged the streets of London and at Windsor Castle to witness the moving, grand processions and ceremonies.

“Few leaders receive the outpouring of love that we have seen,” Justin Welby, the Archbishop of Canterbury, told the congregation at the state funeral in the majestic Westminster Abbey, where monarchs have been married, buried and crowned over the past 1000 years.

Among the 2000 congregation were some 500 presidents, prime ministers, foreign royal family members and dignitaries, including Joe Biden of the United States.

Outside, hundreds of thousands had crammed into the capital to honour Elizabeth, whose death at the age of 96 has prompted an outpouring of gratitude for her 70 years on the throne.

Many more lined the route as the hearse took her coffin from London to Windsor, throwing flowers, cheering and clapping as it passed from the city to the English countryside that she loved so much.

At St George's Chapel in Windsor Castle, some 800 guests attended a more intimate committal service which concluded with the crown, orb and sceptre - symbols of the monarch's power and governance - being removed from the coffin and placed on the altar.

The Lord Chamberlain, the most senior official in the royal household, then broke his 'Wand of Office', signifying the end of his service to the sovereign, and placed it on the casket which then slowly descended into the royal vault.

As the congregation sang God Save the King, King Charles, who faces a huge challenge to maintain the appeal of the monarchy as economic hardship looms in Britain, appeared to be fighting back tears.

It was in the same vast building that the queen was photographed alone, mourning her husband of 73 years, Prince Philip, during the pandemic lockdown, reinforcing the sense of a monarch in sync with her people during testing times.

Later on Monday evening, in a private family service, the coffins of Elizabeth and Philip, who died last year aged 99, were moved from the vault to be buried together in the same chapel where her father, King George VI, mother, and sister, Princess Margaret, also rest.

At the state funeral, Welby told those present that the grief felt by so many across Britain



King Charles III and members of the Royal family follow behind the coffin of Queen Elizabeth II, draped in the Royal Standard with the Imperial State Crown and the Sovereign's orb and sceptre, as it is carried out of Westminster Abbey after her State Funeral, in London, Monday, 19 September 2022. Picture: DANNY LAWSON/POOL PHOTO VIA AP

“Her late majesty famously declared on a 21st birthday broadcast that her whole life would be dedicated to serving the nation and Commonwealth. Rarely has such a promise been so well kept.”

and the wider world reflected the late monarch's “abundant life and loving service“.

“Her late majesty famously declared on a 21st birthday broadcast that her whole life would be dedicated to serving the nation and Commonwealth. Rarely has such a promise been so well kept,” Welby said.

Music that played at the queen's wedding in 1947 and her coronation six years later again rang out. The coffin entered to lines of scripture set to a score used at every state funeral since the early 18th century.

After the funeral, her flag-draped casket was pulled by sailors through London's streets on a gun carriage in one of the largest military processions seen in Britain, involving thousands of members of the armed forces dressed in ceremonial finery.

They walked in step to funeral music from

marching bands, while in the background the city's famous Big Ben tolled each minute. Charles and other senior royals followed on foot.

The casket was taken from Westminster Abbey to Wellington Arch and transferred to a hearse to travel to Windsor, where more big crowds waited patiently.

Among those who came from around Britain and beyond, people climbed lampposts and stood on barriers and ladders to catch a glimpse of the royal procession.

Millions more watched on television at home on a public holiday declared for the occasion, the first time the funeral of a British monarch has been televised

Elizabeth died on September 8 at Balmoral Castle, her summer home in the Scottish Highlands.

Her health had been in decline, and for months the monarch who had carried out hundreds of official engagements well into her 90s had withdrawn from public life.

However, in line with her sense of duty, she was photographed just two days before she died, looking frail but smiling and holding a walking stick as she appointed Liz Truss as her 15th and final prime minister.

Such was her longevity and her inextricable link with Britain that even her own family found her passing a shock.

“We all thought she was invincible,” Prince William told well-wishers.

The 40th sovereign in a line that traces its lineage back to 1066, Elizabeth came to the throne in 1952 and became Britain's first post-imperial monarch.

She oversaw her nation trying to carve out a new place in the world, and she was instrumental in the emergence of the Commonwealth of Nations, now a grouping comprising 56 countries.

When she succeeded her father George VI, Winston Churchill was her first prime minister and Josef Stalin led the Soviet Union. She met major figures from politics, entertainment and sport including Nelson Mandela, Pope John Paul II, the Beatles, Marilyn Monroe, Pele and Roger Federer.

Despite being reputedly 1.6 metres tall, she dominated rooms with her presence and became a towering global figure, praised in death from Paris and Washington to Moscow and Beijing. National mourning was observed in Brazil, Jordan and Cuba, countries with which she had little direct link.

“People of loving service are rare in any walk of life,” Welby said during the funeral. “Leaders of loving service are still rarer. But in all cases, those who serve will be loved and remembered when those who cling to power and privileges are long forgotten.“

The tenor bell of the Abbey tolled 96 times. Among the hymns chosen for the service was The Lord's my Shepherd, sung at her wedding in the Abbey.

In the royal group following the casket into the Abbey was the queen's great-grandson and future king, Prince George, aged nine, and his younger sister Charlotte, seven.

Towards the end of the service, the church and much of the nation fell silent for two minutes. Trumpets rang out before the congregation sang God Save the King. Outside, crowds joined in and broke into applause when the anthem was over.

The queen's piper brought the service to an end with a lament called Sleep, Dearie, Sleep.

At Windsor there was a similar, poignant end to the ceremony with a lone piper walking away, leaving the chapel in silence.

“I've sang God Save the Queen all my life,” said John Ellis, 56, an army veteran who had travelled to Windsor. “It's going to be quite hard to change now.“

Regional Australia pays tribute to the Queen

By the Honourable David Littleproud MP

Australians throughout our regional towns will have grown up only knowing Her Majesty and will now be feeling a great sense of loss.

Her Majesty was a shining light of great hope and comfort for communities across regional, rural and remote Australia.

Her Majesty was a frequent visitor of regional Australia and held a great fondness and affinity with the determination and spirit of our communities.

Many of those communities celebrate a special part of their history when they were lucky enough to have a Royal visit in places such as Mackay, Rockhampton, Benalla, Bathurst, Alice Springs, Lismore, Casino, Sale, Kununurra, Echuca, Longreach, Dubbo, Cooma, Wagga Wagga, Swan Hill, Mount Isa, Orange, Kalgoorlie, Shepparton, Tamworth, Mt Gambier, and Traralgon.

This fondness for regional Australia was reflected in our communities through celebrations such as our Royal Agricultural Shows. Entry and participation into these shows has been traditionally a chance to showcase a regions' finest for judging as a prize suitable for The Queen.

In the midst of regional Australia's tough-

est times Her Majesty provided many messages of support and strength. These efforts showed her true kindness, humanity and leadership which Her Majesty brought to the role and is one that will be sorely missed.

Australia is the lucky country and part of that luck has been due to the fact Her Majesty has been able to reign over us. The stability Her Majesty has provided has improved the lives of many.

Loyalty to the Crown is at the heart of The Nationals values and enshrined in our Party's constitution. Regional Australia will be devastated by Her Majesty's passing but can take great comfort knowing Her Majesty is now at peace.

My offices now have condolence message booklets in which constituents are able to leave condolence messages regarding the passing of Her Majesty or people can complete a condolence message at: <https://www.pmc.gov.au/her-majesty-the-queen>

These condolence messages will be sent to Buckingham Palace and archived by the Commonwealth and may be displayed at its national institutions, forming part of the lasting record of Australia's close relationship with The Queen over many decades.



The Hon David Littleproud, Federal Member for Maranoa, Leader of the Federal National Party, and Shadow Minister for Agriculture.



People watch a livestream of the Queen's state funeral from St Andrew's Cathedral in Sydney.

Picture: STEVEN SAPHORE, AAP

Republic support wanes

By Phoebe Loomes and Dominic Giannini, AAP

Almost four million Australians tuned in to watch Queen Elizabeth's funeral service, but fewer than half the population believe the country should become a republic.

Prime Minister Anthony Albanese is back in Australia, having joined more than 2000 people in Westminster Abbey for the state funeral and related events.

Sharing his reflections of the day on Twitter, Mr Albanese said he was "deeply moved by the quiet solidarity" of people who had queued through the night to pay their respects to the Queen.

"All walks of life, united in their grief and gratitude," he wrote.

"The funeral service was in that same noble spirit.

"Representatives from around the world joined the royal family and the British people in giving thanks for the Queen's life and her example, saluting her devotion to duty, faith and family.

"It was a privilege to be part of the Australian delegation and a witness to history."

While Mr Albanese has been reluctant to talk about an Australian republic out of respect for the Queen, a Guardian Essential poll published on Tuesday found 43 per cent support

for the constitutional change.

There was also a 50-50 split over whether King Charles III should be Australia's head of state.

Backing for a republic is higher for men (52 per cent) than women (35 per cent).

Australians got their own chance to pay tribute to the Queen with a public holiday on Thursday 22 September for the national day of remembrance, followed by a parliamentary condolence motion on Friday.

A national memorial service at Parliament House in Canberra involving federal, state and territory leaders and justices of the High Court was the key event on the public holiday.

On Monday night Australian time, the Queen's body was taken from London's Westminster Hall to Westminster Abbey for the funeral service attended by what has been described as one of the largest gatherings of world leaders.

Queen Elizabeth II was one of the longest-reigning monarchs in history, an achievement recognised by the 500 monarchs, heads of state and other leaders who attended the service.

A committal service was held at St George's Chapel at Windsor after the funeral, before the Queen was buried in a private ceremony alongside her husband Philip, who died last year aged 99.

She was laid to rest in the King George VI Memorial Chapel, where her father, mother and sister are also buried.

In Sydney, mourners filled the pews at St Andrew's Cathedral to watch a live screening of the funeral following a solemn choral service and 45 minutes of bells ringing.

Assistant minister to the prime minister Patrick Gorman said Australia's connection with Britain ran deep and the unity expressed following the Queen's death served as a reminder of those ties.

"What we will see on Thursday when we have the memorial service is more examination and reflection on those deep ties that Queen Elizabeth II had with Australia," he told the ABC on Tuesday.

"I was definitely surprised at how emotional I felt watching the service."

Mr Gorman said republicans and monarchists had been able to unite in their admiration for the Queen's lifetime of service, while acknowledging some in the community, such as Indigenous Australians, might view the monarchy in a darker light.

"It's really important those perspectives are shared," he said.

"The history of Australia, as we know, didn't start in 1788 and indeed not all of our history is history of which we can stand proud today."



Remembering HM Queen Elizabeth II

A legacy that continues to grow



On behalf of our community, we offer our heartfelt condolences to the entire royal family, and humbly add our voices to the resounding chorus of tributes that are flowing from all corners of the world.



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The Queen, the King and I

By Phil Jarratt

Unlike some of my media colleagues, I never got to exchange pleasantries with the Queen, although I did see her in the flesh (no disrespect) a couple of times when we were both considerably younger.

The first occasion doesn't even really count as I have no recollection of it, being only two-and-a-half at the time, but on 11 February 1954, the young Queen and her Prince (after whom I had been named by my royalist mum) came cruising past the front gate of our crumbling - but bedecked with Union Jacks - old weatherboard house on the Princes Highway north of Wollongong, NSW, while my mother and two older sisters frantically waved their little flags from behind the paling fence.

Like I said, it doesn't really count, but I was there, held aloft by my mum as the royals drove by in their plush convertible, and mum always swore that the Queen of England smiled at her little Philip. If that was true, it certainly didn't turn me into a monarchist, although the next close encounter well might have.

The Queen seemed to have weathered well when we next met, she by now an old hand at the smiling and waving game, and me a fledgling cadet journalist with the Sydney Morning Herald, sent out with a vast tribe of more senior colleagues to perhaps capture a snippet of "colour" during the royal tour of autumn 1970. I can't exactly remember the particular occasion - I think it may have been an investiture at Sydney's Government House - but I clearly remember my great good luck in snaring an aisle seat.

When we all stood as Her Majesty made her stately way down the centre aisle, I recalled the famous words recited by our royalist former prime minister Robert Gordon Menzies: "I did but see her passing by, yet I shall love her till I die."

I swear she glowed as she passed not more than a couple of metres away. Cynical even at that early stage, I put it down to some sort of trick lighting, or maybe a small torch in her bodice (again, no disrespect) but it was truly amazing.

Here endeth the true story of my personal relationship with the late Queen Elizabeth II.

And while the day I saw her glow did not result in some sort of evangelical transformation into a monarchist (in fact I was a card-carrying republican for a while) it did create a soft spot in my heart for Her Maj, who, unless you live in a padded cell, you would realise by now was deservedly loved by her subjects around the world.

I also at times felt a little compassion for her



The royals on their way to the 'Gong, 1954.

Picture: NSW ARCHIVES

plight - all that waving and smiling, the wimpy sons, the horsey daughter, the increasingly strange husband, the dramas and disasters of Diana, Andrew and now Meghan.

She remained a stoic figure through it all, and I doubt that any person of goodwill could be anything but saddened by her passing.

And now we have Charles, who used to be considered a fruitcake for his beliefs in organic farming, saving trees, restoring old buildings instead of knocking them down, his only saving grace the good works of his Prince's Trust.

But now he is completely of the moment, and I hope against hope that his willingness to

speak out for his beliefs is not tempered by his new responsibility.

I have but one Charles story.

It was the occasion of the Royal Command Performance of the Russell Crowe film Master and Commander at a Leicester Square theatre in 2003, and somehow I had secured a stalls ticket. That very morning the London tabloids had come out with the most outrageous and tawdry sex scandal front page implicating Charles in some sort of activity that would not have pleased Mama.

It was feared that he and Camilla would not show, but after a 45-minute delay, security

bods started darting around the theatre and an expectant murmur filled the gallery above us.

As the heir to the throne appeared and took his seat, a well-dressed woman sitting in front of me stood and turned to the gallery and shouted, "We love you Charles!" Within moments everyone in the theatre stood and joined in the chorus of reassurance, yes, your correspondent included. Then we remained standing to sing God Save The Queen before the parting of the curtains.

I'm sure most of the people in that theatre still feel the same way. Me, I'll just wish the new King well.

Paddington plush sales go through the roof

When news of Queen Elizabeth II's death broke, an illustrated picture of her walking hand-in-hand with a recognisable, marmalade sandwich-loving bear began circulating on social media.

Alongside the image were the words, 'I've done my duties Paddington, please take me to my husband'.

Since then, sales of the beloved, red-booted, bucket hat-adorned plush toy have skyrocketed at Aussie Toys Online.

"Paddingtons with little boots are what have been walking out the door," manager Sarah Thomas said.

"They are always popular at Aussie Toys Online, but we've seen an uptick and are selling 10 times more than we'd see in a month."

In June, The Queen made a surprise appearance in a sketch with Paddington, in commemoration of her 70 years on the throne, known as her Platinum Jubilee.

The clip is titled 'Marmalade sandwich Your Majesty?', and features The Queen and Paddington sharing where on their person they keep their delectable, favourite snack.

Ms Thomas said while the company ships Bluey costumes overseas, it was the first time Paddington bears, of all shapes and sizes, were making their way as far as North Carolina in the United States.

"To me, it's something that we have here in Australia that is still very English," Ms Thomas said.



Queen Elizabeth II Gone Home with Paddington - Art by Eleanor Tomlinson.

"I think people are buying them as momentos, which is lovely, because of the Jubilee... that's been carried through to her passing.

"[The Queen] has always been there, and so has Paddington."



Aussie Toys Online manager Sarah Thomas with the popular Paddington plushes. (Holly McGuinness)



Mr Truss with Queen Elizabeth and Prince Phillip in 2006.



Birthday privilege: Lyn Truss had the chance to tell Prince Charles about their shared birthdate at another farewell, watched by now-Energy Minister Chris Bowen, in 2015.

MP ‘saw her passing by’

By Arthur Gorrie

The Wide Bay schoolboy who would later become Deputy Prime Minister remembers the long drive to Toowoomba, in 1954, to see the Queen.

Warren Truss was six years old and the road, now highway standard, was at least half dirt and notably long and winding.

Now retired at Hervey Bay, he still vividly recalls the drive from his family's Kumbia farm, near Kingaroy, to Toowoomba.

It was their big chance to see the Queen, even if they did “but see her passing by.”

They stood in a crowd just outside the city centre for the first visit to Australia by the new monarch.

“We stood on a street corner where she was going to go past. She came around the corner and she waved...and that was it.

“It was all over in a few seconds,” he said on Monday.

Although the Truss family thought it would be a once-in-a-lifetime event, Mr Truss's life in politics, rising from the back bench as Wide Bay MP to Deputy Prime Minister, meant he would meet her several more times.

More than 50 years later he farewelled Her Majesty and the Duke of Edinburgh, Prince Phillip, as they flew out from Canberra airport.

That was one of several meetings over many years, much of it a long time ago, during the longest reign by any British monarch.

“You have to be as old as I am to have had any other monarch,” he said.

He said the reign of King Charles would be a challenging time.



Lyn and Warren Truss, with then Prime Minister John Howard, farewell the Queen in 2000.

Residents of the Winton Shire are deeply saddened at the passing of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II, a widely admired and beloved Queen throughout her 70-year reign.

The Queen visited Longreach in 1970 and revisited in 1988 to open the Stockman's Hall of Fame. Residents who were present that day, still proudly reflect on the day they ‘met’ the Queen.

May your service be a legacy that lasts forever. Sincere condolences to the Royal Family on your loss. Rest in peace.

**Mayor Gavin Baskett
WINTON SHIRE COUNCIL**



She’s a tough act to follow

By Arthur Gorrie

History was mostly recorded in black and white - and even then mainly in print - when a young Elizabeth II was formally crowned in 1953, after becoming Queen on the death of her father the year before.

It was a very different world where even valve radios were still seen as marvels of technology.

Australia was still a couple of years away from having widely broadcast television (black and white) in a couple of major cities.

The telephone was anything but mobile and many people did not have a connection, often using public phones, where there were public phones. The Ericson Bakelite telephone was available in any colour (so long as it was black).

The Cold War had only recently begun, following the first (and hopefully last) use of nuclear weapons in war.

Symbolised by the Berliin Wall, the Cold War officially ended with its fall, much later in her reign.

A very different time and yet one which made the present almost inevitable.

Joan Sutherland debuted at Covent Gardens.

Patti Page had a big hit with “How Much is that Doggie in the Window?”

Floods devastated south-eastern Australia, inundating 600 homes.

Qantas began flying between Australia and South Africa, the ANZUS treaty came into being, formalising an alliance involving Australia, the US and New Zealand.

The De Havilland Comet became the world's first commercial jet aircraft, (and was used by Her Majesty, even though its performance was well short of modern aviation safety standards).

Lang Hancock discovered the world's largest deposit of iron ore in Western Australia, Robert Menzies was Prime Minister and Vince Gair became Queensland Premier.

The musical film “Singin’ in the Rain” was huge, the first Chevrolet Corvette prototype was unveiled, Mother Theresa opened a home for the homeless and destitute in Calcutta and, prior to widespread use of the Salk vaccine many thousands of children around the world died or were paralysed by polio.

Ironically, given more recent events, China and Japan ended the Second Sino War with a treaty signed in Taipei.

That eventful two years also saw the births of cricketer Trevor Chappel, future Queensland Labor premier Peter Beattie and his federal Labor nemesis, Peter Garrett, who as federal Environment Minister blocked Mr Beattie's Traveston Crossing Dam in the Mary Valley.

Chuck Berry, Little Richard and Elvis Presley were about to burst onto the music scene as the expression “rock and roll” began to come into popular use.

The Beatles and the Rolling Stones came much later, giving America back its music and making so much money they helped preserve the exchange value of the British pound.

The Cold War morphed partly into the space race, ultimately giving the world mobile and satellite phones, satellite mapping and navigation, extreme surveillance and global television and the internet, as well as new weapons of war.

Armed conflict became an almost constant fixture, from Korea to Afghanistan.

The conservation movement received a huge boost after publication of the first photographs of Earth, taken by the first people to walk on the moon. Pictures of our living planet, taken from a dead one, became posters on young people's walls all over the world and made the cover of The Whole Earth Catalogue, a practical handbook for a confused and sometimes fearful generation.

Perhaps those pictures also influenced the then Prince in developing the conservation and humanitarian values for which he can no longer campaign.

The Second Elizabethan Era saw the Queen win international respect as the “deep keel” of an empire, stabilising it through rough seas.

She was part of the changes that transformed that empire, still criticised by many (as empires usually are) into the much more benign and racially inclusive British Commonwealth, forging the lasting bonds of sport, commerce and good will that now link nations from Africa to South and Southeast Asia, the Americas and Oceania.



The late Monarch Elizabeth, with her son and successor, King Charles III.



A parade marking the coronation of Elizabeth II in Mary Street Gympie in 1953.

Now a new era seems set to be just as turbulent, exciting and uncertain as the last.

And the woman who was arguably the best known and most popular person on the planet, has left us.

King Charles III will now step up as Monarch.

It was one encouraging sign that even Vladimir Putin, possibly the most unpopular person in the west at the moment, turns out to be a fan of the late Queen and expressed his sadness at her passing.

In our new age of uncertainty, we can only hope Charles will match his mother's ability to engender good will all over the world.

Even as Australians consider making our

nation a republic (and some say it must already be one in effect, or we would be charged with treason for even thinking about it) we must hope to remain part of a genuinely friendly Commonwealth of nations.

As the Prince Royal, Charles was sometimes criticised for his conservation beliefs and his exercise of the right of free speech in support of causes he believes in with a passion he does not deny.

Though he can no longer campaign as he did, perhaps his good will to all living creatures will be just the kind of symbol our world needs right now, just as his mother won admiration for her role in defying official advice and standing up to the Nazis, becoming in the process the only female Royal to serve in the Army

and qualify as a truck driver and mechanic.

The era of Charles III will be a different one with different challenges as he embarks on his new career at an age when most would be considering retirement.

There seems to be little enough good will in our emerging new world, in which Charles will do his work.

It is in our interests to support him in spreading some of that good will about, whenever the requirements of his new role allow it.

He has had his ups and downs, as have we all, but we must all now focus on a future full of promise as well as fear.

And we can have that discussion about a republic a bit later on.

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Man on a mission
Diego Luna returns
to a galaxy far, far
away in *Andor*

Pick of the crop

Harry Lloyd embarks on
a quest to find 'the one'
in *Farmer Wants A Wife*



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Cream rises to the top

Kyabram dairy farmer Harry Lloyd tells **Siobhan Duck** about his quest to find love on the new season of *Farmer Wants A Wife*

'SORRY, can you hear me alright? I am surrounded by cows. They're a bit hungry so they're going a bit crook," Harry Lloyd laughs as he settles down for a phone interview about his quest to find love on *Farmer Wants A Wife*.

The amiable Kyabram dairy farmer is still getting used to juggling the demands of life on the land with his newfound reality TV stardom. Not that fame was ever the lure for doing the show.

Rather, like the many country men and women who have come before him during *Farmer Wants A Wife*'s 12 seasons, Lloyd simply wanted to find that special someone.

"I didn't have much luck finding love in the real world. So naturally, I turned to TV to try and find 'the one'," he jokes with laidback humour.

"You go down to the pub with your mates and, being from a small country town like ours, everyone has dated everyone. You have to be careful you are not crossing over someone [by dating a friend's ex] or something like that. There's also Tinder and whatnot but I didn't have much luck on that either. So, then I found myself being tagged in a whole lot of *Farmer Wants A Wife* posts and I thought, why not give it a crack?"

Unlike some dating shows – where some participants appear far more interested in gaining social media followers than long-lasting

love – *Farmer Wants A Wife* has built a solid reputation for creating genuine connections between lovelorn city folk and lonely farmers.

Over its 14-year run, *Farmer* has been responsible for nine marriages, one relationship and 20 kids. And this year, Lloyd has joined this happy list of success stories, becoming one of the 2022 crop of farmers to find love on the show.

While confirming that he is still happily loved up with one of the women he met through *Farmer Wants A Wife*, Lloyd can't say who it was that won his heart. So, will this Farmer soon be making the mystery woman his wife?

"It's just like dating anyone in the real world, if you get too caught up and add too much presage pressure to it, you end up destroying it," he says. "There's already enough pressure coming from the show and that experience itself so I'm just being very careful and not rushing things too much. We are just taking it easy because, I suppose, when you're on a TV show and then dating them in the real world is just a whole other ballgame."

Which is why, he says, he and his chosen one are now in the process of getting to know each other without a bevy of other women competing for his attention and the intrusion of cameras.

"It's not that I don't trust the process or anything like that, it's just that it [filming the show] is different circumstances to real life," he says.

"I think anyone can agree to that. I don't think anyone's claiming that the experience is like real life because you are dating five chicks at once."

"So naturally, it's different when you go to the real world and you're still getting to know them."

However, Lloyd has no hesitation in admitting that finding the girl for him wasn't his sole motivation for doing the show. He was also eager to show Australia some of the realities of farm life.

"I think the show is great for that [showing some aspects of farm life] but it's not the be all end all," he says.

"There's a lot more that goes on in the background that you're not seeing like the business plan."

"Unfortunately, farmers are often shown as people in overalls in a paddock, almost like hillbillies but that's not who we are. Farming

is a business. And it's so technical. More than ever, you've got to be connected to the land.

"No-one is more into the environment than a farmer."

Another surprising benefit of the show has been the friendships that were forged between the farmers themselves with Lloyd acknowledging that –given they hail from different parts of Australia – without the show they would likely have never crossed paths.

"It's kind of crazy how quickly that we bonded," he says.

"When I was first meeting the farmers, I was s---ing bricks, I was so nervous wondering whether we would get along. Then I met them, and they were all so awesome. I kept thinking they're way better [entertainment] than me."

At just 24, Lloyd is the youngest farmer to ever sign up for the Channel Seven series but doesn't think that makes him too young to settle down.

"People say your 20s are your good years and so you shouldn't want to have anything to tie you down and should run around like a mug," he says.

"But I think if they are your good years then why wouldn't you want to share them with someone special? I guess that's why I want to find someone so that then, when I'm 95 and hopefully I'm still here with my wife, we can look back and think about when we were in our 20s and all the crazy things we did. Why isn't that just as awesome as any other story you can have in your 20s?"

In fact, if Lloyd's family had their way, he would have done *Farmer Wants A Wife* even earlier.

"Growing up we used to watch the show [as a family] and it was always a family joke that me and my brothers would end up on *Farmer Wants A Wife*," he says.

As the eldest in the family, Lloyd was the obvious candidate to have the first crack at doing the show. But now that his younger siblings have seen the success, he's had they may well follow suit in the future.

"You never know, it could become the family business," he laughs.

■ *Farmer Wants A Wife*, Sunday, 7pm and Monday, Tuesday, 7.30pm, Seven and streaming, 7Plus

Search for soulmate: Kyabram dairy farmer Harry Lloyd is looking for love in the new season of reality favourite *Farmer Wants A Wife*; right, with some of the ladies vying for his attention.



Movie Guide

PICK OF THE WEEK

Saturday

JUMANJI: THE NEXT LEVEL
Seven, 7.30pm, PG (2019)

This action-packed sequel doubles down on the success of 2017's *Jumanji* reboot, *Welcome to the Jungle*, to excellent effect. Dwayne Johnson, Jack Black, Kevin Hart, Karen Gillan, Nick Jonas and the four teen leads are all back, joined by Awkwafina, Danny DeVito and Danny Glover. Two years after their last adventure, Spencer (Alex Wolff) and the gang have grown up, gone to different colleges and drifted apart. Drawn back into the game, Spencer goes missing in the real world and his friends team up with his grandpa Eddie (DeVito) and his friend Milo (Glover) to rescue him. It's a tad confusing from there, as only Martha (Morgan Turner) is playing as the same avatar (Gillan), but it's just as fun, fresh and creative as its predecessor. ★★★★★



Choose your player:
Kevin Hart, Dwayne Johnson, Jack Black and Karen Gillan in *Jumanji: The Next Level*.



KONG: SKULL ISLAND
7mate, Friday, 7.30pm, M (2017)

A prequel to 2014's *Godzilla*, this was a fresh attempt at rebooting King Kong with an origin story. It sees a military group led by Colonel Samuel L. Jackson, joined by a photojournalist (Brie Larson), an ex-SAS officer turned tracker (Tom Hiddleston, pictured) and a shady government type (John Goodman), heading to a mysterious island. Some viewers may prefer Peter Jackson's 2005 effort, but parts of this were filmed on the Gold Coast, so it offers local interest, at the very least. ★★★



ENEMY OF THE STATE
Seven, Friday, 8.30pm, M (1998)

A breathless thrill ride for all the paranoids out there who wholeheartedly believe the government truly is watching them. Will Smith (pictured) is the straight-as-a-die lawyer who comes into possession of a disc that contains footage of the murder of a congressman by unknown assailants, and he soon becomes the prime target of government goons. This is a well-paced and surprisingly relevant techno-conspiracy film that will make you more than wary of those little cameras everywhere. ★★★★★



NOW YOU SEE ME
9Go!, Saturday, 7.30pm, M (2013)

Let this slick flick work its magic on you. Aussie Isla Fisher, Jesse Eisenberg (pictured) and Woody Harrelson star in this invigorating lark as a group of illusionists who somehow pull off amazing bank heists during their performances, giving all the money to their audience. Mark Ruffalo is the FBI agent on their tails, while Morgan Freeman is an outsider seemingly on the magicians' side. The completely implausible ending does nothing to dampen director Louis Leterrier's spell. ★★★★★



THOR: RAGNAROK
7mate, Sunday, 8.30pm, M (2017)

With *Thor: Ragnarok*, New Zealand director Taika Waititi (*Hunt For The Wilderpeople*) brings an abundance of fun and humour to the Marvel Cinematic Universe. The franchise's resident hammer-wielder, played by Chris Hemsworth (who clearly relishes the role) finds himself banished to a garbage planet called Sakaar after his long-lost sister Hela (Cate Blanchett, pictured) returns to claim Asgard's throne for herself. This third Thor movie is mass entertainment at its campy best. ★★★★★



ROGUE ONE: A STAR WARS STORY
7mate, Monday, 8.30pm, M (2016)

Star Wars fans will love this journey into the back story of the much-loved franchise. The first standalone *Star Wars* movie from Disney and Lucasfilm, the action takes place before the events of *A New Hope*, and tells the story of resistance fighters who have united to steal plans to the Death Star. Starring Felicity Jones (pictured), this film goes into new territory as it explores the galactic struggle from a ground-war perspective while maintaining that essential *Star Wars* feel. ★★★★★



THE FAMILY
SBS World Movies, Tuesday, 8.30pm, MA15+ (2013)

French director Luc Besson takes the fish-out-of-water theme for this black comedy about a psychotic mob family who are moved from Brooklyn to France in witness protection. Fred Blake (Robert De Niro) and wife Maggie (Michelle Pfeiffer), along with teenaged kids Belle (Dianna Agron) and Warren (John D'Leo), struggle to take advice to keep a low profile, with their tempers and penchant for violence creating chaos. *The Family* is dysfunctional but does draw the occasional laugh. ★★★

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DOMINO MASTERS

SBS Viceland,
Saturday, 6.30pm

Not to be confused with its Lego-centred counterpart, this flashy US competition series takes a new approach to an old game. Teams of delightfully nerdy domino enthusiasts race to design and assemble intricate block displays whose sole purpose is to topple into each other and create masterful, often breathtaking, chain reactions. Host Eric Stonestreet (*Modern Family*, pictured) provides a warm and goofy presence that cuts through the intensity of these delicate builds and guest judge Bill Nye, “the science guy,” is a perfect addition for this week’s challenge where three teams attempt science-themed topples, with the best two continuing on to the semi-finals.



ICELAND WITH ALEXANDER ARMSTRONG

SBS, Monday, 8.30pm

Presenters on travel shows can get lost in wonder and awe, but this entertaining three-part sojourn to Iceland with *Pointless* host Alexander Armstrong (pictured) revels in the silly, fun and bizarre. It only takes a few minutes of drinking in the sights and people of Iceland to realise that the land of fire and ice is a treasure trove of entertainment and oddities – and Armstrong is a ripe emcee and adventurer who finds amusement wherever he goes. In tonight’s premiere, he learns about Iceland’s culture, including the belief in elves, fairies and trolls, and visits an erupting volcano. The funnyman’s chuckles are a welcome accompaniment.

BLUNT TALK

ABC TV Plus, Tuesday, 9.15pm

It’s a comedy that flew under the radar when it arrived about five years ago, but *Blunt Talk* is brimming with unique charm and kooky wit. The half-hour sitcom stars Patrick Stewart (*Star Trek*) as British expat Walter Blunt, who lands in LA as host of his own haphazard news show, despite his off-colour antics. Featuring awkward and hilarious interactions with his staff and over-the-top news stories, it’s a bracing look at the world of cable TV news, and a man who may be past his prime. Season two kicks off with Walter running into an old flame, who is in town to investigate a conspiracy. Also stars our own Jacki Weaver (pictured with Stewart) as Rosalie, Blunt’s tough-yet-motherly producer/manager.



PICK OF THE WEEK

FARMER WANTS A WIFE

Seven, Sunday, 7pm

Of all the farmers in this fresh season of the hit reality-TV series, Will (pictured) has stood out from the pack. Why? Well, he won the genetic lottery. But will the Brad Pitt look-alike triumph in his search for love? In this syrupy look at farm life through rose-tinted glasses, it’s obvious that not everyone has signed off cameras to follow their every move for the pursuit of romance. But Will seems like the real deal: “I didn’t come here to kiss everyone. I came here to find my wife,” he declares. Unfortunately, it seems everyone forgot to mention to him the show’s one certainty: melodrama. Tonight, prepare to involuntarily shudder (and snicker) as the farmers’ families suss out their potential in-laws.

Friday, September 23

ABC TV (2) 6.00 News Breakfast. 9.00 ABC News Mornings. 10.00 The Best Of Back Roads. (PG, R) 11.10 Extraordinary Escapes. (PG, R) 12.00 ABC News At Noon. 1.00 Savage River. (Mal, R) 1.55 Death In Paradise. (Mv, R) 3.00 Escape From The City. (R) 4.00 Think Tank. (PG, R) 4.55 Anh’s Brush With Fame. (PG, R) 5.25 Hard Quiz. (PG, R)	SBS (3) 6.00 WorldWatch. 9.05 Peer To Peer. (PG) 10.05 Food Markets: In The Belly Of The City. 11.05 Grayson Perry’s Rites Of Passage. 12.00 WorldWatch. 2.00 Cook Up With Adam Liaw Bitesize. (R) 2.05 Greek Island Odyssey With Bettany Hughes. (Msv, R) 3.00 NITV News: Nula. (R) 3.30 Destination Flavour China Bitesize. (R) 3.40 The Cook Up. (PG, R) 4.10 The Supervet. (PGa, R) 5.05 Jeopardy! 5.30 Letters And Numbers. (R)	SEVEN (7) 6.00 Sunrise. 9.00 The Morning Show. (PG) 11.30 Seven Morning News. 12.00 MOVIE : The Maltese Falcon. (1941, PGav, R) Humphrey Bogart. 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 The Block. (PGI, R) 1.00 Taronga: Who’s Who In The Zoo. (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.	TEN (5, 1) 6.00 The Talk. (PGa) 7.00 Judge Judy. (PG, R) 7.30 The Bold And The Beautiful. (R) 8.00 10 News First: Breakfast. 8.30 Studio 10. (PG) 12.00 Dr Phil. (PGa, R) 1.00 The Living Room. (R) 2.00 Entertainment Tonight. 2.30 Ultimate Classroom. 3.00 Judge Judy. (PG, R) 3.30 Freshly Picked With Simon Toohey. 4.00 Everyday Gourmet With Justine Schofield. 4.30 The Bold And The Beautiful. 5.00 10 News First.
6.00 The Drum. Analysis of the day’s news. 7.00 ABC News. Takes a look at today’s top stories. 7.30 Gardening Australia. Sophie Thomson learns topiary technique. 8.30 Baptiste. (Final, Mlv) Reeling from Will’s escape, Emma and Julien must do everything they can to stop the next attack. 9.30 Doc Martin. (PG, R) Martin and Louisa have their first fertility consultation with Dr Emma Ryder. 10.15 ABC Late News. Detailed coverage of the day’s events. 10.35 Shaun Micallef’s MAD AS HELL. (Final, M, R) 11.05 Summer Love. (MA15+I, R) 11.35 Rage. (MA15+adhlinsv)	6.00 Mastermind Australia. (R) 6.30 SBS World News. 7.35 Lost Treasures Of Ancient Rome: Herculaneum. (Final, PG) Takes a look at Herculaneum. 8.30 Hampton Court: Behind Closed Doors. (PG) Part 2 of 2. 9.25 World’s Greatest Hotels: Claridge’s London. (PGs, R) Takes a look at Claridge’s, London. 10.20 SBS World News Late. 10.50 Das Boot. (MA15+s, R) 11.50 Thin Blue Line. (MA15+av, R) 4.15 Food Safari. (R) 4.45 Poh & Co. Bitesize. (R) 5.00 NHK World English News Morning. 5.30 ANC Philippines The World Tonight.	6.00 Seven Local News. 6.30 Seven News. 7.00 Better Homes And Gardens. Adam Dovile builds a coffee table. 8.30 MOVIE : Enemy Of The State. (1998, Mlv, R) A lawyer becomes the target of a corrupt government agent and his team after he gains possession of a valuable videotape. It appears the only chance he has to regain his life lies with an ex-intelligence operative. Will Smith, Gene Hackman, Jon Voight. 11.15 To Be Advised. 12.45 Koala Rescue. (PG, R) 2.00 Home Shopping. 4.00 Million Dollar Minute. (R) 5.00 NBC Today.	6.00 Nine News. 7.00 Rugby League. NRL Finals Series. First preliminary final. 9.45 NRL Finals Footy Post-Match. A post-match NRL wrap up of the first preliminary final, with expert analysis and player interviews. 10.30 MOVIE : Gringo. (2018, MA15+dlv, R) A man plots his own abduction. David Oyelowo, Thandiwe Newton. 12.35 Tipping Point. (PG, R) Hosted by Ben Shephard. 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 Skippy The Bush Kangaroo. (R)	6.30 The Project. A look at the day’s news and events. 7.30 The Living Room. Miguel Maestre helps throw a surprise 60th anniversary seafood lunch. 8.30 To Be Advised. 9.30 Just For Laughs. (Mls, R) Stand-up comedy performances from Tommy Little, Ivan Aristeguieta and Nina Conti. 10.00 Just For Laughs Uncut. (MA15+Is, R) Hosted by Nikki Osborne. 10.30 The Project. (R) A look at the day’s news and events. 11.30 The Late Show With Stephen Colbert. (PG) Late-night talk show. 12.30 Home Shopping. (R) 5.00 Infomercials. (PG, R)
ABC TV PLUS (22) 6am Children’s Programs. 5.30pm Tish Tash. 5.35 PJ Masks. 5.50 Peppa Pig. 5.55 Nella The Princess Knight. 6.05 The Adventures Of Paddington. 6.20 Bluey. 6.25 Peter Rabbit. 6.40 Andy’s Wild Adventures. 7.00 Andy And The Band. 7.20 Bluey. 7.30 Spicks And Specks. 8.00 Hard Quiz. 8.30 MOVIE : Philomena. (2013, M) 10.05 Doctor Who. 10.55 QI. 11.25 Ghosts. 11.55 Red Dwarf. 12.25am Ross Noble: Stand Up Series. 1.00 Motherland. 1.25 ABC News Update. 1.30 Close. 5.00 Twirlywoos. 5.15 Hoot Hoot Go! 5.20 Pocoyo. 5.30 Guess How Much I Love You. 5.40 Late Programs.	SBS VICELAND (31) 6am WorldWatch. 8.40 CBC The National. 9.30 Shortland St. 11.00 The Therapist. Noon Hoarders. 2.30 Huang’s World. 3.20 Feeding The Scrum. 3.50 ABC World News Tonight With David Muir. 4.15 PBS News. 5.15 Shortland Street. 5.45 The Joy Of Painting With Bob Ross. 6.15 Forged In Fire. 7.05 Jeopardy! 7.35 8 Out Of 10 Cats Does Countdown. 8.30 Hoarders. 9.20 Atlanta. 9.50 Adam Looking For Eve. 10.45 American Gods. 11.45 VICE News Tonight. 12.40am Hamilton’s Pharmacopeia. 1.30 I Was A Teenage Felon. 2.25 NHK World English News. 5.00 Al Jazeera Newshour.	7TWO (72) 6am Home Shopping. 6.30 Travel Oz. 8.00 Home Shopping. 8.30 Million Dollar Minute. 9.30 NBC Today. Noon Bargain Hunt. 1.00 Million Dollar Minute. 2.00 Modern Business Australia. 2.30 Sons And Daughters. 4.30 Emmerdale. 5.00 Coronation Street. 5.30 Escape To The Country. 6.30 Bargain Hunt. 7.30 Border Security: International. 8.30 Escape To The Country. 11.30 Border Security: Australia’s Front Line. 12.30am The Fine Art Auction. 3.30 Room For Improvement. 4.00 To Be Advised. 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 Garden Gurus Moments. 2.00 Bondi Vet. 3.00 Antiques Roadshow. 3.30 MOVIE : Up The Chastity Belt. (1971, PG) 5.30 Murder, She Wrote. 6.30 Antiques Roadshow. 7.30 Country House Hunters Australia. 8.30 MOVIE : The Best Of Me. (2014, M) 10.50 MOVIE : If I Stay. (2014, M) 1am TV Shop: Home Shopping. 5.00 Joyce Meyer. 5.30 TV Shop: Home Shopping.	10 PEACH (52, 11) 6am The Late Show With Stephen Colbert. 7.00 Friends. 7.30 Seinfeld. 9.00 Becker. 10.00 The Neighborhood. 10.30 The Middle. 11.30 The King Of Queens. 12.30pm Frasier. 1.30 Seinfeld. 3.00 The King Of Queens. 4.00 Becker. 5.00 Frasier. 6.00 Friends. 8.00 The Big Bang Theory. 9.30 Mom. 10.30 Nancy Drew. (Return) 11.30 Frasier. Midnight Home Shopping. 12.30 Infomercials. 1.00 Home Shopping. 1.30 The Late Show With Stephen Colbert. 2.30 The Late Late Show With James Corden. 3.30 Becker. 4.30 Home Shopping. 5.30 Infomercials.
NITV (34) 6am Morning Programs. 10.00 Arctic Secrets. 10.50 Treaty. 11.00 Yokai! Footy. Noon MOVIE : The Tracker. (2002, M) 1.45 Unapologetically Me. 2.00 Shortland St. 2.30 Going Native. 3.00 Bushwhacked! 3.25 The Magic Canoe. 3.50 Wolf Joe. 4.00 Aussie Bush Tales. 4.10 Grace Beside Me. 4.35 Spartakus And The Sun Beneath The Sea. 5.00 Our Stories. 5.30 NITV News: Nula. 6.00 Bamay. 6.40 Arctic Secrets. 7.30 MOVIE : Crackers. (1998, M) 9.10 First Nations Bedtime Stories. 9.20 NITV On The Road: Boomerang Festival. 10.20 TikTok And NITV Present: First Sounds. 12.10am Late Programs.	SBS WORLD MOVIES (32) 6am The Finishers. (2013, PG, French) 7.40 Lion. (2016, PG) 9.50 Unaccompanied Minors. (2006, PG) 11.30 The Best Offer. (2013, M) 1.55pm This Beautiful Fantastic. (2016, PG) 3.35 Walking On Sunshine. (2014, PG) 5.25 Asterix And Obelix Vs Caesar. (1999, PG, French) 7.30 Gold. (2016, M) 9.45 The Girl Who Kicked The Hornet’s Nest. (2009, MA15+, Swedish) 12.25am Dark Places. (2015, MA15+) 2.30 The Front Runner. (2018, M) 4.35 Walking On Sunshine. (2014, PG)	7MATE (74) 6am Fishing. Australian Championships. AFC X. Replay. 7.00 Oz Fish TV. 7.30 Creek To Coast. 8.00 A Football Life. 9.00 America’s Game: The Super Bowl Champions. 10.00 Pawn Stars. 11.00 American Pickers. Noon Bushfire Wars. 1.00 No Man’s Land. 2.00 Desert Collectors. 3.00 Timbersports. 3.30 Pawn Stars UK. 4.00 Pawn Stars South Africa. 4.30 Truck Night In America. 5.30 Storage Wars: Texas. 6.00 American Pickers. 7.00 Pawn Stars. 7.30 MOVIE : Kong: Skull Island. (2017, M) 9.55 MOVIE : Alien. (1979, M) 12.25am Armchair Experts. 1.25 The Front Bar: Grand Final Edition. 3.00 Late Programs.	9GO! (82, 93) 6am Children’s Programs. 11.30 Yu-Gi-Oh! Sevens. Noon Revolution. (Premiere) 2.00 Full House. 3.00 The Nanny. 3.30 3rd Rock From The Sun. 4.00 That ’70s Show. 4.30 Everybody Loves Raymond. 5.30 MOVIE : The Nutty Professor. (1996, PG) 7.30 MOVIE : Playing With Fire. (2019, PG) 9.30 MOVIE : Blockers. (2018, MA15+) 11.30 The Emily Attack Show. (Premiere) 12.15am Stunt Science. 1.15 Revolution. 3.00 Bakugan: Armored Alliance. 3.30 Ninjago: Masters Of Spinjitzu. 4.00 TV Shop: Home Shopping. 5.00 Pokémon Ultimate Journeys. 5.30 Power Rangers Dino Charge.	10 BOLD (53, 12) 6am Home Shopping. 7.00 Infomercials. 8.00 The Doctors. 9.00 Reel Action. 9.30 iFish. 10.00 MacGyver. Noon The Love Boat. 1.00 Star Trek: The Next Generation. 2.00 Diagnosis Murder. 3.00 Bondi Rescue. 3.30 The Love Boat. 4.30 Star Trek: The Next Generation. 5.30 MacGyver. 7.30 NCIS. 8.30 Blue Bloods. 10.20 Evil. 11.15 Star Trek: Discovery. 12.15am Home Shopping. 1.15 Infomercials. 1.45 Home Shopping. 2.15 Elementary. 3.10 Star Trek: The Next Generation. 4.05 MacGyver.

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

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ABC TV (22) 6.00 Rage. (PG) 7.00 Weekend Breakfast. 9.00 Rage. (PG) 12.00 ABC News At Noon. 12.30 Vera. (Mav, R) 2.00 Midsomer Murders. (PG, R) 3.30 Take 5 With Zan Rowe. (R) 4.00 Spicks And Specks. (PG, R) 4.50 Landline. (R) 5.20 David Attenborough's Kingdom Of Plants: Life In The Wet Zone. (R) 6.10 Extraordinary Escapes: Sanetra Sarker. (PG) Presented by Sandi Toksvig. 7.00 ABC News. Takes a look at today's top stories. 7.30 Death In Paradise. (PG, R) A TV presenter is murdered. 8.30 Miniseries: Marriage. (M) Part 3 of 4. Emma attends a legal conference with her boss while Ian waits at home, worried about what she is doing. Jessica meets a new friend who could turn out to be something more. 9.30 Summer Love. (MA15+I, R) Two people are forced to share a holiday house after they accidentally double book it. 10.05 Savage River. (Mal, R) Rachel investigates the new homicide. 10.55 Silent Witness. (Mav, R) There is a breakthrough in Jay's case. 12.00 Rage. (MA15+adhlsv)	SBS (3) 6.00 WorldWatch. 9.00 How To Get Fit Fast. (R) 10.00 Earth's Natural Wonders. (PG) 11.00 Paul O'Grady: For The Love Of Dogs. (PG) 12.00 WorldWatch. 1.00 PBS NewsHour. 2.00 Cook Up With Adam Liaw Bitesize. (PG, R) 2.15 Going Places With Ernie Dingo. (R) 2.45 Historic House Rescue. (R) 5.30 Secrets Of The Imperial War Museum. (PG) 6.30 SBS World News. 7.30 Greatest Train Journeys From Above: Canada's Wilderness Railroad. (PG) Follows the Winnipeg to Churchill train. 8.20 Then And Now: Heathrow Airport. (PG, R) Explores the history of London's Heathrow Airport, one of the world's busiest airports. 9.15 Elizabeth I And II: The Golden Queens. (PGa, R) Part 2 of 2. 10.10 Russia: 1000 Years Of History. (PGa, R) 11.55 MOVIE: Roman J. Israel, Esq. (2017, Mal, R) 2.10 MOVIE: Chef. (2014, M), R) Jon Favreau, Sofia Vergara, Robert Downey Jr. 4.15 Food Safari. (R) 4.45 Poh & Co. Bitesize. (R) 5.00 NHK World English News Morning. 5.15 France 24 Feature. 5.30 ANC Philippines The World Tonight.	SEVEN (7) 6.00 NBC Today. News and current affairs. 7.00 Weekend Sunrise. The latest news, sport and weather. 9.00 AFL Grand Final Brunch. 10.30 AFL Grand Final Countdown. 12.00 AFL Grand Final Pre-Game. Pre-game coverage of the AFL Grand Final. 2.00 Football. AFL. Grand Final. From the MCG. 6.00 Seven News. 7.00 Puppy School. (Premiere, PG) Follows a pint-sized litter as they begin the journey to hopefully make it as operational police dogs. 7.30 MOVIE: Jumanji: The Next Level. (2019, PGV, R) A group of friends re-enters a dangerous adventure-based video game to rescue one of their own. Dwayne Johnson, Kevin Hart, Jack Black. 10.00 MOVIE: X-Men. (2000, Mhv, R) Two groups of mutants struggle for supremacy, one trying to save humanity, the other trying to change it. Hugh Jackman, Patrick Stewart, Ian McKellen. 12.05 MOVIE: Hibiscus And Ruthless. (2018, PGa, R) A young woman tries to focus. Suivai Autagavaia. 2.00 Home Shopping. 4.00 It's Academic. (R) 5.00 House Of Wellness. (PGa, R)	NINE (8, 9) 6.00 Getaway. (PG, R) 6.30 A Current Affair. 7.00 Weekend Today. 10.00 Today Extra: Saturday. (PG) 12.00 Destination WA. 12.30 Rivals. (PGI) 1.00 Drive TV. 1.30 The Bizarre Pet Vets. (PGm, R) 2.30 The Garden Gurus. 3.00 Rugby League. Hostplus Cup. Grand Final. 5.30 Getaway. (PG) 6.00 Nine News Saturday. 7.00 Rugby League. NRL Finals Series. Second preliminary final. 9.45 NRL Finals Footy Post-Match. A post-match NRL wrap up of the second preliminary final with expert analysis and player interviews. 10.30 MOVIE: Once Upon A Time In Mexico. (2003, MA15+Iv, R) A Mexican vigilante is recruited by a CIA agent. Antonio Banderas, Johnny Depp. 12.30 Australia's Top Ten Of Everything. (Ms, R) Counts down comedic characters. 1.30 Drive TV. (R) Emma takes a Mini EV for a cross-country drive. 2.00 TV Shop: Home Shopping. (R) 4.30 Global Shop. (R) 5.00 TV Shop: Home Shopping. (R) 5.30 Skippy The Bush Kangaroo. (R)	TEN (5, 1) 6.00 Reel Action. (R) 6.30 Leading The Way. 7.00 Escape Fishing. (R) 7.30 4x4 Adventures. (R) 8.30 What's Up Down Under. (R) 9.30 St!O. (PG) 12.00 Creative Generation. 1.30 Healthy Homes Aust. 2.00 Buy To Build. 2.30 Australia By Design: Innovations. (PG, R) 3.00 What's Up Down Under. 3.30 Farm To Fork. (PG, R) 4.00 Ultimate Classroom. (R) 4.30 Food Trail: South Africa. 5.00 10 News First. 6.00 Luxury Escapes. Cameron Daddo is joined by special guest Miguel Maestre, who shows him around his homeland of Spain. 6.30 Bondi Rescue. (PGI, R) The beach can quickly become a nightmare for tourists not used to the precarious surf conditions. 7.00 The Dog House. (PG, R) Follows a team of devoted matchmakers as they pair homeless dogs with hopeful companions. 8.00 Ambulance. (Mal) Crews come to the aid of a 100-year-old woman who lives alone and has fallen down the stairs. 10.00 To Be Advised. 11.00 NCIS. (Mav, R) A technician's death is investigated. 2.00 Home Shopping. (R) 3.30 Infomercials. (PG, R) 4.30 Authentic. (PG, R) 5.00 Hour Of Power.
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NITV (34) 6am Morning Programs. 11.40 Arctic Secrets. 12.30pm Sing About This Country. 2.30 Covid Nations. 2.50 Hockey. WA Men's Field Hockey. Premier Division 1. 4.20 Hockey. WA Women's Field Hockey. Premier Division 1. 5.50 Songs From The Inside. 6.20 Kriol Kitchen. 6.50 News. 7.00 True North Calling. 7.30 First Australians. 8.30 The Wrestlers. 9.25 MOVIE: Love & Basketball. (2000) 11.40 Late Programs.	SBS WORLD MOVIES (32) 6am Walking On Sunshine. Continued. (2014, PG) 6.25 Capricorn One. (1978, PG) 8.40 Under The Cover Of Cloud. (2018, PG) 10.20 Jasper Jones. (2017, M) 12.15pm The Front Runner. (2018, M) 2.20 Lion. (2016, PG) 4.30 The Finishers. (2013, PG, French) 6.10 Fried Green Tomatoes. (1991, PG) 8.30 Gone Girl. (2014, MA15+) 11.15 Fidelity. (2019, MA15+, Russian) 12.45am Late Programs.	7MATE (74) 6am Morning Programs. 1pm</		

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<p>ABC TV (22) 6.00 Rage. (PG) 7.00 Weekend Breakfast. 9.00 Insiders. 10.00 Offsiders: One Hour Grand Final Special. 11.00 Compass. (R) 11.30 Songs Of Praise. (R) 12.00 ABC News At Noon. 12.30 Landline. 1.30 Gardening Australia. (R) 2.30 Old People's Home For Teenagers. (PG, R) 3.30 Rick Stein's Secret France. (R) 4.30 Win The Week. (Final, PG, R) 5.00 Art Works. (PG, R) 5.30 Antiques Roadshow. (R)</p>	<p>SBS (3) 6.00 WorldWatch. 9.00 How To Get Fit Fast. (PG) 9.55 Earth's Natural Wonders. (PG) 11.00 Paul O'Grady: For The Love Of Dogs. (PG) 12.00 APAC Weekly. 12.30 France 24 English News Morning Second Edition. 1.00 Speedweek. 3.00 Countdown To Qatar 2022. 3.30 Sportswoman 2022. (R) 4.00 Following The Flow. (PG) 5.35 Secrets Of The Imperial War Museum. (Final, PG)</p>	<p>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 Jabba's School Holiday Movie Special. (PGahv, R) 1.30 Border Security: International. (PG, R) 2.00 Motorbike Cops. (PGI, R) 2.30 To Be Advised. 4.00 Better Homes And Gardens. (R) 5.00 Seven News At 5. 5.30 Weekender.</p>	<p>NINE (8, 9) 6.00 Fishing Australia. (R) 6.30 A Current Affair. 7.00 Weekend Today. 10.00 Sports Sunday. (PG) 11.00 NRL Sunday Footy Show. (PG) 1.00 The Block. (PGI, R) 2.30 Rugby League. NRL Women's Premiership. First semi-final. From Suncorp Stadium, Brisbane. 3.50 Rugby League. NRL Women's Premiership. Second semi-final. From Suncorp Stadium, Brisbane. 5.30 My Way. (PGI, R)</p>	<p>TEN (5, 1) 6.00 Mass. 6.30 Turning Point. (PGa) 7.00 Leading The Way. (PG) 7.30 Tomorrow's World. (PGa) 8.00 Living Room. (R) 9.00 Ultimate Classroom. (R) 9.30 St10. (PG) 12.00 Farm To Fork. (PG, R) 12.30 Soccer. International Friendly. New Zealand v Australia. 3.30 Food Trail: South Africa. (R) 4.00 10 Travlr Northern Territory. (R) 4.30 Taste Of Aust. 5.00 News.</p>
<p>6.30 Compass: The Nun In The Cage. (R) A look at activist nun Sister Brigid Arthur. 7.00 ABC News Sunday. 7.40 Spicks And Specks. (PG) Hosted by Adam Hills. 8.30 Savage River. (Mal) A tip off leads Rachel and Bill to the meat works and the hunt for a murder weapon. 9.25 Silent Witness. (Manv) In the first case for new recruit Adam, the team investigates the murder of a swimming instructor. 10.25 The Newsreader. (Ml, R) 11.20 Harrow. (Final, Mav, R) 12.20 Top Of The Lake: China Girl. (Mals, R) 1.10 Royal Edinburgh Military Tattoo Sydney 2019. (R) 3.10 Rage. (MA15+adhlhns) 4.15 The Recording Studio. (R) 5.00 Insiders. (R)</p>	<p>6.30 SBS World News. 7.30 Pelosi's Power. (M) Explores Nancy Pelosi's life and legacy. 9.05 Great Wall Of China: The Making Of China. (PGa, R) An aerial journey along the length of the longest man-made monument in the world, the Great Wall of China. 10.20 Moulin Rouge: Behind The Magic. (Mn, R) 11.20 Who Gets To Stay In Australia? (Mal, R) 12.20 The Last Journey Of The Vikings. (PGv, R) 2.20 The Back Side Of Television. (MA15+Inv, R) 4.00 The Last Year Of Television 2021 Special. (MA15+Is, R) 5.00 NHK World English News Morning. 5.15 France 24 Feature. 5.30 Al Jazeera News.</p>	<p>6.00 Seven News. 7.00 Farmer Wants A Wife. (PGal) Hosted by Natalie Gruzlewski. 8.40 7NEWS Spotlight. Takes a look at an investigation. 9.40 Homicide: With Ron Iddles: Mandy Ahmadi. (Mav, R) Ron Iddles takes a look at the 2011 disappearance and murder of Mandy Ahmadi. 10.45 Undercurrent: Real Murder Investigation. (Madv, R) A look into the disappearance of Bob Chappell. 1.00 Medical Emergency. (PGa, R) 2.00 Home Shopping. 3.30 Million Dollar Minute. (R) 4.00 NBC Today. 5.00 Seven Early News. 5.30 Sunrise.</p>	<p>6.00 Nine News Sunday. 7.00 The Block. (PGI) Hosted by Scott Cam. 8.30 60 Minutes. Current affairs program, investigating, analysing and uncovering the issues affecting all Australians. 9.30 Nine News Late. Takes a look at the latest news and events from Australia and around the world. 10.00 The First 48: Taken For A Ride. (Mav) A look at the murder of Rodney Stafford. 11.00 Killer Couples: Ruby Padgett And Mitchell Sims. (MA15+av) 11.50 First Responders. (Malm) 12.40 Tipping Point. (PG, 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.</p>	<p>6.30 The Sunday Project. A look at the day's news. 7.30 The Amazing Race Australia. (PGI) Teams of two Australians continue their race around the world to win \$250,000. 9.00 NCIS: Hawai'i. (Mv) After ransomware is used to attack a dam, Ernie and a team of hackers are tasked with finding the culprit responsible before power and water is cut off from the island. 10.00 FBI. (Masv, R) Jubal doubts the conviction he made in an old serial killer case after three bodies are found in a lake. 11.00 The Sunday Project. (R) A look at the day's news. 12.00 Home Shopping. (R) 2.30 Infomercials. (PG, R) 4.00 Home Shopping. (R) 4.30 CBS Mornings.</p>
<p>ABC TV PLUS (22) 6am Children's Programs. 7.10pm Shaun The Sheep. 7.20 Bluey. 7.30 Australia Remastered: Nature's Great Divide. 8.30 Louis Theroux: Return To The Most Hated Family. 9.30 Old People's Home For Teenagers. 10.30 Civilisations. 11.30 MOVIE: Philomena. (2013, M) 1.05am George Clarke's Amazing Spaces. 1.55 ABC News Update. 2.00 Close. 5.00 Cookie Monster's Foodie Truck. 5.15 Late Programs.</p>	<p>SBS VICELAND (31) 6am WorldWatch. 9.30 Shortland St. 11.00 Counter Space. Noon Hoarders. 1.40 Reset. 2.10 Lee Lin Chin's Fashionista. 2.20 WorldWatch. 2.50 Underground Worlds. 4.40 Sidelined: Women In Basketball. 5.40 World's Greatest Hotels. 6.35 CODA: Mother Father Deaf. 7.35 Abandoned Engineering. 8.30 The UnExplained With William Shatner. 9.20 Cracking The Code. 10.15 Late Programs.</p>	<p>7TWO (72) 6am Morning Programs. 1pm DVine Living. 1.30 South Aussie With Cosi. 2.00 Equestrian. FEI World C'Ships. Para-Dressage. H'lights. 2.30 I Escaped To The Country. 3.30 My Greek Odyssey. 4.30 To Be Advised. 6.00 Air Crash Investigation: Special Report. 7.00 Border Security. 8.30 Steam Train Journeys. 9.30 The Yorkshire Steam Railway: All Aboard. (Premiere) 10.30 Extreme Railways. 11.30 Late Programs.</p>	<p>9GEM (81, 92) 6am Morning Programs. Noon My Favorite Martian. 12.30 Explore. 12.40 Getaway. 1.10 MOVIE: The Gentle Gunman. (1952) 3.00 Cycling. UCI Road World Championships. 5.30 Rugby League. Women's International Friendly. Prime Minister's XIII v Papua New Guinea. 7.20 Rugby League. International Friendly. Prime Minister's XIII v Papua New Guinea. 9.30 To Be Advised. 11.30 Late Programs.</p>	<p>10 PEACH (52, 11) 6am The Big Bang Theory. 8.30 Carol's Second Act. 10.30 Friends. 1pm The Middle. 2.30 Friends. 5.00 Two And A Half Men. 6.00 The Big Bang Theory. 9.00 The Neighborhood. 10.00 Friends. Midnight Home Shopping. 12.30 Infomercials. 1.00 Home Shopping. 1.30 MOVIE: What To Expect When You're Expecting. (2012, M) 3.30 The Big Bang Theory. 4.30 Home Shopping.</p>
<p>NITV (34) 6am Morning Programs. 11.50 Feeding The Scrum. 12.20pm Boxing Night To Remember V. 1</p>				

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<p>ABC TV (2) 6.00 News Breakfast. 9.00 ABC News Mornings. 10.00 Landline. (R) 11.00 Antiques Roadshow. (R) 12.00 ABC News At Noon. 1.00 Rosehaven. (PG, R) 1.25 Poh's Kitchen Lends A Hand. (R) 2.00 Parliament Question Time. 3.00 Escape From The City. (R) 4.00 Think Tank. (R) 4.55 Anh's Brush With Fame. (R) 5.30 Hard Quiz. (PG, R)</p>	<p>SBS (3) 6.00 WorldWatch. 9.15 Peer To Peer. (PG) 10.15 Food Markets: In The Belly Of The City. (PG) 11.15 Grayson Perry's Rites Of Passage. (M) 12.10 WorldWatch. 2.00 Cook Up With Adam Liaw. (R) 2.10 First Ladies. (PGa, R) 3.00 Going Places. (R) 3.30 Destination Flavour China Bitesize. (R) 3.40 The Cook Up. (PG, R) 4.10 The Supervet. (PGa, R) 5.05 Jeopardy! 5.30 Letters And Numbers. (R)</p>	<p>SEVEN (7) 6.00 Sunrise. 9.00 The Morning Show. (PG) 11.30 Seven Morning News. 12.00 MOVIE: Love's Last Resort. (2017, PGa, R) Alix Angelis, Jesse Hutch, Thomas Beaudoin. 2.00 Motorbike Cops. (PGI, R) 2.30 Border Security: International. (PG, R) 3.00 The Chase. 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 The Block. (PGI, R) 1.30 Getaway. (PG, R) 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 Bold. (R) 8.00 10 News First: Breakfast. 8.30 Studio 10. (PG) 12.00 Dr Phil. (PGal, R) 1.00 The Amazing Race Australia. (PGI, R) 2.30 Entertainment Tonight. 3.00 Judge Judy. (PG, R) 3.30 Freshly Picked With Simon Toohey. 4.00 Everyday Gourmet With Justine Schofield. 4.30 The Bold And The Beautiful. 5.00 10 News First.</p>
<p>6.00 The Drum. 7.00 ABC News. 7.30 7.30. Presented by Sarah Ferguson. 8.00 Australian Story. Austral-ians tell personal stories. 8.30 Four Corners. Investigative journalism program that leads national debate and confronts issues that matter. 9.20 Media Watch. (PG) Hosted by Paul Barry. 9.35 Planet America. (Return) A look at American politics. 10.05 ABC Late News. 10.20 The Business. (R) 10.40 David Attenborough's Life That Glows. (R) 11.40 Baptiste. (Final, Mlv, R) 12.35 Parliament Question Time. 1.35 Top Of The Lake: China Girl. (Malns, R) 3.40 Rage. (MA15+adhlnsv) 4.25 The Drum. (R) 5.25 7.30. (R)</p>	<p>6.00 Mastermind Australia. (R) Presented by Jennifer Byrne. 6.30 SBS World News. 7.35 Celebrity Letters And Numbers. (Return, M) Hosted by Michael Hing. 8.30 Iceland With Alexander Armstrong. (PG) Part 1 of 3. Alexander Armstrong embarks on a journey across Iceland. 9.25 24 Hours In Emergency: World's Collide. (Ma, R) A 64-year-old man is rushed to St George's after being struck by a pizza delivery motorbike. 10.20 SBS World News Late. 10.50 Beforeigners. (MA15+dlv) 11.50 Outlander. (MA15+v, R) 12.55 Miss S. (Mv, R) 3.45 Food Safari Earth. (R) 4.45 Bamay. (R) 5.00 NHK World English News Morning. 5.30 ANC Philippines The World Tonight.</p>	<p>6.00 Seven Local News. 6.30 Seven News. 7.00 Home And Away. (PGa) Nikau learns Heather's real identity. 7.30 Farmer Wants A Wife. (PGal) Hosted by Natalie Gruzlewski. 9.00 9-1-1: Lone Star. (Final, Mav) Strand and the 126 come together when one of their own is trapped after a building explosion. 10.00 S.W.A.T. (Mav) The team searches for a lone bomber. 11.00 The Latest: Seven News. 11.30 Heartbreak Island Australia. (Mls) 12.35 MOVIE: Butter. (1998, MA15+lv, R) Ernie Hudson. 2.30 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 The Block. (PGI) Hosted by Scott Cam. 8.45 Under Investigation: The Cop Who Knew Too Much. (Return, Mav) Liz Hayes and a team of experts investigate the strange death of a top South Australian cop in 1981. 9.45 100% Footy. (M) Features the latest rugby league news. 10.45 Nine News Late. A look at the latest news and events. 11.15 Fortunate Son. (Mdv) 12.05 Emergence. (Mhv, R) 1.00 Hello SA. (PG) 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 and events. 7.30 The Amazing Race Australia. (PGI) Hosted by Beau Ryan. 8.40 Have You Been Paying Attention? (Malns) Celebrity panellists compete to see who can remember the most about events of the week. 9.40 Just For Laughs Australia. (Mals) Stand-up comedy performances from Kirsty Webeck, Greg Larsen and Hot Department. 10.10 2018 Montreal Comedy Festival. (MA15+ls, R) Presented by Tommy Little. 11.10 The Project. (R) 12.10 The Late Show With Stephen Colbert. (PG) 1.00 Home Shopping. (R) 2.30 Infomercials. (PG, R) 3.00 Home Shopping. (R) 4.30 CBS Mornings.</p>
<p>ABC TV PLUS (22) 6am Children's Programs. 7.20pm Bluey. 7.30 A Dog's World With Tony Armstrong. 8.25 George Clarke's Amazing Spaces. 9.15 Restoration Australia. 10.15 Catalyst. 11.10 Adam Hills: The Last Leg. 11.50 Penn & Teller: Fool Us. 12.30am Ghosts. 1.00 Red Dwarf. 1.30 ABC News Update. 1.35 Close. 5.00 Cookie Monster's Foodie Truck. 5.15 Hoot Hoot Go! 5.20 Sarah & Duck. 5.30 Late Programs.</p>	<p>SBS VICELAND (31) 6am WorldWatch. 9.30 Shortland St. 11.00 Counter Space. Noon Hoarders. 2.30 Donkmaster. 2.55 Dead Set On Life. 3.55 WorldWatch. 5.15 Shortland St. 5.45 Joy Of Painting. 6.15 Forged In Fire. 7.05 Jeopardy! 7.35 8 Out Of 10 Cats Does Countdown. 8.30 Dark Side Of The '90s. 9.25 PEN15. (Return) 10.25 VICE. 11.25 Final Space. 12.15am 24 Hours In Police Custody. 2.05 Late Programs.</p>	<p>7TWO (72) 6am Shopping. 6.30 Travel Oz. 8.00 Shopping. 8.30 Jabba's School Holiday Movies. 9.00 Million Dollar Minute. 9.30 NBC Today. 10.30 To Be Advised. Noon The Surgery Ship. 1.00 Million Dollar Minute. 2.00 Weekender. 2.30 Sons And Daughters. 4.30 Emmerdale. 5.00 Coronation Street. 5.30 Escape To The Country. 6.30 Bargain Hunt. 7.30 Doc Martin. 8.30 A Touch Of Frost. 10.45 Late Programs.</p>	<p>9GEM (81, 92) 6am TV Shop. 7.00 Creflo. 7.30 TV Shop. 9.30 Newstyle Direct. 10.00 Danoz. 10.30 Pointless. 11.30 My Favorite Martian. Noon Days Of Our Lives. 12.55 The Young And The Restless. 1.50 The Great Migration. 2.50 Antiques Roadshow. 3.20 MOVIE: The Truth About Women. (1957, PG) 5.30 Murder, She Wrote. 6.30 Antiques Roadshow. 7.30 Death In Paradise. 8.40 Dalglish. (Premiere) 10.40 Late Programs.</p>	<p>10 PEACH (52, 11) 6am Friends. 8.00 The Big Bang Theory. 8.30 The Middle. 10.30 Carol's Second Act. Noon This Is Us. 2.00 Friends. 3.00 The King Of Queens. 4.00 Becker. 5.00 Frasier. 6.00 Friends. 8.00 The Big Bang Theory. 9.30 Seinfeld. 11.00 Frasier. Midnight Home Shopping. 12.30 Infomercials. 1.30 The Late Show With Stephen Colbert. 2.30 James Corden. 3.30 King Of Queens. 4.30 Shopping.</p>
<p>NITV (34) 6am Morning Programs. 1.30pm Amplify. 2.00 Shortland St. 2.30 Going Native. 3.00 Jarjums. 4.35 Spartakus And The Sun Beneath The Sea. 5.00 Our Stories. 5.30 APTN National News. 6.00 Bamay. 6.40 News. 6.50 Extreme Africa. 7.40 Through The Wormhole With Morgan Freeman. 8.30 Living Black. 9.00 Cold Justice. 9.30 Death In Thunder Bay. 10.10 Superstition. 11.00 Late Programs.</p>	<p>SBS WORLD MOVIES (32) 6am Morning Programs. 8.15 Viceroy's House. (2017, PG) 10.15 It Must Be Heaven. (2019, M, French) 12.10pm The Damned United. (2009, M) 2.00 Fried Green Tomatoes. (1991, PG) 4.20 The Kid From The Big Apple 2. (2017, PG, Mandarin) 6.30 Date With An Angel. (1987, PG) 8.30 The King Of Comedy. (1983, PG) 10.35 The Master. (2012, MA15+) 1.05am Late Programs.</p>	<p>7MATE (74) 6am Morning Programs. 10.30 Pawn Stars. 11.00 American Pickers. Noon Bushfire Wars. 12.30 Wild Transport. 1.00 Aussie Lobster Men. 2.00 Aussie Salvage Squad. 3.00 Shipping Wars. 3.30 Seven's Motorsport Classic. 4.30 Truck Night In America. 5.30 Storage Wars: TX. 6.00 American Pickers. 7.00 Pawn Stars. 7.30 American Pickers. 8.30 MOVIE: Rogue One: A Star Wars Story. (2016, M) 11.15 Late Programs.</p>	<p>9GO! (82, 93) 6am Children's Programs. Noon Inside Legoland. 1.00 Inside British Airways. 2.00 Rivals. 2.30 Full House. 3.30 Raymond. 5.30 The Nanny. 6.00 3rd Rock. 6.30 That '70s Show. 7.00 Young Sheldon. 7.30 RBT. 8.30 MOVIE: Arrival. (2016, M) 10.50 Young Sheldon. 11.15 Up All Night. 11.40 Raymond. 12.10am Smash. 1.10 Say Yes To The Dress: UK. 2.10 Inside British Airways. 3.00 Late Programs.</p>	<p>10 BOLD (53, 12) 6am Infomercials. 8.00 The Doctors. 9.00 Reel Action. 9.30 iFish. 10.00 Athletics. Sydney Running Festival. Highlights. 11.00 MacGyver. Noon The FBI Declassified. 1.00 Diagnosis Murder. 3.00 Bondi Rescue. 3.30 The Love Boat. 4.30 Star Trek: The Next Generation. 5.30 MacGyver. 7.30 NCIS. 10.20 Blue Bloods. 12.15am Shopping. 1.15 Infomercials. 1.45 Shopping. 2.15 Late Programs.</p>

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Tuesday, September 27

<p>ABC TV (2) 6.00 News Breakfast. 9.00 ABC News Mornings. 10.00 Foreign Correspondent. (R) 10.30 Planet America. (R) 11.00 Dementia & Us. (PG, R) 12.00 ABC News At Noon. 1.00 Miniseries: Marriage. (MI, R) 2.00 Parliament Question Time. 3.00 Escape From The City. (R) 3.55 Think Tank. (PG, R) 4.55 Anh's Brush With Fame. (PG, R) 5.25 Hard Quiz. (PG, R)</p>	<p>SBS (3) 6.00 WorldWatch. 9.05 Peer To Peer. (PG) 10.05 Food Markets: In The Belly Of The City. (PG) 11.05 Rites Of Passage. (M) 12.00 WorldWatch. 2.00 Cook Up With Adam Liaw Bitesize. (R) 2.10 First Ladies. (Mav, R) 3.00 Going Places. (R) 3.30 Destination Flavour China Bitesize. (R) 3.40 The Cook Up. (PG, R) 4.10 The Supervet. (PGa, R) 5.05 Jeopardy! 5.30 Letters And Numbers. (R)</p>	<p>SEVEN (7) 6.00 Sunrise. 9.00 The Morning Show. (PG) 11.30 Seven Morning News. 12.00 MOVIE: Love At Daisy Hills. (2020, PG, R) Cindy Busby, Marshall Williams, Jade Michael. 2.00 Motorbike Cops. (PG, R) 2.30 Border Security: International. (PG, R) 3.00 The Chase. 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 The Block. (PGI, R) 1.00 Taronga: Who's Who In The Zoo. (PG, R) 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 Bold. (R) 8.00 10 News First: Breakfast. 8.30 Studio 10. (PG) 12.00 Dr Phil. (PGals, R) 1.00 The Amazing Race Australia. (PGI, R) 2.10 Ent. Tonight. 2.30 My Market Kitchen. (R) 3.00 Judge Judy. (PG, R) 3.30 Freshly Picked With Simon Toohey. 4.00 Everyday Gourmet With Justine Schofield. 4.30 The Bold And The Beautiful. 5.00 10 News First.</p>
<p>6.00 The Drum. 7.00 ABC News. 7.30 7.30. 8.00 Take 5 With Zan Rowe: Keith Urban. (PG) Part 2 of 5. 8.30 Old People's Home For Teenagers. (PG) Part 5 of 5. 9.30 Home: The Story Of Earth. Part 3 of 4. 10.30 ABC Late News. 10.45 The Business. (R) 11.00 Four Corners. (R) 11.50 Media Watch. (PG, R) 12.05 Parliament Question Time. 1.05 Les Misérables. (Mv, R) 2.05 Top Of The Lake: China Girl. (Madlsv, R) 3.05 Rage. (MA15+adhlnsv) 4.25 The Drum. (R) 5.25 7.30. (R)</p>	<p>6.00 Mastermind Australia. (R) 6.30 SBS World News. 7.30 Great Coastal Railway Journeys: Tynemouth To Bardon Mill. (PG) Hosted by Michael Portillo. 8.30 Insight. A look at why drug and alcohol deaths are at their highest in decades, and what can we do about it. 9.30 Dateline: Catching Scammers. Takes a look at online scammers, particularly call centres in India, who rob Australian of millions of dollars each year. 10.00 SBS World News Late. 10.30 The Point. (R) 11.00 Wisting. (Return, Malv) 11.50 War Of The Worlds. (Mal, R) 3.30 Food Safari Earth. (R) 4.30 Bamay. (R) 5.00 NHK World English News Morning. 5.30 ANC Philippines The World Tonight.</p>	<p>6.00 Seven Local News. 6.30 Seven News. 7.00 Home And Away. (PG) 7.30 Farmer Wants A Wife. (PGI) Hosted by Natalie Gruzlewski. 9.10 Extreme Weddings: Australia. (PGal) A couple plan a wild wedding with their camels in the scorching heat of the NSW outback. 10.10 10 Years Younger In 10 Days. (PGa) Presented by Cherry Healey. 11.10 The Latest: Seven News. 11.40 Chicago Fire. (Ma) 12.40 Australia's Cheapest Weddings. (PG, R) 2.00 Home Shopping. 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 The Block. (PGI) Hosted by Scott Cam. 8.40 The Hundred With Andy Lee. Andy Lee is joined by a panel of comedians and 100 Aussies to explore the fun behind the facts. 9.40 Botched. (Malmn, R) Two buddies visit the doctors. 10.40 Nine News Late. 11.10 Law & Order: Organized Crime. (Mv) 11.55 See No Evil: Lock-Up. (Mav) 12.40 Tipping Point. (PG, R) 1.30 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 and events. 7.30 The Amazing Race Australia. (PGI) Hosted by Beau Ryan. 8.30 The Cheap Seats. (Mal) From major news stories to entertainment and viral videos, presenters Melanie Bracewell and Tim McDonald take a look at the week that was. 9.30 NCIS. (Mv, R) The team investigates the death of a US Navy commander whose body exploded before Jimmy could examine it. 11.30 The Project. (R) 12.30 The Late Show With Stephen Colbert. (PG) 1.30 Home Shopping. (R) 3.30 Infomercials. (PG, R) 4.00 Home Shopping. 4.30 CBS Mornings.</p>
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<p>NITV (34) 6am Morning Programs. 2pm Shortland St. 2.30 Going Native. 3.00 Jarjums. 4.35 Spartakus And The Sun Beneath The Sea. 5.00 Our Stories. 5.30 Indian Country Today News. 6.00 Bamay. 6.30 News. 6.40 Extreme Africa. 7.30 The Point. 8.00 Karla Grant Presents Characters Of Broome. 8.30 Over The Black Dot. 9.00 Feeding The Scrum. 9.30 Letterkenny. 10.00 Man In Room 301. 10.55 Late Programs.</p>	<p>SBS WORLD MOVIES (32) 6am Chalet Girl. Continued. (2011, PG) 7.30 Date With An Angel. (1987, PG) 9.30 Buggy Malone. (1976, PG) 11.10 Song Lang. (2018, M, Vietnamese) 1.05pm Zana. (2019, M, Albanian) 2.55 The Music Of Silence. (2017, PG) 5.05 Viceroy's House. (2017, PG) 7.05 Strange Birds. (2017, PG, French) 8.30 The Family. (2013, MA15+) 10.35 The Program. (2015, M) 12.30am Late Programs.</p>	<p>7MATE (74) 6am Morning Programs. Noon Bushfire Wars. 12.30 Wild Transport. 1.00 American Pickers. 2.00 American Pickers. 3.00 Shipping Wars. 3.30 Pawn Stars UK. 4.00 Pawn Stars Sth Africa. 4.30 Truck Night In America. 5.30 Storage Wars: TX. 6.00 American Pickers. 7.00 Pawn Stars. 7.30 Highway Patrol. 8.30 Outback Opal Hunters. 10.30 Jade Fever. 11.30 Late Programs.</p>	<p>9GO! (82, 93) 6am Children's Programs. 12.10pm Race Across The World. 1.30 Say Yes To The Dress: UK. 2.00 Full House. 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 MOVIE: Firewall. (2006, M) 9.40 To Be Advised. 11.35 Young Sheldon. Midnight Smash. 1.00 Say Yes To The Dress: Australia. 2.00 Late Programs.</p>	<p>10 BOLD (53, 12) 6am Home Shopping. 7.00 Infomercials. 8.00 The Doctors. 9.00 Reel Action. 9.30 iFish. 10.00 MacGyver. Noon The Love Boat. 1.00 Star Trek: The Next Generation. 2.00 Diagnosis Murder. 3.00 Bondi Rescue. 3.30 The Love Boat. 4.30 Star Trek: The Next Generation. 5.30 MacGyver. 7.30 NCIS. 8.30 Bull. 10.20 48 Hours. 12.15am Shopping. 12.45 Infomercials. 1.15 Shopping. 2.15 Late Programs.</p>

Wednesday, September 28

<p>ABC TV (2) 6.00 News Breakfast. 9.00 ABC News Mornings. 10.00 Four Corners. (R) 11.05 David Attenborough's Kingdom Of Plants. (R) 12.00 ABC News At Noon. 12.30 National Press Club Address. 1.40 Media Watch. (PG, R) 2.00 Parliament Question Time. 3.00 Escape From The City. (PG, R) 3.55 Think Tank. (R) 4.55 Anh's Brush With Fame. (R) 5.25 Hard Quiz. (PG, R)</p>	<p>SBS (3) 6.00 WorldWatch. 9.00 Cook Up With Adam Liaw Bitesize. (R) 9.05 Peer To Peer. (PG) 10.05 Food Markets: In The Belly Of The City. (PG) 11.05 Grayson Perry's Big American Road Trip. (M) 12.00 WorldWatch. 2.00 Dateline. (R) 2.30 Insight. (R) 3.30 Destination Flavour China Bitesize. (PGa, R) 3.40 The Cook Up. (PG, R) 4.10 The Supervet. (PGa, R) 5.05 Jeopardy! 5.30 Letters And Numbers. (R)</p>	<p>SEVEN (7) 6.00 Sunrise. 9.00 The Morning Show. (PG) 11.30 Seven Morning News. 12.00 MOVIE: Home For Harvest. (2019, PGa, R) Brigitte Kinsley, Landy Cannon, Troy Blundell. 2.00 Motorbike Cops. (PGL, R) 2.30 Border Security: International. (PG, 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 The Block. (PGL, R) 1.00 Taronga: Who's Who In The Zoo. (PG, R) 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 Bold. (R) 8.00 10 News First: Breakfast. 8.30 Studio 10. (PG) 12.00 Dr Phil. (PGa, R) 1.00 The Amazing Race Australia. (PGL, R) 2.00 Ent. Tonight. 2.30 Food Trail: South Africa. (R) 3.00 Judge Judy. (PG, R) 3.30 Freshly Picked. 4.00 Everyday Gourmet With Justine Schofield. 4.30 The Bold And The Beautiful. 5.00 10 News First.</p>
<p>6.00 The Drum. 7.00 ABC News. 7.30 7.30. Presented by Sarah Ferguson. 8.00 Hard Quiz. (Return, PG) Presented by Tom Gleeson. 8.30 Question Everything. (Return) Wil Anderson and Jan Fran are joined by a panel to dissect the news and sort the real from the rumours. 9.05 Summer Love. (Mdl) A couple confront societal expectations. 9.35 Adam Hills: The Last Leg. (Final, R) UK-based panel show. 10.15 ABC Late News. 10.30 The Business. (R) 10.50 Spicks And Specks. (PG, R) 11.40 Parliament Question Time. 12.40 Midsomer Murders. (Mv, R) 2.10 Top Of The Lake: China Girl. (MA15+as, R) 3.10 Rage. (MA15+adhlnsv) 4.25 The Drum. (R) 5.25 7.30. (R)</p>	<p>6.00 Mastermind Australia. (R) Presented by Jennifer Byrne. 6.30 SBS World News. 7.30 The Australian Wars. (M) Part 2 of 3. 8.35 24 Hours In Emergency: Keep Calm And Carry On. (M) A man is brought to St George's after falling off a ladder onto his back while gardening. 9.30 The Stranger. (MA15+) After Adam's clash with the Stranger, he seeks help from an unlikely ally, and discovers a shocking secret. 11.10 SBS World News Late. 11.40 Vienna Blood. (Ma) 1.30 World On Fire. (MA15+v, R) 2.30 ZeroZeroZero. (MA15+av, R) 4.50 Poh & Co. Bitesize. (R) 5.00 NHK World English News Morning. 5.30 ANC Philippines The World Tonight.</p>	<p>6.00 Seven Local News. 6.30 Seven News. 7.00 Home And Away. (PG) 8.00 To Be Advised. 9.00 The Amazing Race. (Return, PGL) Twelve teams of two embark on a race around the world for a \$1 million prize. 10.00 The Chernobyl Disaster: Fallout. (Ma) Part 3 of 3. 11.00 The Latest: Seven News. 11.30 Chicago Fire. (Mav) A firefighter is struck by a power line. 12.30 Secrets Of The Royal Babies. (PG, R) 1.30 Medical Emergency. (PGa, R) 2.00 Home Shopping. 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 The Block. (PGL) Bad weather and muddy conditions threaten to make hellway week all the more hellish. 8.50 My Life As A Rolling Stone: Keith Richards. (Madl) Part 2 of 4. Takes a look at Keith Richards, who has played lead guitar in The Rolling Stones for 60 years. 10.10 To Be Advised. 11.10 Nine News Late. A look at the latest news and events. 11.40 Family Law. (Mas) 12.35 Chicago Med. (MA15+am, 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. The hosts and guest panellists take a look at the day's news, events and hot topics. 7.30 The Amazing Race Australia. (PGL) Teams of two Australians continue their race around the world to win \$250,000. 9.00 Shockwaves: The Bali Bombings. Explores the lives of those affected by the October 2002 Bali bombings, 20 years after they occurred. 10.00 Bull. (PGLv, R) Chunk does his daughter a favour and convinces Bull to represent a teenager on trial for robbery. 12.00 The Project. (R) A look at the day's news and events. 1.00 The Late Show With Stephen Colbert. (PG) Hosted by Stephen Colbert. 2.00 Home Shopping. (R) 3.30 Infomercials. (PG, R) 4.00 Home Shopping. 4.30 CBS Mornings.</p>
<p>ABC TV PLUS (22) 6am Children's Programs. 7.20pm Bluey. 7.30 Anh's Brush With Fame. 8.00 Art Works. 8.30 Civilisations. 9.30 Take 5 With Zan Rowe. 10.00 And We Danced. 11.00 Louis Theroux: Return To The Most Hated Family. Midnight Ghosts. 12.30 Catalyst. 1.25 ABC News Update. 1.30 Close. 5.00 Cookie Monster's Foodie Truck. 5.15 Hoot Hoot Go! 5.20 Sarah & Duck. 5.30 Late Programs.</p>	<p>SBS VICELAND (31) 6am WorldWatch. 9.30 Shortland St. 11.00 Counter Space. Noon Hoarders. 2.30 Deportees Of Tonga. 3.00 Curse Of Oak Island. 3.45 WorldWatch. 5.15 Shortland St. 5.45 Joy Of Painting. 6.15 Forged In Fire. 7.05 Jeopardy! 7.35 8 Out Of 10 Cats Does Countdown. 8.30 We're All Gonna Die (Even Jay Baruchel) 9.40 Monty Python: The Meaning Of Live. 11.30 Late Programs.</p>	<p>7TWO (72) 6am Shopping. 6.30 Escape To The Country. 7.30 Harry's Practice. 8.00 Shopping. 8.30 To Be Advised. 9.00 Jabba's School Holiday Movies. 9.30 NBC Today. Noon The Surgery Ship. 1.00 My Greek Odyssey. 2.00 Weekender. 2.30 Sons And Daughters. 4.30 Emmerdale. 5.00 Coronation Street. 5.30 Escape To The Country. 6.30 Bargain Hunt. 7.30 Heartbeat. 8.45 Lewis. 10.45 Late Programs.</p>	<p>9GEM (81, 92) 6am TV Shop. 7.00 Creflo. 7.30 TV Shop. 10.30 Pointless. 11.30 My Favorite Martian. Noon Days Of Our Lives. 12.55 The Young And The Restless. 1.50 Explore. 1.55 The Channel: The World's Busiest Waterway. 2.55 Antiques Roadshow. 3.25 MOVIE: Private's Progress. (1956) 5.30 Murder, She Wrote. 6.30 Antiques Roadshow. 7.30 As Time Goes By. 8.50 Midsomer Murders. 10.50 Late Programs.</p>	<p>10 PEACH (52, 11) 6am The Late Show With Stephen Colbert. 7.00 Friends. 8.00 The King Of Queens. 9.00 Becker. 10.00 The Middle. 11.00 Frasier. Noon This Is Us. 1.00 Friends. 2.00 Becker. 3.00 The King Of Queens. 4.00 Becker. 5.00 Frasier. 6.00 Friends. 8.00 The Big Bang Theory. 9.20 Two And A Half Men. 10.10 The Big Bang Theory. 11.00 Frasier. Midnight Shopping. 12.30 Infomercials. 1.00 Shopping. 1.30 Late Programs.</p>
<p>NITV (34) 6am Morning Programs. 1.30pm Artie: Our Tribute To A Legend. 2.00 Shortland St. 2.30 Going Native. 3.00 Jarjums. 3.50 Wolf Joe. 4.00 Raven's Quest. 4.10 Grace Beside Me. 4.35 Spartakus And The Sun Beneath The Sea. 5.00 Our Stories. 5.30 Te Ao With Moana. 6.00 Bamay. 6.30 News. 6.40 Extreme Africa. 7.30 The Australian Wars. 8.35 MOVIE: Manganinnie. (1980, PG) 10.10 The Kings. 11.10 Late Programs.</p>	<p>SBS WORLD MOVIES (32) 6am Viceroy's House. Continued. (2017, PG) 6.50 Strange Birds. (2017, PG, French) 8.15 The Prince And The Showgirl. (1957, PG) 10.25 Lootera. (2013, M, Hindi) 12.55pm The King Of Comedy. (1983, PG) 3.00 Date With An Angel. (1987, PG) 5.00 Teen Spirit. (2018, PG) 6.40 Three Summers. (2019, PG, Portuguese) 8.30 Cape Fear. (1991, MA15+) 10.50 Black Sea. (2014, M) 12.55am Late Programs.</p>	<p>7MATE (74) 6am Morning Programs. Noon Bushfire Wars. 12.30 Wild Transport. 1.00 Aussie Lobster Men. 2.00 Jade Fever. 3.00 Shipping Wars. 3.30 Pawn Stars UK. 4.00 Pawn Stars Sth Africa. 4.30 Truck Night In America. 5.30 Storage Wars: TX. 6.00 American Pickers. 7.00 Pawn Stars. 7.30 Family Guy. 8.00 American Dad! 8.30 MOVIE: X-Men: Days Of Future Past. (2014, M) 11.10 Late Programs.</p>	<p>9GO! (82, 93) 6am Children's Programs. 12.10pm Race Across The World. 1.30 Say Yes To The Dress: UK. 2.00 Full House. 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 MOVIE: Contagion. (2011, M) 9.40 To Be Advised. 11.35 Young Sheldon. Midnight Smash. 1.00 Say Yes To The Dress: Australia. 2.00 Late Programs.</p>	<p>10 BOLD (53, 12) 6am Infomercials. 8.00 The Doctors. 9.00 Reel Action. 9.30 iFish. 10.00 MacGyver. Noon The Love Boat. 1.00 Star Trek: The Next Generation. 2.00 Diagnosis Murder. 3.00 Bondi Rescue. 3.30 The Love Boat. 4.30 Star Trek: The Next Generation. 5.30 MacGyver. 7.30 NCIS. 8.30 Hawaii Five-O. 10.20 Blood And Treasure. 11.15 Evil. 12.15am Shopping. 1.45 Infomercials. 2.15 Hawaii Five-O. 3.10 ST: Next Gen. 4.05 MacGyver.</p>



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Thursday, September 29

<p>ABC TV (2) 6.00 News Breakfast. 9.00 ABC News Mornings. 10.00 Australian Story. (R) 10.30 That Pacific Sports Show. (R) 11.00 Rick Stein's Secret France. (R) 12.00 ABC News At Noon. 1.00 Hard Quiz. (PG, R) 1.30 Question Everything. (R) 2.00 All Creatures Great And Small. (PG, R) 3.00 Escape From The City. (R) 4.00 Think Tank. (PG, R) 4.55 Anh's Brush With Fame. (PG, R) 5.25 Hard Quiz. (PG, R)</p>	<p>SBS (3) 6.00 WorldWatch. 9.05 Peer To Peer. (PG) 10.05 7.7 Billion People And Counting. (PGa, R) 11.05 Grayson Perry's Big American Road Trip. (M) 12.00 WorldWatch. 2.05 First Ladies. (Ma, R) 2.55 Going Places. (R) 3.25 Destination Flavour China Bitesize. (R) 3.35 The Cook Up. (PG) 4.10 The Supervet. (PGa, R) 5.05 Jeopardy! 5.30 Letters And Numbers. (R)</p>	<p>SEVEN (7) 6.00 Sunrise. 9.00 The Morning Show. (PG) 11.30 Seven Morning News. 12.00 MOVIE: Darrow And Darrow: In The Key Of Murder. (2018, PGav) 2.00 Kochie's Business Builders. 2.30 Motorbike Cops. (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 The Block. (PGL, R) 1.00 Taronga: Who's Who In The Zoo. (PG, R) 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 Bold. (R) 8.00 10 News First: Breakfast. 8.30 Studio 10. (PG) 12.00 Dr Phil. (PGa, R) 1.00 The Amazing Race Australia. (PGL, R) 2.30 Entertainment Tonight. 3.00 Judge Judy. (PG, R) 3.30 Freshly Picked With Simon Toohey. 4.00 Everyday Gourmet With Justine Schofield. 4.30 The Bold And The Beautiful. 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 Kurt Fearnley's One Plus One. Kurt Fearnley speaks with Robert Irwin. 10.05 ABC Late News. 10.20 The Business. (R) 10.35 Old People's Home For Teenagers. (PG, R) 11.35 Doc Martin. (PG, R) 12.25 All Creatures Great And Small. (PG, R) 1.10 Top Of The Lake: China Girl. (Final, Malnsv, R) 2.10 Les Misérables. (Mv, R) 3.10 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. (R) 6.30 SBS World News. 7.30 Dishing It Up. (Premiere) Narrated by Veronica Milsom. 8.00 Guillaume's Paris. (PG) Guillaume Brahimi explores bistros. 8.30 World's Most Scenic River Journeys: The Neretva. (PG) Bill Nighy narrates a journey down Bosnia and Herzegovina's Neretva River. 9.25 The Handmaid's Tale. (MA15+) Serena settles into her new role in Toronto. 10.25 SBS World News Late. 10.55 Gomorrah. (MA15+v) 11.50 Luther. (MA15+av, R) 3.50 Food Safari Earth. (R) 4.50 Poh & Co. Bitesize. (R) 5.00 NHK World English News Morning. 5.30 ANC Philippines The World Tonight.</p>	<p>6.00 Seven Local News. 6.30 Seven News. 7.00 Home And Away. (PGas) 8.30 Kath & Kim. (PG, R) Kath is enjoying life as an empty-nester, until her married daughter Kim moves back in. Adding to the pressure on their relationship is the fact that Kath appears to have caught the eye of butcher Kel Knight. 10.50 The Latest: Seven News. 11.20 Autopsy USA: David Bowie. (Mad, R) A look at the death of David Bowie. 12.20 Kiss Bang Love. (PG, R) Blindfolded contestants kiss 12 partners. 1.35 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 RBT. (Mdl) Follows the activities of police units. 8.30 Paramedics. (Return, Mm) Flight paramedic Steve heads to the country after a tractor topples over and crushes a farmer. 9.30 A+E After Dark. (Mlm) A patient is injured falling down a ditch. 10.30 Nine News Late. 11.00 New Amsterdam. (Mam) 11.50 The Gulf. (Madlsv, R) 12.40 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 and events. 7.30 The Amazing Race Australia. (PGL) Hosted by Beau Ryan. 8.30 Gogglebox Australia. TV fanatics open up their living rooms to reveal their reactions to popular and topical TV shows. 9.30 To Be Advised. 10.30 Law & Order: SVU. (Ma, R) A powerful judge railroads Carisi. 11.30 The Project. (R) 12.30 The Late Show With Stephen Colbert. (PG) 1.30 Home Shopping. (R) 3.30 Infomercials. (PG, R) 4.00 Home Shopping. 4.30 CBS Mornings.</p>
<p>ABC TV PLUS (22) 6am Children's Programs. 7.20pm Bluey. 7.30 Spicks And Specks. 8.30 Mock The Week. (Return) 9.00 Hard Quiz. 9.30 Question Everything. 10.05 Penn & Teller: Fool Us. 10.45 Doctor Who. 11.30 Ghosts. Midnight Would I Lie To You? 12.30 Zoe Coombs Marr: Bossy Bottom. 1.35 Blunt Talk. 2.05 ABC News Update. 2.10 Close. 5.00 Cookie Monster's Foodie Truck. 5.15 Late Programs.</p>	<p>SBS VICELAND (31) 6am WorldWatch. 9.30 Shortland St. 11.00 Counter Space. Noon Hoarders. 2.30 Toxic Garbage Island. 3.45 WorldWatch. 5.15 Shortland St. 5.45 Joy Of Painting. 6.15 Forged In Fire. 7.05 Jeopardy! 7.35 8 Out Of 10 Cats Does Countdown. 8.30 The Curse Of Oak Island. 10.10 Escaping Polygamy. 11.00 Bangkok Airport. Midnight News. 12.55 Dark Side Of The Ring. 2.35 Late Programs.</p>	<p>7TWO (72) 6am Morning Programs. 8.30 To Be Advised. 9.00 Million Dollar Minute. 9.30 NBC Today. Noon The Surgery Ship. 1.00 Million Dollar Minute. 2.00 South Aussie With Cosi. 2.30 Sons And Daughters. 4.30 Emmerdale. 5.00 Coronation Street. 5.30 Escape To The Country. 6.30 Bargain Hunt. 7.30 Father Brown. 8.30 McDonald And Dodds. 10.30 Murdoch Mysteries. 11.30 Late Programs.</p>	<p>9GEM (81, 92) 6am TV Shop. 7.00 Creflo. 7.30 TV Shop. 10.30 Pointless. 11.30 My Favorite Martian. Noon Days Of Our Lives. 12.55 The Young And The Restless. 1.50 Explore. 2.00 The Channel: The World's Busiest Waterway. 3.00 Antiques Roadshow. 3.30 MOVIE: The Iron Maiden. (1963) 5.30 Murder, She Wrote. 6.30 Antiques Roadshow. 7.30 Grantchester. 8.30 Poirot. 10.30 The Case Of Caylee Anthony. 11.30 Late Programs.</p>	<p>10 PEACH (52, 11) 6am The Late Show With Stephen Colbert. 7.00 Friends. 8.00 The King Of Queens. 9.00 Becker. 10.00 The Middle. 11.30 Friends. Noon The Living Room. 1.00 Frasier. 2.00 Becker. 3.00 The King Of Queens. 4.00 Becker. 5.00 Frasier. 6.00 Friends. 8.00 The Big Bang Theory. 9.30 Mom. 10.30 Seinfeld. 11.00 Frasier. Midnight Shopping. 12.30 Infomercials. 1.30 Stephen Colbert. 2.30 Late Programs.</p>
<p>NITV (34) 6am Morning Programs. 1.35pm Bamay. 2.00 Shortland St. 2.30 Going Native. 3.00 Bushwhacked! 3.25 The Magic Canoe. 3.50 Wolf Joe. 4.00 Raven's Quest. 4.10 Grace Beside Me. 4.35 Spartakus And The Sun Beneath The Sea. 5.00 Our Stories. 5.30 The 77 Percent. 6.00 Bamay. 6.30 News. 6.40 Extreme Africa. 7.30 Going Places With Ernie Dingo. 8.30 The Porter. 9.25 MOVIE: Tudawali. (1987, M) 11.00 Late Programs.</p>	<p>SBS WORLD MOVIES (32) 6am Buggy Malone. Continued. (1976, PG) 6.35 Three Summers. (2019, PG, Portuguese) 8.25 Hotel Salvation. (2016, PG, Hindi) 10.20 Selma. (2014, M) 12.40pm The Program. (2015, M) 2.35 Strange Birds. (2017, PG, French) 4.00 The Prince And The Showgirl. (1957, PG) 6.10 A Raisin In The Sun. (1961, PG) 8.30 Cop Land. (1997) 10.30 Regression. (2015, MA15+) 12.30am Late Programs.</p>	<p>7MATE (74) 6am Morning Programs. 10.30 Storage Wars: TX. 11.00 American Pickers. Noon Bushfire Wars. 12.30 Wild Transport. 1.00 Aussie Lobster Men. 2.00 Heavy Lifting. 3.00 Shipping Wars. 3.30 Pawn Stars UK. 4.00 Pawn Stars Sth Africa. 4.30 Scrap Kings. 5.30 Storage Wars: TX. 6.00 American Pickers. 7.00 Pawn Stars. 8.30 MOVIE: Deadpool. (2016, MA15+) 10.45 Late Programs.</p>	<p>9GO! (82, 93) 6am Children's Programs. 12.10pm Race Across The World. 1.30 Say Yes To The Dress: UK. 2.00 Full House. 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. 9.00 MOVIE: The Legend Of Tarzan. (2016, M) 11.10 Young Sheldon. 11.35 Up All Night. Midnight Smash. 1.00 Late Programs.</p>	<p>10 BOLD (53, 12) 6am Home Shopping. 6.30 Infomercials. 8.00 The Doctors. 9.00 Reel Action. 9.30 iFish. 10.00 MacGyver. Noon The Love Boat. 1.00 Star Trek: The Next Generation. 2.00 Diagnosis Murder. 3.00 Bondi Rescue. 3.30 The Love Boat. 4.30 Star Trek: The Next Generation. 5.30 MacGyver. 7.30 NCIS. 8.30 Bull. 10.30 Elementary. 11.30 48 Hours. 12.30am Infomercials. 1.00 Shopping. 2.00 Late Programs.</p>

On Demand

ANDOR Streaming, Disney+



Taking place five years before the events of standalone *Star Wars* movie *Rogue One*, this 12-episode spy thriller follows in the footsteps of the fan-favourite 2016 release by exploring the *Star Wars* galaxy from the perspective of those at ground level.

Diego Luna returns as Cassian Andor in a series that aims to uncover how he came to be the spymaster warrior we see in the movie – the one person the Rebel Alliance trusts to steal the plans to Darth Vader's Death Star.

Academy Award-nominated *Rogue One* screenwriter Tony Gilroy once again delves into a tense and turbulent period of narrative history, this time as creator and showrunner, crafting a story that focuses on the beginnings of the Rebellion as ordinary people opposed to the Empire's violence join together.

Gilroy is keen to explore the human condition in *Andor*. Each character is forced to take a side as the Empire pushes forward, with people showing surprising sides to their personalities under pressure.

Joining Luna for this deep-dive into Cassian Andor's origins is *Star Wars Rebels* actress Genevieve O'Reilly as Mon Mothma, along with Stellan Skarsgård as Luthen Rael, a complex new character who plays a vital role in shaping Cassian's future.

The depth *Andor* adds to an intriguing character is a rather satisfying addition to the ever-expanding and heavily populated *Star Wars* franchise. – **Lauren Mitchell**

Man on a mission:
Diego Luna as
Rebel Alliance spy
Cassian Andor.



SIDNEY Streaming, from Friday, Apple TV+



Produced by Oprah Winfrey, this revealing documentary pays tribute to the life and legacy of legendary actor Sidney Poitier (pictured), who died in January, aged 94. With a focus on Poitier's trailblazing career as an actor, filmmaker and civil rights activist, the film includes interviews with Denzel Washington, Robert Redford and Barbra Streisand.



THE DREAMLIFE OF GEORGIE STONE Streaming, Netflix



The incredible life of *Neighbours* star and teen transgender activist Georgie Stone OAM (pictured) is charted in this comprehensive documentary, spanning 19 years, from director Maya Newell. Stone, who serves as creative producer, takes viewers inside her historic legal battle for transgender rights as she finds her voice and emerges into adulthood.



HOME ECONOMICS Streaming, Stan



Occupying three very different tax brackets, siblings Connor, Tom and Sarah (Jimmy Tatro, Topher Grace and Caitlin McGee, pictured from left) are put to the test by their vast economic differences. In season three of this charming family sitcom, author Tom learns Connor now owns his publishing company, while struggling Sarah has to move into Connor's house.



NCIS/NCIS: HAWAII CROSSOVER EVENT Streaming, Paramount+



With a dangerous suspect known as The Raven en route to Oahu, the NCIS team races to prevent a deadly tragedy, working with Hawaii-based Special Agent Jane Tennant (Vanessa Lachey, pictured with Wilmer Valderrama as Agent Torres). This special season-opening crossover unites the storylines of *NCIS* season 20 and *NCIS: Hawaii* season two.



JIMMY REES: MEANWHILE IN AUSTRALIA Streaming, from Tuesday, Binge and Foxtel



Giggle and Hoot star-turned-social-media-sensation Jimmy Rees (pictured) brings the best of his viral hit videos to the stage in this madcap stand-up special. Filmed during Rees' recent 34-date sold-out national tour, the show features his most popular characters, from the Guy Who Decides to the States, the Brighton ladies, and even a local magpie.

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Scouts' strong link to royalty

By Michael R Williams

There is a direct link throughout the world between Scouting and the royal family, and the Queen's visits to Longreach throughout her life have been very special to the Longreach Scout Group.

Group Leader John Palmer said it was special to have met the Queen twice during his time at the Scouts.

"Each night at Scouts we salute the Queen: we salute the Australian flag and we say the Scout promise which relates to honouring the Queen," he said.

"It's a commitment you make: on my honour, I promise, I'll do my best to my god and the Queen of Australia and to help other people who live by the Scout promise.

"It's few in words, but means a lot."

The Longreach Scouts have a long history in serving the Royal family.

"We [Longreach Scouts] are 109 years old this year and in that time—I think we have two King Scouts and the rest are Queen Scouts, I think we have 13 Queen Scouts," he said.

"When the Queen came out in 1970 we were very much a part of what she did, we had a guard of honour at the Civic Centre when she and the Duke planted the two trees.

"We were only youth members at the time.

"She made it her business to stop for everyone and have a conversation with us.

"That will never leave me."

Mr Palmer said the Scouts worked diligently to ensure the Queen's visit was well organised.

"We were called about 12-18 months prior and they [the organisers] check to see if you're on track every three months until she arrives.

"They want to see if you're on track," he said.

"That's how tight things get in the security side of things, which you can understand.

"When they got off the plane, they had a set crew over at the plane, and my headman at the time Michael Bischel brought the Queen from the plane to the Stockman's Hall of Fame.

"There were people everywhere, and once the Queen arrived the crowd just followed her.

"[When she was here] We did a semi-circle around the Queen as they planted the trees outside the Civic Centre, and their presence was special in itself.

"The Queen, she just put you at ease instantly, even her walking up to us—you think she might be a bit rude, but by the time she



John Palmer helping the Queen out of her limousine.

opened her mouth, and said hello... it was like, woosh! all that tension came out of your body."

Mr Palmer was also present when the now King Charles visited Longreach as a part of his

2012 tour of Australia.

"When he came out we had to go through a similar protocol," Mr Palmer said.

"It wasn't quite as intense as what we went

through with the Queen.

"They still checked you out.

"He was a nice fella as well, he just put you at ease, instantly."

Marking respect for the monarch

The loss of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II has been felt deeply by many in our community.

I have spoken with many of you who have fond memories of meeting The Queen, or lining up as I did, to catch a glimpse of her on one of her visits to Longreach.

This week we observed the National Day of Mourning by unveiling a new commemorative plaque celebrating the royal visit in April 1970—Her Majesty's first visit to Longreach.

As many of you will know, The Queen and The Duke of Edinburgh each planted a fig tree next to the water tower to mark the occasion.

The trees still stand proudly to this day, and the new plaque informs visitors of their significance.

Thank you to everyone who came along on the day to remember Her Majesty and celebrate her living legacy in our community.

Our Disaster Management Coordinator, Craig Neuendorf, was in Brisbane last week where Council was recognised with a 'Get Ready Resilience' Award.

Council won the award for its 'Covid Care Package' program assisting vulnerable and socially isolated community members in the early days of the pandemic. So many of our staff volunteered to put the packages together, and we had generous assistance from many community groups—so this award is great recognition of our team and our community! Thank you to everyone who made it possible.



One of the key ways Council engages with its community is through its bi-annual Community Forums.

This week we've announced our next round of Community Forums to be held in the first week of October, to coincide with the resumption of the school term.

It will be the first round of forums for our new CEO, Dirk Dowling, and I encourage you to come along and hear from him about the direction we're taking as a Council and a community.

It is a great opportunity for you to tell him what our community needs from its leaders.

We want to share what we're working on, and hear what's important to you.

As always, we'll be taking questions from the floor—and nothing is off the table in the open floor sessions.

We will be visiting Yaraka and Isisford on Tuesday 4 October, Ilfracombe on Wednesday 5 October, and Longreach on Thursday 6 October—save the date now, or head to longreach.qld.gov.au/events for more details.

Our regulatory services team have detected some large infestations of Parthenium in the region.

Parthenium is toxic to stock and can invade native pastures and timber areas.

We have found it not only in rural areas, but in town too, so it is important to be on the lookout for it.

If you see any Parthenium please report it to Council immediately on (07) 4658 4111.

Applications for our Regional Arts Development Fund (RADF) are due today, Friday 23 September.

If you have an idea for an arts project or any arts programming you'd like to see in our region, visit longreach.qld.gov.au/radf for more information.

Just a reminder rates notices were issued last week and payments are due Friday 7 October.

Be sure to pay in full before the deadline to get your 10 per cent discount.

You can find more information by visiting longreach.qld.gov.au/rates.

We have also noticed that dog registration renewals are significantly down this year.

Registrations were due on 15 August—so it's worth checking whether your best friend is still registered.

I will be back with another column in two weeks.

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

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

Plaque at Longreach

Mayor Tony Rayner has unveiled a plaque celebrating the first visit of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II to Longreach in 1970, on the National Day of Mourning.

The Mayor invited community to a morning tea in the Lady Walker Courtyard at the Longreach Civic and Cultural Centre at 10 am yesterday. It was followed by the unveiling of the new commemorative plaque.

The plaque celebrates the royal visit to Longreach on 15 April 1970, on the site where Her Majesty and His Royal Highness, The Duke of Edinburgh, each planted a fig tree to mark the occasion.

Mayor Rayner said the trees were a source of pride for many in the community.

"Those trees are an enduring link to Her Majesty for our community. When His Royal Highness passed away last year I was able to inform The Queen in my condolence letter that they stand proudly to this day, side by side, as a reminder of their visit," the Mayor said.

He said the new plaque would inform visitors of the significance of the trees.

"I was a boy when the royal couple visited and I stood in line to catch a glimpse of them. The original plaques at the base of each tree are now obscured by vegetation, so for the casual observer, there's no clue that there's anything special about the trees.

"It's timely now that we should have a new plaque there to preserve the history of them and tell the story, particularly for visitors and people that weren't there."

Ma'am sends her apologies

By Di Stanley

It was the day the Queen couldn't make it Roma.

Instead, Prince Philip took over solo duties for the town's first Royal visit as he officiated at the opening of the \$7 million tourism show-piece, the Big Rig, in 2002.

"I know there is a real disappointment to you all that the Queen could not be in Roma," Prince Philip, then 80, told the gathered crowd.

"I send you all her good wishes and apologies.

"She has always had a very special interest in the Outback and was looking forward to being here during the Year of the Outback."

The Prince sampled the finest of local fare, with barbecued beef fillet and mango cheese-cake on the menu, with wines from Romaville Winery.

For some, the disappointment at not seeing the Queen, who died at Balmoral Castle on 8 September aged 96, still lingers, alongside with the sadness at her passing.

Roma and District Family History Society president Maree Worland was at the

Big Rig in 2002.

"I remember the Queen had commitments in Brisbane and Prince Philip came out here in her place," Mrs Worland said.

"I actually got some souvenirs with the Queen's face on them in Roma and even though it never actually happened, I thought 'I'm going to keep that'.

"There will never be another woman like her, for 70 years she carried out her duties... what other woman or man worldwide has devoted their life to the job in such a way?

"It has just been a remarkable life, and one that we will never see again."

Maranoa MP and Leader of the Nationals David Littleproud said Her Majesty was a frequent visitor to regional Australia and had affinity with the determination and spirit of communities.

Rockhampton, Longreach, Mt Isa and Mackay were the Queensland venues to have hosted the Queen during her tours of the Commonwealth.

"Her Majesty was a shining light of great hope and comfort for communities across

regional, rural and remote Australia," Mr Littleproud said.

"This fondness for regional Australia was reflected in our communities through celebrations such as our Royal Agricultural Shows.

"Entry and participation into these shows has been traditionally a chance to showcase a region's finest for judging as a prize suitable for the Queen.

"In the midst of regional Australia's toughest times, Her Majesty provided many messages of support and strength.

"These efforts showed her true kindness, humanity and leadership... that will be sorely missed."

Warrego MP Ann Leahy paid tribute to a life of "dedication, service, faith and stability".

"Each of these qualities was conducted with great humility," Ms Leahy said.

"She loved our country, visiting many times.

"She was a rock to her family, as a mother, aunt, grandmother and great-grandmother.

"Memories of Her Majesty hold a special place in our hearts, and she leaves an extraordinary legacy."



The newspaper of the day, the Western Star, captured Prince Philip's visit to Roma with the headline Touch of Royalty

Queen's visit to Rocky

The Queen and Prince Philip visited Rockhampton for just under two hours on 15 March, 1954 following a major flood.

The visit helped motivate the city to clean up after the Fitzroy River burst its banks and devastated the community, with flood waters reaching 9.4m on 19 February.

The Queen offered her sympathy to those impacted by flooding, saying in a public address that she had read with concern the accounts of flooding which had recently struck the city and district.

"I send my sympathy to all who have suffered and I hope you will quickly be able to repair the damage," she said.

"May you continue to grow in wealth and stature in the years that lie ahead. God bless you all."

The royal couple were met by Rockhampton Mayor Rex Pilbeam, his wife and Health Minister Bill Moore when they arrived at Rockhampton Airport.

The royal party consisted of Minister in Charge of the Royal Tour Eric Harrison, Queensland Premier Vince Gair and his wife Ellen, Lady Alice Egerton, Michael Adeane, Baron Adeane, Lieutenant-Commander Michael Parker and Wing Commander Michael George Cowan.



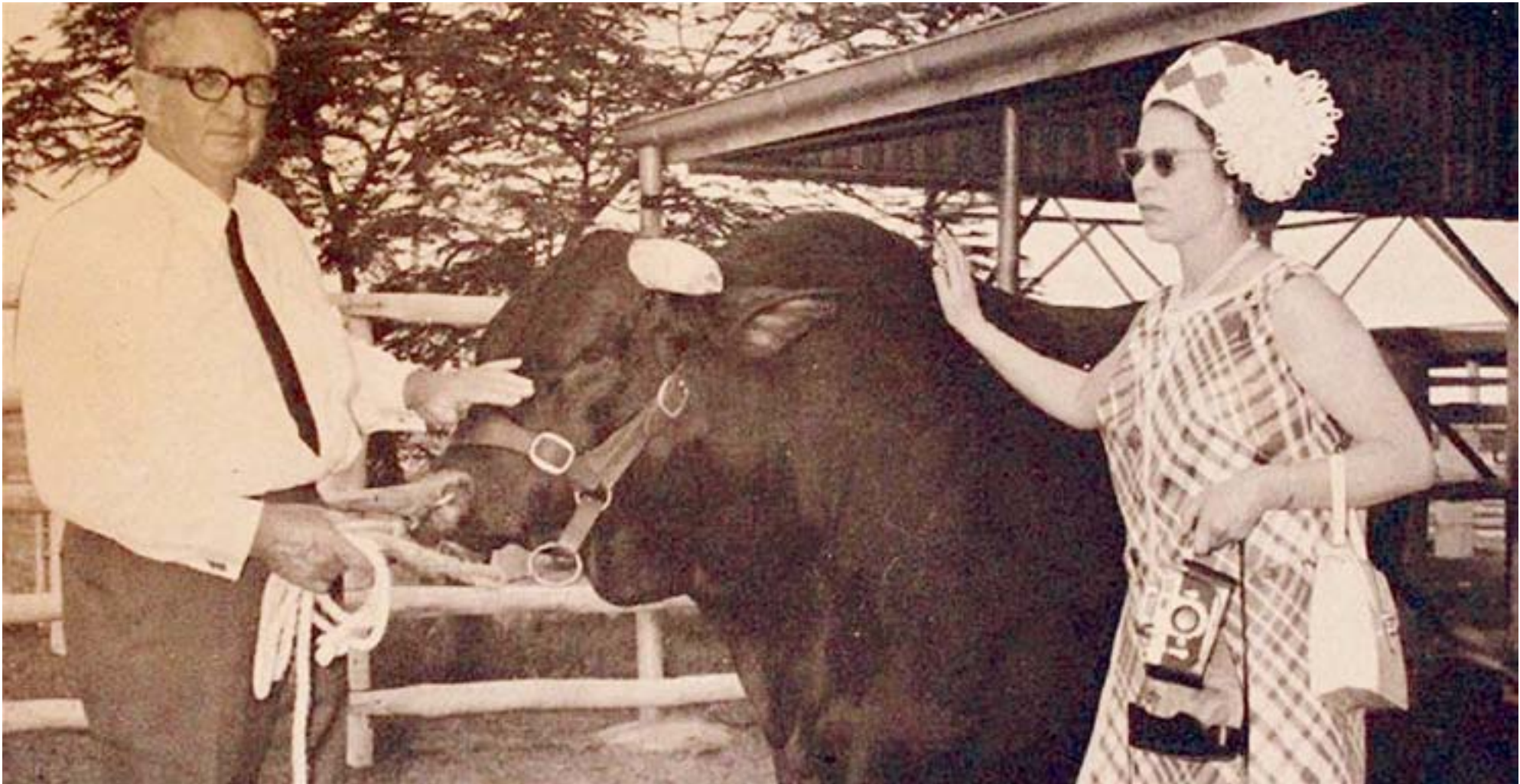
Queen Elizabeth II signing the city's visitor's book at the Rockhampton Town Hall. Pictures: CQ COLLECTION, ROCKHAMPTON REGIONAL LIBRARY



Queen Elizabeth II arriving at the Rockhampton Town Hall with Prince Philip.



Queen Elizabeth II and Prince Phillip in the processional car.



Rosemary Champion's father, former Longreach Shire chairman Sir James Walker, with Queen Elizabeth at Camden Park.

Picture: ROSEMARY CHAMPION

Royal visit a real blessing

By Michael R Williams and Karen Simmons

Rosemary Champion from Longway Station shares her fond memories of meeting Queen Elizabeth II and the royal family in Longreach.

Mrs Champion said she felt so blessed to have had Her Majesty and Prince Philip come to Longreach twice during her life.

"I remember as a school girl back in 1954 where hundreds of thousands of us, it seemed had a first glimpse of her at the Sydney showgrounds when I was at boarding school," Mrs Champion recalled.

"My father was Mayor of the shire and invited the royal family to Camden Park Station and they came, I believe to Longreach to in the 1970s celebrate the 50th anniversary of Qantas.

"He invited them to come for lunch so 100 people assembled for lunch at Camden Park. I was living on a property near Bowen at the time with a new baby and came to help with the luncheon. During the time there was a huge drought on.

"It was April and very, very hot. They flew in from Cunnamulla to Longreach and Her Majesty was so ill that all she could have was a cup of tea and a glass of orange juice and we had put don the most lavish lunch, so that was quite devastating."

Mrs Champion remembered how she introduced her daughter to the Duke of Edinburgh.

"All the children had been ferried away, but after a while, I bought my daughter back over as she was too upset and I took her in my arms and Prince Philip came up to her and said what a beautiful little girl she was and she reached out and touched his arm," Mrs Champion said.

"That was a big occasion and nice memory for us.

"My father was Chairman of the Stockman Hall of Fame during the bi-centenary celebrations in 1988 and he invited the Royal family over to celebrate.

"To win the Stockman's Hall of Fame was enormous for Longreach. It was sited as a bi-centenary project and they built it in under three years.

"It was such a busy and stressful day as all the eyes of the world were on us. 250 light aircraft were pulling into Longreach for an air race at the time she was here. It felt like the whole world was coming to Longreach.

"We had the world's longest cattle drive of 12,000 head of cattle happening as well - it was incredibly dry."

Another clear memory that stood out for



The Queen mixes with the huge crowd at the opening of the Australian Stockman's Hall of Fame in Longreach in 1988.

Mrs Champion was of the royal balcony at the Stockmans Hall of Fame.

"One of the stressful things was all the protocol for the Queen. The officials thought we couldn't run a royal visit so they came a month earlier and they were so persistently annoying.

"When the Queen declared the hall and

outback heritage centre was now open, my father said "Three cheers for the Queen!" much to the reprimand of the officials.

"And he replied into the microphone "Well, this is my town and I'll bloody well say what I like." This is how we do it in the bush."

During the 1970s visit of the Royal Family Mrs Champion said she remembers how the



Queen loved animals.

"The Queen just loved livestock and came to Camden park to see our Santas Gertrudis cattle and quarter horses," she said.

"The beautiful little outfit she wore was above the knees. She dressed immaculately and was enamoured by our animals - it was an intimate visit.

“A famous quote of hers said something like ‘Where on the planet can you stand on open planes with 360 degrees views of the landscape and see nothing manmade?’”

“After her visit, she went into town to plant the two famous trees that are now a symbol of longevity.

Mrs Champion believes Charles is going to make a fantastic King.

“What the Queen and her husband have endured living in the goldfish bowl of the paparazzi is just incredible - how you get up every day and face that,” she said.

“Two days before she died she invited the press in when she had failing health. She was there for the people to the end - that is her lasting memory.”



The Queen’s visit to Camden Park near Longreach in 1970.



RM Williams and Queen Elizabeth II at the Stockman’s Hall of Fame, Longreach 1988.



Dan Walker by trees laid by the Queen during her 1970 visit.

Dan recalls royal hype, community pride

By Michael R Williams

As a six-year-old Camden Park Station owner Dan Walker remembers the first time he saw the Queen.

“I was six years of age, I just remember the hype,” he said.

“Dad’s energy, mum getting us all into a line, me sitting on my sister’s shoulder just trying to get a glimpse.

“The next minute the Queen and my Grandfather were walking straight past us—so we had a pretty great view.”

Mr Walker’s grandfather, former Longreach Mayor Sir James Walker, had been visited by the Queen in their homestead at Camden Park Station, and now he was hosting her at the official opening of the Stockman’s Hall of Fame.

“I fondly remember a photo of my grandmother with Prince Phillip and then the Queen and my Grandfather walking up the steps,” Dan said.

“I saw the pride in the community.

“The event was 20,000 strong—tent city.

“Looking back on it now, it meant so much to our community.

“It was huge.”

The town ballooned during that year, and the world’s eyes were on Longreach.

“All those people visiting a 3000 population town, why? because of the Australian’ Stockman’s Hall of Fame and those pioneers and graziers behind the story,” Dan said.

“The community raised over \$5 million.”

As a boy, Dan was made by his parents to be as presentable as possible.

“I remember everything had to be spot on, mum and dad were dressed to the nines,” he said.

“I can remember a glimpse and knowing it was something big.

“We had visitors of course because there was only one hotel in town at that stage.”?

Dan Walker wished the incumbent King the best of luck.

“He’s seen his mum do the job that she’s done as a 25-year-old,” Dan said.

“He has big shoes to fill, but I think he’ll do a pretty good job.”



The Queen plants a tree during a visit to Longreach in 1970.



Glen Gilmore and Prince Harry sharing a moment.

Gilmore reflects on his time with royals

By Clancy Nugent

Ipswich Grammar old boy Glen Gilmore came from humble beginnings in Queensland's west, however, found himself rubbing shoulders with the new King.

Gilmore was always a keen polo player, learning from his father and perfecting the sport while living in his home town of Allora.

It was only when Kerry Packer approached his father to play polo for him at a property near Scone that doors really started to open for Gilmore.

Gilmore's father was hesitant to take the job, however, took it under the condition that both his son and daughter's schooling would be paid for, leading to Gilmore attending Ipswich Grammar in years 11 and 12.

From there, he completed a course in real estate evaluation at Gatton, but his love for polo was still his dream, and he was purchased from teams across the world to compete at numerous events.

Many summers in England saw Gilmore play the elite sport with many of the royal family, including the new King Charles III, as well as his sons Prince William and Harry.

He also got to meet the Queen on numerous occasions and only spoke fondly of his time with the royals.

"While I was in England, we won a lot of tournaments that the Queen presented the trophy for, or Prince Charles if the Queen was not available," Gilmore said.

"I did a lot of commentating over there at the Royal Club and we got to meet the Queen and Prince Charles quite a few times.

"It has been an amazing journey starting in the Darling Downs, going via Ipswich Grammar then over to England.

"Prince William is more of a reserved kind of guy, he takes his time whereas Prince Harry is full on and he just wants to win everything he plays at.

"Prince Charles was the first royal I got to play with, my wife actually worked for him and I got to meet him playing some royal charity days.

"They get such a hard deal from the media but I found Prince Charles to be the most charming man, a lovely guy to deal with, very down to earth and you could have a laugh with him.

"What I could not fathom about them is the amount of small talk they had to do, but when you spoke to the Queen, you really felt like she was engaged talking to you.

"She was such a nice lady, she could have a laugh, she could have a giggle and you could talk to her about horses.



Gilmore was in demand from teams across the globe.



Gilmore and the Australian team being presented a trophy by Queen Elizabeth.

"She loved her horses and we could chat about that.

"Every time I had something to do with her, she was genuine, easy to talk to and just a lovely lady with a great way about her," he said.

Gilmore said he was excited to see what Charles could do in his role as King.

"He is just a truly genuine person and I think he will do an unbelievable job," Gilmore said.

"He gets it, their life is around serving. It is just what they do and he has done it so well as

the Prince of Wales.

"I am really sad the Queen has died because I thought she was an unbelievable monarch but I am really happy he gets his chance," he said.

Gilmore said he had no idea a life of polo would take him across the world, meeting the world's most elite and playing in some of the most amazing places on earth.

The 51 year old has given everything he had to the sport, and the sport has given a whole lot back.

God save the Queen

FOOD FOR THOUGHT

TOM MARLAND



The passing of Queen Elizabeth II has led to an outpouring of grief and gratitude by millions of people around the world. At the age of 96 and after a 70-year reign – the news of her loss still came as a shock.

The passing of Queen Elizabeth II is not only the end of the longest reign of any British monarch but a book end to one of the greatest periods in human history.

We may never see again a leader like our Queen. Her quiet assurance and long-term commitment to public service, self-sacrifice and decency is sadly a thing of the past.

In our modern world where so called "leaders" come and go in quick succession - longevity and tradition is now a long-lost dream. We now live in a time where we are free to question the very traditions and institutions which have provided us with those freedoms.

Some now think that our history is something to be ashamed of or that it can simply be re-written to suit modern fleeting agendas without any recognition of the hard work and sacrifices that have given us that opportunity.

Some think that our Monarchy and their institutions are outdated and out of touch. But those same people have never known the security of anything else.

I wasn't surprised that on the news of our Queen's passing – some opportunistic politicians and commentators would use the platform for their own pithy and self-serving agendas.

Peter FitzSimons - the Chair of the Australian Republican Movement (who is the best thing that has ever happened to the Monarchy in Australia) could only keep his ego in check for a few hours before tweeting that the "Queen backed Australia becoming a Republic".

The leader of the Australian Greens party, Adam Brandt, could also only keep his manners in for a few hours before tweeting that Australia "now needs to move forward". Its an interesting statement coming from a party that only wants to take the country backwards.

Anthony Albanese, a staunch republican, kept his powder dry by stating that "now is not the time to talk about a Republic".

He wasn't so circumspect on the 26th of November 2019 when he spoke at the Australian Republican Dinner where he openly mocked the Monarchy. The speech still sits proudly on his own personal website. In a quote that would make Mandela, Churchill or Kennedy blush – Albo argued that Australia needs to become a Republic because: "What if Britain were conquered by an alien invasion? Would the space overlord also be our head of state?"

One of the first steps taken by Anthony Albanese after being elected Prime Minister was to appoint the first ever Assistant Minister for the Republic to progress the country's conversion from a Monarchy to a Republic.

The Albanese Government intends to progress a referendum on a Republic in their second term after their Voice to Parliament referendum tears the country apart in their first term.

I agree that now is not the time to have a debate about our future head of state but a time to pay tribute to our Queen.

But once the celebrations are over – there will be many ready to attack the foundations of our nation and the very institutions which have provided us with the platform to do so.



ROYAL QUIZ

Celebrating the life and times of Queen Elizabeth II



1. In what year was the coronation of Queen Elizabeth II?
 2. Which English county was Queen Elizabeth II in when she delivered the first Christmas message following her coronation?
 3. In what year did Queen Elizabeth II launch the first official royal website?
 4. Queen Elizabeth II was the Duke of what?
 5. Queen Elizabeth II's dogs Sandy and Muick are what breed?
 6. How many imperial Fabergé eggs are in the Royal Collection of Queen Elizabeth II?

7. What three titles did Queen Elizabeth II confer on Prince Harry for the occasion of his wedding?
 8. True or false: Marilyn Monroe and Queen Elizabeth II were born in the same year?
 9. And in what year did they meet at an event in London?
 10. Which of Queen Elizabeth II's children is the eldest?
 11. How many times did Queen Elizabeth II travel to Australia?
 12. Who was the first British prime minister to serve under Queen Elizabeth II?
 13. What were Queen Elizabeth II's middle names?
 14. The statue of Queen Elizabeth II on Parliament Hill (pictured left) is located in which country?
 15. What second language did Queen Elizabeth II speak fluently?

16. Who preceded Queen Elizabeth II as monarch of Great Britain?
 17. Which metal was associated with Queen Elizabeth II's 70th Jubilee?
 18. What was the current English Royal house called before it changed to Windsor?
 19. Who is the only actress to portray both Queen Elizabeth I and II on screen?
 20. During her reign, how many US presidents had been in office?
 21. How many British Poet Laureates were appointed by Queen Elizabeth II?
 22. Queen Elizabeth II officially opened which famous Australian landmark in 1973?
 23. Which royal couple was wed at St George's Chapel, England on May 19, 2018?
 24. Who was the longest-reigning British head of state before Queen Elizabeth II broke the record?

25. How many years did Queen Elizabeth II reign for?
 26. How old was Queen Elizabeth II when she was crowned?
 27. Who was the eldest granddaughter of Queen Elizabeth II?
 28. And how many grandchildren did she have in total?
 29. How old was Queen Elizabeth II when she died?
 30. In what month was Queen Elizabeth II's actual birthday?
 31. What was the name of Queen Elizabeth II's sister?
 32. Which iconic museum made over 20 wax figures of Queen Elizabeth II in her lifetime?
 33. And what is the significance of the dress worn by the latest wax figure (pictured above)?
 34. Which British royal was born on June 21, 1982?
 35. Queen Elizabeth II was allowed to do what without a licence?








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Gardening

Neil Fisher



Grevillea time in west

It is hard not to miss a flowering Grevillea no matter where you drive at the moment.

At the same time, some home gardens have bloomed Grevillea as well.

The standout of all is the Grevillea pteridifolia or Fern Leaf Grevillea flowering on the Capricorn Highway between Alpha and Jericho and Jericho and Blackall at the moment.

Grevillea pteridifolia or Fern Leaf Grevillea is a large shrub to small tree that also has attractive greyish-green foliage.

The flowers contain a lot of nectar that is an important food source for a number of species of birds and animals.

What many gardeners may not realise is that this plant is also the parent of a number of popular Grevillea hybrids.

Hybrids like Grevillea Honey Gem and Sandra Gordon.

One of the greatest pleasures you can receive from a garden is to have it in full bloom and just sit back and watch the bird life that the garden has attracted.

Have you ever thought about constructing a garden to attract birds to your garden?

It is not hard to do.

These are some simple ways of ensuring a greater number of birds in your garden which will, in turn, bring many hours of pleasure over many years.

There are four simple needs for a bird-attracting garden:

1. Water: Provide a constant source of water, such as a pond, birdbath or dripping tap into a bowl.
2. Food: Provide a variety of native trees and bushes that become a suitable food source.
3. Protection: Never let your cat roam the garden and actively discourage neighbour's cats from entering your garden.
4. Safety: Provide a safe environment for the birds by not using any poisons like snail bait in your garden.

One question I am often asked is what are the best Grevilleas for a garden to attract birds to the garden.

Firstly the size of the shrubs should be decided.

That is, will the garden only have low shrubs, say less than a metre high, or have shrubs that will grow between a metre and three metres high or tall shrubs that are over three metres high?

The following are some of the tall growing Grevilleas that I know will attract bird life to Western gardens.

In fact, many of the Grevillea flowers were on display at the Blackall Anglican Flower Show last Saturday.

Grevillea banksii fosterii is a tall, upright shrub or small tree, with deeply divided, grey/green leaves.

Masses of large, bright red flowers with yellow tips are produced during Spring and Summer that will attract many nectar-feeding birds to your garden. Grevillea banksii fosterii will grow to the height of five metres in well-drained but not too moist soils with lots of leaf matter and mulch around the roots.

Grevillea Honey Gem would be one of the heaviest flowering shrubs available to local gardens.

It makes an excellent feature of attractive fern-like foliage and masses of honey gold flowers throughout the year with the main flowering season in winter.

Honey Gem can literally drip with nectar at times making it a magnet for Honeyeaters and Lorickeets.

It is a vigorous evergreen large shrub that grows to about four metres in height by three metres wide and has an open habit.

Grevillea Kay Williams is a compact fast growing tall shrub with finely divided grey-green leaves.

Large cream-pink brush-type flowers occur most of the year.



Grevillea Sandra Gordon.



Grevillea banksii fosterii.



Grevillea pteridifolia flowering in Jericho.



Grevillea Moonlight.



Grevillea Honey Gem.

Merinos hit the markets

A balanced breeding program producing early maturing, easy care carcase sheep with soft, white, lustrous wool in some of the toughest country in Queensland is yielding results for the Glasson family.

Picarilli Merinos is operated by Anthony and Gerda Glasson across an aggregation of 109,000ha in 250mm rainfall country near Thargomindah.

The last remaining Merino sheep flock in the Bulloo Shire, Picarilli Merinos supplies flock rams into low rainfall environments of central western Queensland and NSW north-west slopes and plains.

Picarilli will hold their second on-property ram sale on Wednesday, 28 September offering 115 selected commercial rams at Picarilli Station, Thargomindah, at an open cry auction interfaced with FarmGate Auctions at 12pm. Individual photographs and videos of the rams are available. After the sale 115 grade rams will be offered by private treaty.

A rural field day organised by Bulloo Shire Rural Services will be held in conjunction with the sale with displays by Elders, Rural Financial Counselling, Queensland Health, National Emergency Management Agency, SQ Landscapes, RFDS Health and Wellbeing, Drought Angels, Top Country, Suncorp and Climate Friendly. Mr Glasson said Picarilli aims to breed highly profitable, easy care, bare breech Merinos producing a long staple of bright, lustrous, deep crimping wool with exceptional comfort factor.

The Glasson family has bred commercial Merinos for 90 years and in modern times based their flock on genetics from the leading studs of Leachim, Karbullah, Glenwood and Mumblebone.

Picarilli has selected for bare breech and was able to cease mulesing wethers in 2005 and the entire flock in 2007. They have been pregnancy scanning ewes since 2005 to place pressure on fertility.

The ewes must survive and rear a lamb each year on native pasture with no crops or grain feeders.



Anthony Glasson, Picarilli Merinos, pictured with his son Kain and client Doug Murphy, Thallon, will host the inaugural on-property ram sale on 28 September. Picture: TAY LUCKCRAFT

Picarilli was destocked of sheep in 2009 due to severe drought (core breeders on agistment) but the flock peaked in 2021, marking 4500 lambs and are now down to a core lamb marking of 2800 this year to make room for 2000 maidens in 2023.

The adult ewes average 19.5 micron with an average fleece weight of 5.5kg.

“In 2004 we started breeding rams for ourselves using outside sires over the top 10 per cent of our ewes – our shearing contractor was impressed with the skin and ease of shearing of the homebred rams, and encouraged us to sell some,” Mr Glasson said.

“We bought 70 Well Gully stud ewes in 2020 to add to our ram breeding operation and help

us benchmark our own sheep.

“We are really targeting that straight bodied, easy-care sheep with above average fleece weights and bright, white wool.

“Fertility has always been our big driving focus with lamb marking rates of 125-135 per cent this year.

“All ewes, including maidens, scanned at 86 per cent across a five-week joining, placing selection pressure on them to bring the elite ewes for fertility to the surface.”

The Glassons aim for a balance between a highly fertile, easy care carcase animal producing a decent quantity of soft Merino wool.

“Even before fat and muscle had been scientifically proven in terms of fertility, survivability

and doability, we were selecting for a medium frame, thick set animal which we now know are high fat and muscle animals,” Mr Glasson said.

“All our sires going into the ram breeding operation are industry trait leaders at top 5-10 per cent for fat and muscle giving the sheep carcase width and depth plus fertility.

“That was a lot to do with my father’s experience with sheep over the years, and in our drier, tougher environment, the first ewes to suffer in a dry time were the big, large-framed animals.

“The sheep have a good straight body without the extra skin and wrinkle for moisture and flies to get trapped in.”

For further details visit picarilli.com.au or farmgateauctions.com.au

Shorn wool production set to increase

Shorn wool production is forecast to increase to 75 million head as the good run of seasons continue.

The Australian Wool Production Forecasting Committee (AWPFC) has updated its forecast of shorn wool production for the 2022/23 season, predicting a 4.7 percent increase.

This new forecast is for production of 340 million kilograms (Mkg) greasy, a 4.9 percent increase on the 2021/22 estimated production of 324 Mkg greasy.

Committee Chairman, Stephen Hill said the continuing La Nina had set up a very positive spring season in the key wool producing regions.

“With good results reported from autumn lambing flocks and the same expected from those lambing in spring, the number of sheep shorn is forecast to increase by 4.7 percent to 75 million head,” he said.

“The continued wet weather is expected

to bring some challenges in the months ahead from internal parasites, flies and increased grass seeds and burr.”

Favourable lambing and weaning percentages from 2021/22 have increased the proportion of younger sheep in the flock, which is expected to hold the average cut per head at 4.53 greasy kg despite the excellent seasonal conditions.

More than 70 percent of producers who participated in the June 2022 AWI/MLA Wool and Sheepmeat survey expected their 2022/23 fleece weights to be the same as 2021/22.

The Committee estimates shorn wool production for the 2021/22 season at 324 Mkg greasy, a 10.0 percent increase on the 2020/21 season estimate of 294 Mkg greasy.

This increase reflects the favourable end to the 2021/22 season as well as the larger sheep flock as reported by the ABS 2020/21 Ag Census.

This increased the estimated number of sheep shorn by 2.57 million from the April forecast.

The September AWPFC estimate includes a clean wool estimate for average cut per head and shorn wool production.

The National Committee drew on advice from the six State Committees, each of which includes growers, brokers, private treaty merchants, sheep pregnancy scanners, representatives from State Departments of Agriculture and the Australian Wool Testing Authority.

Data and input were also drawn from AWEX, wool exporters, the Australian Bureau of Statistics, ABARES, and Meat and Livestock Australia

The state and national Committees will next meet in mid-December 2022. The full forecast report will be available on the AWI website at www.wool.com/forecasts from 23 September 2022.

IN BRIEF

AdBlue moves welcomed

The National Farmers’ Federation has welcomed moves to secure AdBlue supplies past the end of this year.

Federation Vice President David Jochinke said the moves will come as a relief to farmers National Farmers’.

“Diesel Exhaust Fluid (commonly known as AdBlue) is critical to keeping our farm sector moving. Without AdBlue, modern tractors, trucks and utes simply stop moving, and our supply chain grinds to a halt.

“Last year we came uncomfortably close to a full-scale crisis, when the Government stepped in to extend production.

“The new Government stockpile, coupled with grant support for domestic producers, will position Australia well for future volatility.”

Regionalisation Ambition launched

The National Farmers’ Federation (NFF) has welcomed the “Regionalisation Ambition 2032 – a Framework to Rebalance the Nation” launched by the Regional Australia Institute.

NFF President Fiona Simson said the call for 11 million people in regional Australia by 2032 is an ambitious target, and the NFF’s Regionalisation Agenda and Regional Development Precincts concept provides a roadmap to get there.

“Since the pandemic grasped our nation, regional Australia has experienced unrivalled growth as city dwellers recognise the benefits of bush living,” she said.

“The NFF’s Regionalisation Agenda recognises that these challenges and opportunities require tri-government support. If we can get this right it will deliver benefits to a range of industries, including agriculture.”

Balance for sustainable production

Finding a balance between the nutritional needs of consumers and the agricultural practices of producers is key to the sustainable production of red meat, according to Dr Louise Capling Nutrition Manager for Meat and Livestock Australia.

Many consumers feel concerned about climate change and the impacts of their actions and lifestyle choices on the environment, how-

Collaboration to speed up wool initiatives

Key wool industry initiatives are set to be fast-tracked thanks to a program of collaboration by Australian Wool Exchange Ltd (AWEX) and Australian Wool Innovation (AWI).

The two wool industry service providers are set to share a single electronic specification by the end of the year.

AWEX Chief Executive Mark Grave said it was important that the two not-for-profit companies work together for the mutual benefit of the industry.

“AWEX and AWI recognise the value that industry can gain by collaborating,” he said.

“Achieving a single electronic specification will streamline training, extension and remove duplication for the industry.

“Traceability is critical to wool’s future and it starts on farm. Having a single on-farm platform to capture wool information will play a large part in improving Australia’s traceabil-

ity and provenance credentials. “Australia can lead the world and improve efficiencies through the supply chain.”

AWI Chief Executive John Roberts said the single electronic specification for the industry was the right decision.

“There are huge benefits that can result from a simple industry wide electronic specification, and it is essential in achieving a full traceability solution for our fibre,” he said.

“Traceability will enable the Australian Wool Industry to better address the threats associated with a bio security incursion like FMD, as well as allowing wool growers to leverage the commercial opportunities that exist around provenance, which is now a common priority amongst sports and fashion brands globally.”

During the next few months AWEX and AWI will finalise the work together to connect

WoolQ and WoolClip to provide a seamless pathway for wool production data to be collected on farm, stored and analysed.

The companies will also collaborate on promotion and education of the benefits of a digital data journey to increase adoption for the benefit of all industry participants.

Both parties are confident in the success of this first project and believe it will develop into a much closer working relationship going forward.

AWEX with its strong connection to classifiers, coupled with AWI working with and for growers. offers a unique opportunity to leverage each other’s strengths.

WoolQ’s eSpeci and WoolClip will operate as usual until the launch of the single solution which has a December 2022 target date.

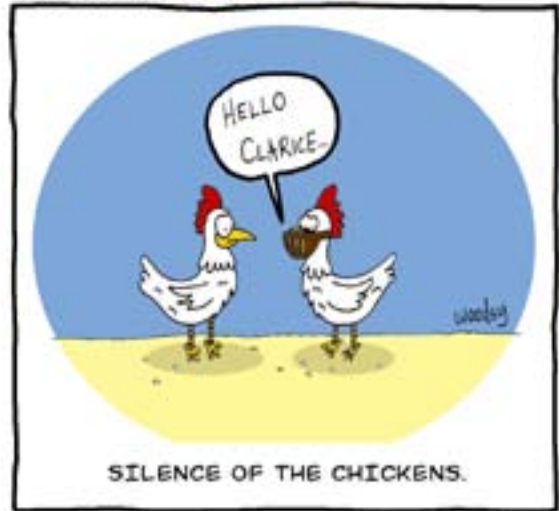
COMICS

Bottled Fruit



"Look Redgie, Mum's eating ice-cream.
Gee, I hope she regurgitates tonight."

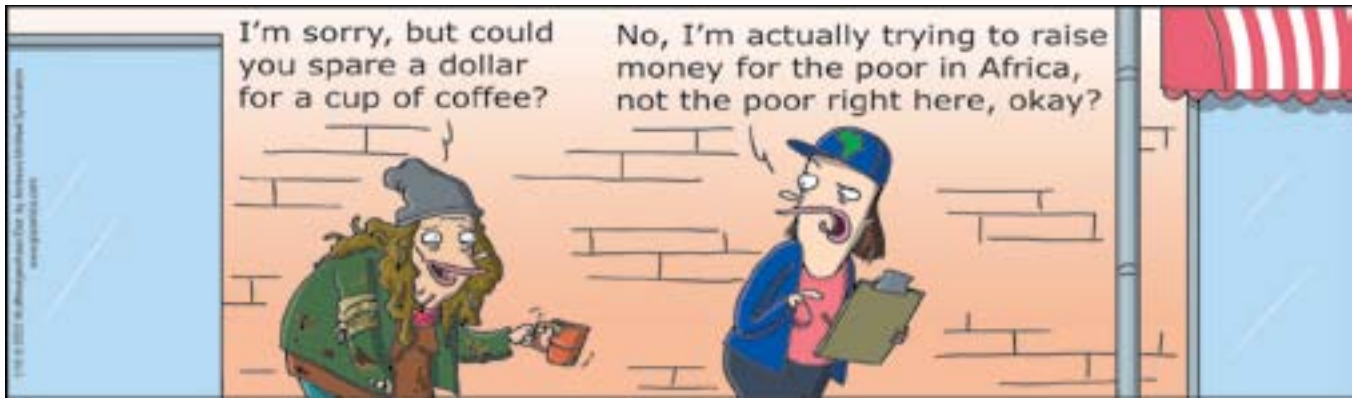
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Doodley Squat



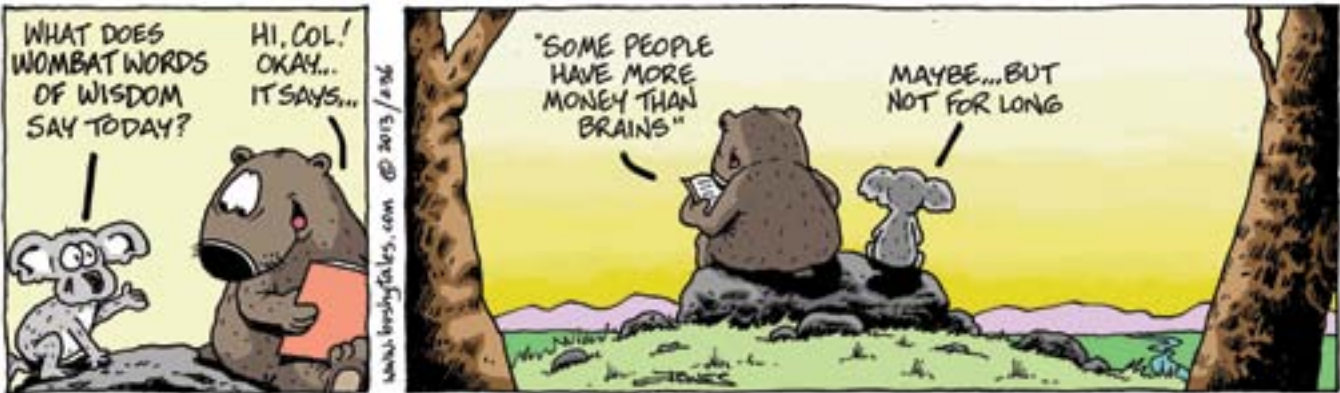
WuMo



Against the Grain



Bushy Tales



Swamp



Insanity Streak



Ballard Street



Grin Bin



PUZZLES

SUDOKU

No. 099

To solve a Sudoku puzzle, every number from 1 to 9 must appear in: each of the nine vertical columns, each of the nine horizontal rows and each of the nine 3 x 3 boxes. Remember, no number can occur more than once in any row, column or box.

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QUICK CROSSWORD

No. 099

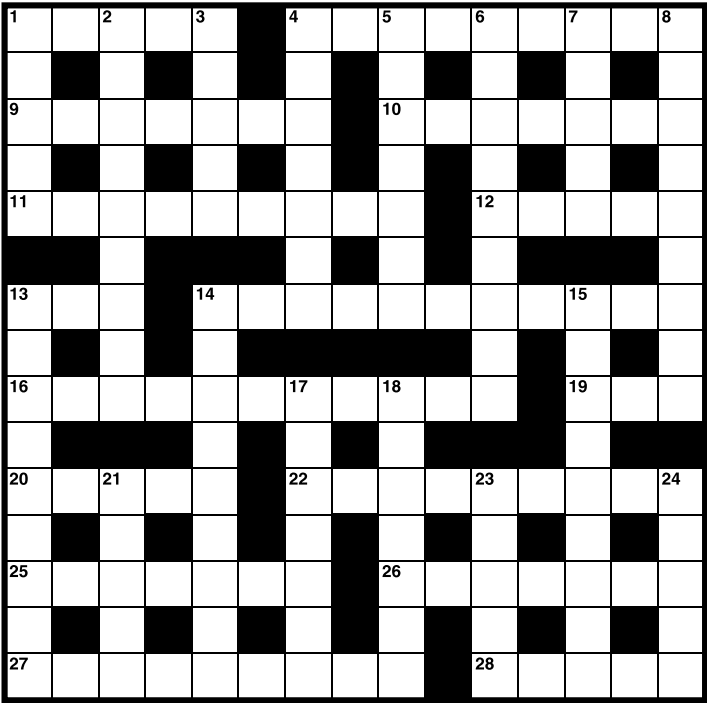
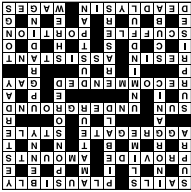
ACROSS

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- 4 Reasonably (9)
- 9 Supply (7)
- 10 Quantities (7)
- 11 Total (9)
- 12 Tailor (5)
- 13 Solar energy provider (3)
- 14 Subterranean (11)
- 16 Advised (11)
- 19 Merry (3)
- 20 Plant secretion (5)
- 22 Helper (9)
- 25 Struggle confusedly (7)
- 26 Bit (7)
- 27 Gluttony or sloth for instance (6,3)
- 28 Pay (5)

DOWN

- 1 Prefix meaning above (5)
- 2 Not containing the characteristics of life (9)

- 3 Goo (5)
- 4 Composed of incongruous parts (7)
- 5 Non-professional (7)
- 6 Provided support for (9)
- 7 ABBA musician, — Andersson (5)
- 8 Preceding day (9)
- 13 Shocked (9)
- 14 Heedless (9)
- 15 Improving (9)
- 17 Stationery items (7)
- 18 Cleaning scoop (7)
- 21 Aqualung (5)
- 23 Nag (5)
- 24 Graspers (5)



DECODER

No. 099

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9-LETTER WORD

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

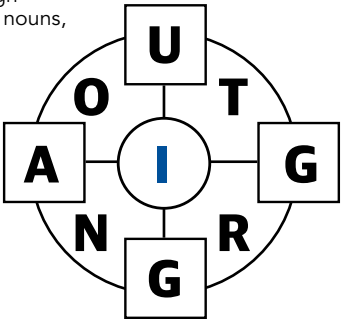
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Today's Aim:

24 words: Good

36 words: Very good

49 words: Excellent



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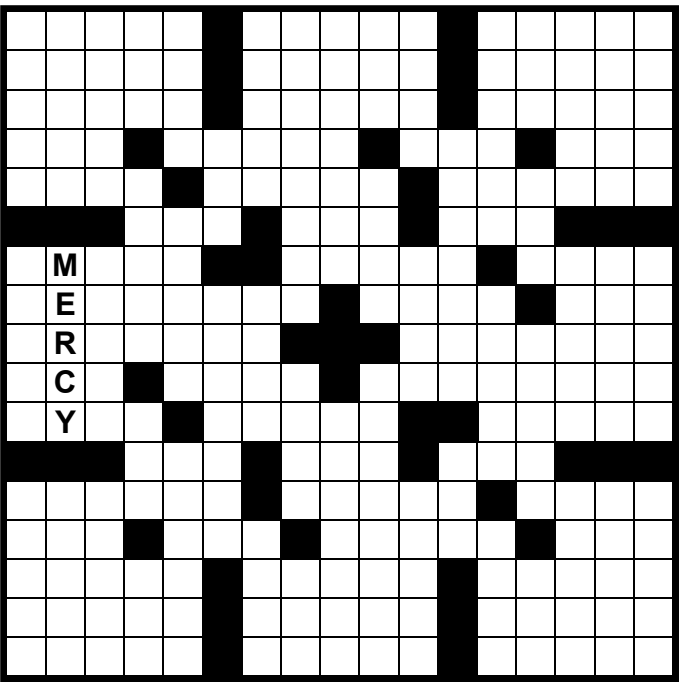
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3 LETTERS

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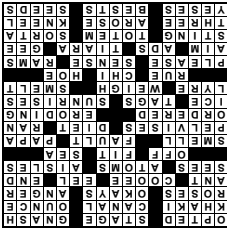
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Insert the missing letters to make 10 words – five reading across the grid and five reading down.

NOTE: more than one solution may be possible

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No. 099

QUICK QUIZ



- 1 What is former Australian Test cricket captain Allan Border's middle name?
- 2 Which Young MC song from the 1980s features the lyrics, 'I try to sit down so I can take some notes, but I can't read what the kid next to me wrote'?
- 3 Which piano is smaller, the baby grand or the boudoir grand?
- 4 In Chinese astrology, what animal represented the year 2010?
- 5 What pastime is known in old English as 'ducks and drakes'?
- 6 Who holds the record for the fastest tennis serve ever recorded by a woman?
- 7 And how fast was that serve?
- 8 The term 'quattrocento' is often used to describe Italian art of which period?
- 9 In which film adaptation does John Malkovich (pictured) play Professor David Lurie?
- 10 In communications, what does the acronym IVR stand for?

ANSWERS: 1. Robert 2. Prince's Office Voice Response 3. Dismissal 4. Tiger 5. Skimming stones on the surface of water 6. The late Middle Ages and the early Renaissance 7. 220km/h 8. The late Middle Ages and the early Renaissance 9. Dismissal 10. Interactive

WEATHER

FORECAST

Warnings

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

Longreach:

Sunny. Light winds becoming south to southwesterly 15 to 20 km/h during the afternoon then becoming light during the evening.

Saturday. Sunny.

Isisford:

Sunny.

Saturday. Sunny.

Barcaldine:

Sunny.

Saturday. Sunny.

Central West District:

Sunny. Light winds becoming south to southeasterly 15 to 20 km/h during the morning then becoming light during the day.

Saturday. Sunny. Winds south to southeasterly and light increasing to 15 to 25 km/h during the morning.

Northern Goldfields & Upper Flinders District:

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

Saturday. Sunny. Winds southeasterly 15 to 20 km/h tending south to southeasterly 20 to 30 km/h during the morning.

Central Highlands & Coalfields District:

Sunny. Light winds.

Saturday. Sunny. Light winds.

Maranoa & Warrego District:

Mostly sunny. Light winds becoming southwesterly 15 to 20 km/h during the afternoon then becoming light during the evening.

Saturday. Sunny. Light winds becoming south to southwesterly 15 to 20 km/h during the day then becoming light during the evening.

Queensland:

Isolated showers and the chance of a storm in the east and southeast to the south of St Lawrence. Isolated showers about the far northwest coast. Partly cloudy in southern Queensland, mostly sunny elsewhere. A chance of morning fog between Cairns and Bowen, and in the southeast Darling Downs and Granite Belt District. Temperatures near or above average.

Saturday. Mostly sunny across the state. Temperatures near or above average.

LONGREACH FORECAST



TODAY
Sunny.
30



TOMORROW
Sunny.
31



SUNDAY
Sunny.
34



MONDAY
Sunny.
36



Sunny



Mostly sunny



Partly cloudy



Cloudy



Chance shower



Shower or two



Showers



Light rain (drizzle)



Rain



Storm



Showers storm



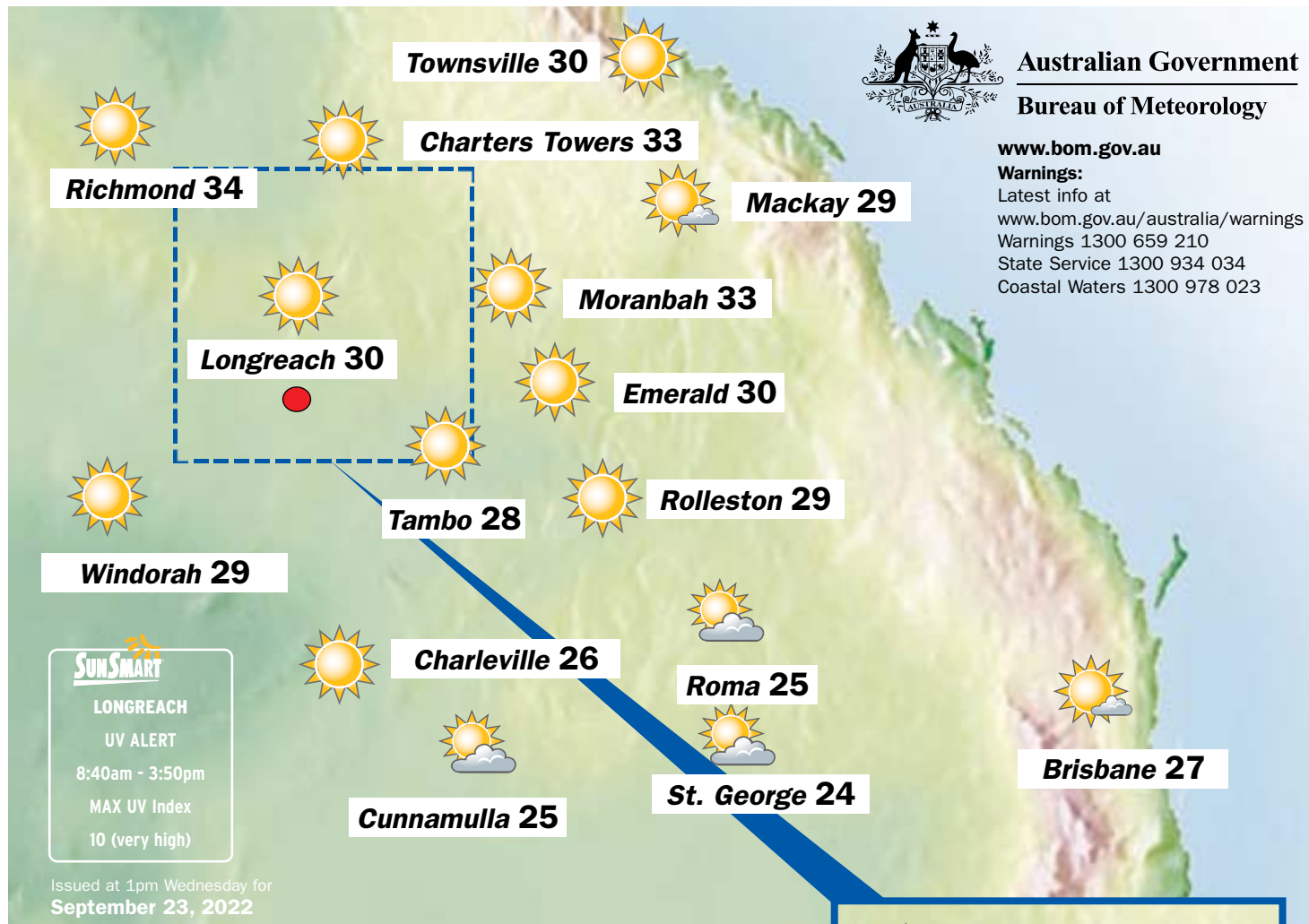
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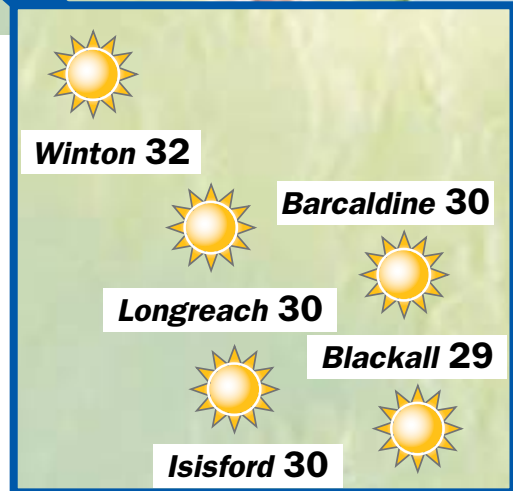
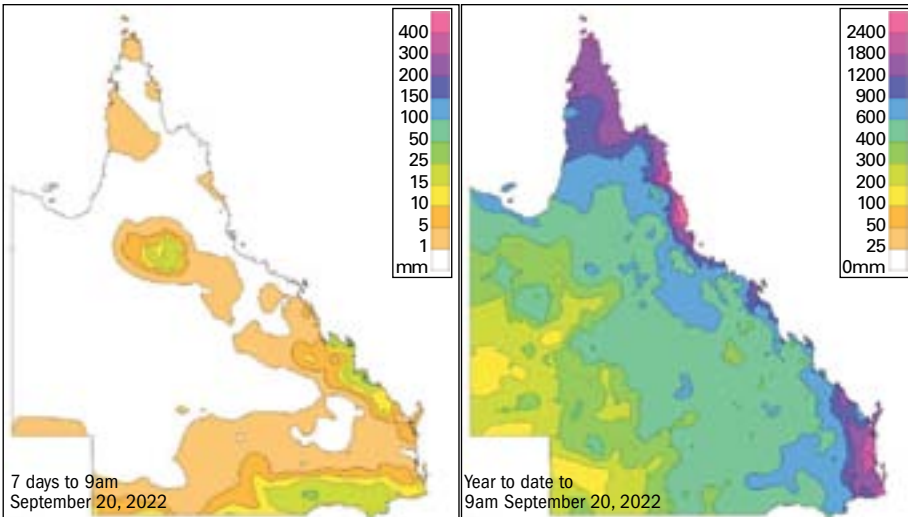
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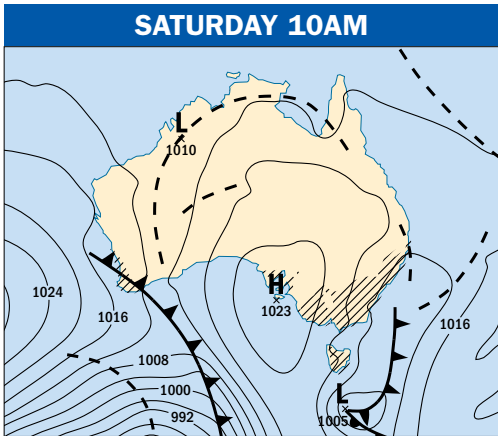
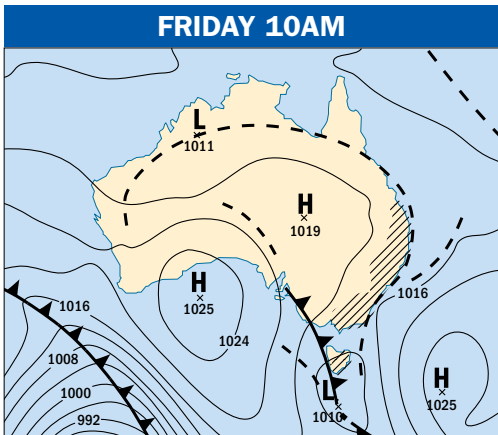
RAINFALL



THE WORLD

World conditions yesterday

City	Weather	Max	Min
Athens	cloudy	20	14
Auckland	showers	19	9
Bangkok	storms	33	24
Beijing	cloudy	26	16
Berlin	fine	17	6
Christchurch	fine	14	5
Denpasar	fine	29	26
Dublin	rain	16	9
Hong Kong	sunny	31	27
Honolulu	showers	30	23
Jakarta	fine	32	27
Johannesburg	fine	26	11
Kuala Lumpur	fine	33	24
London	cloudy	20	14
Los Angeles	sunny	29	16
Madrid	sunny	27	14
Moscow	rain	15	6
New Delhi	rain	30	24
New York	showers	24	23
Noumea	fine	27	20
Paris	sunny	20	7
Auckland	showers	19	9
Port Vila	showers	30	23
Seoul	fine	24	15
Singapore	storms	34	25
Suva	showers	30	23
Tel Aviv	fine	29	25
Tokyo	rain	24	18
Vancouver	sunny	19	12
Wellington	showers	12	9



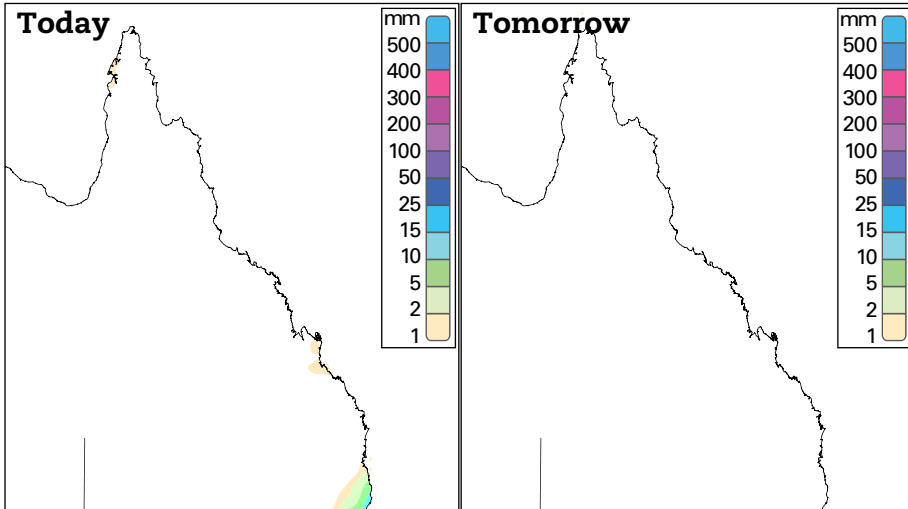
Forecast Rain
24 hrs to 9am

1024
hectoPascal
(hPa)

trough

cold front
warm front

Forecast Rainfall



CAPITAL CITIES

City	Condition	Max
Adelaide	Shower or two developing.	18
Brisbane	Mostly sunny.	27
Canberra	Showers.	19
Darwin	Partly cloudy.	35
Hobart	Showers.	18
Melbourne	Showers increasing.	19
Perth	Mostly sunny.	21
Sydney	Showers.	21

SUN & MOON

		Sunrise	Sunset	Moonrise	Moonset
Friday		6:12am	6:19pm	4:40am	3:57pm
Saturday		6:11am	6:20pm	5:15am	4:51pm
Sunday		6:10am	6:20pm	5:49am	5:45pm
Monday		6:09am	6:20pm	6:22am	6:40pm
Tuesday		6:08am	6:21pm	6:55am	7:36pm
Wednesday		6:07am	6:21pm	7:30am	8:34pm



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Positions	Branch	Closing Date
Temporary Business Support Officer (Community & Cultural Services)	Longreach	23 September 2022
Business Support Officer (Planning, Development & Environmental Health)	Longreach	23 September 2022
Project Manager	Longreach	23 September 2022
Regulatory Services Officer – Rural Lands	Longreach	23 September 2022
Regulatory Services Officer – Compliance	Longreach	23 September 2022
Biosecurity Officer (12 months)	Longreach	23 September 2022
Labourer	Longreach	27 September 2022
Mobile Childcare Unit Assistant Educator	Longreach	27 September 2022
Assistant Educator (Casual & Fulltime)	Longreach	No close date

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

If you would like to join the Longreach Regional Council team, please contact Human Resources on (07) 4658 4111,
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Taking a break during a coaching session at Winton.

Winter tennis wrap

By Michael Lloyd

Tennis coaching wrapped up the Winter season with good numbers in Red and Orange ball groups in Longreach.

We look to grade kids based on ball colour rather than age groups with the red ball bouncing the lowest, then orange, green dot and onto the adult ball.

As you can imagine a ball that bounces over a child's head doesn't give them much opportunity to play proper tennis shots, and the players are able to progress up the ball colours as their skills improve.

While rain, holidays and other events prevented us playing a tournament at the end, we will be playing one on Sunday afternoon 23 October. Stay tuned for details.

There have been a number of exciting de-



Winter season has finished but for the first time in a while the coaches will continue into summer.

velopments over the past six months. We expanded our coaching into Winton with a number of enthusiastic kids and adults taking part in a session a few weeks ago.

Plans are underway to have some more regular tennis in Winton on an ongoing basis. We are also looking at options to come down to Barcaldine and Blackall, so keep an eye out for those opportunities.

Now something we haven't done in quite a few years is continue junior coaching into summer and I'm excited to announce that we will be this year.

The red ball group will play in the Longreach State School retreat undercover from the biting sun and the orange ball group will play later in the afternoon.

Keep an eye on our Facebook page for details. We would finally like to especially thank the coaches that have assisted with our Longreach program, Dan Prosser, Ben Galea, Geordie Meekin and Marlena Maier.

Hockey season resurfaces in Longreach

By Michael Lloyd

Field Hockey arrived in Longreach this winter for possibly the first time in many decades.

With a big thanks to Hockey Queensland and Rockhampton Hockey Association, we were able to get a structured coaching program up and running for kids in Longreach.

We donated equipment and some local fundraising, we had a small but enthusiastic group take part in the program at the Longreach State School on a Monday afternoon.

One of our players, Alex Lloyd, played in

Rockhampton and Mackay during the season, and we hope that more kids are able to access the pathways in place for Central West members.

If you are interested in taking part, please follow us on facebook, and we hope to do some come and try programs in surrounding towns.

A big thanks to Andrew Ruzicka for coaching our group and we hope to continue some skill sessions over summer.

Hockey returns to Longreach.



It's a calm before the storm

BOWLS BY BONES

TONY EMSLIE



It was a quieter weekend on the green last Sunday with some club members travelling away to support another competition as well as the start school holidays.

It is also the weekend before a big weekend in Mackay, but I will mention that later.

In social pairs on Sunday, we saw a very close game between Tony Barbeler and Paul Emery taking on myself and Pat Downing.

The lead changed 10 times during the 21 ends played, culminating in the score being 17 all with one end to play.

Tony B played a great last bowl to shift the kitty to one of his wider bowls and this correspondent didn't have the talent to draw the ultimate shot with his last bowl to win.

Congrats to Tony B and Paul for a great win in a very good game.

People often say winning isn't everything, but that's rubbish... Pat and I would have loved to have won.

In another social pairs game, we had Peter and Amanda up against John and Baileigh.

John and Baileigh had this game under control until they gave away six shots on one end letting Pete and Amanda back within four shots.

But they regained their composure to stretch their lead and ended up winning 21-15.

The last triples game had Darcy, Dorrie and Jaylee up against Justin, Patrick and Sharon.

Darcy's team won four of the first six ends to lead 5-3, but only scored on another three ends in the game to go down to John, Patrick, and Sharon by 26-11.

This weekend 12 of our men are travelling to Mackay to take on a Mackay team to see who will represent our Zone at the state pennants comp to be played later.

Our blokes will be up against it but they will put up a good show for our little club.

Good luck boys!

Lloydy's Serve

Michael Lloyd



Between the seasons: Take a breath and start again

The September school holidays mark a lot of things in the Australian sporting landscape.

AFL and NRL Grand Finals, the Longreach Cup, but more importantly for all the sports administrators out there, it is the end or the start of a new season.

For many volunteers, it is that time when there are no games, no coaching and a chance to stop cleaning out the car from all the winter equipment to start looking at the summer requirements.

While more and more sports are overlapping seasons, this is a time when local administrators and coaches can take some time

to reflect on the season gone and the season coming up.

Netball, Rugby League, Soccer, Hockey and Athletics have all come to an end after the first Covid free season in three years.

The numbers of competitors have increased, requirements are stricter, expectations are always high, and time and volunteers are always in short supply.

Some sports never seem to stop with Mixed Netball and AFL continuing into summer, and Tennis and Golf going all year round.

The hotter months see a bevy of sports starting up with Rugby Union returning to

Longreach, and the traditionally strong summer sports of Swimming and Cricket dominating most town's calendars.

It is great for our communities to have so much choice.

Yes we might have the best facilities, and it is at least a weekend trip to attend many of the carnivals and competitions, but I think we are doing ok out here in the West.

So while there are still meetings going on to make sure our summer season kicks off with a bang, and some volunteers are trying to organise their various sporting equipment piles before they become snake homes, I for one

will be taking these two weeks to have a bit of a breather, spectate at the Longreach Cup, cheer on the Swans in the AFL and Penrith in the NRL (I know, but there is no one else left!) and take a chance to reflect on a big six months past and six months ahead.

And while there are lots of adults walking around with stressed looks on their faces, and parents with kids home for the holidays, you will notice two groups with big smiles, Teachers and Coaches, for these two weeks over September are the holidays they all deserve.

Faehr keeps winning form

By Rob Luck; Longreach Jockey Club

Longreach-based jockey Robert (Robbie) Faehr continued his recent form in the saddle riding half the program at the North Gregory Turf Club Winton races on Saturday.

Fresh off his Birdsville Cup win on Saccharo for Darwin trainer Philip Cole Faehr dominated the day with wins on Lassel, Rapids and Bottom Line.

Ironically Cole trained two winners on the program both ridden by Darwin stable jockey Wayne Davis as that combination continued their trek to the Longreach Cup meeting this Saturday.

Jockey Faehr rode with confidence and timing with the wins coming on leaders and off-the-pace runners.

The wins by Lassel and Rapids were dominant with widening margins and both horses appear to have a future in the area.

Lassel having its first run for trainer David Rewald gave nothing else a chance leading throughout to win by six lengths from Zorossa and Taormina Match and collected the QTIS bonus prizemoney in the process.

Rapids sat off the leaders in the Class B before sprinting clear early in the straight to win by almost six lengths from Meteorano and Grand Palazzo.

Rapids was having its first run for Richard Simpson and certainly looks capable of winning more races.

The timing of the win by Bottom Line could not have come at a better time for trainer Cherie Vick as the win over 1400 metres in the BenchMark 65 Handicap has opened up the option to run the horse in the Longreach Cup or a lesser grade race on the program.

Faehr timed the winning run to perfection coming from a few lengths off the leaders to storm down the centre of the track and grab a long neck victory over Shivkhani and Viking Raid. Bottom Line was having its third run for the Vick stable and appears to be relishing the longer distance races.

Darwin trainer Philip Cole and jockey Wayne Davis made the trip to Winton worthwhile with all-the-way wins by Faith And Love and Maxaway in the Benchmark 65 Handicap and Benchmark 45 Handicap.

Both gallopers had drawn wide but Davis had no hesitation in seeking the lead from the jump and after rating the pace perfectly in



Race One, won by Sir Paisely ridden by Tim Brummell.

front had his mounts produce a strong finish in the straight to score convincingly.

Faith And Love held off the finish of Mr Cruise and No Refund and is now retiring to stud with the extra wins at Birdsville and Winton in its career statistics. Maxaway showed that it had taken no harm from runs in the past three weeks by beating Injustice and Strawberry Blonde by two lengths and could be the

value runner from the Cole stable to race at Longreach on Saturday.

Ilfracombe trainer Henry (Boy) Forster produced a good training performance to land Sir Paisley a narrow winner over Iron One and Rapid Style in the 800 metres Maiden Plate.

Recent rain had restricted the ability of trainers to give their horses enough work but Forster

placed Sir Paisley perfectly by opting for the 800-metre race and jockey Tim Brummell utilised the horses' speed to bounce out from barrier one and basically lead throughout.

The Longreach Cup meeting this Saturday also features the Cup as a heat of the Country Cups race series the winner of which is eligible for the \$200000 final at Doomben in early December.

Aussie Rules kicks goals with Longreach young guns

By David Lloyd

The great game of Australian Rules Football continued to grow its footprint in Longreach across the 2022 season.

With Auskick continuing its successful program, the next step in the pathway for our Juniors was put in place with a partnership formed with Rockhampton Brothers AFC.

With the connection formed to Brothers through ex Longreach Auskick coordinator Matthew Jones, The Club in Rocky provide a registration pathway for older juniors as well as uniforms and equipment.

The skill improvement was really impressive, with several of the older juniors progressing to use a bigger football and undertake more complicated skills.

One of our members Alex Lloyd went on to play with Brothers in the Under 11 competition in Rockhampton and there is a hope to eventually have a side that may play again other regional groups or Emerald.

With great assistance from Queensland AFL Regional Development Manager, Scott Smithwick, we have some exciting opportunities ahead.

Firstly we will be extending the Auskick season into summer, with a short four week program available from Week two of Term four. We are also developing a program that can be taken to other towns and schools, so if you are in the Central West and interested in AFL, get in touch with your School or Council.



Learning the game.

And lastly, for the adults, we are looking to play AFL Nines after Christmas! We would like to thank our coaching Dan Prosser and Tanya Lloyd for assisting during the season and go the Swans in the Grand Final on Saturday.



Cam Wyatt (Rockhampton Brothers President), Alex Lloyd and Scott Smithwick (AFLQ Development Manager).



‘World game’s’ on a roll

By Michael Lloyd

Longreach Soccer wrapped another great season, with numbers and performances continuing to thrive.

While Club numbers have been good for the past few years, it was pleasing to see our representative players stepping up this year with the creation of some additional pathways thanks to our Coaches and Administrators.

Firstly, we took a side to the North West School Sport trials for the first time in many years.

A big thanks to coach James Smith and manager Anthea for organising our kids to travel to Mt Isa, with many of players competing in a proper game for the first time.

With four players being picked for the North West side, we can look to grow this pathway in years to come.

We also had three members compete in the Barracough Shield in Emerald. Denver Taiki, Billy Butt and Alex Lloyd competed with Emerald teams and had a great time.

This is definitely a great opportunity for our players to play at the next level. A big thank you to our coaches James, Josh, and Johnno, will a special big thank you to Daniel Larsen for his coaching and administration of the Club, Daniel was awarded one of Central Queensland’s Volunteers of the Month which was a great honour.

We are definitely looking forward to a strong 2023 season.



Soccer stars. Central West side at the North West trials.



Alex Lloyd and Billy Butt at the Barracough Shield.



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