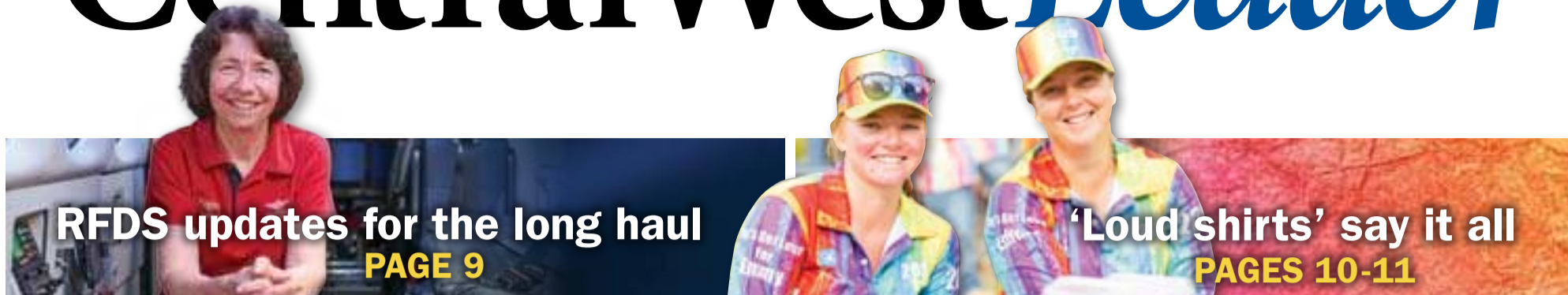


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Cashing in for regions

Central Western and Central Highlands communities have got the lion's share of \$14.13 million for six projects thanks to round two funding from the \$100 million Resources Community Infrastructure Fund (RCIF).

Deputy Premier and Minister for State Development Steven Miles said Barcaldine, Emerald, Springsure, Biloela and Woorabinda will all gain exciting new community facilities.

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Dutiful service

Various Longreach Police Officers were recognised this week for their service.

Here is retiring Sergeant, Wayne Lynn being given a piping ceremony on his last day after 40 years.

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When I was asking people about Clean Up Australia Day, a strange comment was given to me by a young man.

He told me, and I'm paraphrasing, "tidiness is closely tied to good communities".

And I tend to believe he's right.

Paying attention to small details such as the tidiness of our town helps make other important things like checking to see if you're neighbour is having a good day easier.

If we're constantly looking at candy wrappers flying around in the street or cigarettes left on the pavement it can affect us psychologically.

I think a round of applause should be given to those who volunteered this weekend.

- Michael R Williams



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Our Lady's Catholic School easily won the competition of which school collected the most rubbish.

Clean up at park

By Michael R Williams

The Longreach Regional Council postponed the organised event of Clean Up Australia Day this year with the hopes of gaining more interest in October.

Communications and Events Coordinator Longreach Regional Council Sandra Warren said she was happy with the turn out.

"Clean Up Australia Day is usually held in March, but we made the decision to move it due to a lack of community interest at the time," she said.

"We thought we'll move it then combine it with a few events and hopefully make a bigger and better event out of it.

"We combined it with the QCWA markets, as it's always a beautiful morning out.

"It's been great to use Edkins Park to use the facilities such as the toilets."

The event was made into a competition among the schools as to who could collect the most rubbish.

"And it has been a competition among the local school where the winning school - whoever picked up the most rubbish - will win a \$500 gift voucher for their library," Ms Warren said.

"It's been great to see all the volunteers in terms of parents and students who took the



Peter Thurecht and Sahlie Kohmndi doing their bit to help clean.

initiative to pick up a bag and go and make our town cleaner.

"The event has been organised by the Longreach Regional Council was also handing out

"Get Ready" packs ahead of the upcoming storm season. "It worked really well to do it now as we are not leading up to storm season.

"Hopefully those bags come in handy."

What does Clean Up Australia Day mean?

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"Clean Up Australia Day means community looking after community," said Matt Csuba. Sidney Martin said Clean Up Australia Day is important to community and makes it so animals have a safe environment. Ash Watson said cleanliness creates positivity. Tony Martin said Clean Up Australia is community taking pride in community. Ashley Martin said it was important to care for the environment and make the world a better place.



Carolyn Willersdorf said Clean Up Australia Day is a good idea because there's so much rubbish that's turfed out, Anthea Smith said it's important to have a nice planet for our future generations, and James Smith said he agrees with his wife.

New CEO resigns

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"It is important to get the right fit for our community and a recruitment process for a new CEO will begin shortly. In the meantime, I am happy to report that I have appointed our former CEO, Mr Mark Watt, to perform the role of interim CEO from Monday, 17 October.

"Mark previously held the role of CEO for three years and was instrumental in designing and engaging our community on our priority projects and I have no doubt, with him at the helm, that Council will seamlessly move forward with great strides."

Mr Dowling joined the Western Queensland Council from the West Coast Council of Tasmania in July but this week made the decision to resign during his probationary period.

"In the best interests of my career, Council and the broader community, I have taken the



Longreach CEO Dirk Dowling has resigned three months into his probationary period with the council.

opportunity afforded to me, as part of my probation period, to assess my future focus and have concluded that I wish to pursue a path different to Longreach Regional Council" Mr Dowling said.

"In the time that I have been in Longreach I have been impressed by the community spirit and passion for this amazing region.

"My decision has not been an easy one, but it has been made with both my family and the community of Longreach in mind."

Longreach Regional Council Mayor, Cr Tony Rayner, accepted the resignation and thanked Mr Dowling for considering the needs of the Longreach community in his decision making.

"Changing direction is a big decision, and one that I believe Mr Dowling has not taken lightly," Mayor Rayner said.

"I wish him and his family all the best for the future and would like to thank him for keeping the best interests of the Longreach Regional Council and our community in mind.

Small Business Wellness help

A statewide campaign to help small business owners consider their mental wellbeing and raise awareness of the support available to them will start today.

Launching the Palaszczuk Government's Small Business Wellness Package and campaign, Minister for Small Business and Employment Di Farmer said Mental Health Week was a good time for business owners to stop and consider the impact recent pressures were having on their wellbeing.

"Running a small business can be very rewarding but we know the pandemic produced some unique challenges – and the impacts of the flooding events in February further exacerbated these challenges for business owners in Southern Queensland – this is on top of the stresses of day-to-day life that we all experience," Minister Farmer said.

"That's why we've launched this package – to ensure vital health and wellbeing support is being provided to small businesses on top of the financial assistance already available.

Grants available

Local governments and landcare groups across Queensland can now apply for grants totaling almost \$1 million to support projects that reduce the impact of invasive plants and animals.

Minister for Agricultural Industry Development and Fisheries and Minister for Rural Communities Mark Furner said under Round 7 of the Queensland Feral Pest Initiative (QFPI), projects needed to be built on past learnings and encourage the use of novel approaches to improving biosecurity systems.

"Funding of \$976,000 will be available for establishing partnerships and leveraging cooperative investment in managing invasive plants and animals," the Minister said.

"Allocations will be capped at \$250K and outline any in kind and cash contributions from partners and councils.

"As with previous rounds, these grants help reduce the impact of feral pests and support more jobs in the regions."

The closing date for applications is Wednesday 30 November to be submitted to qldferalpestinit@daf.qld.gov.au.

Awareness campaign launched

Medical experts, patient advocacy groups and high-profile Australians are partnering with GSK Australia to help raise community awareness about invasive meningococcal disease (IMD). This educational initiative is focused on the signs, symptoms and risk factors of this rare, but potentially devastating disease. The initiative encourages people to speak to their health-care professional for more information about meningococcal disease, given the total cases reported to end September 2021 have already exceed last year's total cases for the full year (86 cases as of end September 2022, 74 cases in 2021).

The prevalence of IMD declined during 2020-2021 as lockdowns restricted movement and travel. But as Australians travel and become more mobile, IMD circulation in the community is increasing, thereby posing a risk to children and adolescents, who are most at risk of the disease. Infectious diseases paediatrician, Professor Robert Booy, says it is critical for families to know signs and symptoms of invasive meningococcal disease and that an awareness campaign like this is being rolled out at a perfect time.

Winton is now small business friendly

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Winton Shire Council Mayor Gavin Baskett said Council was signing the charter to commemorate the essential contribution small businesses make to the local community.

"Small businesses keep our town going and are the backbone of our community. We've been experiencing a boom in tourism and without our business owners working as hard as they do, this wouldn't be possible," Mayor Baskett said.

"We're looking forward to working together to develop programs that can showcase our small businesses and simplify processes to alleviate pressure where we can."

Winton Business and Tourism Association President Hylton Ward said co-signing the charter with Council was an important step for the association to ensure all parties are working together to support for small business.

"Partnering with Council to maintain and develop programs that will support our small businesses is an exciting step for our association," Mr Hylton said.

"We've been working hard to build support networks between businesses and now we can work directly with Council to continue doing so."

Queensland Small Business Commissioner Maree Adshead, who co-signed the SBFC charter with Winton Shire Council Mayor Gavin Baskett, and Winton Business and Tourism Association President Hylton Ward said the co-signing of the charter marks a

commitment to a collaborative journey to benefit small businesses across the region.

"The signing of this charter between all parties ensures greater connectivity will be fostered to enhance the operating environment for small businesses and to provide the opportunities small business needs to thrive," Ms Adshead said.

The Commissioner said the Small Business Friendly Councils Program aims to build a community of like-minded people who want to ensure their small business community is flourishing.

"When a council joins the SBFC family they learn what other organisations are doing to support their small business community.

"We facilitate a network of collaboration, showcase small business friendly activities and support a variety of communities of practice – all of which are helping our SBFC family share their experience and learnings, and to fortify their connections."

The SBFC Program has been developed by the Small Business Commissioner and aims to recognise and encourage large organisations to actively support small businesses to recover and build resilience following disaster and economic challenges.

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Police honoured for service

By Michael R Williams

This week, members of the Longreach Police Service were recognised for their time serving the community.

Longreach Patrol Group Inspector Julia Cook said serving the community comes with a lot of risk and a lot of challenges.

“It’s important we recognise their service to the community,” she said.

“Today we’ve seen a lot of awards given out: we’ve seen an Assistant Commissioners Certificate for operational excellence and more.

“But what’s very special about today is we have two police officers who received their 40 years clasps.”

Two sergeants were recognised on the day for 40 years of service.

“Today we saw both Sergeant Al McPhee, who has been in Longreach for a very long time and also Sergeant Wayne Lynn who today marks the last day of his service,” Ms Cook said.

“So we’re here to not only celebrate the achievements of all the officers but recognise the service that some of these police have given.

“It was important we held it in front of the station, particularly, with today being the day we pipe out Sergeant Wayne Lynn after his 40 years service as he goes on to the next chapter of his life.”

Ms Cook said the day was helped organise by various staff of the police department.

“A lot of my very special staff helped organise today, Emma Elliott, Jo Wighton, Jody Cronin, Rachelle Bischel, and Judy Neuendorf were key in organising today.

“It’s a traditional custom for us police to give to our esteemed colleagues who have had a long successful career, and Wayne epitomises that.

“It was important to pipe him out and thank him for his service.”



Recipients at the Longreach Patrol Group awards ceremony.

Donation to firies: Lions’ gift will ring in local history

By Michael R Williams

The Thomson River Lions Club have donated \$500 to the Longreach Fire Brigade Historical Society with the aim of helping the club thrive in the coming years.

Lisa Clarke member of the Thomson River Lions Club said the donation was unanimous among members of her club.

“Most of our funding comes from our Bingo nights at the Birdcage, so one of our members suggested that the Fire Brigade would be a worthy place to donate our money just because they do a lot for our region and town,” she said.

“So we had no trouble passing this donation at our meeting.”

Ms Clarkes said there was no restrictions on what the society could spend the money on.

“The Fire Brigade Historical Society can use it for whatever they want to use it for—we don’t mind,”

“Whether it be prizes for their fire trials



A donation of \$500 has been handed to the Longreach Fire Brigade Historical Society from the Thomson River Lions Club.

or put to one of their community events, we’d be happy.

“We’re going to budget it into our annual

budget and make the donation yearly.

“It gives the society some positivity that they are going to have those funds

every year.”

The Fire Brigade Historical Society were grateful for the donation.

Remembering ‘Chick’, a footballer, brother and uncle

By Jo Crumpton and Joe Buchester

In memory of Chick Buchester

Having played football I have often been asked what is my best memories of the game, my mind goes back in time to a small western town named Blackall.

Back to the 1950’s, to the golden age of football where Blackall reigns supreme winning four premierships between 1950 to 1955 and to my brother Chick who played in all four winning premierships.

He first played A-grade in 1950 at the age of 17, little did he know then he would go on to become one of the best players to represent Blackall and the Central West.

In 1951, Ipswich, the Bulimia cup winners came out to Blackall and played a challenge game against the local team up at the old Blackall showgrounds. They had four Queensland players in their side plus Bernie Drew, who played for Australia that year against France.

Blackall proved too good on the day and local paper, who covered the game, wrote up Chick Buchester as the best player on the field in 1955.

He also played for Central West who took on the touring French side at Barcaldine. France proved too good winning something like 40 to 16. After the 1955 premiership Chick had to wait another ten years to win his final premier-

ship in 1965 at the age of 32. This was to be the last time Blackall ever won the premiership.

It was also the end of Chick Buchester footballing days. In all he played 15 years in top football, only three footballers in the Central West History have been awarded the Central Western Red Blazer for service to football, Spud Balderson Longreach, Dave Thompson Barcaldine, Chick Buchester Blackall.

In 1987 they held a footballer’s reunion in Blackall where they picked the best teams ever to play for Blackall, only one player made ten teams - Chick Buchester.

Sadly, my brother Chick passed away on the 6 October aged 89, all I can say to finish this

article is he was one hell of a footballer.

In loving memory of Mervin George Buchester, 1993- 2022, this article was written by his brother

Kevin Buchester (Joe).

I have written the above for my dad Joe, I am Joe’s youngest daughter Jo, but known to Uncle Chick as Bub, I also have fond memories of him as a kid growing up he was always with my Dad, the stories he would tell us would have all of us in stitches, it was the way he would tell them and the words he would use I will never forget. He would always say to me “Bub, rugby league football the greatest game of all”.

RIP in Uncle Chick.



Enjoying the breakfast.



The barbecue breakfast underway in Aramac.

Loud Shirt Day raises hope

By Michael R Williams

For the fourth year in a row, the Aramac community have come together to raise funds for Hear and Say, a not-for-profit that specialises in hearing loss and speech therapy.

Emmy was born in Longreach Hospital and was found to be hearing impaired, but after recieved cochlear implants supported by Hear and Say she now lives in a world of sound.

Mother and event organiser Kerryn Gelch said this year was special as it coincided with Emmy's tenth birthday.

"She now lives in a world full of sound and that's a big thank you to Hear and Say [a hearing loss charity] who provided support to her," she said.

"This is why we do fundraising in Aramac every year for Loud Shirt Day which raises funds for Hear and Say.

"The whole Central West community gets behind us, we have a lot of workplaces who participate in their school or in their work, so it's been a wonderful chance for everyone to get together and all about raising funds for a wonderful cause.

"The support that we get... it's mind-blowing really."

Ms Gelch said she was proud of the support she has received from the Aramac community.

"It's [Aramac] a wonderful place to live that's for sure," she said.

"This has been one of our biggest years yet.

"This is the fourth year that we've held the BBQ Breakfast down the main street, and we also had a barrel race this year as well.

"That was run by Barrels for a Cause, but it was called the Let's Get Loud for Emmy Barrel Race—so there were lots of bright colours there as well.



Always big supporters of Hear and Say – Khayla Wright, Tiff Bambling, Paula Coulton and Alison Woods.

"Everyone came together and we raised a lot of money."

So far, the Gelchs have raised over \$17,000 but are still seeking donations.

"We have an online fundraising page with Hear and Say which has just hit the \$17,000 mark, and I'm sure we'll hit the \$20,000 within the next few weeks," she said.

"The Barcaldine Regional Council have been a big supporter of us, they let us use their facilities, and we've had a lot of businesses and individuals donate to our raffle—we had over 500 raffle tickets this year.

"And a lot of people volunteered with cooking and cleaning."

If you would like to, the best way to donate is to visit the Aramac Loud Shirt Day Facebook page and follow the link.

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Trivia night a hit for school

By Michael R Williams

This year’s Trivia Night at Our Lady’s Catholic school saw an enthusiastic turn out.

Our Lady’s Catholic School Principal Peter Thurecht said the event will help raise funds for important resources within the school.

“This year we have worked alongside the PnF committee to make the night even better,” he said.

“Our staff did the minute to win it games as well as the video introduction which I believe went down really well.

“Our staff can take up acting careers I reckon.”

Mr Thurecht said the evening was about fun and community.

“Basically, we wanted the night to be as fun as we could make it, to get the community to get involved,” he said.

“We had lots of local businesses represented at different tables, and the community supported us by donating prizes on the night.

“Due to the overwhelming amount of dona-

tions we were able to hand out a lot of prizes to everyone at each table, and everyone, I think, appreciated that.

“We handed out prizes for the best-themed table, and best costume—I was impressed with the Quizzard of Oz table.

“The wooden spoon went to our local Day Care Centre team, “the Little Miss team”, and they were very proud of that.”

Next year the school is hoping the event will continue to grow.

“We’re hoping to get 20 tables next year and get the whole community involved,” he said.

“We’ve received a lot of feedback from people who attended.

“Specifically people have been warm to our ‘thank yous’ we’ve been posting on social media.

“It’s just about generating support for the businesses who did donate.

“I’d just like to thank everyone who supported the night and the Our Lady’s staff who put it all together.”



Little Miss and Mr Men team.



The Christmas Crackers proving their intelligence.



Roar in name, roar in smarts.



Dan Walker officiated the evening.



Winners of the scramble.



Trivia Peppers looking smart.



The “Smarties” pants.



The Longreach Tourist Park team.



“The Quizzard of Oz”.



Erin Saltmarsh and Donella Ballard in the Christmas spirit.

Interim CEO in place at Longreach

By now many of you will have heard of the resignation of our CEO, Dirk Dowling.

As part of his probationary period Dirk had the opportunity to assess his options.

Changing direction is a big decision, and one that I believe he has not taken lightly.

I wish Dirk and his family all the best for the future and thank him for what he's achieved in his time with us.

We've appointed former CEO Mark Watt to act in the role on a relief basis for two weeks.

Following that Brett Walsh, formerly of Barcardine Regional Council, will commence on an interim basis for four months – giving us time to go out to the market again and recruit a new permanent CEO.

Both Mark and Brett are extremely capable executives, with lots of relevant experience in our region, so the community can be assured that Council continues to function with strong and stable leadership.

We have a great team of Councillors and senior staff.

I look forward to working with Mark and then Brett in the interim until a new CEO is recruited, and I know the community will make them both welcome while they're here.

A big thank you to everyone in Longreach, Yarka, and Isisford who came along to our Community Forums recently.

We unfortunately had to postpone our Ilfracombe forum at short notice, but we've an-



nounced a new date for that meeting, which will now take place on Wednesday 26 October, at 6:30pm in the rec centre.

We look forward to catching up with everyone at that forum. We'll also update the community on the recent Expressions of Interest process we ran in relation to the Ilfracombe Post Office.

In short, Council will be considering the confidential submissions at its October meeting next week, and that's where a decision will be made about how to proceed.

I've been in Cairns this week for the LGAQ Annual Conference.

The LGAQ is the peak industry body for Queensland's 77 councils. The annual conference also incorporates the association's annual-general-meeting.

At the AGM councils put up motions which are voted on by the 77 councils, to become part of the sector's advocacy with government for the next 12 months.

It's a great opportunity to interact not only

with other councils, but with state government colleagues as well.

Having so many local government delegates in one place gave us a great opportunity to have a meeting of the Western Queensland Alliance of Councils (WQAC) senior leadership team.

The WQAC represents 22 Councils of Western Queensland, and their shared challenges and opportunities.

We discussed the work we're doing on the housing crisis, health and community services, and on skills and training for our regions. As always, it was a very constructive conversation.

As I mentioned, Council meets for its October meeting in Longreach next week. As always the agenda and minutes will be posted on our website if you're unable to be there in person.

I'll be back with another column in two weeks.

If you or anyone you know ever has any questions about anything happening at Council or in our communities, you're welcome to reach out to me directly.

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 asist@longreach.qld.gov.au.

Record crops and heartbreak

Australia is on track to harvest a near-record winter grain crop of 61.9 million tonnes, according to Rabobank's 2022/23 Australian Winter Crop Forecast.

However, what will be a record for some farmers will be heartbreak for others, due to the impacts of excessive rainfall on grain volume, yield and quality in parts of the country.

In the newly-released report, the specialist agribusiness bank said despite the weather challenges, the nation is set to harvest its third consecutive bumper winter crop. Forecast to be down only one per cent on the previous year – which broke all-time production records – the total grain crop is estimated to be 41 per cent above the five-year average.

But it won't be good news for all, according to report author, RaboResearch agricultural analyst Dennis Voznesenski.

He said while farmers in some parts of Australia will "reap record or near-record crops", others in areas across New South Wales and Victoria are facing "yield, volume and quality downgrades due to excessive rains, washed out fields and unharvestable crops".

Mr Voznesenski said while it was too soon to quantify the impact of heavy rainfall and flooding in recent days in Victoria on the state's overall production, "there has been significant impact to yields on low-lying crops with many under water in central and northern Victoria, however crops on rolling and rising country have fared better".

Nationally, Rabobank forecasts wheat production to come in at 35.5 million tonnes – down two per cent on last year, but 47 per cent above the five-year average. Barley production is expected to reach a record 14.8 million tonnes, up seven per cent on last season and 31 per cent above the five-year average. The canola crop is forecast to reach a record 7.2 million tonnes, also a seven per cent increase on the previous year and a whopping 81 per cent up on the five-year average.

Mr Voznesenski said "on the whole", Western Australia and South Australia are set to break production records.

"While Victoria was on track to break production records until last week, we are going to have to wait for all the forecast rainfall to come through and for waters to recede to see the full impact of the rains on production," he said.

"The unfavourable conditions mean harvest is likely to be drawn out into January."

Perspective matters on view of rural life

I first came to Longreach on a teaching exchange, which took months to organise. When speaking to my exchange partner, I was warned that Longreach was 'remote'. Having studied the road map of Australia sent to me by an Aussie mate so I could get the lay of the land, I remarked that there was a road running through town and that it seemed significant. She explained it was the Landsborough Highway.

I told her I'd lived in a place in Northern Ontario where there were no roads and you had to fly to get there.

"Oh, Longreach isn't that remote," she assured me.

Had I never lived anywhere but the place where I was born, the heart of the biggest city in Canada, I might have viewed things the same way she did.

However, there is nothing like living in a truly remote community, where the first language isn't English, to make you appreciate a well-connected town like Longreach. Even if it is hundreds of kilometres from the coast.

(For the record, Toronto is roughly 3,000 km from the east coast of Canada and 5,000 km



from the west coast, so most Ontarians don't have the kind of connection Aussies have to the coastline, even out here.)

When I was in Longreach, many of the teachers, particularly the younger ones, spoke longingly of Brisbane and often couldn't wait for the school breaks to come before arranging a weekend away.

I was invited many times, but politely declined. "Don't you miss the city?" they'd ask. Not really, I told them. At the time, Brisbane simply meant being about a thousand kilometres closer to home.

I was quite comfortable in Longreach, which was like most small towns in Canada—warm, welcoming people and plenty of activity

(contrary to popular city belief). In fact, Longreach was a far better resourced town than most places of comparable size in Canada. I was impressed to find more than one bank, two grocery stores and a plush cinema. And the Olympic-sized swimming pool was very impressive, even before the renovations.


My town of Bobcaygeon had one bank (not mine, so I had to travel to a larger town to do my banking), one grocery store and no cinema. It did have an impressive skating arena, which is, I suppose, the Canadian equivalent to an Aussie pool, and the oldest lock on the Trent-Severn canal system, a water transport network that reaches all over Southern Ontario. But it's not on a main highway, like Longreach.

By the end of my year in Longreach, I felt quite at home, which was handy, I guess, given how close I now live to it. And I consider it close, though 75 km away, having driven all over western Queensland visiting Distance Ed families and seeing the distances many have to travel into their nearest town.

But that would be an entire new column on perspective, so I'll leave it here.

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What’s on

Longreach and Central West Community Event Billboard

Friday, 21 October

National Archives of Australia touring exhibition - Out of This World: Australia in the space age OFFICIAL OPENING
National Archives of Australia’s touring exhibition Out of This World: Australia in the space age has landed at Qantas Founders Museum, Longreach and you are invited to the OFFICIAL OPENING.

Location: Qantas Founders Museum
Time: 10.30am

Croquet

Contact: Jean Williams on 07 4651 2354.
Location: Oak Street, Barcaldine
Time: 8am

Barcaldine Senior Cricket

Location: Barcaldine Showgrounds
Time: 6pm

Saturday, 22 October

Isisford Ross Cup Races

A great day out for the whole family.
Location: Isisford Racecourse
Time: 12pm

Longreach School of Dance - Dancing Down the Decade

Adults \$30, Seniors \$20, Children \$15, Kindy and under for free
Location: Longreach School of Dance
Time: 1.30pm

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, 23 October

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, 24 October

Barcaldine Men’s Shed

Contact: David Kerrigan on 0427 009 375.
Location: 103 Ash St
Time: 9am

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

Tuesday, 25 October

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, 26 October

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, 27 October

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

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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

Central Queensland wins big from resources fund

Central Western and Central Highlands communities have got the lion's share of \$14.13 million for six projects thanks to round two funding from the \$100 million Resources Community Infrastructure Fund (RCIF).

Deputy Premier and Minister for State Development Steven Miles said Barcaldine, Emerald, Springsure, Biloela and Woorabinda will all gain exciting new community facilities.

“Queensland communities should be the first to benefit when the resource sector they support succeeds,” Mr Miles said.

“That’s why the Palaszczuk government has partnered with the resources sector to deliver the \$100 million fund.

“I’m pleased to announce \$52.71 million in round two funding for 20 projects across regional Queensland, including over \$14.13 million for six Central Queensland projects.

“This round two funding will enhance the project pipeline flowing into resources communities.

“Improving on the region’s already great lifestyle, Central Queensland will gain new aquatic facilities in Springsure and Biloela, a capability centre and karting club improvements in Emerald, new golf club amenities at Barcaldine and a community hub and disaster recovery centre at Woorabinda.”

Central Highlands Regional Council Mayor Kerry Hayes said council will receive \$5 million for a major upgrade of the Springsure Aquatic Centre.



The Central Highlands council has received a \$5M grant to renovate the Springsure aquatic centre

“The RCIF will deliver a fantastic upgrade to the aquatic centre that will give the local community better facilities for water sports, exercise, recreation and a great new water play area for kids and families,” Cr Hayes said.

“Both the existing 25-metre main pool and children’s wading pool will be replaced with new facilities and a brand new heated 17-metre pool will be added.

“Kids and families will enjoy a new splash pad play area that will be a substantial improvement on the existing wading pool.

“Currently the centre closes for winter but the new heated pool will be able to offer swimming and mobility classes in the cooler months, giving the community more opportunities for fitness and exercise.”

Emerald will gain more than \$4.6 million for two projects.

Local not-for-profit social enterprise Cen-

tral Highlands Community Services (CHCS) will receive over \$3.7 million to renovate an existing building to create a collaborative workspace, the CoWork Capability Centre, in Emerald.

CHCS Chief Executive Officer Blake Repine said the new CoWork Capability Centre will give the Central Highlands a 24/7 digitally capable, collaborative workspace.

“Thanks to the RCIF grant, the region will have greatly improved access to social services, training, skills, knowledge and technology for both community members and local businesses,” Mr Repine said.

“The centre will help ensure our community members have more choice in the services they need to improve their lives and achieve their aspirations.”

Emerald Kart Club President Tarina Rix said the club would receive \$991,300 to install sport field lighting around

their karting circuit.

“We’ll be able to offer after-dark club and community activities all-year round, including competitions and club meets – something that will be fantastic, particularly for Summer evenings,” Ms Rix said.

“The club will also become a major multi-purpose night-time venue for the Central Highlands that will be great for community participation in sporting, social and recreational events.”

Queensland Resources Council Chief Executive Ian Macfarlane welcomed the announcement of round two funding projects.

“The QRC is the peak body for coal, metal and gas explorers, producers and suppliers and we are very proud that members of our industry are contributing a total of \$70 million to the RCIF for projects that will have significant benefits for our local resource communities,” Mr Macfarlane said.

An expert Advisory Committee considered RCIF applications for both funding rounds.

Committee Chair Tony Mooney said there had been strong interest in both of the RCIF rounds.

“Resources communities can now get ready to continue benefitting from the RCIF through this new round of projects,” Mr Mooney said.

“The committee looks forward to resources communities, including workers and their families, enjoying the many benefits of these projects.”

An intensive care coup

New aircraft will boost The Royal Flying Doctor Services (RFDS) capabilities with world-leading technology onboard, allowing crews to fly further and faster, enhancing comfort for patients, and reducing pilot workload.

The Queensland Section of the RFDS this week unveiled the first of a new fleet of aircraft which are set to revolutionise aeromedical care in Australia.

The Beechcraft King Air B360, which first touched down in Australia last December, has now undergone a state-of-the-art fit-out at the Queensland-based HeliMods facility, transforming it into a flying intensive care unit.

Chief Executive Officer Meredith Staib said the new aircraft will be the first of seven B360s to join the RFDS fleet in Queensland.

"We're extremely excited to launch the first of this ground-breaking new fleet, which is a key part of our 10-year aircraft replacement strategy to ensure our crews can continue to deliver first-class aeromedical care to Queenslanders," Ms Staib said.

"Like all RFDS services, this new aircraft and its innovative fit-out simply wouldn't be possible without the support of Queensland Health and our amazing donors, fundraisers, and partners – so to each and every one of you, thank you for your incredible support."

"The new B360 fleet will enhance our inter-hospital transfer service, which provides the backbone to the Queensland Health Aeromedical System, and is delivered in partnership with the Queensland Government."

Minister for Rural Communities Mark Furner said the enhancement of the RFDS fleet was great news for people living in regional and remote areas of Queensland.

"Assets like these only enhance the capacity of this iconic organisation to help save lives, so keeping the RFDS fleet at the cutting edge of medical aviation is critically important," Mr Furner said.

RFDS (Queensland Section) Head of Flying Operations Shane Lawrey said the new B360 will join the existing fleet of 20 King Air aircraft, which travelled more than eight million kilometres across Queensland in the past year.

"The B360 aircraft will be the fastest twin turboprop aeromedical King Air aircraft in the country," Mr Lawrey said.

"Along with reducing pilot workload, the upgraded engines, five-bladed composite propellers and anti-skid braking system will



RFDS Nurse Manager of Aeromedical Training and Clinical Resources, Maree Cummins said the cabin has been designed to provide the finest care in the air.

enhance aircraft performance and efficiency – allowing our crews to fly further and faster to reach patients."

Advancements in the cockpit, such as the digital pressurisation controller, will also increase the overall comfort for patients during a flight."

RFDS (Queensland Section) Nurse Manager Maree Cummins said the cabin has been designed to provide the finest care in the air.

"The back of the cabin has been specially customised to make use of every inch of space and create an intensive care unit in the sky," Ms Cummins said.

"The innovative stretcher system, which integrates seamlessly with Queensland Ambulance Service stretchers is also a first-of-its-kind for fixed-wing aircraft in Queensland and will make it quicker and easier to transfer patients on and off the aircraft."

"While the integrated cabin concept includes a connected control system which will allow Flight Nurses and Doctors to monitor medical battery, oxygen capacity and flow



Jacob O'Gorman, Head of Flying Operations Shane Lawrey and RFDS Nurse Manager Maree Cummins with the new Beechcraft King Air B360. Picture: SUPPLIED

rates, and control cabin lighting, while remaining seated."

The aircraft unveiled today will come into operation next month, while a second aircraft has now arrived in Australia to undergo its fit-out. The remaining five aircraft will be ferried

to Australia over the next 18 months.

The Beechcraft King Air 360 is designed and manufactured by Textron Aviation in the United States.

For more information about the new B360 fleet go to rfd.co/B360aircraft.

Rural phone infrastructure inquiry to improve service

Mobile phone infrastructure services across regional Australia will be the focus of a new parliamentary inquiry. The House Communications and the Arts Committee will hear evidence on co investment in regional mobile carrier infrastructure.

Committee Chair, Mr Brian Mitchell MP, said 'co-investment is a tool which would al-

low multiple telecommunications providers in regional areas to invest in and share 'multi-carrier' mobile towers and related infrastructure, to improve services.'

The majority of mobile infrastructure is not co-located, especially in regional areas. The rates of co-location for Australia's major mobile providers dramatically decline as you move from urban to regional and remote ar-

as, to as low as 4.8 per cent in very remote areas.

Mr Mitchell added, 'connectivity and infrastructure are critical drivers of regional development. It is particularly important that we hear directly from our rural, regional and remote communities to hear their views on connecting and staying connected to tele-

communications infrastructure.'

The terms of reference are available from the inquiry webpage. Submissions can also be made through the webpage, or by email to communications.reps@aph.gov.au until 10 November 2022.

Information about the Committee may be found on the Committee's webpage.

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We're encouraging input from older Australians, families and carers, aged care providers, the workforce and anyone interested in contributing to the future of aged care in Australia.



Consultations are open between 17 October to 25 November 2022.

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Out and About



1: Cassandra and Esmie McGuire ready to start school.
2: Tim with Sophie Mack who has brand new shades.
3: Peta Ann Gowing and Gypsy Betts shopping at the new Eunoia store.



4: Dani Wehlow and Hope Davis grabbing a coffee at the Branch.
5: Gaby Janho cutting hair.
6: Salayssa and Toby Mack with a new toy.



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Learning curve

Jay Laga'aia returns
with a second season
of **Lost For Words**

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Helping hand returns

No stranger to championing underdogs, Jay Laga'aia once again shines a light on Australia's low levels of adult literacy and numeracy as the host of the uplifting SBS series *Lost For Words*, writes **Siobhan Duck**

YOU would think that being in *Star Wars* would make Jay Laga'aia the coolest dad in Australia. But when the entertainer found himself starring as Captain Typho – alongside Natalie Portman, Ewan McGregor, Samuel Jackson and his close friend Temuera Morrison – his eight children weren't as impressed as you'd imagine.

In fairness, they'd grown up watching Laga'aia wowing audiences on stage and screen. So, hearing that their dad was spending his workday doing battle with Jedis likely seemed just another day in the office.

"It impressed other adults more [than the kids]. Especially the men in my peer group," Laga'aia laughs of filming the *Star Wars* prequels, before adding that when he organised a set visit for his son's sport team, he was inundated with parents offering to help "supervise" the excursion.

"I ended up having more volunteers than kids. People were like, 'Can my brother-in-law come as well? He's in Perth but he's willing to fly down to supervise.'"

Although he was born in New Zealand, Laga'aia has become something of a fixture on Australian TV. He has acted in dramas such as *Water Rats*, *All Saints* and *Home and Away*, done stints on reality TV in both *Celebrity Big Brother* and *I'm A Celebrity... Get Me Out Of Here!*, and entertained youngsters on *Play School*. He's also a successful musician and author.

"I've got a lot of strings to my bow," he says.

"I don't ask myself if I can write a book, or record an album, I just do it. Why? Because I have eight kids!"

And it's those kids – despite all he has done his 40-year career – that he considers his greatest achievement. Not because of what they do or how much they themselves achieve, Laga'aia is simply proud they are good people with good manners.

All of his kids are forging their own paths and interests but Laga'aia's son, 23-year-old Iosefa, is now following in his father's footsteps and treading the boards in *Hamilton*.

Interestingly, before Iosefa was cast, Laga'aia was also in talks to star in the award-winning musical as George Washington. He ultimately opted out because he recognised that Iosefa shouldn't be on tour in his first big musical with his dad.

"Did I want my child to be a performer? No!" Laga'aia reflects.

"The pandemic proved that we are ghosts as far as the government is concerned. This industry is hard because you're not tall enough, or you are too tall. You are not short



Empowering: *Lost For Words* host Jay Laga'aia with literacy advocates Jo Medlin and Adam Nobilia, who once again guide participants on their journey.

enough, or white enough or black enough."

While times are changing, Laga'aia says it's been an even harder road to success for him because of his ethnicity. And that's why over the years he has become both a pioneer and an advocate for diversity on screen.

"Someone told me that I was the first Polynesian cast in a major Australian drama [*Water Rats*] and that's a really cool [achievement] and it is changing," he says.

"But you turn on the television and you'll see the talk shows are all still dominated by white people. Radio is dominated by all white people. You may have a late-night show with Indira Naidoo but before that it's white people. Except on children's TV, it's a rainbow. It's so diverse."

Laga'aia says talent shows are also a source of frustration because, he felt, talented singers of Islander backgrounds were often passed over for more marketable Caucasian performers.

"And you've got *Idol* coming back with Kyle Sandilands!" he says.

"It's so sad. We're still stuck in that format where you have to have an antagonist. He has no reason to be there except that he has the no. 1 radio show, and they want him to play this stuff on his show.

But he has no right to be there.

"And then the rest of the panel is all white and the hosts are all white. And then they will have all the colours of the rainbow as contestants."

Laga'aia's passion for championing underdogs is perhaps what makes him the perfect host for the SBS series *Lost For Words*, which shines a light on the low levels of adult literacy and numeracy in Australia.

A staggering 43 per cent of Australian adults are unable to read a text message, navigate public transport or write a letter due to literacy problems.

I THINK THE ISSUE IS THAT SCHOOL IS A TREADMILL AND EVEN THE BEST STUDENTS CAN FALL OFF THAT TREADMILL

Even more people are challenged by everyday numeracy and struggle to follow recipes or count change.

Lost For Words reveals reasons why millions of people are falling through the cracks of the education system and reduces the stigma associated with being illiterate or innumerate.

The three-part series sees nine brave adults attempting to overcome lifelong struggles with reading, writing and maths with help from Laga'aia and a group of expert teachers.

Having struggled with maths himself in the past, Laga'aia understands a little of what the participants feel.

"Here's my life hack," he laughs.

"When you lack some skills like numeracy or literacy it helps to marry a maths and English teacher."

As such, Laga'aia jokes that his kids don't

"And a great example of that is me. You know, I'm terrible at maths, and I can pinpoint the time when I lost interest in maths."

"It was when they were teaching the times tables. I get asthma, and I had a very bad asthma attack, and I was away from school for a week."

"When I came back, they were still on to the seven times tables, and everybody was memorising it."

"But unless you're a child that said, 'Excuse me, miss, can you give me the work that I missed?'"

They're not going to stop for you."

Laga'aia is filled with admiration for the people on the show who had been brave enough to admit they had a problem on a national stage.

"It's this silent shame that people walk around with," he says.

"But what they don't

seem to understand, and what we hope that first season did, was to show them that it's not a disease, it is curable. You just have to stick at it."

■ *Lost For Words*, 7.30pm, Wednesday, SBS and streaming, SBS on Demand



Movie Guide



KNIVES OUT
Seven, Friday, 8.30pm, M (2019)

A famous detective investigates the untimely death of a renowned crime novelist in this enjoyable romp. Director Rian Johnson (*Looper*, *The Last Jedi*) and an all-star cast inject plenty of fun into this near-perfect whodunnit. Detective Benoit Blanc (Daniel Craig) investigates the combative and eccentric Thrombey family after the suspicious death of their patriarch Harlan (Christopher Plummer), one of the best-selling mystery authors of all time. Unravelling the wealthy family's secrets and potential motives is no easy task, but it sure will be entertaining. Toni Collette, Jamie Lee Curtis and Chris Evans (pictured) deliver performances to remember. ★★★★★



THE INTERN
Nine, Friday, 8.30pm, M (2015)

Anne Hathaway stars in this fish-out-of-water comedy from the talented hands of writer and director Nancy Meyers (*Something's Gotta Give*, *It's Complicated*), who has a knack for perfectly mixing sweetness with unexpected silliness. DeNiro (pictured with Hathaway) plays widower Ben who, at 70, turns his back on retirement and lands a job as a senior intern at a fashion site, run by businesswoman Jules (Hathaway). What follows is a learning curve for both characters, with themes of the price of success and love charmingly examined. ★★★★★



COCO AVANT CHANEL
SBS World Movies, Sunday, 6.25pm, PG (2009)

This beautifully made period production focuses on the true life story of Gabrielle 'Coco' Chanel, a headstrong orphan who went on to become the legendary world-renowned fashion designer. Audrey Tautou (pictured, *Am lie*) in the lead role perfectly embodies the somewhat rigid personality of the aspiring fashion queen, and as the title suggests, the focus is on her formative years and her relationships with actress Emilienne (Emmanuelle Devos) and Englishman Boy Capel (Alessandro Nivola). ★★★★★

PICK OF THE WEEK



Saturday
THE GREATEST SHOWMAN
Seven, 7.30pm, PG (2017)

There is no end of colour and spectacle in this musical romp through 1850s America and the rise of the self-proclaimed inventor of showbusiness, P.T. Barnum. Hugh Jackman embodies the never-ending grit and determination of Barnum, an entertainment visionary and supporter of those on the fringes of society who was famed for bringing 'human curiosities' into the spotlight. Michael Gracey's directorial debut boasts a stellar cast with Jackman, Zac Efron, Michelle Williams and Zendaya all proving their singing, acting and dancing talents. This is a film full of heart that celebrates self-acceptance, fearless abandon and choosing the life you want to lead. ★★★★★

Centre stage:
Hugh Jackman is ambitious showman and entrepreneur P.T. Barnum.



CON AIR
Seven, Saturday, 9.40pm, MA15+ (1997)

Jerry Bruckheimer's blockbuster doesn't translate so well to the small screen. Nicolas Cage plays a former commando locked up for murder for eight years, after protecting his wife during a bar-room brawl. When he is finally approved for release from prison, the plane due to carry him to freedom is hijacked by the other convicts, who head for Las Vegas. Despite their talent, Cage and John Malkovich struggle with the script. Perhaps a couple of smaller explosions would have left enough cash for the producers to iron out the creases in the writing. ★★★★★



BATMAN BEGINS
9Go!, Monday, 8.30pm, M (2005)

In the league of *Superman: The Movie* (1978) and *Spider-Man* (2002), this superhero saga is not to be missed. Not only is Christian Bale (pictured) cinema's definitive Caped Crusader, the intelligent approach of director Christopher Nolan ensures this is not simply an exercise in style. Billionaire playboy Bruce Wayne's disgust with Gotham City's corrupt officials leads him to join a shady organisation in Bhutan. Trained in the art of combat, he returns to his fair city to clean up the streets. ★★★★★

GOODBYE CHRISTOPHER ROBIN
7Flix, Sunday, 6.10pm, PG (2017)

The touching true story behind children's classic Winnie the Pooh and his creator, A.A. Milne, is told in this lovingly crafted biopic from *My Week with Marilyn* director Simon Curtis. Set during 1941, when World War I veteran Milne (Domhnall Gleeson) was struggling to write an anti-war treatise, the film narrows in on his family life with wife Daphne (Margot Robbie), son Christopher Robin (Will Tilston), aka Billy, and his nanny Olive (Kelly Macdonald). There's some dark ground to cover, but just like Pooh, the outlook always remains optimistic. ★★★★★



ADRIFT
10 Shake, Tuesday, 8.30pm, M (2018)

Based on the true story of a couple adrift in the Pacific Ocean after Hurricane Raymond hit in late 1983, this heart-wrenching drama stars Shailene Woodley (pictured) and Sam Claflin as a pair of sailors whose paths cross in Tahiti. Contracted to sail a luxury yacht to San Diego, the couple were just five months into their relationship when caught in one of the most catastrophic hurricanes in history. Veering between love story and disaster flick, *Adrift* is largely kept afloat by a compelling Woodley. ★★★★★

The Guide

PICK OF THE WEEK

INSIDE THE SYDNEY OPERA HOUSE
ABC TV, Sunday, 7.30pm



THE GRAHAM NORTON SHOW
10, Friday, 8.30pm

Lovable chat show host Graham Norton always gets a superb collection of guests, but he might just have outdone himself in this season 30 premiere. For starters, Hollywood icon Jamie Lee Curtis drops by to discuss *Halloween Ends*. Comedy royalty Eric Idle speaks about surviving cancer, but does so with his usual irreverence and humour. If that's not enough, David Tennant and rising star Lydia West also take a seat on the famous red couch to discuss their latest projects on stage and screen. To cap it all off is the musical guest – fresh off his amazing AFL Grand Final appearance – the inimitable Robbie Williams.



CSI: VEGAS
10, Saturday, 8.30pm

While initially meant to be a limited series, this *CSI: Crime Scene Investigation* reboot was so popular it was renewed for a second season. While Jorja Fox and William Petersen (aka Sara and Grissom) have left the series, the producers have managed to lure the great Marg Helgenberger (pictured) back to the fold, as she reprises her Emmy-nominated role of Catherine Willows for the first time since 2015. Willows joins Maxine Roby's (Paula Newsome) Las Vegas crime lab team as a consultant, but she's quietly on a personal mission – her friend and former student Grace went missing three weeks ago, and Willows wants answers.



BUDGET 2022/23: THE TREASURER'S SPEECH
ABC TV, Tuesday, 7.30pm

It's been five months since the election and almost a decade since Labor has handed down a federal budget. So how do they propose to tackle the issues of the day? Tax cuts will be the big question on everyone's mind, but housing affordability and cost of living also loom large. At 7.30pm, Treasurer Jim Chalmers outlines his economic plan for the future. Then, at 8pm, it's a deep dive into analysis, followed by reactions and a breakdown of how the budget will impact different Australians at 9pm. Sarah Ferguson (pictured) and David Speers helm the comprehensive coverage.



Inside an icon: Anthony Carthew, Phillippa Martin and Alan Croker take viewers behind the scenes in *Inside The Sydney Opera House*.

Friday, October 21

<p>ABC TV (2)</p> <p>6.00 News Breakfast. 9.00 ABC News Mornings. 10.00 Q+A. (R)</p> <p>11.05 Extraordinary Escapes. (PG, R)</p> <p>12.00 ABC News At Noon.</p> <p>1.00 Significant Others. (Mdl, R)</p> <p>1.50 Death In Paradise. (Mv, R)</p> <p>3.05 Gardening Australia. (R)</p> <p>4.00 Think Tank. (R)</p> <p>5.00 Anh's Brush With Fame. (PG, R)</p> <p>5.25 Hard Quiz. (PG, R)</p>	<p>SBS (3)</p> <p>6.00 WorldWatch. 9.00 Peer To Peer. (PG)</p> <p>10.00 Great Irish Interiors. (Premiere) 11.00 Australia With Julia Bradbury. (PG, R) 12.00 WorldWatch. 12.30 ABC World News Tonight With David Muir. 1.00 PBS NewsHour. 2.00 Rise Of Empires. (Mavw, R) 3.00 NITV News: Nula. 3.30 Destination Flavour China Bitesize. (R) 3.35 The Cook Up With Adam Liaw. (PG, R) 4.05 Who Do You Think You Are? (PG, R) 5.05 Jeopardy! 5.30 Letters And Numbers. (R)</p>	<p>SEVEN (7)</p> <p>6.00 Sunrise.</p> <p>9.00 The Morning Show. (PG)</p> <p>11.30 Seven Morning News.</p> <p>12.00 MOVIE: Dead At 17. (2008, Mav, R) Barbara Niven.</p> <p>2.00 House Of Wellness. (PG)</p> <p>3.00 The Chase. (R)</p> <p>4.00 Seven News At 4.</p> <p>5.00 The Chase Australia. Hosted by Larry Emdur.</p>	<p>NINE (8, 9)</p> <p>6.00 Today. 9.00 Today Extra. (PG)</p> <p>11.30 Morning News.</p> <p>12.00 MOVIE: Abduction Of Angie. (2017, Mav, R)</p> <p>1.45 Garden Gurus Moments. (R)</p> <p>2.00 Pointless. (PG)</p> <p>3.00 Tipping Point. (PG)</p> <p>4.00 Afternoon News.</p> <p>4.30 Millionaire Hot Seat. (R)</p> <p>5.30 WIN News.</p>	<p>TEN (5, 1)</p> <p>6.00 The Talk. (PGa) 7.00 Judge Judy. (PG, R) 7.30 The Bold And The Beautiful. (PG, R) 8.00 10 News First: Breakfast. 8.30 Studio 10. (PG) 12.00 Dr Phil. (Ma) 2.00 Entertainment Tonight. 2.30 Food Trail: South Africa. (R) 3.00 Judge Judy. (PG, R) 3.30 Farm To Fork. (PG, R) 4.00 Everyday Gourmet With Justine Schofield. 4.30 The Bold And The Beautiful. (PG) 5.00 10 News First.</p>
<p>6.00 The Drum. Analysis of the day's news.</p> <p>7.00 ABC News. Takes a look at today's top stories.</p> <p>7.30 Gardening Australia. Millie Ross meets inspiring neighbours.</p> <p>8.30 Frankly. Fran Kelly chats with some of the biggest names and brains in Australia and from around the globe.</p> <p>9.10 All Creatures Great And Small. (Return, PG) James' parents are overjoyed when he is offered a position at a practice in Glasgow.</p> <p>9.55 Annika. (Ma, R) The body of a scientist is found in a loch.</p> <p>10.45 ABC Late News.</p> <p>11.00 Summer Love. (Final, Mls, R)</p> <p>11.35 Rage. (MA15+adhlnsv)</p>	<p>6.00 Mastermind Australia. (R)</p> <p>6.30 SBS World News.</p> <p>7.35 Secrets Of The Lost Liners: America. (PG) A look at the SS America.</p> <p>8.30 Good With Wood. (PG) Hosted by Mel Giedroyc.</p> <p>9.25 World's Greatest Hotels: George V, Paris. (R) Takes a look at Hotel George V.</p> <p>10.15 SBS World News Late.</p> <p>10.45 Das Boot. (Masv, R)</p> <p>11.40 The Pier. (Mlms, R)</p> <p>3.25 8 Out Of 10 Cats Does Countdown. (Mals, R) 4.20 Food Safari. (R) 4.50 Destination Flavour Down Under Bitesize. (R) 5.00 NHK World English News Morning. 5.30 ANC Philippines The World Tonight.</p>	<p>6.00 Seven Local News.</p> <p>6.30 Seven News.</p> <p>7.00 Better Homes And Gardens. Fast Ed cooks a porterhouse steak.</p> <p>8.30 MOVIE: Knives Out. (2019, Mal, R) An eccentric detective is enlisted to investigate the untimely death of a renowned crime novelist, and must deal with the deceased's conniving family and a web of lies to uncover the truth. Daniel Craig, Ana De Armas, Chris Evans.</p> <p>11.15 To Be Advised.</p> <p>1.00 Ant Middleton & Rebel Wilson: Straight Talking. (Mal, R)</p> <p>2.00 Home Shopping. (R)</p> <p>4.00 Million Dollar Minute. (R)</p> <p>5.00 NBC Today.</p>	<p>6.00 Nine News.</p> <p>7.00 A Current Affair.</p> <p>7.30 Taronga: Who's Who In The Zoo: Daphne's Dentist. (PGm) A look at sustainability at Taronga Zoo.</p> <p>8.30 MOVIE: The Intern. (2015, Mal, R) A 70-year-old retired widower is hired as a senior intern for an online fashion startup. Robert De Niro, Anne Hathaway.</p> <p>10.50 MOVIE: Ted. (2012, MA15+dlsv, R) Mark Wahlberg.</p> <p>12.50 Bondi Lifeguard World Adventures. (PG, R) 1.20 Talking Honey. (PGa, R) 1.30 TV Shop: Home Shopping. (R) 4.00 Take Two. (R) 4.30 Global Shop. (R) 5.00 TV Shop: Home Shopping. (R) 5.30 Skippy The Bush Kangaroo. (R)</p>	<p>6.30 The Project. A look at the day's news and events.</p> <p>7.30 The Living Room. Barry turns a dull bedroom into a coastal sanctuary.</p> <p>8.30 The Graham Norton Show. (Return, Mlv) Guests include Jamie Lee Curtis, Eric Idle, David Tennant, Lydia West and Robbie Williams.</p> <p>9.30 To Be Advised.</p> <p>10.30 Road To The Melbourne Cup Carnival. A look at the upcoming Melbourne Cup.</p> <p>11.00 The Project. (R)</p> <p>12.00 The Late Show With Stephen Colbert. (PG)</p> <p>1.00 Home Shopping. (R)</p> <p>5.30 Infomercials. (PG, R)</p>
<p>ABC TV PLUS (22) 6am Children's Programs. 5.10pm Pffirates. 5.20 Brave Bunnies. 5.30 Kiri And Lou. 5.35 Go Jetters. 5.50 Peppa Pig. 5.55 Fireman Sam. 6.05 Ben And Holly. 6.20 Bluey. 6.25 Alva's World. 6.45 Andy's Safari Adventures. 7.00 Grace's Amazing Machines. 7.20 Bluey. 7.30 Spicks And Specks. 8.00 Hard Quiz. 8.30 MOVIE: Center Stage. (2000, M) 10.25 Doctor Who. 11.15 QI. 11.45 Red Dwarf. 12.15am Motherland. 12.45 George Clarke's Amazing Spaces. 1.35 ABC News Update. 1.40 Close. 5.00 Elmo's World. 5.10 Dot. 5.25 Pablo. 5.35 Guess How Much I Love You. 5.45 Late Programs.</p>	<p>SBS VICELAND (31) 6am WorldWatch. 8.10 ABC America Nightline. 8.40 CBC The National. 9.30 Shortland St. 11.00 The Movie Show. Noon Unknown Amazon. 12.50 The Source. 1.40 Figure Skating. ISU Grand Prix. Cup of China. Replay. 3.45 ABC World News Tonight With David Muir. 4.15 PBS NewsHour. 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. 9.25 Atlanta. 9.55 The Big Sex Talk. 10.25 Venus: Let's Talk About Sex. 12.05am VICE News Tonight. 1.00 Escaping Polygamy. 2.35 NHK World English News. 5.00 Al Jazeera Newshour.</p>	<p>7TWO (72) 6am Home Shopping. 6.30 Travel Oz. 8.00 Home Shopping. 8.30 Million Dollar Minute. 9.00 DVine Living. 9.30 NBC Today. Noon Emmerdale. 12.30 Coronation Street. 1.00 Sons And Daughters. 3.00 Modern Business Australia. 3.30 Million Dollar Minute. 4.30 Medical Emergency. 5.00 RSPCA Animal Rescue. 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. 2.30 Bargain Hunt. 3.30 Room For Improvement. 4.00 To Be Advised. 5.30 Home Shopping.</p>	<p>9GEM (81, 92) 6am TV Shop: Home Shopping. 7.00 Creflo Dollar Ministries. 7.30 TV Shop: Home Shopping. 10.30 Pointless. 11.30 My Favorite Martian. Noon Days Of Our Lives. 12.55 The Young And The Restless. 1.50 Explore. 2.00 Grantchester. 3.00 Antiques Roadshow. 3.30 MOVIE: The Maggie. (1954) 5.30 Murder, She Wrote. 6.30 Antiques Roadshow. 7.30 Antiques Downunder. 8.00 Antiques Roadshow Detectives. 8.40 MOVIE: Thelma & Louise. (1991, M) 11.20 House. 12.20am My Favorite Martian. 12.50 Explore. 1.00 TV Shop: Home Shopping. 5.00 Joyce Meyer. 5.30 TV Shop: Home Shopping.</p>	<p>10 PEACH (52, 11) 6am The Late Show With Stephen Colbert. 7.00 Friends. 7.30 Seinfeld. 9.00 Becker. 10.00 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. 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.</p>
<p>NITV (34) 6am Morning Programs. Noon Torres To The Thames. 1.00 NAIDOC Award Winners. 1.20 Always Was Always Will Be. 2.00 Shortland St. 2.30 Kriol Kitchen. 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 NITV News: Nula. 6.00 Bamay. 6.40 Undiscovered Vistas. 7.30 MOVIE: Martian Child. (2007, PG) 9.20 First Nations Bedtime Stories. 9.30 Going Places With Ernie Dingo. 10.30 Cultural Connections Immersion Festival. 11.30 Late Programs.</p>	<p>SBS WORLD MOVIES (32) 6am The Movie Show. 6.15 Viceroy's House. (2017, PG) 8.15 Lady L. (1965, PG) 10.15 Boy. (2010, M) 11.50 The Guilty. (2018, M, Danish) 12.00pm The Way. (2010, PG) 3.45 Akira Kurosawa's Dreams. (1990, PG, Japanese) 5.55 All At Sea. (2010, PG) 7.30 The Salvation. (2014, M) 9.15 Riders Of Justice. (2020, MA15+, Danish) 11.20 L.A. Story. (1991, M) 1.10am Hope. (2019, MA15+, Norwegian) 3.30 The Spy. (2019, M, Swedish) 5.35 All At Sea. (2010, PG)</p>	<p>7MATE (74) 6am The Fishing Show. 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 American Restoration. 10.30 Pawn Stars. 11.00 American Pickers. Noon Leepu And Pitbull. 1.00 Aussie Lobster Men. 2.00 Heavy Lifting. 3.00 Timbersports. 3.30 Down East Dickering. 4.30 Football. AFL Women's. Round 9. Adelaide v Geelong. 6.30 Football. AFL Women's. Round 9. Gold Coast v Carlton. 8.30 MOVIE: Heartbreak Ridge. (1986, M) 11.15 Motorcycle Racing. FIM Supercross World Championship. Round 2. Australian Grand Prix. 2.15am Late Programs.</p>	<p>9GO! (82, 93) 6am Children's Programs. Noon Smash. 1.00 Baywatch. 2.00 Full House. 3.00 The Nanny. 3.30 3rd Rock. 4.00 That 70s Show. 4.30 Raymond. 5.30 Transformers: Cyberverse. 5.45 MOVIE: Mr. Peabody & Sherman. (2014, PG) 7.30 MOVIE: Hercules. (2014, M) 9.30 MOVIE: Conan The Barbarian. (2011, MA15+) 11.40 The Emily Attack Show. 12.25am Queer Eye For The Straight Guy. 1.25 Keeping Up With The Kardashians. 2.20 Baywatch. 3.20 Mike Tyson Mysteries. 3.30 Ninjago: Masters Of Spinjitzu. 4.00 TV Shop: Home Shopping. 5.00 Pokémon Ultimate Journeys. 5.30 Yu-Gi-Oh! Sevens.</p>	<p>10 BOLD (53, 12) 6am Home Shopping. 7.30 Infomercials. 8.00 The Doctors. 9.00 What's Up Down Under. 9.30 iFish. 10.00 MacGyver. Noon NCIS: Los Angeles. 1.00 The Code. 2.00 Blood And Treasure. 3.00 Bondi Rescue. 3.30 The Love Boat. 4.30 Star Trek: The Next Generation. 5.30 MacGyver. 7.30 NCIS. 8.30 To Be Advised. 12.45am Evil. 1.45 Home Shopping. 2.15 The FBI Declassified. 3.10 Star Trek: The Next Generation. 4.05 MacGyver.</p>

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

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ABC TV (2) 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. (Mv, R) 3.30 Take 5 With Zan Rowe. (PG, R) 3.55 Spicks And Specks. (Final, PG, R) 4.45 Landline. (R) 5.10 Penguins: Meet The Family. (R)	SBS (3) 6.00 WorldWatch. 7.30 France 24 English News. 8.00 DD India Prime Time News. 9.00 Ageless Gardens. (PG) 10.00 The World From Above. 11.00 Paul O'Grady: For The Love Of Dogs. (PG) 12.00 BBC News At Ten. 12.30 ABC World News Tonight With David Muir. 1.00 PBS NewsHour. 2.00 John Williams In Vienna. (R) 4.25 When I Stutter. 5.40 Secret Nazi Bases. (PG)	SEVEN (7) 6.00 NBC Today. 7.00 Weekend Sunrise. 10.00 The Morning Show: Weekend. (PG) Highlights from the past week. 11.00 Horse Racing. Spring Champion Stakes Day and Bondi Stakes. 5.00 Seven News At 5. 5.30 Creek To Coast. A look at the latest in outdoor activities.	NINE (8, 9) 6.00 Getaway. (PG, R) 6.30 A Current Affair. (R) 7.00 Weekend Today. 10.00 Today Extra: Saturday. (PG) 12.00 Destination WA. 12.30 Rivals. 1.00 Drive TV. 1.30 Cross Court. 2.00 My Way. (PG, R) 2.30 The Block. (PGI, R) 3.30 The Bizarre Pet Vets. (PGm, R) 4.30 The Garden Gurus. 5.00 News: First At Five. 5.30 Getaway. (PG)	TEN (5, 1) 6.00 Morning Programs. 8.30 What's Up Down Under. (PGs, R) 9.00 Australia By Design: Innovations. (PG, R) 9.30 St10. (PG) 12.00 Living Room. (R) 1.00 Everyday Gourmet. (R) 1.30 Healthy Homes Aust. 2.00 Freshly Picked. (R) 2.30 GCBC. (R) 3.00 What's Up Down Under. 3.30 Luxury Escapes. (R) 4.00 Farm To Fork. (PG, R) 4.30 Taste Of Aust. (R) 5.00 News.
6.10 Extraordinary Escapes: Jennyclair. (Final, PG) Presented by Sandi Toksvig. 7.00 ABC News. Takes a look at today's top stories. 7.30 Death In Paradise. (Ma, R) A radio legend is murdered live on air. 8.30 The Capture. (Mlv) DCI Carey investigates a TV hack amidst a growing media storm. 9.30 Significant Others. (Mdl, R) Estranged siblings are reunited after one of them disappears, leaving behind two teenage children. 10.25 Summer Love. (Final, Mls, R) The holiday house gets vandalised. 11.00 Silent Witness. (Ma, R) Nikki calls on Adam's expertise. 12.00 Rage. (MA15+adhlmsv)	6.30 SBS World News. 7.30 Greatest Train Journeys From Above: Norway's Bergen Railway. (PG) A look at Norway's Bergen Railway. 8.25 Secrets Of The Royal Palaces: Kitchens. (PG) A look at royal kitchens through the ages. 9.25 Search For Cleopatra. (R) Archaeologists search for Cleopatra's tomb. 10.15 Celebrity Letters And Numbers. (M, R) 11.15 MOVIE: Marshall. (2017, Malsv, R) 1.20 MOVIE: Sweet Country. (2017, MA15+v, R) Bryan Brown, Sam Neill, Hamilton Morris. 3.15 8 Out Of 10 Cats Does Countdown. (Mals, R) 4.10 Food Safari. (R) 4.40 Destination Flavour Down Under Bitesize. (R) 5.00 NHK World English News Morning. 5.15 France 24 Feature. 5.30 ANC Philippines The World Tonight.	6.00 Seven News. 7.00 Border Security: Australia's Front Line. (PG, R) Border Force executes a warrant. 7.30 MOVIE: The Greatest Showman. (2017, PGa, R) After meeting a wealthy playwright, entrepreneur PT Barnum sets out to create a wax museum and circus. Hugh Jackman, Michelle Williams. 9.40 MOVIE: Con Air. (1997, MA15+lv, R) A newly paroled criminal becomes caught in a siege after the prison transport aircraft he is on is hijacked. Nicolas Cage, John Cusack, John Malkovich. 11.50 To Be Advised. 1.00 Behave Yourself. (PGI, R) 2.00 Home Shopping. (R) 4.00 It's Academic. (R) 5.00 House Of Wellness. (PG, R)	6.00 Nine News Saturday. 7.00 Cricket. ICC Men's T20 World Cup. Super 12. Australia v New Zealand. 8.00 ICC Men's T20 World Cup Post-Match. Post-match wrap up. 8.30 ICC Men's T20 World Cup Pre-Show. Pre-match coverage of the ICC Men's T20 World Cup clash between England and Afghanistan. 9.00 Cricket. ICC Men's T20 World Cup. Super 12. England v Afghanistan. 12.00 Deadly Drops. (Mal) 1.00 Cross Court. (R) 1.30 Drive TV. (R) 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)	6.00 Bondi Rescue. (PGal, R) Two people are endangered by a miscommunication. 6.30 The Dog House. (PG, R) Dogs are matched with companions. 7.30 Blue Bloods. (Return, Mv) The job takes a dangerous turn for the Reagans when Eddie and Jamie deal with a domestic violence case. 8.30 CSI: Vegas. (Return, Msv) The unit investigates the murder of a dominatrix whose body was found near her secret sex dungeon. 9.30 NCIS. (Mv, R) With Parker still on the run, the team enlists the help of Special Agent Jane Tennant from the Hawai'i office. 10.30 To Be Advised. 12.30 Home Shopping. (R) 3.30 Infomercials. (PG) 4.00 Home Shopping. (R) 4.30 Authentic. (PG, R) 5.00 Hour Of Power.

10 PEACH (52, 11) 6am The Late Show With Stephen Colbert. **7.00** The King Of Queens. **8.00** Frasier. **9.00** Becker. **10.00** Friends. **Noon** The King Of Queens. **1.00** To Be Advised. **3.30** Frasier. **4.00** Friends. **6.00** The Big Bang Theory. **10.15** Friends. **12.15am** Home Shopping. **1.15** Infomercials. **1.45** The Big Bang Theory. **2.45** The Neighborhood. **3.35** Nancy Drew. **4.30** Home Shopping.

10 BOLD (53, 12) 6am Shopping. **7.30** Infomercials. **8.30** Shopping. **9.00** The Doctors. **10.00** 4x4 Adventures. **11.00** Escape Fishing. **11.30** Healthy Homes. **Noon** The Love Boat. **1.00** ST: Next Gen. **2.00** A-League All Access. **2.30** Roads Less Travelled. **3.00** MacGyver. **5.00** Reel Action. **5.30** I Fish. **6.00** Soccer: A-League Men. Matchweek 3. Melbourne Victory v Melbourne City. **9.00** Scorpion. **10.00** MacGyver. **11.00** Late Programs.

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ABC TV (2) 6.00 Rage. (PG) 7.00 Weekend Breakfast. 9.00 Insiders. 10.00 Offsiders. 10.30 World This Week. (R) 11.00 Compass. (R) 11.30 Praise. 12.00 News. 12.30 Landline. 1.30 Gardening Aust. (R) 2.30 Question Everything. (R) 3.00 Miriam Margolyes: Australia Unmasked. (PG, R) 4.00 Rick Stein's Secret France. (R) 5.00 Art Works. (PG, R) 5.30 Antiques Roadshow. (R)	SBS (3) 6.00 WorldWatch. 9.00 Cook Up Bitesize. (R) 9.05 Ageless Gardens. (PG) 10.05 The World From Above. (PG) 10.35 Paul O'Grady: For The Love Of Dogs. (PG) 12.00 APAC Weekly. 12.30 France 24 English News. 1.00 Speedweek. 3.00 Countdown To Qatar 2022. 3.30 Ascot Kayaking. (PG) 3.35 Blind Sailing. 3.40 The Royals And The Nazis. (PGa, R) 5.40 Secret Nazi Bases. (Final, PG)	SEVEN (7) 6.00 NBC Today. 7.00 Weekend Sunrise. 10.00 The Morning Show: Weekend. (PG) 12.00 Border Security: International. (PG, R) 12.30 Cricket. Women's Big Bash League. Game 15. Sydney Thunder v Melbourne Stars. 4.00 Better Homes And Gardens. (R) 5.00 Seven News At 5. 5.30 Weekender.	NINE (8, 9) 6.00 Fishing Australia. (R) 6.30 A Current Affair. 7.00 Weekend Today. 10.00 Sports Sunday. (PG) 11.00 Reel Destinations: Lodge Life. 11.30 Fishing Australia. 12.00 Great Australian Detour. (R) 12.30 Taronga: Who's Who In The Zoo. (PGm, R) 1.30 The Block. (PGI, R) 4.00 Bondi Vet. (PGam) 5.00 News: First At Five. (PG, R) 4.00 Well Traveller. (Premiere) 4.30 My Way.	TEN (5, 1) 6.00 Morning Programs. 7.30 Tomorrow's World. (PGa) 8.00 Living Room. (R) 9.00 Luca's Key Ingredient. (R) 9.30 St10. (PG) 12.00 Freshly Picked. (R) 12.30 The Traitors. (PGI, R) 1.45 Everyday Gourmet. (R) 2.00 Pooches At Play. (R) 2.30 Luxury Escapes. (R) 3.00 Cook It With Luke. 3.30 Farm To Fork. (PG, R) 4.00 Well Traveller. (Premiere) 4.30 Taste Of Aust. (R) 5.00 News.
6.30 Frankly. (R) Presented by Fran Kelly. 7.00 ABC News Sunday. 7.30 Inside The Sydney Opera House: The Show Must Go On. Part 1 of 3. 8.30 Significant Others. (Mals) Raging against the purgatory of not knowing, the family ventures back out into the world of the living. 9.25 Silent Witness. (Mav) The murder of a promising boxer draws Nikki and Jack into the world of underground boxing. 10.25 Miniseries: The Cry. (Mal, R) Part 1 of 4. 11.25 Shetland. (Ma, R) Perez and the team ramp up the pressure. 12.20 The Heights. (PG, R) 3.00 Rage. (MA15+adhlsv) 4.15 The Recording Studio. (PG, R) 5.00 Insiders. (R)	6.30 SBS World News. 7.30 Curse Of The Ancients: Dark Ages. (PG) Part 3 of 5. 8.30 Treasures Of Istanbul. (PG, R) Historian Bettany Hughes visits the base of Ottoman and Byzantine power, Istanbul, Turkey. 9.25 The Death Of Bruce Lee. (PGav, R) Former Hong Kong police detective Philip Chan reinvestigates the death of martial arts superstar Bruce Lee. 11.00 Blood Of The Clans: The Year Of Victories. (PGv, R) 2.15 America's Great Divide: From Obama To Trump. (Mav, R) 4.15 Food Safari. (R) 4.45 Destination Flavour Down Under Bitesize. (R) 5.00 NHK World English News Morning. 5.15 France 24 Feature. 5.30 Al Jazeera News.	6.00 Seven News. 7.00 Australia's Got Talent. (PGal) Hosted by Ricki-Lee. 8.45 The Disappearance Of Grace Millane. (M) The story of the 2018 murder of British backpacker Grace Millane and how her killer was caught. 10.45 Born To Kill? The Briley Brothers. (MA15+av) A look at the Briley Brothers. 11.45 Police: Hour Of Duty. (Malv, R) 12.45 Behave Yourself. (PGI, R) 2.00 Home Shopping. (R) 3.30 Million Dollar Minute. (R) 4.00 NBC Today. (R) 5.00 Seven Early News. 5.30 Sunrise.	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: Dangerous Business. (Ma) A look at the murder of Tyrone Lyles. 11.00 Killer Couples: Victoria And Nathaniel Jackson. (MA15+a) 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.	6.30 The Sunday Project. Panellists dissect, digest and reconstitute the daily news, events and hottest topics. 7.30 The Traitors. (PGI) The Traitors and "loyal" contestants continue to vie for the \$250,000 in silver bars. 9.00 NCIS: Hawai'i. (Mv) Tennant's team, along with NCIS agents Nick Torres and Jessica Knight, uncover plans for an attack in Oahu on RIMPAC, the world's largest international maritime warfare exercise. 10.00 FBI. (Mv, R) A father's past comes back to haunt him after his daughter is kidnapped during a family holiday. 11.00 The Sunday Project. (R) Panellists dissect, digest and reconstitute the daily news, events and hottest topics. 12.00 Home Shopping. (R) 4.30 CBS Mornings.

10 PEACH (52, 11) 6am The Big Bang Theory. **7:30** Two And A Half Men. **8:30** Friends. **Noon** The Middle. **1.00** Basketball. NBL. Round 4. Cairns Taipans v New Zealand Breakers. **3.00** Basketball. NBL. Round 4. Melbourne United v Sydney Kings. **5.00** The Middle. **6.00** The Big Bang Theory. **9.00** The Neighborhood. **10.00** Friends. **Midnight** Shopping. **12.30** Infomercials. **1.00** Shopping. **1.30** Late Programs.

10 BOLD (53, 12) 6am Morning Programs. **9.00** 4x4 Adventures. **10.00** Reel Action. **11.00** Roads Less Travelled. **11.30** Truck Hunters. **Noon** Scorpion. **1.00** What's Up Down Under. **1.30** Soccer. A-League Men. Matchweek 3. Sydney FC v Adelaide United. **4.30** Pooches At Play. **5.00** Destination Dessert. **5.30** Reel Action. **6.00** Bondi Rescue. **6.30** MacGyver. **7.30** NCIS. **10.20** 48 Hours. **11.15** Late Programs.

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 Vera. (Mav, R) 3.00 Gardening Australia. (R) 4.00 Think Tank. (R) 5.00 Anh's Brush With Fame. (PG, R) 5.30 Hard Quiz. (PG, R)	SBS (3) 6.00 WorldWatch. 9.00 Peer To Peer. (PG) 10.00 MOVIE: Lion. (2016, PGa, R) 12.05 WorldWatch. 1.00 Al Jazeera News Hour. 2.00 Planet Of Treasures. (PGavw, R) 3.00 Where Are You Really From? (PG, R) 3.30 Ballroom Fit. 3.35 The Cook Up With Adam Liaw. (PG, R) 4.05 Portillo's Greatest Railway Journeys. (PG, R) 5.00 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: Dying To Be Loved. (2016, Mav, R) 2.00 The Real Manhunter: The Murder Of Clare Bernal. (Madv, R) 3.00 The Chase. 4.00 Seven News At 4. 5.00 The Chase Australia.	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.	TEN (5, 1) 6.00 The Talk. (PGa) 7.00 Judge Judy. (PG, R) 7.30 The Bold And The Beautiful. (PG, R) 8.00 10 News First: Breakfast. 8.30 Studio 10. (PG) 12.00 Dr Phil. 1.00 The Traitors. (PGI, R) 2.30 Entertainment Tonight. 3.00 Judge Judy. (PG, R) 3.30 Farm To Fork. (PG, R) 4.00 Everyday Gourmet With Justine Schofield. (R) 4.30 The Bold And The Beautiful. (PG) 5.00 10 News First.
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. A look at American politics. 10.05 Parkinson In Australia. (PG, R) Presented by Michael Parkinson. 10.55 ABC Late News. 11.10 The Business. (R) 11.25 Q+A. (R) 12.30 All Creatures Great And Small. (PG, R) 1.15 Annika. (Ma, R) 2.05 Rage. (MA15+adhlNsv) 4.25 The Drum. (R) 5.25 7.30 . (R)	6.00 Mastermind Australia. (R) 6.30 SBS World News. 7.30 Celebrity Letters And Numbers. (M) Hosted by Michael Hing. 8.30 Scotland's Extreme Medics. (Mal) Part 1 of 5. A distressing call comes in for a man trapped under his quad bike in an inaccessible part of Skye. 9.30 24 Hours In Emergency: Turn Back The Clock. (Mal, R) A 56-year-old arrives in St George's Hospital after falling onto concrete while at work on a building site. 10.25 SBS World News Late. 10.55 The Promise. (Mal) 11.55 Outlander. (Mas, R) 1.00 Fargo. (MA15+dv, R) 3.15 Miss S. (MA15+v, R) 4.20 Food Safari. (R) 4.50 Destination Flavour: Japan 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 Home And Away. (PG) 7.30 Australia's Got Talent. (PG) As the auditions continue, one moving AGT performance receives a Golden Buzzer. 9.15 9-1-1. (M) The 118 race to the rescue when a birdwatcher is trapped under a tree. Chimney tends to a drunk driver. 10.15 S.W.A.T. (Mav) The team contends with emotional distress. 11.15 The Latest: Seven News. 11.45 Heartbreak Island Australia. (MI) Hosted by Clinton Randell. 12.50 The Resident. (Ma, R) 2.00 Home Shopping. (R) 4.00 NBC Today. 5.00 Seven Early News. 5.30 Sunrise.	6.00 Nine News. 7.00 A Current Affair. 7.30 The Block. (PGI) Hosted by Scott Cam. 8.45 Under Investigation: Dark Seas. (PGav) Liz Hayes and a panel of experts look at whether the cruise ship industry has learnt from past problems. 9.45 Suburban Gangsters: The Sociopaths. (MA15+dlv, R) A look at Chris Flannery and Alphonse Gangitano. 10.45 Nine News Late. A look at the latest news and events. 11.15 Fortunate Son. (Final, Mav) 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.	6.30 The Project. A look at the day's news and events. 7.30 The Traitors. The Traitors and "loyal" contestants continue to vie for the \$250,000 in silver bars. 8.40 Have You Been Paying Attention? (Mals) Celebrity panellists compete to see who can remember the most about events of the week. 9.40 Ghosts. (PGa) Sam decides to host a true crime-style podcast exploring the mystery surrounding Alberta's death. 10.10 Nath Valvo: I'm Happy For You. (MA15+ls) A stand-up performance by Nath Valvo. 11.20 The Project. (R) A look at the day's news and events. 12.10 The Late Show With Stephen Colbert. (PG) 1.00 Home Shopping. (R) 4.30 CBS Mornings.
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6.00 The Drum. 7.00 ABC News. 7.30 Budget 2022/23: The Treasurer's Speech. 8.00 Budget 2022/23: ABC Budget Special. 9.00 Budget 2022/23: Reaction And Analysis. A break down of the Federal Budget. 9.30 Louis Theroux: Life On The Edge: Law And Disorder. (Madlv, R) Part 3 of 4. 10.25 People's Republic Of Mallacoota. (MI, R) 10.55 The Business: Budget Special. (R) 11.25 Four Corners. (R) 12.10 Media Watch. (PG, R) 12.30 Parliament Question Time. 1.30 Les Misérables. (Mv, R) 2.30 Miniseries: The Cry. (Mal, R) 3.25 Rage. (MA15+adhlv) 4.25 The Drum. (R) 5.25 Dream Gardens. (PG, R)	6.00 Mastermind Australia. (R) 6.30 SBS World News. 7.30 Great Coastal Railway Journeys: Fort William To Glenfinnan. (PG) Hosted by Michael Portillo. 8.30 Me And My Tourette's. (MA15+) Takes a look at Tourette Syndrome, a genetic disorder that one in 100 Australians are diagnosed with. 9.30 Dateline. International current affairs program, providing a candid view of some of the world's most important stories. 10.00 SBS World News Late. 10.30 The Point. (R) 11.05 Wisting. (MA15+a) 11.55 Atlantic Crossing. (Mav, R) 4.05 Food Safari. (R) 4.35 Bamay. (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 Home And Away. (PG) 7.30 Dogs Behaving (Very) Badly. (PG) Presented by Graeme Hall. 8.30 The Good Doctor. (M) The team treats a famous marriage counsellor after she injures her ankle. 9.30 The Latest: Seven News. The latest news on the Federal Budget, sport and weather from Australia and around the world. 10.00 10 Years Younger In 10 Days. (PGa) Presented by Cherry Healey. 11.00 Chicago Fire. (Ma) 12.00 The Resident. (M, R) 2.00 Home Shopping. (R) 4.00 NBC Today. 5.00 Seven Early News. 5.30 Sunrise.	6.00 Nine News. 7.00 A Current Affair. 7.30 The Block. (PGI) Hosted by Scott Cam. 8.40 ICC Men's T20 World Cup Pre-Show. Pre-match coverage of the ICC Men's T20 World Cup clash from Perth Stadium. 9.00 Cricket. ICC Men's T20 World Cup. Super 12. From Optus Stadium, Perth. 12.00 Rivals. (R) 12.30 Reel Destinations: Lodge Life. (R) 1.00 Great Australian Detour. (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.	6.30 The Project. A look at the day's news and events. 7.30 The Traitors. Hosted by Rodger Corser. 8.45 The Cheap Seats. (Mal) Presenters Melanie Bracewell and Tim McDonald take a look at the week that was. 9.45 NCIS. (Mv) A dad from McGee's children's school is linked to a break-in at a storage bunker. 10.45 10 News First: Budget Special. Coverage of the Australian Federal Budget. 11.00 NCIS. (Mv, R) The team delves into the world of cage fighting. 12.00 The Project. (R) 1.00 The Late Show With Stephen Colbert. (PG) 2.00 Home Shopping. (R) 4.30 CBS Mornings.
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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 Parliament Question Time. 3.00 Gardening Australia. (R) 4.00 Think Tank. (PG, R) 5.00 Anh's Brush With Fame. (R) 5.30 Hard Quiz. (PG, R)	SBS (3) 6.00 WorldWatch. 9.00 Peer To Peer. (PG) 9.55 Great Irish Interiors. (PG) 10.55 Hugh's Wild West. (Premiere, PG) 12.00 WorldWatch. 2.00 The Last Hours Of Pompeii. (Ms, R) 3.00 Where Are You Really From? (PG, R) 3.30 Powerchair Football. 3.35 Range Of Motion. 3.40 The Cook Up. (PG, R) 4.10 Portillo's Greatest Railway Journeys. (PG, 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 Perfect Girlfriend. (2015, Msv, R) 2.00 Kochie's Business Builders. 2.30 Motorbike Cops. (PG, R) 3.00 The Chase. (R) 4.00 Seven News At 4. 5.00 The Chase Australia.	NINE (8, 9) 6.00 Today. 9.00 Today Extra. (PG) 11.30 Morning News. 12.00 The Block. (PGI, R) 1.00 Bondi Vet. (PGam, R) 2.00 Pointless. (PG) 3.00 Tipping Point. (PG) 4.00 Afternoon News. 4.30 Millionaire Hot Seat. 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. 1.00 The Real Love Boat Australia. (R) 2.30 Entertainment Tonight. 3.00 Judge Judy. (PG, R) 3.30 Farm To Fork. (PG, R) 4.00 Everyday Gourmet With Justine Schofield. (R) 4.30 The Bold And The Beautiful. 5.00 10 News First.
6.00 The Drum. 6.55 Sammy J. (PG) 7.00 ABC News. 7.30 Budget 2022/23: Opposition Reply. 8.00 7.30 . Presented by Sarah Ferguson. 8.30 Q+A. Public affairs program. 9.35 Boyer Lecture: Noel Pearson. Address by activist Noel Pearson. 10.05 Spying On The Scammers. (PGav, R) 10.35 ABC Late News. 10.50 The Business. (R) 11.05 Fightback Farmers. (R) 12.05 Parliament Question Time. 1.05 Nigella At My Table. (R) 2.35 Les Misérables. (Mv, R) 3.35 Rage. (MA15+adhlvns) 4.25 The Drum. (R) 5.20 Sammy J. (PG, R) 5.25 7.30. (R)	6.00 Mastermind Australia. (R) 6.30 SBS World News. 7.30 Dishing It Up. (PG) Narrated by Veronica Milson. 8.00 Guillaume's Paris. (PG) Guillaume Brahimi visits Montparnasse. 8.30 World's Most Scenic Railway Journeys: The Peak District, UK. (PG) Bill Nighy narrates a journey through England's picturesque Peak District. 9.30 The Handmaid's Tale. (MA15+) Serena hits rock bottom. 10.30 SBS World News Late. 11.00 Gomorrah. (MA15+av) 12.00 The Eagle. (MA15+av, R) 4.20 Food Safari. (R) 4.50 Destination Flavour: Japan 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 Home And Away. (PGa) 8.30 Kath & Kim. (PGals, R) Kath's first husband and Kim's dad, Gary, moves back in claiming to be broke and homeless. However, when Gary claims he never signed his divorce papers, this leaves Kath and Kel's marriage invalid. 10.50 The Latest: Seven News. 11.20 To Be Advised. 1.05 Behave Yourself. (PGs, R) Celebrity panellists compete to reveal the facts behind why we behave the way we do. 2.00 Home Shopping. (R) 4.00 NBC Today. News and current affairs. 5.00 Seven Early News. 5.30 Sunrise. News, sport and weather.	6.00 Nine News. 7.00 A Current Affair. 7.30 RBT. (Mdl) Follows the activities of police units. 8.30 Paramedics. (Mm) A flight paramedic responds to a crash where a single mum has gone off a bridge and into water. 9.30 A+E After Dark. (Mmv) At Hull Royal Infirmary, an elderly man is in dire straits after being run over by a motorcycle. 10.30 Nine News Late. 11.00 New Amsterdam. (Mam) 11.50 Pure Genius. (Mam) 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.	6.30 The Project. A look at the day's news and events. 7.30 Gogglebox Australia. (Final) TV fanatics open up their living rooms to reveal their reactions to popular and topical TV shows. 8.30 The Real Love Boat Australia. Follows a group of singles as they set sail across the Mediterranean on board the cruise liner <i>Regal Princess</i> in search of their match. Hosted by Darren McMullen, with Hannah Ferrier and Daniel Doody. 9.30 To Be Advised. 11.30 The Project. (R) A look at the day's news and events. 12.30 The Late Show With Stephen Colbert. (PG) Late-night talk show. 1.30 Home Shopping. (R) 4.30 CBS Mornings.
ABC TV PLUS (22) 6am Children's Programs. 7.10pm Shaun The Sheep. 7.20 Bluey. 7.30 Spicks And Specks. 8.30 Australia's Best Competition Competition. 9.35 Mock The Week. 10.05 Hard Quiz. 10.40 Question Everything. 11.10 Penn & Teller: Fool Us. 11.50 Doctor Who. 12.35am Sick Of It. 1.00 Judith Lucy Vs Men. 2.15 Blunt Talk. 2.45 ABC News Update. 2.50 Close. 5.00 Elmo And Tango Mysterious Mysteries. 5.10 Late Programs.	SBS VICELAND (31) 6am WorldWatch. 9.30 Shortland St. 11.00 The Movie Show. Noon MOVIE: Like Crazy. (2011, M) 1.40 Apex Gang: Behind The Headlines. 2.55 Front Up. 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. 12.05am Late Programs.	7TWO (72) 6am Morning Programs. 7.30 Harry's Practice. 8.00 Shopping. 8.30 Million Dollar Minute. 9.30 NBC Today. Noon Emmerdale. 12.30 Coronation Street. 1.00 Sons And Daughters. 3.00 South Aussie With Cosi. 3.30 Million Dollar Minute. 4.30 Medical Emergency. 5.00 Animal Rescue. 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.	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 World's Greatest Cities. 3.00 Antiques Downunder. 3.30 MOVIE: Carry On Cleo. (1964, PG) 5.30 Murder, She Wrote. 6.30 Antiques Roadshow. 7.30 Grantchester. 8.30 Poirot. 10.40 Snapped. 11.40 Late Programs.	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 Friends. 10.30 The Middle. 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 Seinfeld. 11.00 Frasier. Midnight Shopping. 12.30 Infomercials. 1.30 Stephen Colbert. 2.30 Late Programs.
NITV (34) 6am Morning Programs. 2pm Shortland St. 2.30 Kriol Kitchen. 3.00 Jarjums. 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 Undiscovered Vistas. 7.30 Going Places With Ernie Dingo. 8.30 The				

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SHANTARAM

Streaming, Apple TV+



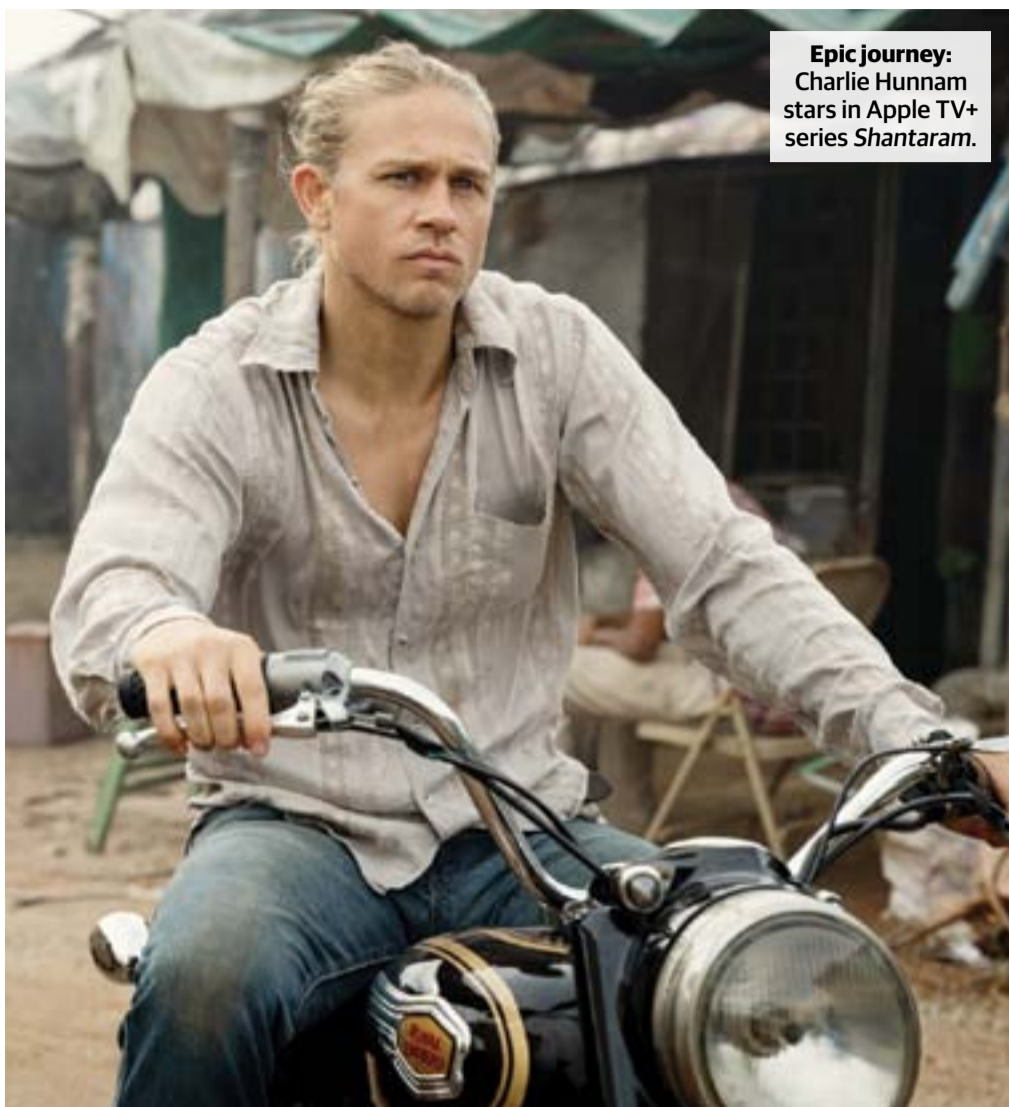
Based on the bestselling 2003 novel by Gregory David Roberts about an Australian fugitive who flees to 1980s Bombay, *Shantaram* was always destined to make the leap from page to screen. This big-budget, long-gestating TV adaptation does an admirable job of bringing the epic story to life over 12 action-packed episodes.

It begins with a prison break, as former junkie and convicted bank robber Lin (*Sons of Anarchy*'s Charlie Hunnam) escapes from Melbourne's Pentridge Prison and hides out in India. Intended only as a stopover, he instead spends several years there, cultivating complicated relationships in the vibrant community. There's a gratifying authenticity in the show's look, a grittiness that grounds the larger-than-life narrative.



Hunnam does a solid job in the lead role, while Alexander Siddig (pictured, left, *Game of Thrones*, *Peaky Blinders*) is a standout as an Afghani mafia don. The always reliable Richard Roxburgh also puts in a nice turn as a police detective.

— Hannah White



Epic journey:
Charlie Hunnam stars in Apple TV+ series *Shantaram*.



SELLING IN THE CITY
Streaming, Bing



Maximising the value of a property for sale has never been as important. Enter award-winning designer Rosie Morley and renowned landscape artist Paddy Milne (both pictured), who help millennials wanting to sell their inner-city homes get top dollar at auction.



GHOSTS
Streaming, Paramount+



For the second season of this US adaptation of the British comedy, some viral marketing saw the premiere shown in cinemas in a number of "ghosts-only" screenings. While we'll never know if the apparitions enjoyed the preview, living audiences are loving it. New episodes see Sam and Jay (Rose McIver and Utkarsh Ambudkar) deal with their first B'n'B guests.



ONE OF US IS LYING
Streaming, from Friday, Stan



Season two of this surprise hit picks up right where the first left off – resolving a cliffhanger as the murder-mystery plot continues to unfold. Chronicling the aftermath of an ill-fated school detention, those that remain are still keeping secrets from each other (not to mention police) as more facts come to light. Stars Aussie Cooper van Grootel (pictured).



THE STRANGER
Streaming, Netflix



Based on real events, this controversial but compelling Aussie crime drama follows two criminals (Sean Harris and Joel Edgerton, pictured), who strike up a friendship while both harbouring dark secrets from each other. Grim and intense, it's not easy viewing but tour-de-force acting from both Edgerton and Harris makes it a must-watch.



DOCUMENTARY NOW!
Streaming, AMC+



This superb mockumentary series makes a triumphant return with an hilarious spoof of *The September Issue*. Oscar winner Cate Blanchett and Harriet Walter (both pictured) star as two small-town hairdressers who are busily preparing their all-important yearly stylebook. Wry and hilarious throughout, it's a great kick-off to the star-studded season.




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Miracle surgery for bub

By CQ Today

A Capricorn Coast baby diagnosed with spina bifida was still in his mother's womb when Mater doctors performed complex and life-changing surgery on his tiny body.

Ethan McElhenny was at just 24 weeks' gestation when doctors made incisions into mum Carla Sikes' abdomen and uterus, enabling them to reach her unborn baby's lower back to repair the spina bifida abnormality.

Ms Sikes said her 20-week pregnancy scan had revealed Ethan had spina bifida, a birth defect which meant his spinal cord was failing to develop properly in her womb.

The Yeppoon mum-of-six and her partner Mick McElhenny felt positive after Mater doctors said they could operate, and the couple together vowed to never give up on their precious baby boy.

Spina bifida affects one in 2000 pregnancies in Australia and the Sikes' are sharing Ethan's story during Spina Bifida Awareness Month to give hope to other parents whose babies have been diagnosed with the condition.

The couple travelled to Brisbane for multiple medical appointments at Mater Mothers' Hospital in preparation for the operation to repair Ethan's birth defect.

Performed by Mater Mothers' Maternal Fetal Medicine specialist team and led by Director of Maternal Fetal Medicine Dr Glenn Gardener, the surgery aims to improve mobility and the chances that a child will be able to walk independently among other potential benefits.

Dr Gardener said families usually discover the diagnosis of spina bifida at their routine ultrasound scan and until 2016, when Mater first performed the ground-breaking surgery,

Roma's Country University Centre has been showcased to delegates at the Local Government of Queensland conference as a viable and increasingly successful model to train and retain people in rural and regional communities.

Roma CUC chair, councillor Cameron O'Neil, was part of a panel discussion about the centres on Monday that included the national CUC founder Duncan Taylor.

"There were 200 delegates from local governments right across the state that wanted to learn more about how we've gone in setting up our centres in Roma and Balonne and you know, we're a really good test case for others to learn from," Cr O'Neil said.

"Mt Isa and Cooktown are going ahead and, hopefully, there will be more of these centres open up in the years ahead.

"We had Anthony Chisholm, the federal assistant education minister, there and it was really pleasing to hear that the government is backing this initiative because they see the benefit of supporting centres like ours in regional communities."

When the panel was asked whether the centres could take over traditional universities, the consensus was that the need for face-to-face campuses would still exist, but the centres would provide some balance and more options and opportunities for rural, regional and remote students.

"We underestimated how popular this would be and we have already outgrown our centre," Balonne Mayor Samantha O'Toole said.

Mr O'Neil said after 18 months, the Roma CUC has 190 registered students and 125 of them were local to the Maranoa region.

"The success story of our CUC is that we've had two students who have completed their university degrees since we opened our centre which is a feather in our cap and something we're very proud of," he said.

"We know that in that 18 months there have been significant disruptions for students with COVID and some university campuses were shut so a lot of rural people came back to their properties and were either working on-farm or got employment during that period.



Ethan is now at home with his loving siblings.

parents had to wait until the baby was born for their child to be operated on.

Baby Ethan was born on June 22, just three weeks after the surgery was performed, weighing a tiny 1.29kg.

Ms Sikes said while it was too early for doctors to give Ethan the all-clear, he had already shown he has full movement in his body right down to his toes.

Describing Ethan as her miracle baby, Ms

"They were making difficult decisions on whether or not they would complete their studies."

Under the CUC model, there is a physical campus-style space and support for students who are studying university or VET courses online at any Australian institution.

There is high-speed internet access and video conferencing, administrative guidance, academic support services and pastoral care. Access is free.

"In Roma, we were really lucky because we had the 100 per cent backing of the council," Cr O'Neil said.

"As we came off the tail end of the oil and gas boom, we were looking at ways we could diversify our strong industrial and commercial sectors and for us, agriculture is dominant, but we also had tourism and education as well.

"So when the country university centre model was presented to our economic development team at council, we grabbed it and ran with it, identifying it as an education start-up.

"We obviously had seed funding of just over \$1.3 million from the Commonwealth to get us established and we've had really strong support from local businesses.

"Even before we opened our doors, we had Santos, Origin and Powerlink onboard as foundation supporters and sponsors and it reinforced to government that businesses were backing the centre with their investment."

Cr O'Neil said the Roma CUC had recently introduced a 'friends of' sponsorship package to the Roma business community to further enhance local ties.

"All this is really important when you're justifying continued funding from the Commonwealth," he said.

"And importantly, of those 190 registered students, the rest of the cohort that aren't local (65) are made up of a lot of placement students, so people coming out here and doing six-month semester placements at the hospital for example.

"The benefit of getting them out here and showing them this is a good community delivering fantastic facilities... I hope in some small way it adds to their decision as to whether this is the place to settle down and call home."

Sikes said the scar from her belly button down to her pubic bone would be a constant reminder of her courageous son.

Ms Sikes said Ethan also suffered from hydrocephalus, a build-up of fluid in and around his brain often associated with spina bifida.

To relieve the pressure on his brain he required an operation to drain the fluid from around his brain into the space between the skin of his scalp and the bone of his skull.

This has caused him to have several bumps over his head.

"The swelling can be quite confronting to look at and it feels like jelly to touch," she said. "The way he looks doesn't bother me; it's about how the world will view him.

"For a period of time it was touch and go for Ethan, but he's showed us how strong he is," Ms Sikes said.

After 11 weeks of around-the-clock care at Mater Mothers' Hospital, Ms Sikes and baby Ethan have now joined their family back home in Yeppoon and will return to Brisbane for follow-up medical appointments.

Ms Sikes thanked Mater's specialist team, including Dr Gardener, who she said was a pillar of strength for her family, both near and far.

"No one at Mater told me to terminate. Dr Gardener made everything so much better, calmed me down and spent hours answering my questions," Ms Sikes said.

Mater Director of Neonatology Dr Pita Birch said Ethan's prognosis was still uncertain but was made all the better for being born in a large, loving and supportive family.

"His leg movement is excellent, and he does appear to have good continence," Dr Birch said.

"Ethan was born extremely premature and is at risk of the complications of prematurity, including disability in movement, thinking, communication and behaviour but despite his somewhat rocky course, he has done remarkably well, and I remain optimistic."

Ms Sikes will never forget when she asked Dr Birch what Ethan's worst-case scenario was.

"He said It's OK Carla, I'm going to look after you and your baby, and I held onto those words the whole time," she said.

"His words have given us all such strength."

Peanut town makes wall art

By Jessica McGrath, South Burnett Today

Kingaroy will soon be put on the street art trail as plans are set to establish a mural in the CBD.

The Zookeeper is renowned in the Burnett for his murals on the Monto silos.

The artist, who goes by the name Joel Fergie outside the artworld, was in Kingaroy last week to meet some of the region's icons.

"I'm here to listen and be inspired," he said.

The Sunshine Coast-based artist met with the Kingaroy Chamber of Commerce and Industry, Kingaroy Peanut Van owner Rob Patch, John Bjelke Petersen, volunteers from the information centres, art gallery and museum, CTC, Sony Crumpton's team members, the team at Taabinga Station, former Mayor Keith Campbell and many more.

"We've been trying to understand the history and understand what's important," he said.

"We've been really talking about Kingaroy's identity and what makes Kingaroy, Kingaroy."

Around February or March 2023, The Zookeeper will return to paint a mural along the brick wall in Hector Munro Lane -the alleyway linking Kingaroy Street and the Alford St carpark.

"I love it because it's in the heart of the CBD," Project manager Kirstie Schumacher said.

Alwyn and Dianne Reed are the owners of the building where the mural is envisioned.

"It's great, it should be fantastic," Mrs Reed said.

"We've got no objections, it can't happen quick enough."

The Zookeeper has really been inspired by the story of Kingaroy peanuts, which will be a fitting addition to the mural since the tunnel frames the iconic peanut silos.

"I loved the peanut story, they've got an aura about them -the people are really passionate and I love how the town has embraced it," he said.

He was surprised by the region's agricultural diversity and enjoyed his visit with John Bjelke-Petersen, the son of the late Queensland Premier Joh and Senator Flo.



Building owners Alwyn and Dianne Reed, artist Joel Fergie the 'Zookeeper, Project Manager Kirstie Schumacher and Stanwell's Michael Joy and Karen Wall are excited about the mural. 303975
Picture: JESSICA MCGRATH

"There's a huge love for Joh and Flo here," the Zookeeper said.

"Their legacy here -they're the people's people."

While the Zookeeper is in town doing the mural, he will run a youth arts workshop through the CTC as a visiting professional artist. During the workshop the group will likely create a mural near the Kingaroy skate park.

He is keen to inspire the young people in the workshop and share a bit of his story.

"I get what it's like to be a young kid who's a bit lost, that's how I got into this," he said.

His name, The Zookeeper, came about as he painted predominantly animals and a mate remarked that he was kind of like the 'zookeeper of the art world'.

"I always try to give them context as to how I got to doing what I am doing today and then show them ways to upscale their works," the Zookeeper said.

The workshop will discuss techniques to upscale works and an opportunity to try some of the different artistic mediums.

By getting the right people involved, the Zookeeper hopes the workshop will build respect for both murals and deter graffiti.

"I've spent some time travelling around town... everyone is very excited and you can see that the momentum will grow," he said.

"Everyone is really passionate about the place - I promise I'll give it my best shot."

South Burnett Arts will auspice the mural project which is sponsored by the Tarong Community Partnership fund.

Time to reset ‘city’ focus

By Liz Ritchie,
CEO Regional Australia Institute

IF Australia wants to fast track to a more productive and prosperous nation, we need to pivot attention away from Sydney, Melbourne, Brisbane and towards our regions.

Our urban primacy has Australia out-of-step with global population trends and on a path that will see our major cities just get bigger at the expense of liveability standards and productivity.

Today, nearly two thirds of our population live in cities, which puts us at odds with the average OECD country which has less than half. More than 70 percent of our population growth happens in our cities and around 80 percent of new migrants are settling in urban areas.

Our modelling of current population trends has Sydney and Melbourne on track for mega-city status by 2056, cities of more than 10 million people, with Brisbane and Perth on track to be the size that Sydney and Melbourne are today.

We may be a land of sweeping plains, but it's clear we aren't living on them.

Big cities have their place, but for majority of Australians to live in just six of them here is counter-intuitive to our 10 years of research. We know there is more for a country to gain when the population pendulum swings a little further to the regions.

At Federation, two thirds of our population now living in our cities, lived in the regions. While there is no denying the global trend towards living in increasingly urban areas, in Australia's case, the pendulum has swung too far.

It's time to rebalance the nation. Through our Regionalisation Ambition 2032 released in Canberra last month, the RAI has set a target of 11 million people living

prosperously in the regions by 2032, an extra 500,000 people above the projected 10.5 million.

This target rides the wave of current demand and is good economically.

Interest in regional living is the highest in a decade; over the last two census periods there has been a net outflow of people to the regions and during COVID, we saw a 15 per cent increase in people who did. Importantly we have seen an increase in young working age Australians moving to the regions which is critical to addressing the aging demographic in our regions.

The Regional Movers Index found that millennials (aged 24-40 years) accounted for the majority among all regional movers to each of the regional hotspots in March 2022, particularly attracted to housing affordability.

Economically, all Australians would be better off if more of us were living in the regions. To start, Australia's GDP would be \$13.8 billion larger according to our modelling.

Australia would also be better positioned to capitalise on productivity gains. Regional cities like Toowoomba, Townsville, Rockhampton, Bundaberg, Gladstone, Cairns, and Mackay have agglomeration opportunities yet to be tapped. By contrast, large cities attract rapidly diminishing returns for agglomeration benefits because the 'costs of being big', like congestion and the higher costs of living, undermines the benefits of having additional people.

For every additional 100,000 Australians who choose to live in small cities rather than the capital cities, we estimate that around \$42 billion dollars would be released into the economy over the next 30 years through reduced interest payments on mortgages alone.

With more people living in our regions, we would have more people working in industries of the future which are regionally based – a decarbonised economy, agriculture and food

production, resources, and renewable energy.

But to achieve 11 million people living in the regions, we need to focus on a number of critical areas that are holding the regions back.

Jobs, housing, childcare, access to health, education and digital services are all critical which is why to get to our 11 million target, our Ambition Framework acknowledges that regionalisation relies on meeting new targets in five key areas: Jobs and Skills, Liveability, Population, Productivity and Innovation and Sustainability and Resilience.

Issues in these areas are all interlinked. We can't solve the skills deficit, without improving education standards. Healthcare can't be improved without focussing on digital connectivity.

While there is work going on in many of these areas, our new framework is the first national and collective approach to regionalisation developed with input from levels of government, leading Australian companies and with more than 2000 regional community voices.

The framework calls for Australian organisations and regional leaders to make 'pledges' or commitments of support to help achieve its 20 targets.

So far more than 40 pledges have been made including pledges from Nutrien, nbn, Aurizon, Woolworths, Telstra, Essential Energy, Optus, NRMA Elders, Australia Post and Bendigo and Adelaide Bank.

Because just like the rewards will be shared, so must the challenges. It's time to rebalance the nation, together.

At the RAI, we look forward to progressing the issue of regionalisation at our Regions Rising – Queensland event to be held in Toowoomba on Thursday 3 November.

Supported by our National Series Sponsors, NBN co. and Nutrien Ag Solution and TSBE, tickets are now available. For more information, please go to www.regionalaustralia.org.au



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Gardening

You can be water-wise

By Neil Fisher

Did you know it is National Water week?

This could be the chance to make your garden water-wise while still retaining a natural beauty.

There are many ways in which the home gardener can conserve water and maximise the effects of the limited water available.

Mulching is probably the most effective method of conserving ground moisture.

Most soil will quickly dry out and develop cracks when it is exposed to direct sunlight.

Consequently, more frequent and heavier watering is required to maintain plants.

Mulching will prevent your soil from drying and cracking and it will also help develop a much better root system for your plants.

This in turn will give you a healthier and more vigorous plant.

This is achieved through the mulch cover maintaining a cool soil surface.

Another aspect of mulching is the prevention of weed growth that can draw water-wanted plants into your garden.

Plant selection is another important method of reducing water consumption.

Most gardeners when visiting a nursery will find hundreds of beautiful plants that are available.

But all plants have different watering requirements.

Taking a walk through the Longreach Botanic Gardens can provide many good ideas for a water-wise garden.

Much of the collection grown in these gardens even proves that native waterwise plants can live for many years.

How many times do you find that you have one plant in your garden that always is wilting yet all other plants look fine?

The first thing that usually happens is that you give that plant extra water instead you may be best to replace it with a more suitable and water-wise plant.

The following are some very colourful water-wise plants that might make a show in your garden.

Caesalpinia pulcherrima or Bird of Paradise is a hardy tropical-looking shrub with lush green fern-like foliage.

It is tolerant of most soil conditions and thrives in the hottest areas of the garden.

Large colourful clusters of orange-red flowers occur from summer until late autumn.

Cassia biflorus Calypso Gold is a low multi-stemmed shrub with Poinciana-like foliage.

Masses of small yellow flowers will appear during March and April each year.

This shrub is very adaptable to gardening conditions in Central Queensland.

Did You Know?

The leaves of Cassia biflorus when crushed and boiled in water.

After cooling, it produces water that is particularly effective for washing smelly feet!

Combretum constrictum or New Guinea Bottlebrush is a spectacular Autumn flowering shrub.

The common name of this plant confuses many gardeners, as it is not from New Guinea but is actually a native of Africa.

This broad-leafed shrub grows to about two metres high and produces masses of orange pom-pom flowers that will attract all nectar-feeding birds.

Galphimia glauca or Golden Shower is a fast-growing, evergreen medium shrub to two metres with masses of beautiful yellow star-shaped flowers during spring and summer.

It prefers well-drained soil in full sun but will tolerate some shade.

It is frost and drought-tolerant and is also suitable for most inland locations around Central Queensland.

Plumeria pudica or the Hammer Leaf Fran-



Plumeria pudica.



Vitex trifolia purpurea.



Galphimia glauca.



Cassia biflorus.



Turnera ulmifolia.



Caesalpinia pulcherrima.

gipani or Bridal Bouquet is a fast-growing evergreen Frangipani.

This Frangipani produces an abundance of brilliant white flowers with a little yellow in the throat.

The elongated leaves are unlike most other Frangipani with a hammer shape, thus the common name, Hammerhead Frangipani.

It can grow up to five metres tall or is able to be pruned and shaped into a bushy shrub.

Turnera ulmifolia or Gold Star is a small, dense, compact shrub that will grow less than

one metre in height.

The yellow buttercup-like blooms are the size of a fifty-cent piece and appear all year but last only one day.

The flowers are attractive to butterflies and other nectar-loving insects.

It grows best in full sun in well-drained soil and is an excellent choice for a water-wise garden.

Vitex trifolia purpurea is a stunning large shrub that produces eye-catching purple foliage.

The flowers are borne on small spikes and are a soft baby blue in colour.

The shrub itself will grow to around three metres high and almost as wide and will form a great windbreak for other slower-growing shrubs.

These plants can provide you with at least four or five different garden styles.

A visit to your local nursery this weekend can give you a good indication of the water-wise plant varieties available for this area.

MLA event returns

Registration is open for Meat and Livestock Australia's (MLA) Updates 2022, on the 30 November at the Clive Berghofer Events Centre, Toowoomba, Queensland.

Following two years of virtual events, MLA Updates returns to an in-person, one day event of presentations, displays and demonstrations. As part of the event, attendees will be brought up to speed on MLA investments and progress against MLA's 2025 Strategic Plan.

MLA Updates 2022 will also include a plenary session at the start of the event, featuring presentations from MLA's Managing Director Jason Strong. There will also be updates from MLA's Communications, Marketing & Insights and International Marketing teams. This plenary session will also include a Q&A session with each of the speakers.

MLA's Managing Director Jason Strong will open the 2022 MLA updates, welcoming stakeholders to the event and providing a detailed insight into MLA's progress against the priorities set out in the MLA Strategic Plan 2025.

Mr Strong will take attendees on a journey through some of the key research and development investments MLA is delivering to drive gains to levy payers and the wider red meat and livestock industry across its strategic priorities.

Alongside this, Mr Strong will outline the opportunities MLA is also creating to enable industry to adopt this new research and development and accelerate to new heights of productivity, quality and sustainability.

Also present at the event will be a services hub to provide attendees with support for a range of MLA and Integrity Systems Company (ISC) programs, from MSA to NLIS and the new nVND app.

At the end of the day, there will be a sun-downer social event catered by MLA's Corpo-



MLA's Managing Director Jason Strong.

rate Executive Chef Sam Burke. The event will provide the perfect opportunity for attendees to network with other producers, stakeholders

and MLA staff.

To register to attend and for further information please visit: [MLA Updates 2022](#).

Qld production tops \$23 billion

Queensland agriculture, fisheries and forestry continues to deliver good jobs for the economy, with the value of production topping \$23 billion for the second year in a row.

Minister for Agricultural Industry Development and Fisheries and Minister for Rural Communities Mark Furner said that the outlook for Queensland's agriculture, fisheries and forestry sector was strong, with ongoing bumper crop harvests and high commodity prices in 2022-23.

"The sector has started to recover from the extremely wet start to the winter cropping season with late plantings in South West and Central Queensland, but reports strong yield potentials leading into spring," Mr Furner said.

Mr Furner recognised that while the industry faced added pressures of extreme weather and biosecurity threats, the agility of the sector ensured the outlook remained strong.

"It is encouraging to see that even though domestic restocking demand has eased and there is a heightened alert for biosecurity threats facing livestock demand, prices for our largest commodity are still holding firm," he said.

"In good news for consumers, horticulture has bounced back from the effects of flooding last year and despite increased costs of production, Queenslanders can expect to see ample supplies of quality Queensland fresh produce this year."

For details of all Queensland AgTrends commodity forecasts for 2022-23 visit <https://www.daf.qld.gov.au/strategic-direction/data-farm>

DNA biodiversity library

A new DNA reference library which is set to transform how Australia monitors biodiversity was announced earlier this month by CSIRO, Australia's national science agency, along with the library's first campaign which is supported by founding partner, Minderoo Foundation.

The National Biodiversity DNA Library (NBDL) aims to create a complete collection of DNA reference sequences for all known Australian animal and plant species. Just like COVID wastewater testing, it will enable DNA detected in the environment to be assigned to the species to which it belongs.

CSIRO Director of the NBDL Jenny Giles said environmental DNA (eDNA) analysis has the potential to create a revolution in biodiversity monitoring.

"Monitoring biodiversity and detecting pests is extremely important, but it's hard to do and is expensive in a country as large as Australia. eDNA surveys could change that by allowing us to detect animals, plants and other organisms from traces of DNA left behind in the environment, but only if we can reliably assign this DNA to species," Dr Giles said.

Flaxleaf fleabane biocontrol

Farmers now have a new biocontrol tool to help fight one of Australia's most challenging agricultural weeds, flaxleaf fleabane, which causes grain crop revenue losses of more than \$43 million each year.

Researchers from Australia's national science agency, CSIRO, are piloting the release of a fungus from Columbia to help farmers tackle the weed.

Flaxleaf fleabane (*Conyza bonariensis*) is a fast-spreading weed from South America that damages cropping and grazing areas across Australia and impacts the livelihoods of many farmers.

CSIRO weed ecologist, Dr Ben Gooden, said flaxleaf fleabane is one of the most difficult-to-control weeds in grain cropping systems, and is estimated to affect nearly three million hectares of land in Australia.

Record additional profits for producers

Australia's world-leading eating quality grading program, Meat Standards Australia (MSA) has delivered a record \$204 million in additional farm gate returns in the past year according to Meat and Livestock Australia.

In financial year 2021-2022, the MSA program delivered a record \$204 million in estimated additional farm gate returns to MSA beef producers, a significant increase from the estimated \$157m delivered in 2020-2021, and more than the previous record high of \$198 million in 2018-2019.

MSA graded cattle continue to represent more than half of the national adult cattle slaughter at another record of 55 per cent in 2021-2022, up from 53 per cent in 2020-2021. More than 3.25 million cattle were MSA graded through 39 Australian beef processors in 2021-2022, with an equal highest national MSA compliance of 95.5 per cent.

MLA MSA Program Manager, Dr David Packer, said the latest MSA Annual Outcomes Report demonstrated the red meat and livestock industry's growing commitment to eating quality and meeting consumer expectations.

"The record \$204 million in estimated additional farm gate returns is a result of the year-on-year growth of the program, greater use and value extracted from MSA graded carcasses which now underpins 193 beef and

22 sheep brands and improved on-farm performance towards better MSA outcomes," he said.

"While there was a slight decrease in the number of cattle graded in the previous financial year, it reflects an overall reduction in slaughter numbers as producers take advantage of generally favourable seasonal conditions across many production regions to rebuild herds,"

Over the past year, more producers across the country became MSA registered. In total, 2,157 cattle and sheep producers became MSA registered in 2021-2022, taking the total number of registered MSA producers to 47,188. To aid in improving on-farm performance, 2,502 producers used the myMSA feedback system to understand grading results and look for opportunities to improve, as well as 1,425 participating in MSA education activities.

Steps continue to be taken towards the commercialisation and rollout of a MSA cuts-based sheepmeat model in the past year.

"Working with supply chains across Australia, MSA continued carrying out benchmarking activities to understand the range in eating quality of the commercial flock through these supply chains.

"This has helped to deliver the value proposition of the MSA sheepmeat cuts-based model, which will ultimately allow for processors and brand owners to apply sophisticated eating quality segregation within their supply chains.

"The aim is to commercialise the model in the 2022-2023 financial year," Dr Packer said.

In 2021-2022, more than 2.1 million sheep followed MSA Pathways through 15 MSA-licenced processing facilities across New South Wales, Victoria and Western Australia. This represented 10 per cent of the total lambs processed in Australia and of these, 84 per cent were trademarked MSA.

Throughout 2021-22, 469 audits were conducted on MSA licensees from saleyards and processors, through to retailers, wholesalers, independent boning rooms, supermarkets and foodservice outlets.

In addition, MSA also conducted over 100 integrity checks with MSA-licenced processors to support their continued success in utilising the MSA Standards.

"Overall, these results indicate that the MSA program continues to grow and plays an essential role in the Australian red meat industry's goal to double the value Australian meat sales by 2030," Dr Packer said.

In the forefront: Climate action farm scholarships open

Farmers for Climate Action is offering 20 Australian farmers a career-defining opportunity to learn from some of Australia's best experts, with applications now open for a climate-smart farming scholarship valued at over \$3000.

The group's Outreach Coordinator Ellen Litchfield said between November 2022 and March 2023, scholarship winners will gain the knowledge needed to succeed in a changing climate, enabling them to become leaders in climate-smart agriculture and increase the resilience of their farms.

She said Nobel Prize winners and experts from Australia's leading universities will deliver scholarship training, culminating in a three-

day trip to Canberra, where scholars will meet peers, politicians and industry experts.

"This scholarship is an exciting opportunity to learn about the wide range of climate adaptation strategies available to farmers, and find out more about opportunities that climate action presents for our farming communities," she said.

Tasmanian farmer, and now Nuffield Scholar, Iain Field said he found the Farmers for Climate Action education program to be very worthwhile.

"Farmers are on the frontlines of climate impacts, but there is so much we can do to build resilience on-farm and reduce our car-

bon footprint," he said.

"I gained so much practical knowledge that I could implement on-farm from a similar program run by Farmers for Climate Action back in 2018. If you have a passion for the future of the Australian ag industry, I would strongly recommend you apply for this scholarship."

Farmers can apply on the website at farmersforclimateaction.org.au. Applications close at midnight on 24 October.

Farmers for Climate Action is a movement of more than 7000 farmers calling for strong economy-wide climate policies.

Scholars at a previous workshop run by the group.



Broccoli and Pomegranate Salad

Serves: 8

Prep time: 15 minutes

Cook time: 20 minutes

1 ½ serves per portion

Ingredients:

- 2 sweet potatoes, cubed
- ¼ cup sliced almonds
- ¼ cup sunflower seeds
- 2 heads broccoli, stems removed, cut into small florets
- 1 pomegranate
- ½ cup parmesan cheese, shaved

Dressing:

- ½ cup natural yoghurt, reduced fat
- 1 tablespoon red wine vinegar
- 1 lemon, juiced
- Cracked pepper

Method:

- PREHEAT oven to 180°C.
- CUT sweet potato into 1 cm pieces and place on a roasting tray. Bake for 15-20 mins or until golden. Set aside to cool.

- TOAST almonds and sunflower seeds in a small fry pan until lightly browned. Set aside to cool.
- FILL a bowl with cold water and ice and set aside.
- BOIL a pot of water, add broccoli florets and cook for 30-60 seconds.
- TRANSFER the broccoli to the iced water and leave until cooled.
- DRAIN the broccoli and put in a large serving bowl.
- ADD pomegranate seeds, roasted almonds and sunflower seeds, parmesan and sweet potato to the broccoli.
- MIX dressing ingredients in a small bowl and drizzle over salad.
- TOSS the salad and place in the fridge to marinate for 15 to 30 minutes then toss again before serving.

Recipe courtesy of the Country Kitchens team

Everyday Food



Everyday Food



Bircher Muesli

Serves: 4

Prep time: overnight

Cook time: 0 minutes

1 ½ serves per portion

Ingredients:

- 1 cup rolled oats
- 2/3 cup dried apricots
- 500 ml apple juice, no added sugar
- 4 green apples, grated
- ½ cup natural almonds, roughly chopped
- 1 cup blueberries
- 1 cup yoghurt, natural (to serve)
- Honey to drizzle (to serve)

Recipe courtesy of Alison Alexander, Moggill Branch

Method:

- PLACE the oats, apricots and apple juice in a bowl and stir to combine.
- COVER and refrigerate overnight.
- ADD the grated apples, almonds and blueberries next morning. Stir together.
- SPOON the mixture into serving bowls.
- DRIZZLE with yoghurt and honey on top.

COMICS

Bottled Fruit



Flashing for Dummies

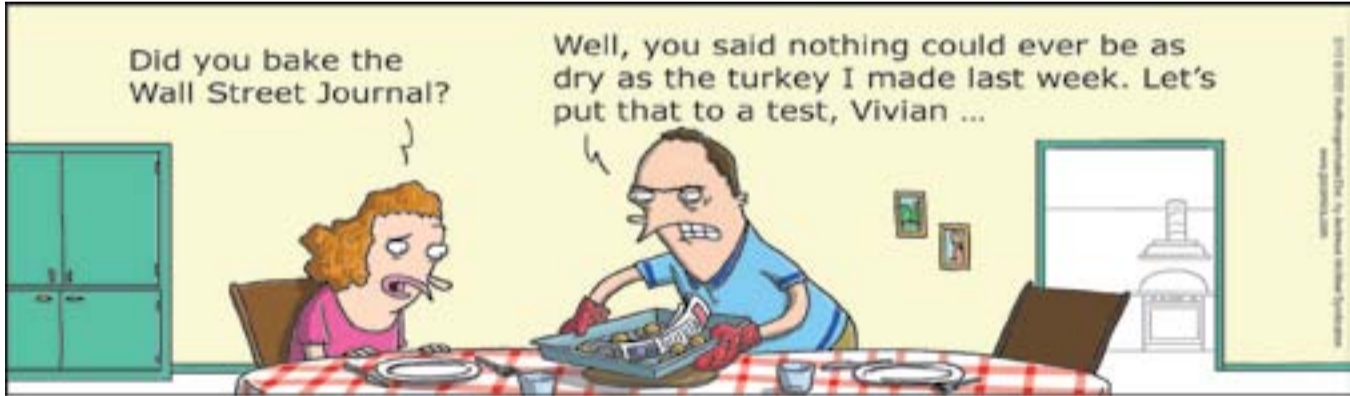
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Doodley Squat



WuMo



Against the Grain



Bushy Tales



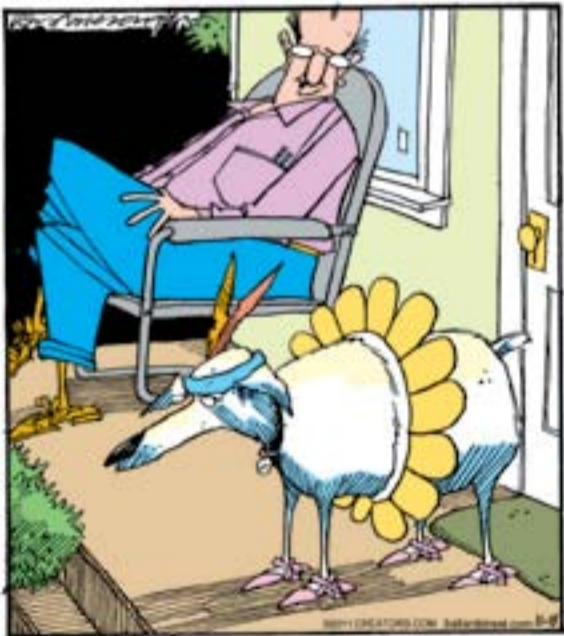
Swamp



Insanity Streak



Ballard Street



Grin Bin



PUZZLES

SUDOKU

No. 103

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.

easy

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hard

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easy

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medium

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hard

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QUICK CROSSWORD

No. 103

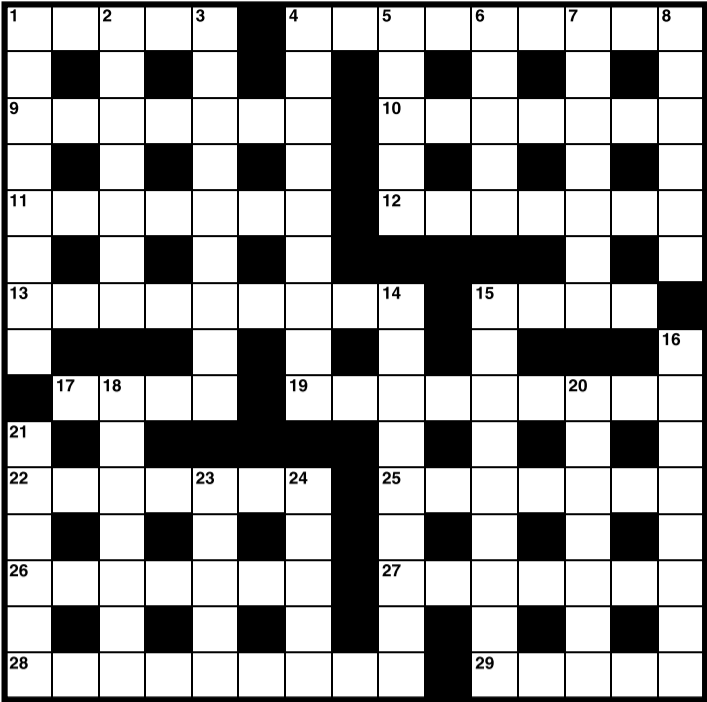
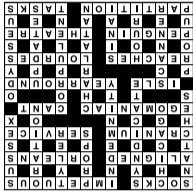
ACROSS

- 1 Foot covers (5)
- 4 Rash; hasty (9)
- 9 Parallel (7)
- 10 City in northern France (7)
- 11 Skull (7)
- 12 Perform maintenance on (7)
- 13 Pathological self-admirer (9)
- 15 Speak hypocritically (4)
- 17 Island (4)
- 19 Not seasonal (4-5)
- 22 Arrives at a place (7)
- 25 Town in France with a shrine to St Bernadette (7)
- 26 Marine bird (7)
- 27 Playhouse (7)
- 28 Divide into parts (9)
- 29 Jobs undertaken (5)

- 4 Compensation (9)
- 5 Due respect (5)
- 6 10th US president (5)
- 7 Address (7)
- 8 English county (6)
- 14 Quack (9)
- 15 Stout (9)
- 16 Protagonist of Homer's Iliad (8)
- 18 Reading or copying machine (7)
- 20 Make something more modern (7)
- 21 Support (4,2)
- 23 Beautiful woman in Muslim paradise (5)
- 24 Egyptian peninsula (5)

DOWN

- 1 Takes without permission (8)
- 2 US city known as 'The Windy City' (7)
- 3 A group with a common interest (9)



DECODER

No. 103

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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.

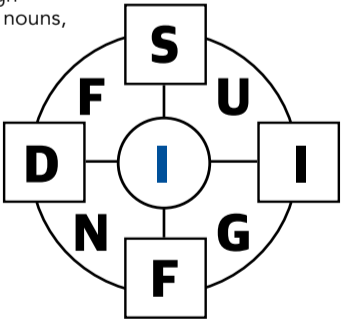
No colloquial or foreign words. No capitalised nouns, apostrophes or plural words ending in "s".

Today's Aim:

8 words: Good

12 words: Very good

17 words: Excellent



DIFFICULTY: 1. 1995 2. Ambassador 3. The ant
4. Three 5. The heel 6. Cantis Major 7. 60th
8. Seven 9. A Dream Within A Dream
10. Loaded

WORDFIT

No. 103

3 LETTERS

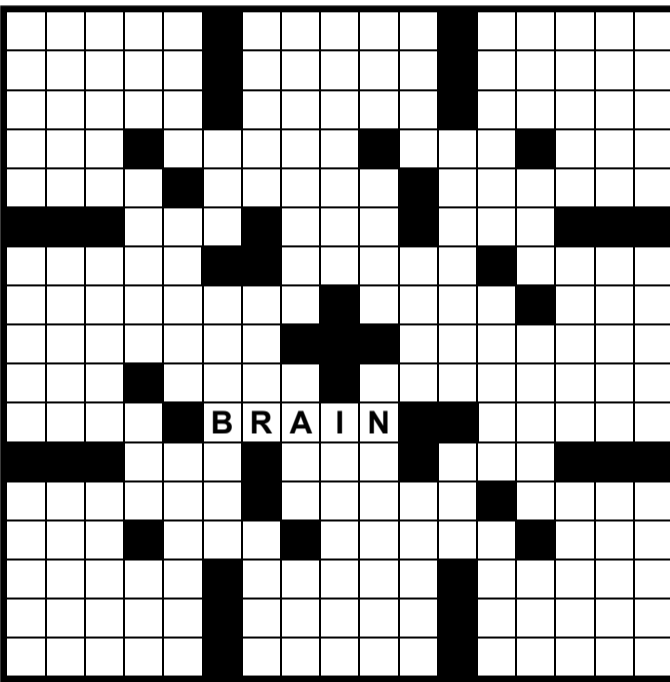
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- ION
- LSD
- NIL
- NIT
- NUN
- ODE
- ORE
- PIT
- SAD
- TRY

4 LETTERS

- ANON
- BARS
- EYED
- LENS
- OWLS
- RAIN
- ROBS
- SASH
- SAWS
- SEAL
- STAB
- STEP
- TSAR

5 LETTERS

- ABYSS



- ACORN
- AISLE
- ALLEY
- AMBER
- APPAL
- APRON
- ARENA
- AREN'T
- BORNE
- BRAIN
- DOTES
- EVERY
- EVILS
- HALOS
- INANE
- IRATE
- LEASE
- LIVES
- LOSER
- MAPLE
- MEDIA

- MEETS
- MERES
- ODOUR
- OGLED
- ORALS
- PIANO
- PILLS
- PUREE
- READS
- SALES
- SARIS
- SCARE
- SEEDS
- SEEDY
- SENDS
- SHEAR
- SIREN
- SNOTS
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- TENSE
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- WHEEL
- WHINE
- WOUND
- YABBY

7 LETTERS

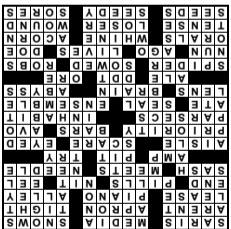
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- ICEBERG
- IDOLISE
- INHABIT
- INTERNS
- PARSECS

6 LETTERS

- LEASES
- NEEDLE
- SPIDER
- STATER

8 LETTERS

- ENSEMBLE
- ENTWINED
- EPILEPSY
- PRIORITY



5x5

S		O		T
	I		E	
A		I		E
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E		G		D

No. 103

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

D	E	G	D	E
E	U	N	E	A
E	V	I	T	V
R	I	K	I	H
T	P	O	R	S

QUICK QUIZ



- 1 In what year did boxer Kostya Tsyu (pictured) win his first professional world title?
- 2 Which office is of the highest rank in the diplomatic service?
- 3 What insect has the largest brain, relative to its size?
- 4 On the Richter scale, what magnitude might an earthquake be if it produced vibrations similar to that of a passing truck: two, three or five?
- 5 Where would you find the calcaneus bone in a mammal?
- 6 In which constellation does the Sirius star reside?
- 7 In 2007, which anniversary did the Cannes Film Festival celebrate?
- 8 Since Federation, how many double dissolutions of the Australian Parliament have there been?
- 9 Which poem by Edgar Allen Poe begins 'Take this kiss upon the brow!'
- 10 On which Velvet Underground album did the song Sweet Jane first appear?

WEATHER

FORECAST

Warnings

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

Longreach:

Partly cloudy. Light winds becoming westerly 15 to 20 km/h during the afternoon then becoming light during the evening.

Saturday. Sunny.

Isisford:

Mostly sunny.

Saturday. Sunny.

Barcaldine:

Partly cloudy.

Saturday. Sunny.

Central West District:

Mostly sunny. Medium (40%) chance of showers east of Longreach. The chance of a storm. Light winds becoming west to southwesterly 15 to 20 km/h during the day then becoming light during the evening.

Saturday. Sunny. Light winds.

Northern Goldfields & Upper Flinders District:
Partly cloudy. Slight (30%) chance of a shower, becoming less likely in the evening. The chance of a storm. Light winds becoming southeasterly 15 to 20 km/h during the morning then tending southeast to southwesterly during the day.

Saturday. The chance of a storm in the southeast in the morning. Sunny day. Winds northeast to southeasterly 15 to 20 km/h becoming light during the morning then becoming southeast to southwesterly 15 to 20 km/h during the afternoon.

Central Highlands & Coalfields District:
Partly cloudy. High (80%) chance of showers. The chance of a storm. Light winds becoming north to northeasterly 15 to 20 km/h during the morning then becoming light during the evening.

Saturday. Partly cloudy. High (70%) chance of showers in the southeast, slight (30%) chance elsewhere. The chance of a storm. Light winds.

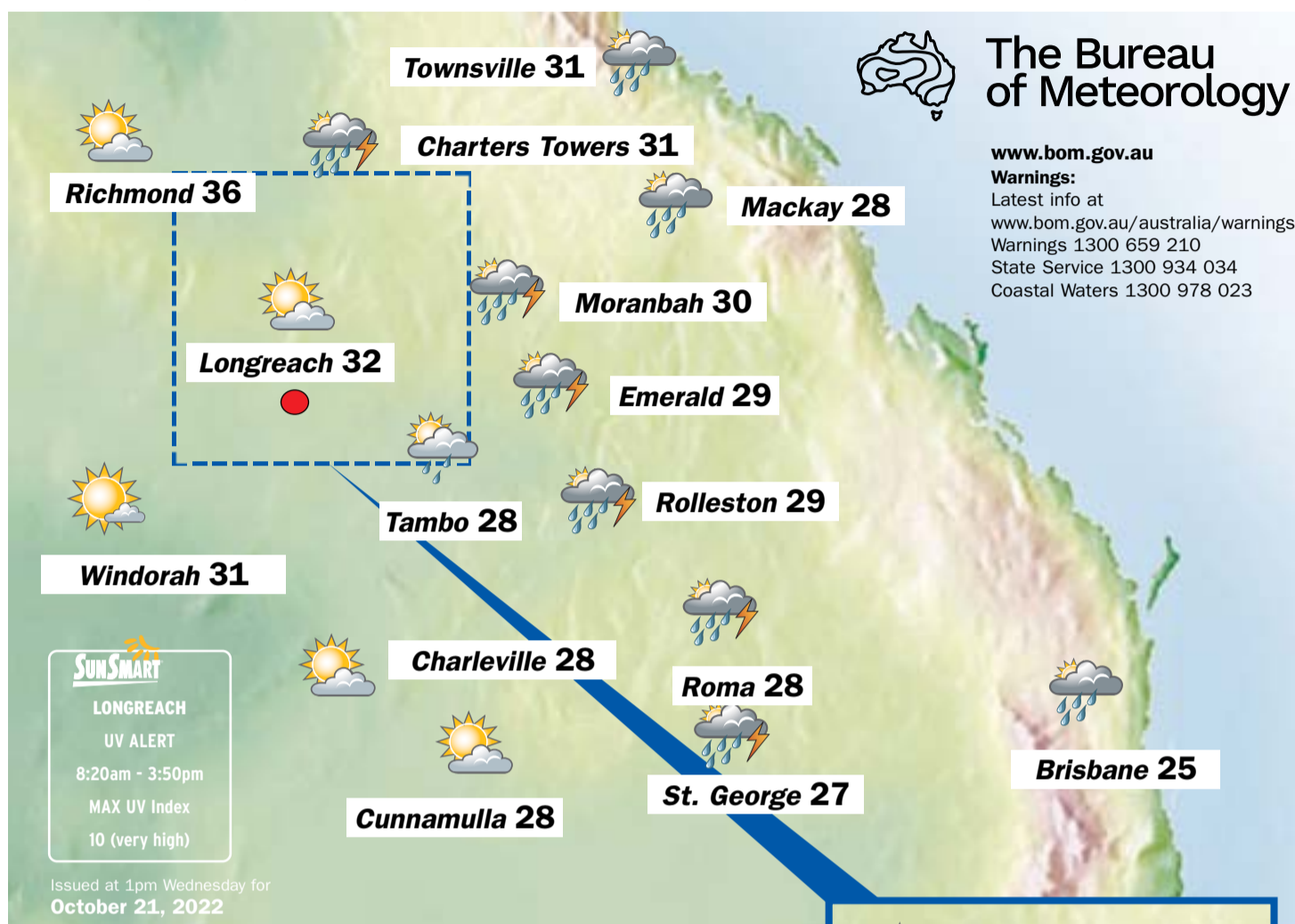
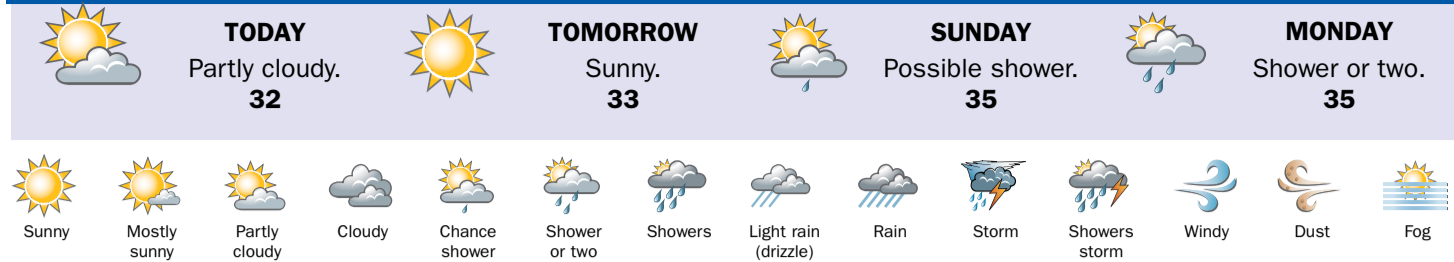
Maranoa & Warrego District:
Partly cloudy. High (70%) chance of showers in the east, slight (30%) chance elsewhere. The chance of a storm. Winds north to northwesterly 15 to 25 km/h tending west to northwesterly during the afternoon then becoming light during the evening.

Saturday. Mostly sunny. Slight (30%) chance of a shower in the southeast, most likely in the morning. The chance of a storm in the east. Light winds becoming northerly 15 to 20 km/h during the morning then becoming light during the day.

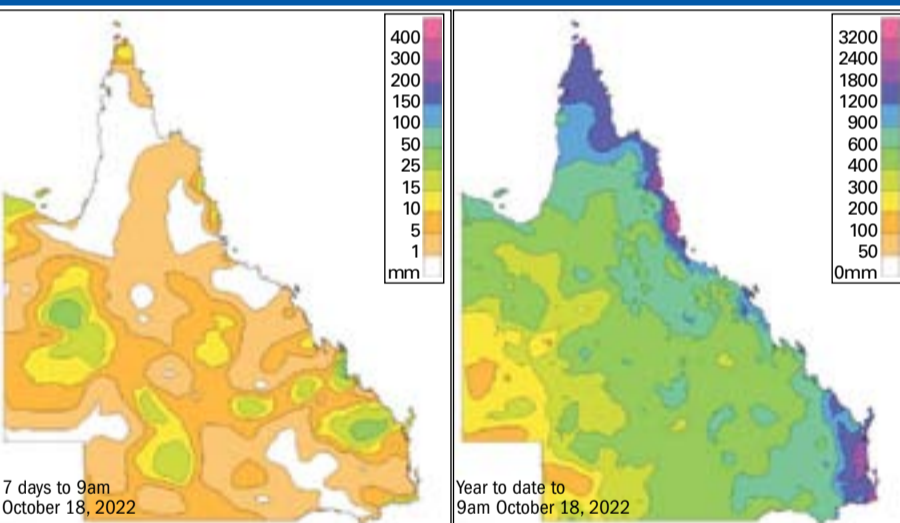
Queensland:
Mostly sunny over western Queensland. Isolated showers and storms elsewhere, tending scattered to widespread about the east coast south of Cooktown, and central and southeastern Queensland. A risk of severe storms over the central and southeastern interior. Maximum temperatures near or above average in the Far North, below average elsewhere. Overnight minimums near average in the west tending above average in the east and north.

Saturday. Mostly sunny over western Queensland. Isolated showers and storms elsewhere, showers tending scattered about central and southeastern Queensland. Maximum temperatures near or above average in the Far North, below average elsewhere. Overnight minimums near or above average.

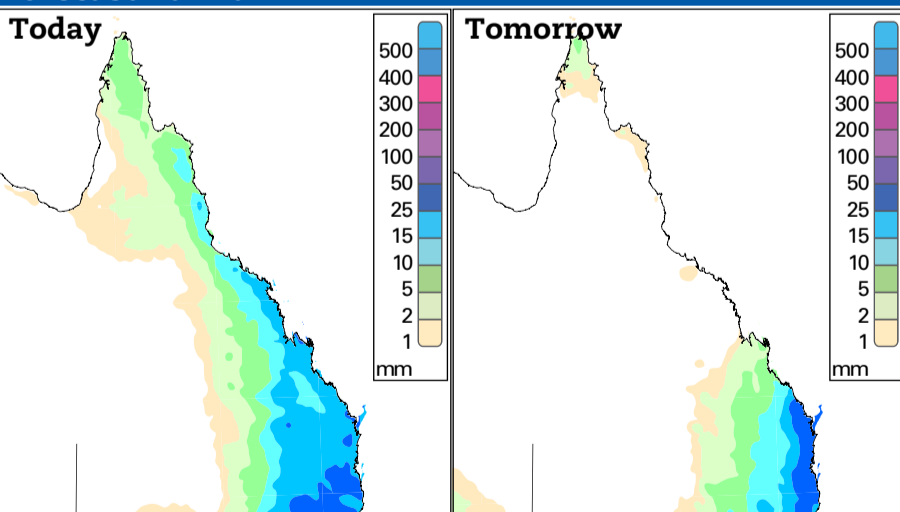
LONGREACH FORECAST



RAINFALL



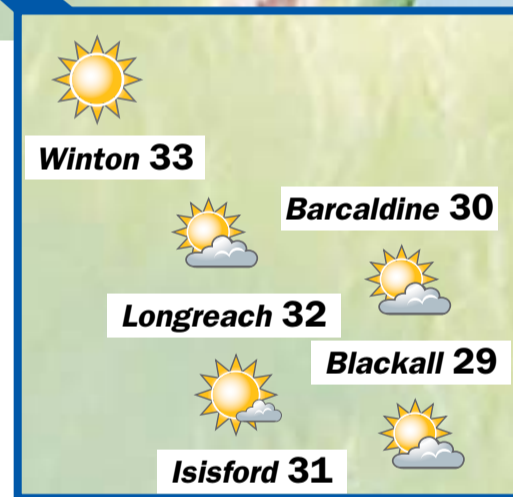
Forecast Rainfall



CAPITAL CITIES			SUN & MOON			
City	Condition	Max	Sunrise	Sunset	Moonrise	Moonset
Adelaide	Possible shower.	22	Friday	5:45am 6:30pm	3:13am 2:40pm	
Brisbane	Showers.	25	Saturday	5:45am 6:31pm	3:47am 3:34pm	
Canberra	Showers.	22	Sunday	5:44am 6:31pm	4:20am 4:28pm	
Darwin	Shower or two. Possible storm.	34	Monday	5:43am 6:32pm	4:53am 5:24pm	
Hobart	Showers increasing.	21	Tuesday	5:42am 6:32pm	5:27am 6:22pm	
Melbourne	Showers increasing.	23	Wednesday	5:42am 6:33pm	6:04am 7:23pm	
Perth	Showers.	20				
Sydney	Showers.	24				

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Coastal Waters 1300 978 023



THE WORLD

World conditions yesterday

City	Weather	Max	Min
Athens	fine	23	11
Auckland	showers	18	11
Bangkok	cool	31	21
Beijing	cloudy	17	7
Berlin	fine	14	3
Christchurch	windy	20	4
Denpasar	cloudy	31	25
Dublin	sunny	15	12
Hong Kong	showers	25	21
Honolulu	showers	29	21
Jakarta	rain	28	25
Johannesburg	storms	27	15
Kuala Lumpur	storms	33	24
London	sunny	18	15
Los Angeles	sunny	29	19
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- Development Permit for Reconfiguring a Lot

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Longreach netball results

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- Thick & Thins defeated Trauma Troopers - 31 to 24
- Best and fairest - Karol Rayner and Erin Saltmarsh
- Shooting Stars defeated Pacemakers - 26 to 23
- Best and fairest - Thea Du Plessi & Ali Mitchell
- Men In Black defeated Heelers - 31 to 14
- Best and fairest - Alistair Emmott & Xander Hodgkins
- Big D's defeated Furious not Fast - 35 to 5
- Best and fairest - Candice Wakefield and Drew Young
- Sweaty Betty's defeated Minions - 50 to 18
- Best and fairest - Josh Lehmann and Amelia Blake



Mixed pairs prove a hit as couples take to the greens

We had another two games of Mixed Pairs at the weekend and after instigating this competition to get partners/wives involved it's worked out great.

For a fun competition to get new bowlers on the green it's panned out quite well with a mix of new teams and very experienced teams that entered.

Obviously for some partners or wives they'll be quite happy to let their loved ones totter off to bowls on a Sunday after having to be on the same team as their male equals.

One occasion was on Sunday when Wen-

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dy Hunt and Darcy Browne took to the green. Wendy played great bowls and Darcy tried his hardest as they came up against a formidable combination in multiple Ladies Singles

club champion Michelle McKewen and the very talented Shawn Ryan.

Darcy and Wendy held their own early on with the score at six-four to Shawn and Michelle after six ends, but then unfortunately only scored seven shots over the next eleven ends to slip behind by 20 – 11.

With only four ends left it was too big of a margin for them to close and Shawn and Michelle won the game and will progress to the semi's.

The other game saw the team of Jus-

tin Hunt and Gail Butt up against Tony and Amanda.

Now Justin and Gail had a fantastic win the Sunday before after beating Ray Harmsworth and Coral Williamson and so they rightfully went into this game confident.

Tony and Amanda won 23 – 16.

It's great to see so many social bowlers turning up for a game of bowls each Sunday as well, and we had another good turnout.

This weekend we have the final of our Championship Men's Triples which should be a very good game of bowls. "

Lloydy's Serve

Michael Lloyd

The sponsorship dilemma and role of player activism

There has been a bit of talk in the press about sponsorship and players ideologies.

Now before you go and say, "they are being employed to play sport, play or go and do something else", without people standing up for what they believe in we wouldn't be where we are today. Now at the local level, a club might be able to say, we don't like that pub so we aren't going to take their sponsorship, and make up for it with a couple of hundred dollar boards and a sausage sizzle or two.

But at the National level, trying to make up the shortfall of between one and five million dollars per year is not so easy, and there aren't

that many companies with that kind of money to spend.

So, let's look back a bit.

Forty years ago cigarette companies sponsored a lot of sport.

The Government didn't think this was a good idea, rightly so, and banned them from advertising. The hole they left was predominantly taken up by alcohol and some smaller players.

Moving forward, health authorities didn't think this was great either and it resulted in a bit of a gap that was often filled by Govern-

ment or semi-Government organisations.

This tapered off with gambling, mining/energy and fast- food companies filling the breach.

Lets face it, they aren't perfect, but when you look at the companies with the money to sponsor at a National level, the above make up many of those.

So where is that line where players can say, we don't want that company to sponsor us but we still want to be paid our normal salary?

Like the local pub, do you take their money, do the bare minimum that the players will do

and that they will accept, with no negative media from the club or its players, or do you say no thanks and the local players need to start paying for the team bus?

I would be suggesting to both local and national competitors that if they don't like a particular organisation, they either need to help find an alternative sponsor, find a compromise solution acceptable to both parties, take a reduction in benefits/pay, or eventually they might need to leave. It sounds cold, but money doesn't grow on trees and grassroots sport should not be funding the elite level.



Palate takes out the Country Cups Qualifier.

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Moriconi gives a double to trainer David Rewald.



Race 4 taken out by Viking Raid.

Cowboy closes on record

By Rob Luck, Longreach Jockey Club

Country champion Fab's Cowboy trained by Billy Johnson went a step closer to the Australian record of 51 wins for a racehorse, when, at Blackall on Saturday he convincingly won the open plate over the 1050m rider by stable apprentice, Tyler Leslight. Fab's Cowboy had been off the scene since June, due to a serious illness that almost took his life. But due to the work of the vets at Clermont Veterinary Surgery, he was able to be saved and bounced back at his first start back, with a strong performance to bring up win number 49 from 130 starts.

Fab's Cowboy has a liking for the Blackall track with three wins and a second from only five starts and young apprentice Tyler Leslight was able to park him just off the leading pack, and in the home straight a gap opened close to the rails and he charged through to gain the better of the ever-consistent No Refund to win by a half-length with early leader Algeroba hanging onto third place.

Fab's Cowboy with the 49 wins moves one closer to the elusive 50, and would only need

two to go into the record books as the leading number of wins for a modern-day thoroughbred.

The Johnson's stable and stable apprentice Tyler Leslight both had doubles, with their second winner coming with different combinations.

Billy Johnson combined with Mount Isa jockey, Jason Hoopert to win the maiden plate with Irresistabull having its first run for the stable. And again a horse that was first up since June and won in a close photo finish from Gold Vee Eye Pea, and Miss Benefits the early co-leader holding on for third.

Earlier Tyler Leslight had kicked off the program with Patrick O'Toole with a last-to-first win on Really Really Good, the six-year-old mare by Shamus Award who came through the pack and charged home with Solarch and Mustafa to grab the odds on favourite, Lassell that appeared to have a winning break one hundred metres from home.

Lassell stopped quickly in the final 50 metres and the other three runners came over the top with Really Really Good prevailing as the

outsider in the betting, to bring up win number two in its career.

The David Rewald - Tessa Townsend combination also gained a double at the program when they took out the benchmark 65 handicap over 1200m with Viking Raid.

This helmet gelding had last run at Junda over the 1800 and was coming back to the 1200 metres and Tessa Townsend rode a heady race allowing it to jump to the front from barrier one, then ease behind the early leaders, Music Award and Sacred Stream, then entering the straight pulled wider on the track and charged home to win running away from Music Award, with Sacred Stream hanging onto third.

In the following race, Rewald and Townsend combine with the better-than-ready mare, Moriconi in an all-the-way win again from barrier one, and again holding off the favourite Real Hussey for the Ben Waldron Stable with Barney's Blaze coming home strongly.

The other feature race on the program was the Strathmore-Blackall Cup and it was a qualifier for the Country Cups Challenge with the winner being eligible to go to Brisbane for the

\$200k final in December.

Over 400 metres the winner Palate continued to show a liking for leading in its races with Brooke Richardson bouncing the better-than-ready mare straight to the front and it was able to dictate the pace in front and lead throughout to win by over six lengths from Halcyon House with Bottom Line in third place.

Palate was eligible last year for the Country Cups final, but suffered an injury after the Roma Cup meeting and Waldron have done a great job in bringing the mare back into tremendous form, and now with seven wins from 39 starts, it surely is one that goes towards the final, with the right credentials to do well in the final over the 1600 metres.

I noted front-runner, Palate enjoyed the conditions on the day but its strength at the end of the finish will see it a strong contender come final day at Doomben.

Racing, with weather permitting, heads to Isisford for the Isisford Cup meeting this Saturday, followed up by the Derby Day at Barcal-dine on Saturday week.

Big win for Wellshot after middle order hits a belter

By Michael Lloyd

Senior cricket continued at the weekend with the Wellshot recording a big win over an inexperienced but enthusiastic RSL side.

Batting first Wellshot were in early trouble, but some big hitting from the middle order of Jarred Byrnes and Robert Johnstone saw them finished on 8/170 off their allotted 20 overs.

Michael Trad and Jasper Close finished with some impressive bowling figures, but those caught in the middle order onslaught suffered.

The RSL innings never got going and no batsman got to double figures on the way to being bowled out for 31. Liam Thurecht 3/2 and Casey Peacock 2/0 had the most impressive figures for the Wellshot on a good night for all their bowlers.

Unfortunately, the grand final this Friday has been rained out with a decision to be made on a new date depending on the new pitch construction and other factors.

Juniors continue to go along at a cracking pace on a Saturday morning with new members welcome at any time.

Congratulations to Lachie and Kody Hunt for being selected in the North West school's side, with early reports the team is achieving many of the goals it set out at the beginning of the week.





\$14 million sports windfall

By Karen Simmons

Barcaldine Golf Club will soon be able to provide upgraded amenities for members and overnight campers after being announced as one of the six recipients of the Resources Community Infrastructure Fund (RCIF) last Friday.

Central and Western Queensland communities will share in over \$14.13 million for six projects thanks to round two funding from the \$100 million Resources Community Infrastructure Fund (RCIF).

Deputy Premier and Minister for State Development Steven Miles said Springsure, Emerald, Biloela, Barcaldine and Woorabinda will all gain exciting new community facilities.

"Queensland communities should be the first to benefit when the resource sector they support succeeds," Mr Miles said.

"Improving on the region's already great lifestyle, Central Queensland will gain new aquatic facilities in Springsure and Biloela, a capability centre and karting club improvements in Emerald, new golf club amenities at Barcaldine and a community hub and disaster recovery centre at Woorabinda."

Barcaldine Golf Club president Robert O'Brien said the club will receive a \$147,000 RCIF grant for new toilet and shower facilities.

"Having new amenities will greatly improve the club's ability to host events and to create an overnight camping area on club grounds that will attract more visitors to our town," Mr O'Brien said.

"This project will complete a three-stage total upgrade of the club's facilities.

"After five or six years of drought, the poor old clubhouse really deteriorated.

"We sat down and thought the only way to go forward was to refurbish the whole clubhouse."

Mr O'Brien said the golf club had received an RACQ grant to refurbish and paint the clubhouse and bar area and install new flooring.

"We also received \$57k funding to refurbish the kitchen facilities and now we can start on the toilet and shower amenities.

"There is also a demand in town for better dining facilities for functions for the community.

"We do have a significant number of members who work in the resources sector, so although it is only a small amount, we were lucky enough to get the grant.

"We are looking to facilitate events, like the Outback Masters, as we've found many of the players are self-contained campers."

Mr O'Brien said the next project the club was hoping to concentrate on the course.



Barcaldine Golf Club has received another stage of funding to upgrade amenities.

Pictures: ROBERT O'BRIEN



The recently refurbished bar and dining area make Barcaldine Golf Club a popular social gathering spot in town.

Emerald will gain over \$4.6 million for two projects.

Local not-for-profit social enterprise Central Highlands Community Services (CHCS) will receive over \$3.7 million to renovate an existing building to create a collaborative

workspace, the CoWork Capability Centre, in Emerald.

Emerald Kart Club President Tarina Rix said the club would receive \$991,300 to install sports field lighting around their karting circuit.

Central Highlands Regional Council Mayor Kerry Hayes said council will receive \$5 million for a major upgrade of the Springsure Aquatic Centre that will give the local community better facilities for water sports, exercise, recreation and a great new water play area for kids and families.

Banana Shire Council Mayor Cr Nev Ferrier said council would gain over \$2.7 million to deliver the Biloela Splash Park and Playground.

"Works will include provision of a zero-depth, interactive, shaded splash park, playground equipment, a new barbeque area, a new amenities building, and a pump/filtration plant, as well as landscaping, fencing, and security cameras," Cr Ferrier said.

Woorabinda Aboriginal Shire Council will build a new Woorabinda Community Hub and Disaster Recovery Centre thanks to over \$1.6 million from RCIF.

Minister for Resources Scott Stewart said the RCIF is a voluntary partnership between the Queensland Government, resource companies, and the Queensland Resources Council (QRC). "The projects not only deliver infrastructure that further improves liveability in resource communities, but they also create more jobs and more opportunities for regional Queenslanders.



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