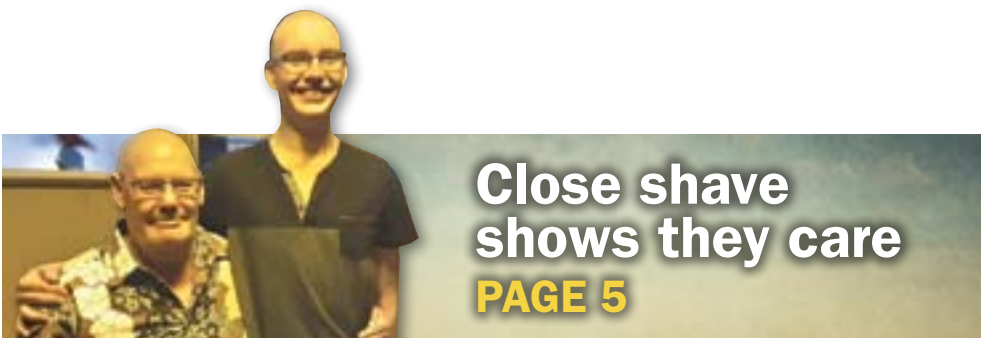


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Close shave shows they care
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Christmas in Winton

By Michael R Williams

The town of Winton came together last week to celebrate Christmas. Here is the Holm family taking a photo with Santa.

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Cops say take care on roads

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FROM ELDERS LONGREACH

We would like to thank you for your continued support throughout 2022 and look forward to catching up with you in 2023.
Our office will be closed from 11am Friday 23rd December 2022 and will reopen 8am Tuesday 3rd January 2023.



Elders

The editor's desk

Christmas is a time for togetherness.

I think this week's Street Party was a perfect example of that.

After a year of good rain and a strong tourist season there's a lot to be grateful for.

The towns in the central west are abuzz.

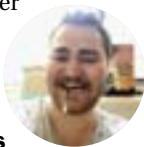
And the lead-up to the holiday season can be stressful with most people desperate to make deadlines, but it's important to remember what's good in your life as well.

Family, friends, food, security, not everyone in the world has those things.

So spread as much cheer as you can.

There is only one more edition of the Leader this year, I hope you enjoy it.

- Michael R Williams



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Local Park Run fans after a big run.

Park Run turns two

By Michael R Williams

For two years Park Run has been a consistent weekly event in the community, with many using the embrace of community to get their exercise in each Saturday mornig.

Event Director of Park Run Lars Hanson said the event has been vital for the community.

"It is a free community event where people can run, they can walk, they can bring their family down and participate in like-minded community events," he said.

"It's for people who just really want to get fit, who want to participate and get involved and begin that process in getting healthy and be a part of the community.

Mr Hanson has been volunteering as a part of Park Run for 18 months and has enjoyed seeing it change.

"It's become more consistent, at the beginning, we were getting up to 100 participants when there was more novelty behind it," he said.

"Since then numbers have dropped, now we are averaging 35 on a weekly basis.

"During the tourism period, we do see higher numbers—some people come to Longreach just for Park Run.

"We see at least two or three a week coming to Longreach and stopping just for Park Run."



Sarah and Matthew Strong completing the first leg of the run.

LSODE bids a fond farewell to teachers

By Michael R Williams

Name: Chris Bartley

1.What did you teach at LSODE?

Year 4.

2.What was your favourite memory of Longreach/ LSODE?

Winning the Golden Goggles and Golden Batten Relay.

3.What will you miss most from Longreach?

The people.

4.Where will you be going?

Sunshine Coast.

Name: Lauren Cassin

1.What did you teach at LSODE?

Year 5, Year 6, PE.

2.What was your favourite memory of Longreach/ LSODE?

There are too many to choose from. LSODE has given me some amazing opportunities and friends.

3.What will you miss most from Longreach?

I'm not leaving! Just heading to the school down the road.

Name: Sarah Rees

1.What did you teach at LSODE?

Prep



2.What was your favourite memory of Longreach/ LSODE?

The personalities of each and every student at LSODE—they are some of the most down-to-earth, kind, thoughtful, and empathetic little humans I've ever met. It's been an absolute privilege getting to know all of them!

3.What will you miss most from Longreach?

The people. They're just all so incredible! Always a smile and "how ya goin'?" from everyone you pass in the street. It's honestly the most beautiful community and I've been so blessed to have been a part of it.

4.Where will you be going?

Dalby State School.

Name: Anthea Smith

1.What did you teach at LSODE?

Western Alliance: HPE and Design & Technology.

2.What was your favourite memory of Longreach/ LSODE?

In the first Multischool, I was a part of, listening to all the students talk and catch up about what was happening in their lives.

3.What will you miss most from Longreach?

I'm not actually leaving Longreach just yet...

4.Where will you be going?

I will be on Maternity Leave.

Name: Emily Zammit

1.What did you teach at LSODE?

Prep, Year 3 (for 3 years), Year 1.

2.What was your favourite memory of Longreach/ LSODE?

There are too many to write just one! The best memories are with students at Clusters, Minischools and swim camps.

3.What will you miss most from Longreach?

The amazing community (school and town). Everyone is so welcoming and it really does feel like one big family.

4.Where will you be going?

Travelling around in a renovated bus. We will go wherever jobs take us.

Police keep lookout for driver behaviour

By **Brian Smith,**
Officer in charge Longreach Police Station

With the start of the 2022 Christmas School Holidays, we are preparing for an increase in the number of motorists on our roads with families travelling to their holiday destinations throughout the state.

Police will be running Christmas road safety campaigns over Christmas and New Year periods.

We will be targeting the fatal 5—Speeding, Drink/Drug Driving, Seatbelts, Fatigue and Distraction (Mobile Phone).

With the long distances, most of us will be travelling to visit our loved ones we ask that you plan your trip and take your time getting to your destination taking plenty of rest stops along the way.

Driver fatigue is one of the leading contributors to road crashes over this period and we urge you to share the driving and rest every two hours.

Drink driving is also a lead cause of crashes over this period with many people participating in a few drinks with family and friends.

The Queensland Government have launched a Drinking?

Never drive campaign this year to remind motorists of the real risks of drunk driving.

We ask that if you are going to drink have a plan B.

Organise a designated driver, book a taxi or call a friend.

Whatever you do, do not get behind the wheel and drive.

We have already detected four drink drivers in Longreach in the past month.

On behalf of the Longreach Police and our families, we wish you all a very safe and happy festive season.

Van heads here for cancer fight

BreastScreen Queensland's state-of-the-art mobile screening van will visit the Central West region from mid-February to early May next year and women are encouraged to attend and have their free breast screen.

A breast screen was the best way to detect breast cancer early, well before a woman or her doctor could feel anything, BreastScreen Queensland Rockhampton Service Health Promotion Officer Roxanne Hodda said.

"However, if a woman does experience any breast symptoms, she should always consult her doctor as soon as possible," she said.

"On average, one in eight Queensland women will be diagnosed with breast cancer and, of those, 90 per cent will have no family history of the illness.

"Early detection could save your life, with 9 out of 10 women surviving thanks to early detection.

"So, if you haven't been keeping up to date with important health checks, now's the time to do so.

"The risk of breast cancer increases with age, that's why we encourage all women over 40 to have a breast screen ever two years and particularly women between the ages of 50 and 74."

Ms Hodda said the BreastScreen van visited the Central West every two years.

"This is a great opportunity for women to access breast screening, especially when it is delivered closer to your home," she said.

"So please take advantage of the BreastScreen Queensland mobile service here in the Central West and book an appointment.

"Remember, you need to take care of yourself first so you can look after your children and others in your family and community."

A doctor's referral is not required to attend the mobile screening service, so phone BreastScreen Queensland on 13 20 50 to make an appointment today.

Or you can book online by visiting: breastscreen.qld.gov.au

The BreastScreen Queensland 2023 schedule for the Central West is:

- Alpha: 9 February – 13 February
- Longreach: 15 February – 9 March
- Winton: 14 March– 22 March
- Barcaldine: 24 March – 6 April
- Blackall: 12 April – 21 April
- Tambo: 26 April – 28 April

Winton enjoys exciting Christmas season

By **Helen Fogarty,** Winton Shire Council

Friday 9 December we held our annual Christmas Street Party, which was held on the main street of Winton.

There was a free barbecue dinner for the community to enjoy, slides and rides for the children.

Attori was on stage performing songs from the 80s to the latest.

Bush Beatz our local dance club put on an extravaganza performance, that everyone enjoyed immensely.

Not to forget our surprise visitor that came and brought presents for the children, photos were taken of the children with Santa next to our magical Christmas Tree and sleigh.

The Community Directories and Emergency Flip Books were on display for community members to take, these books have the "3 Steps to Get Ready" in case of a Dangerous Weather Emergency, these books are supported by Get Ready Queensland.

This event was supported by Winton Shire Council, Queensland Government and Longreach Rotary.

The Christmas Street Party is held to build resilience in the community, for everyone to come along have a lovely night and enjoy themselves.



Fuel prices for holidays

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■ Diesel	
■ Puma Longreach Unmanned - 237.7	
■ Ampol Longreach - 237.9	
■ BP Service Longreach - 241.9	
■ Shell Longreach Service Centre - 241.9	
Barcaldine	
Unleaded	
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■ Ampol Fuel Homestead Caravan Park - 206.9	
■ Mobil Barcaldine - 219.3	
Diesel	
■ Barcaldine Unmanned - 235.7	
■ Pacific Petroleum Barcaldine - 235.9	
■ Mobil Barcaldine - 238.9	
■ Ampol Fuel Homestead Caravan Park - 242.9	
■ Mobil Barcaldine - 243.7	
Winton	
Unleaded	
■ Winton Roadhouse - 209.9	
■ Ampol Winton - 209.9	
Diesel	
■ Winton Roadhouse - 237.9	
■ Ampol Winton - 237.9	
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Truck pull competitors.

Street party lights up town

By Michael R Williams

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"There was quite a party atmosphere and the majority of stall holders and businesses that opened had really good trading times, with the theme being 'get your Christmas gifts at the street party,'" Mr Coombes said.

"And, there were a few stalls which had quieter nights - that's swings and roundabouts, sometimes you have a good time, sometimes you don't.

"But nobody was negative toward the night that I found, everybody was positive."

Entertainment was rife, with much of the event being organised in similar fashion to previous years, including Corinne Ballard and the dance school and Grant Bunter DJing.

"There was entertainment with the truck pull—which again we didn't get to see because we were so busy at the Lion's Burger Stall," Mr Coombes said.

"Apologies to those who had to wait in the queue, everyone had to wait somewhere it seemed.

"There was a lot of noise from the truck pull, and the Thomson Tigers won, I believe, but just one second.

"That was a close call."

New on the menu this year was a lucky door prize donated by local businesses.

"We were appreciative of the donations some of the businesses made so we could achieve that," Mr Coombes said.

"We were [also] lucky to have significant support from the Western Queensland Drought Committee for funding overseen for drought work from the State Government.

"We also received donations from other local businesses who were recognised on the night: Longreach Regional Council, Lachlan Millar MP, Royal Flying Doctors Service, Station Store, Casey's, and the Longreach Tavern, and in-kind support from Rayner's Crane Hire, RAPAD, Longreach Real Estate, and Pete's Signs.

"The support from the community to conduct this event has grown tremendously."

Going forward the Longreach Lions Club hopes to address complaints about lack of entertainment for children—one idea floating around has been to implement a jumping castle.

"We've considered leather work and similar things," Mr Coombes said.

"We just haven't gotten a handle on what's best for the kids, so ideas, please let us know.

This will be the last Christmas Street Party Mr Coombes will be involved with as he is leaving town.

"I've been involved now for eight of them," Mr Coombes said.



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The second annual truck pull was enjoyed by many.



The Town Band performed on Eagle St.

"I've seen it go from a small idea, to now, quite a substantial event.

"There is a nucleus of Lions who are stepping up to take on the roles, which is lovely to see.

"But, there is always scope for more people to join and to participate."

"I must recognise Matthew Strong who has been instrumental for many years in conducting the event and generating ideas," Mr Coombes said.

"This year, he had to step back and we all realised exactly how much work he put in.

"Longreach is a good community, it should be proud of the events it puts on and the behaviour of its people."

Dam plan bites the dust

By Karen Simmons

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"Show me a study that has been completed in the last 20 years that the government has commissioned that hasn't fundamentally agreed with or supported their agenda," Mr Katter said.

"I will be very interested to pour over the chapter of the report that identifies how much value you add when you provide water to those millions of acres of black soil plains, which are already naturally cleared and levelled – you increase their productivity by a factor of four, and that's before you quantify the employment benefits, and the total direct and indirect economic benefits."

Diamantina Shire Council Mayor Robbie Dare felt the scheme was a good idea but it would not have so much benefited the Diamantina River system as much as the Cooper Creek system.

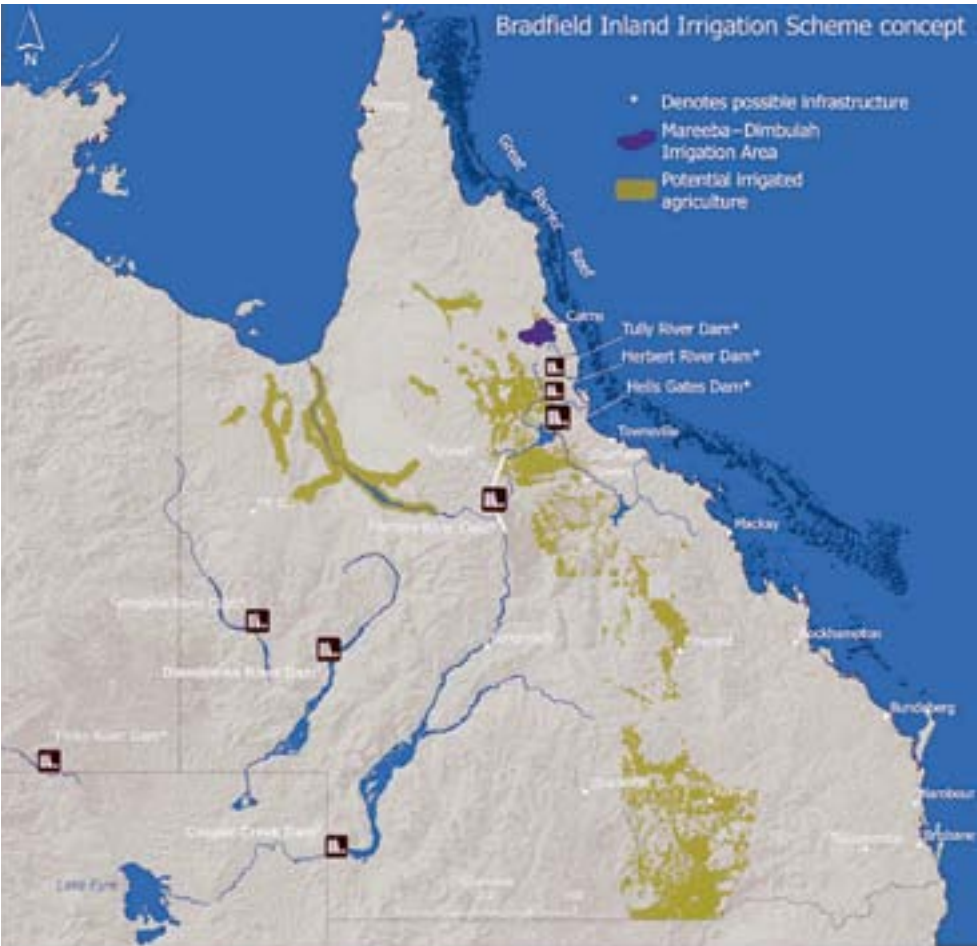
"I thought it was a good idea and we sure could have done with the extra water, but it wouldn't have come into our river system here," Mr Dare said.

"I thought it would have been better off going down the Condamine and the little towns where the water irrigation is already in place."

Since first introduced in 1938, different versions of Dr John Bradfield's plan have been tabled to transform drought-prone western Queensland into a horticultural haven.

The vision hoped the water could be redirected to irrigate future plantations of rice, maize, tea, coffee, tropical fruit and cotton.

Gregory MP Lachlan Millar is also disappointed in the outcome of the report and



Map 2-1: The Bradfield Inland Irrigation Scheme. Bradfield report, page 13.

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Picture: BRADFIELD REGIONAL ASSESSMENT AND DEVELOPMENT REPORT

believes the Queensland Government never had any intention of moving forward with the scheme.

"After eight years the Queensland Labor Government has done nothing for water security in this state," Mr Millar said.

"We have just wasted another two years while conducting a review on their version of the Bradfield Scheme; which they never had any intention of doing.

"Queenslanders are sick and tired of a government doing nothing about water security."

In late 2020, the Queensland Government appointed the Bradfield Regional Assessment and Development Panel to independently examine the many Bradfield proposals.

The panel's report says it provides the most comprehensive examination of Bradfield schemes in 15 years.

Chaired by Professor Ross Garnaut, with Dr Georgina Davis and Professor Allan Dale, the panel assessed the financial, economic, envi-

ronmental, social and technical viability of the Bradfield schemes and made recommendations.

The Panel's key findings state in the report: "After extensive consideration, the panel members recommended the Queensland Government not proceed with any of the proposed Bradfield schemes.

"Both the panel and CSIRO found that Dr John Bradfield's estimation of water flows were overestimates, effectively doubling the amount of actual water in the system.

"For example, long ground-truthed modelling shows an average of about 1665 gigalitres per annum flows along the Burdekin River. Bradfield had estimated 3678 gigalitres."

The report offers other suggestions including a proposed alternative approach to Bradfield, including a smaller series of connected Regional Water Grids.

State Water Minister Glenn Butcher said the thorough investigation into the scheme provided conclusive and sound explanations of



Could the complex river and creeks systems in the Longreach Shire really have benefited from the original Bradfield Irrigation Scheme?

Picture: AAP/ALEX ELLINGHAUSEN

why there are better options than the Bradfield scheme.

"The independent panel found that the scheme's costs far exceed benefits, so they recommended exploring better options for using water to contribute to regional development."

The government in conjunction with Sunwater has commenced work on raising Burdekin Falls Dam by two metres, which would create hundreds of jobs during construction and deliver considerable benefits to North Queensland.

Mr Butcher said the government will always support water security projects that stack up.

"So we're taking this next step to ensure raising Burdekin Falls Dam benefits our North Queensland communities," he said.

"Burdekin Falls is the largest dam in Queensland - at more than 1.8 million megalitres capacity - and raising it by two metres will significantly boost the amount of water available to our farmers and other businesses looking to expand their operations."

Shear support: Isisford's bravest boldly face the blades

By Christine Bignell,
Isisford correspondent

Seven of Isisford's bravest had their beards, heads, chests or backs shaved for a good cause recently.

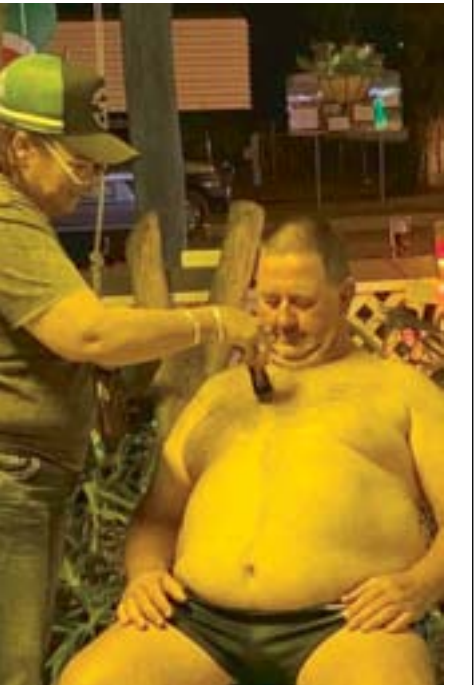
The shave took place at the Golden West Hotel in Isisford, we raised \$1366 for Men's Mental Health, and the money was raised through sponsors on the night and a great raffle.

The money will be used in the Isisford Community for our local men.

A big thank you to all the participants, Dale Bignell, Shan Hollowood, Robert Anderson, David Anderson, Michael Uprichard and father and son duo Wayne and Matthew Vanderwolfe who were brave and had their heads shaved as well as their beards.

Robert Anderson had his beard, chest and back shaved, a mammoth task for the shaver and Tanya Robertson who did the shaves.

A huge thank you to all the participants and the great community members that attended the fun-filled night.





Santa comes to the Barcoo

By Christine Bignell; Isisford correspondent

Isisford has an annual Santa Competition, and this year they have upped the ante with some wonderful displays popping up around town.

The whole idea of the competition is to come up with a quirky Santa and some of the ideas are amazing.

We have the RFDS Santa flying around, a few Santas enjoying a coldie, Santa and his helper are in the tinnie in case we have another rain event, and the Isisford Primary Health Centre

has Santa on standby just in case the ambulance has a flat battery, one Santa is chasing his Christmas ham and just to be on the safe side we have a Santa at each end of the town being pulled around by six white boomers.

The competition has some great monetary prizes to be won and has bought a lot of Christmas cheer into our little township.

A huge thank you to all participants for their time, effort and thought in getting their Santas on display.

Good luck to all entrants.



Stock brands play their part

By Sean Dillon
Barcaldine Regional Council Mayor

The Queensland State Government has recently released a consultation paper regarding a review of the Brands Act.

After a number of approaches from around the region, I sought a meeting with the Minister for Agriculture to seek clarity.

Minister Furner and his staff were more than happy to facilitate a briefing with their office and senior Biosecurity Officials, who were clear and concise in their advice that the review was simply a process to modernise the Brand Act and the processes which govern internally the administration of the Brand Register.

A comprehensive review hasn't been undertaken in over 40 years and the Act itself dates to 1915.

The compulsion to brand cattle has been removed to offer producers the choice, but there was clear advice that the option for branding will continue and neither the government nor the department has any intention of removing this.

There is clear evidence to support this as last week the Animal Care and Protection Bill was passed, which would have been a vehicle to co-enforce the prevention of branding if that was the intent.

Modernising and digitalising the Brand Register is a good decision.

Of course, this comes at a cost and whilst in a perfect world all government services could be delivered free of charge, this simply doesn't comprehend the cost of developing the new database capacity.

Branding is an important tool in preventing stock theft, assisting with the management of classes of livestock and many other uses; all important enough for the industry to contribute to the development and ongoing administration of the register.



Whilst NLIS is the first line of defence in the Biosecurity sphere, in the absence of a tag, a brand is a useful tool and one that could be required to assist in managing an outbreak.

I commend the government for taking the approach it has and ensuring the Brand of

livestock will remain in Queensland.

Our council and community recently planted some trees to honour the late Queen Elizabeth II.

The unveiling of a commemorative Tree of Knowledge silhouette and plaque to signify

for all time the symbology of the actual live trees occurred this week at the Barcaldine Aged Care Facility with a morning tea to celebrate.

A small but important gesture to honour the life of service Queen Elizabeth led.

Seal closes missing link

It was great to inspect the outstanding work our crews have been doing to seal the Cramsie-Muttaborra Road last week.

We sealed the final section last Friday.

It has been a big job for our crews, especially given the weather we've experienced this year, but the final result has been completed to a very high standard.

I would like to acknowledge the decades of advocacy, and everyone who's had a role to play in getting this vital link sealed.

Everyone from former Mayors and Councillors, community members, to neighbouring Councils and everyone in Government who's supported us.

It's something both communities can be proud of, and I'm very pleased to have played my small part in achieving this outcome. Council has applied to the Local Government Minister asking for a postal ballot for the upcoming by-election.

Once the minister makes a decision, the Electoral Commission of Queensland can start setting dates for the by-election, including nomination dates.

The nominations will only be open for just over a week, so if you're thinking of putting your hand up, you'll need to be ready and act fast once nominations open.

You should really think about it.

I encourage anyone who wants to make a difference in our community to consider running for Council.

It's a very rewarding and inspiring way to make a difference in your community.

Council had its final meeting for the year on Thursday this week. As always the meeting was open to the public, and the agenda and minutes will be made available online.

Friends, it's really important that we start to give some thought to the Australia Day awards this year.

We rely entirely on nominations from the community, so if there are no nominations in a particular category, that award simply isn't handed out. There's a range of categories across our communities in Longreach, Ilfracombe and Isisford/Yaraka.

**FROM
MY DESK**

TONY RAYNER
LONGREACH MAYOR



You have until January 9 to nominate individuals or groups who have made an outstanding contribution to your community.

You can find the nomination forms for each of our communities, and details of the planned celebrations, on our website at longreach.qld.gov.au/australiaday.

This is my last column for the year, and I'll be back with another column next year.

Council shuts down for Christmas from 17 December through to 2 January, and our offices will be back open again on 3 January.

In the meantime you can still call (07) 4658 4111 24 hours a day, where our answering service will handle any enquiries you have—they can even alert the on-call staff if necessary. Have a safe and happy Christmas.

Some of you will be going away to be with family, please take care and return home safely, and many of our loved ones will be coming here to be with us – to them, I say welcome home.

On behalf of all my fellow Councillors and Staff I'd like to take this opportunity to wish you and your family a joyous Christmas season; and a wet and prosperous new year.

I'll be back with another column next year. Until then, if you or anyone you know ever has any questions about anything happening at Council or in our communities, I encourage you 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.

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

Christmas Shutdown Period

Council Offices and Libraries closed



Please direct all enquiries to (07) 4568 4111

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Longreach Regional Council
Ilfracombe Isisford Longreach Yaraka

What’s on

Longreach and Central West Community Event Billboard

Friday, 16 December

Croquet

Contact: Jean Williams on 07 4651 2354.

Location: Oak Street, Barcaldine

Time: 8am

Barcaldine Senior Cricket

Location: Barcaldine Showgrounds

Time: 6pm

Saturday, 17 December

QCWA Meeting

We are an active community of women who, together, improve the lives of people living in regional, rural and remote Queensland.

Location: Qantas Park

Time: 9am

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, 18 December

Mens Shed Markets

Location: Ilfracombe Main Street

Time: 8am

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

Monday, 19 December

Longreach SES Group Training

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

Location: SES Base 14 Minor Road

Time: 7pm

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

Tuesday, 20 December

Free community cooking classes

Capacity-building cooking classes to be held weekly until Christmas for the community.

Location: Selectability, 106 Galah St.

Time: 9.30am

First 5 Forever

Location: Isisford Branch Office

Time: 9.30am

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, 21 December

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, 22 December

Tai Chi

Contact: Jean Williams on 07 4651 2354.

Location: The Willows Centre

Time: 9am

Social Craft at the Library

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

Location: Longreach Library

Time: 9:30 am

Barcaldine Golf

Contact: Michael Hayward.

Location: Barcaldine Golf Course, Pine Road

Time: 3pm

Hole-in-One

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

Location: Longreach Golf Course

Time: 4 pm

Thomson River Lions Bingo

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

Location: Birdcage Hotel

Time: 6.30 pm

Consequences now on tap to deter drink driving

Transport and Main Roads will launch an impactful drink driving campaign this month, to put consequences front and centre.

Transport and Main Roads Minister Mark Bailey joined road safety experts to get the message out this week

“Choosing to drink and drive puts not only yourself at risk, but every person around you,” Minister Bailey said.

“Tragically, in the first six months of this year, we lost 37 lives in Queensland from drink driving – that equates to one in every four lives lost on our roads.

“This is substantially higher than the previous five year average.

“It’s just not good enough.”

Mr Bailey said the campaign would put the consequences of drink driving in your hands.

“We are taking a hard-hitting approach this year, to shock potential drink drivers out of complacency by showing serious and unforgettable consequences,” he said.

“The campaign features a range of consequences right on the can, with names such as ‘lose your licence lager’ or ‘job loss bitter’ to show the devastating outcomes of drinking and driving right there at the moment of consumption.

“We are quite literally putting the consequences in your hands – it’s a personal choice to avoid a devastating outcome.

“Ultimately, we need people to realise



You'll open a whole can of trouble if you drink and drive over the festive season.

that drinking and driving is absolutely never worth the risk.“

RACQ General Manager Advocacy Joshua Cooney has commended the State Government on the campaign, to help address the shocking number of Queenslanders who don't take drink driving seriously.

“RACQ’s 2022 Annual Road Safety Survey revealed that more than one in ten drivers (13.3 per cent) admitted to driving when they thought they might be over the blood alcohol limit in the last 12 months,” Mr Cooney said.

“Our survey also showed that around 10

per cent of people thought they could have two or more standard drinks each hour after the first hour and still be okay to drive, but that amount would likely put them over the limit.

“This campaign is a great initiative to highlight the very real risks of drink driving, educate motorists and hopefully change driver behaviour to save lives on our roads.”

Last year, 64 lives were lost and 890 people hospitalised from drink driving-related crashes. The numbers of lives lost from drink driving crashes are also predominantly under the age of 40.

The “Drinking? Never drive“ campaign will launch on 11 December, to remind Queenslanders of the risk around drink driving in the lead up to the Christmas and New Years Period.

“Every life lost is a person missing from the table this Christmas,” Minister Bailey said.

“So if you’re going to have a drink, whether it’s at your Christmas party, with friends, on Christmas Day or New Years, please have a plan B.

“Organise a designated driver, book a taxi, order an uber or call a friend – don’t get behind the wheel and do something you’ll regret.

“If you’re drinking, please remember, never drive.”

Campaign materials will be featured on TV, in cinema, on the radio and Spotify, online, on bus stops and billboards, as well as in licensed venues like pubs and clubs.

It will also be promoted to audiences at the Brisbane Heat Big Bash home game matches this summer.

The campaign will continue through January and again over the public holidays (Australia Day, Anzac Day and Labour Day 2023) and in the lead-up to and during Easter 2023.

To see the campaign and learn more about drink driving and other Queensland road safety initiatives, visit <https://streetsmarts.initiatives.qld.gov.au/>

Christmas is upon us

After a mild start, we finally have Christmas weather to see out at the end of 2022.

This year has been a year of transitions as we have learned to “live with Covid-19”.

It feels like an era has ended.

The “new normal” is not like 2019, but at least our lives are free from the disruptions of border closures and snap lockdowns.

I am very disappointed that there has been no real effort to review what the government – federal and state – got right and got wrong.

We should be able to do this calmly and objectively now, without the fog of fear.

I have no doubt there are valuable lessons to be learned if we hope to respond more sensibly when a similar situation arises again.

Queensland certainly has a permanent legacy in the form of the Wellcamp Quarantine Centre which media estimates cost us all over \$200 million.

It seems to serve no purpose, as by the time it was opened the requirement for hotel quarantine had been lifted.

We would have been better off putting that money into our stressed hospitals.

One of the things the pandemic showed clearly is the need to better fund our health system—both GPs and hospitals.

Two of my staff members came through serious medical issues this year and their “patient journeys”, as the Health Minister likes to call it, highlighted the Covid-19 legacy of long waiting lists.

Our hospital system needs major investment in almost every area of operations.

To be fit for purpose, our hospitals should be able to ramp up to meet a major health crisis without inflicting prolonged suffering of other Queenslanders already receiving or needing other treatments.

On a happier note, we approach Christmas with great hopes that the drought may finally be breaking.

The drought declaration has already been lifted for the Blackall-Tambo Regional Shire, but all of Gregory's other shires remain fully drought-declared.

This includes Boulia, Diamantina, Winton, Longreach, Barcoo, Barcaldine, Central Highlands and Woorabinda Shires.

With continued rains, hopefully, this will change over the summer.

I want to remind property owners in all Gregory's shires that if they feel their property is still drought-affected but their shire is declared drought-free, they can still apply for Individual Droughted Property status.

Property owners should also be aware that when the drought declaration is lifted for their area, there are transport subsidies available to assist with the costs of bringing stock home from agistment and with the costs of re-stocking.

I cannot miss the chance to congratulate all of Gregory's 58 schools and teachers for another successful year.

I have been trying to get around to as many awards ceremonies as I can and it is always a highlight for me to see the love and passion our school communities bring to the care and education of our children.

I especially congratulate our Year 12 graduates.

Well done!

I wish you all a successful transition to the working world.

Know that your parents, teachers and the whole community are cheering you on.

Lastly, I offer sincere thanks to all our many volunteers across Gregory.

From rural fires and SES members to

tuckshop committees, school reading assistants, P&Cs, churches, bands, sports clubs, Landcare groups and more.

You do so much to strengthen our communities and your work is much appreciated.

Wishing everyone a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year in 2023.

Lachlan Millar,
Member for Gregory

Time to reflect

Towards the end of every year, it is a good time to reflect on the past 12 months.

It is also an opportunity to foreshadow what the next year may bring.

2022 is certainly ending on a high note, with a welcome change in the climatic season.

The year kicked off with the Santos Festival of Rugby in Roma, drawing crowds and leaving a legacy of improved local facilities.

The beginning of the year was marked by floods in many communities across the State.

Some experienced their highest recorded flood in 100 years, like Gympie.

The season continued to be kind to the Warrego Electorate with follow-up rains throughout the year.

However, in some areas, the rain brought new challenges with farmers not being able to plant crops, or difficulties with harvest, or both.

The prolonged wet weather led to cancellations of events like Shows.

At least the cancellations this time were not due to Covid.

In 2022 the Covid pandemic has now become endemic, meaning the virus is present at a level that does not disrupt society.

On the political side, we saw a change in Federal Government and rising interest rates.

Further impacts are to come as legislation and agencies change.

The focus of the Federal Labor Government will be to repay their masters in the Unions and those minor parties who preference them.

Unfortunately, that repayment is usually at the expense of those who live and work in the Warrego Electorate.

In State Politics we had a By-Election in the seat of Callide, electing a new LNP Member Bryson Head, who is the youngest member of the Queensland Parliament.

Sadly, we witnessed the passing of the only Queen many of us have ever known.

The dignified life of service to the Commonwealth and our country by Her Royal Highness Queen Elizabeth II was exemplary.

I congratulate King Charles on his succession and look forward to his forthcoming visit to Australia.

I asked myself what were some highlights for 2022.

It would have to be after 20 years of drought the Paroo Shire was removed from the list of drought-declared shires and the return of events such as the Dalby Delicious and Delightful festival.

2022 has been a busy and productive year across the Electorate.

I would like to thank everyone for their support and I extend my best wishes to you and your family for the forthcoming festive season.

Ann Leahy,
Member for Warrego



Boaties out enjoying Fairbairn Dam.

Best season

Sunwater is urging visitors to take extra care when enjoying the Fairbairn Dam and other waterways in regional Queensland over the summer holiday season. After 12 months of decent rainfall across areas of the state, many water storages are either at or near capacity, which can lead to an increase in hazards.

While these conditions make dams and weirs popular spots for swimming, boating and fishing, safety remains our priority.

Queensland Water Minister Glenn Butcher said local dams, weirs and waterways will be the best place to cool off this summer but urged people to be safe and prepared.

“Our Sunwater facilities contribute to Queensland's fantastic lifestyle and we want to make sure locals are out enjoying everything this great state has to offer and getting home safely for Christmas,” Mr Butcher said.

Sunwater's Executive General Manager Operations Colin Bendall said holidaymakers eager to explore waterways that haven't been full in some time, should keep the safety of themselves, their family and their friends front of mind.

“After a number of dry seasons, we're pleased to be experiencing some of the best water conditions for many years at some of our assets,” he said.

“This is great for recreation purposes and we welcome visitors in the coming months, but it's important everyone remains conscious of the potential risks surrounding full storages.

“We want to remind everyone that hazards are still there, even if not visible above the waterline, and even though conditions may appear calm on the surface.”

“Submerged objects such as tree branches, stumps, sharp, loose or slippery rocks, sandbanks and other debris are always present.”

Conditions can change quickly and areas that were previously safe and free of obstructions may now host underwater hazards which have moved in strong currents as a result of inflows.

“Rapid inflows can also cause dangerous conditions, while fluctuating water levels can result in exposing objects that were previously submerged,” Mr Bendall said.

“This is especially important for boaties, who are reminded to only tow skiers in defined deep areas that allow skiing, to steer clear of swimmers and obey speed limits.”

For those planning to visit Sunwater storages, please be aware of your surroundings and ensure you have the contact details of key organisations on hand, should you need information or find yourself in trouble.



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IN BRIEF

Up to the challenge

Thank you Tambo CTC and Blackall CTC for a great first leg of the Western Queensland 100T Handicap Challenge!

This is the final opportunity for participating clubs to get in front: Ilfracombe and Bar-

caldine on the 17-18 December.

Overall Winner and Winning Club Team announced at the Ski Club in Barcaldine on Sunday.

Ilfracombe are the defending team champions from 2021 - let's go Team Ilfracombe!

See you on the layouts!

Freshening up in summer

You know summer is here when you step into the shower at the end of the day... and then leap out quickly because the water scalds you.

Even when the cold tap is on flat out and you haven't touched the hot water tap.

The difference in temperature between the two taps is a matter of degree, literally, with the cold water tap often coming out ahead in the summertime.

Personally, I turn on the cold water tap before I get in and wait a few minutes until the water heated by the sun all day works its way through the pipes.

It doesn't take long before that seasonal routine sets in for the summer.

Ironically, December brings the polar opposite to Canadians.



The cold water is just this side of ice temperature and heaven helps you if your hot water tank isn't up to snuff.

Or the heat goes off in your house. If it gets cold enough, the water in the pipes freezes expands and bursts the pipes.

Not a pretty sight, especially if the porcelain toilet bowl ends up frozen.

And yes, it has been known to happen. I've never heard of an outback toilet melting in the heat, so we're one up on Canada there.

You might point out that it could be a very hot seat, especially if the dunny is outside, but try sitting on a metal toilet seat in the middle of a Canadian winter. Better yet, don't, because there's a good chance your warmer skin will stick to the frigid metal and you may never get up again.

The downside for us is we don't get the health benefits of a cold shower, like improved circulation and immunity, relief from depression, detoxification and even weight loss.

Apparently, exposure to cold stimulates the body to produce brown fats, which burn en-

ergy more efficiently than white fat. Who knew?

Too bad you've got Buckley's chance of finding a cold shower here in December.

You might manage a tepid bath, at best, unless you cheat and pop in some ice cubes. But it would take a LOT of ice cubes.

The good news is, 30-degree water actually feels cool when it's 40 degrees outside.

I wonder if it has any health benefit in that case?

Fortunately, we have ample access to sauna conditions, especially with the thunderstorms about of late, so at least we can detoxify to our heart's content.

However, those cold showers will have to wait until winter.

You've been caught on camera, now pay the price

More than 170,000 drivers and front-seat passengers have been snapped doing the wrong thing in 12 months since Qld's mobile phone and seatbelt detection cameras switched on.

The cameras caught 119,862 drivers using their phones illegally and 52,542 drivers or front-seat passengers not wearing a seatbelt or wearing it correctly.

Transport and Main Roads Minister Mark Bailey said the shocking figures indicated too

many Queenslanders continued to risk their lives on the roads.

"Each offender needs to ask themselves what value they place on their life as using a mobile phone while driving or failing to wear a seatbelt or wear it correctly could easily end in tragedy – that's the reality," Mr Bailey said.

"Using a mobile phone while driving is as dangerous as driving with a blood alcohol concentration of 0.07-0.10 per cent.

"By law, you must not have your phone in your hand or resting on any part of your body, including your lap while driving, regardless of whether the phone is on or in use."

Mr Bailey said all drivers had a responsibility to ensure they and their passengers were wearing a seatbelt and wearing it properly.

"A seatbelt correctly fastened and adjusted reduces the risk of serious injury in a crash by 50 per cent and death by 45 per cent," he said.

"A seatbelt, if worn correctly, should be worn across the shoulder, the chest and buckled low across the hips. A seatbelt is designed to go across these areas as they are better able to withstand a crash than other parts of the human body."

Any driver caught by the cameras can expect to receive a \$1078 fine and lose four demerit points for both mobile phone and seatbelt offences.

CHRISTMAS CHURCH SERVICES

"For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder, and his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace."

(Isaiah 9:6)

Congregation of Central Western Queensland Uniting Church in Australia

Christmas Service Times:
Christmas Eve
Blackall 4pm (28 Clematis St)
Christmas Day
Longreach 8am (105 Galah St)
Barcaldine 8am (9 Maple St)

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Christmas Day Service
9:30AM
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Tambo St Michael & All Angels, Arthur St
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Christmas Service 10.30am | Tuesday 20 Dec
Aramac St George's cnr Burt & Kerr Sts
Christmas Service 9.30am | Wednesday 21 Dec
Muttaborra All Saints, Sword St
Christmas Service 6pm | Wednesday 21 Dec
Saturday 24
Winton St Paul's, Cork St
Christmas Service 9.30am
Longreach St Andrew's, 144 Emu St
Christmas Service 5pm
Blackall Holy Trinity Church Coronation Dr
Christmas Service 5.30pm
Sunday 25
Barcaldine St Peter's, 85 Elm St
Christmas Service 9am

Anglican Church Central Queensland
More information www.anglicanchurchcq.org.au

Gardening

Fine flowering eucalypts

By Neil Fisher

This weekend I thought I would highlight some very interesting plant varieties that will make coastal gardeners envious.

Have you ever taken the time to walk around the streets of your own town?

Some of the most interesting trees and shrubs can be seen growing within walking distance of our homes.

It does not matter if you live in Longreach, Rockhampton or Winton all our towns have some spectacular street plantings.

The streetscape of many towns in western Queensland can be defined by the trees planted in those towns.

Some streetscapes have these trees grouped to enhance the foliage colour of the different trees and this alone can be striking.

In central Queensland, many of these small Eucalypts will grow quite successfully even with the wide variety of soil types found throughout the western districts.

Most of the small Eucalypts will handle our region's dry times, summer heat and chilly winter winds and this provides fantastic seasonal displays.

Of all the varieties available, the following would be my most recommended suggestions:

Eucalyptus erythrocorys or the Red Capped Mallee, this spectacular Western Australian native adapts very well to the western districts, growing into a small ornamental tree.

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

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

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

Eucalyptus forestiana or Fuchsia Gum is a highly decorative small tree with smooth, brown bark with unique flowers that resemble the exotic hanging Fuchsias. During the warmer months of the year, it produces a profusion of pendulous red buds and yellow flowers, and the display is quite spectacular.

This attractive small bushy tree is suitable for western home gardens, landscape plantings and windbreaks.

Eucalyptus forestiana can grow up to five metres high and as much as four metres across and will tolerate drought and light frosts.

Eucalyptus leucoxylon Rosea or Yellow Gum is a medium-sized tree that is perfect for parks, gardens and street plantings in western Queensland.

It is a wonderful tree with flowers that are usually seen in Autumn and Winter and may be pink, red, white or cream that attracts birds to the garden.

This tree has a cream to grey-coloured bark that sheds in flakes with narrow-shaped green leaves.

Eucalyptus miniata of the Darwin Woollybutt is an attractive, medium to tall tree that is a native of northern Australia, from Croydon in Queensland through the Northern Territory to the Kimberleys.

Due to its natural habitat, this tree does require a well-drained position, and it is also a wise suggestion to take care of if you have severe frost.

Otherwise, this gum makes an outstanding feature for dry conditions.

You can always expect a profusion of orange-red clusters of flowers from Easter through to the end of winter.

Eucalyptus setosa or Rough Leafed Bloodwood is a small growing gum with showy large green foliage.

When it flowers, it makes a spectacular display, with each flower being 40-50mm or two inches in diameter and colours ranging from red, pink, salmon, apricot and white.

These flowers will appear during the whole



Eucalyptus Torwood orange from Blackall.



Eucalyptus Torward pink flowering in Blackall.



Eucalyptus leucoxylon Roma.



Eucalyptus erythrocorys at Alpha State School.

summer period of the year, usually finishing after the first cold weeks of winter.

The tree itself has an upright, semi-weeping habit, growing to around four to five metres in height and three metres across.

Eucalyptus torwood is a natural hybrid of *Eucalyptus torquata*, crossed with *Eucalyptus woodwardii*.

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

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

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

It is frost, drought, lime and salt resistant.

Eucalyptus woodwardii or Lemon Flowered Gum is a showy is a small tree or Mallee and a pendulous habit with blue-grey leaves.

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

In Central Queensland *Eucalyptus woodwardii* will survive in very dry conditions and is also frost tolerant.

All of these Eucalypts could provide so much colour to your garden.



Eucalyptus miniata.



Eucalyptus woodwardii.

Wool market at year's end

By Australian Wool Network

With only two sales left for the 2022 calendar year, the national offered quantity rose to 40,616 bales this week.

It was the largest sale (and the first three-day sale) in four months.

The market performed strongly all week, driven by widespread competition across most sectors and all microns.

It was initially a cautious start on Tuesday

at the East-coast markets but as the day progressed prices continued to climb, accelerating further at a late-selling Fremantle market.

Values in the Western Australian market closed higher than the Eastern auctions which later proved to be a significant barometer for the direction of the market in the coming days.

The AWEX Eastern Market Indicator (AWEX-EMI) added 12 cents for the day.

The strong buyer sentiment and the firming

pattern continued into the following day resulting in MPG increases ranging from 18 to 85 cents and pushing the AWEX-EMI to a 32-cent increase, its largest daily rise in 14 months.

Thursday continued the theme at a Melbourne-only rostering. A New

Zealand catalogue reduced the availability of Australian wool, assisting with additional price increases of 5 to 54 cents. The AWEX-EMI finished the week 54 cents

higher at 1278 cents, its largest weekly rise in 18 months.

The market passed the billion-dollar turnover milestone in this series, taking one week longer than in the previous season. Next week will be the final sale before the annual three-week Christmas recess when 49,693 bales are expected to be offered in three centres; the largest sale for this season. Melbourne will again sell over three days to accommodate its large catalogue.

Aussies urged to remember those in need this season

Australians have been urged not to forget the thousands of families impacted by the most expensive flood in the nation's history in the delicate weeks leading up to Christmas, as charity Rural Aid prepares to deploy assistance measures to some of the communities hardest hit by this natural catastrophe.

Much of New South Wales, Victoria and South Australia was subjected to record rainfall between September and November, with more than 130 local government areas (LGAs) declared disaster zones.

More than \$5.5 billion in damages have been recorded so far – more than any other flooding event in Australia's history – as the dire consequences for regional communities become a harsh reality.

The true cost is estimated to be significantly higher given farmers may not have been insured for many of the losses incurred and there remains limited information as to the ongoing loss of income thousands of rural businesses will suffer.

Trusted charity Rural Aid has relaunched its Buy a Bale fundraiser in response to the disaster, and will team up with the Rapid Relief Team to support a Farmer's Community Connect event in Rochester to help flood-affected Victorian farmers.

Rural Aid CEO John Warlters said the event is a chance for farmers to come together for support.

"These floods have had unprecedented impact on rural Australians - families are losing their homes and livelihoods and entire towns are being wiped out," Mr Warlters said.

"It is difficult to measure the true toll the floods are taking, and will continue to take, on impacted farmers and communities - many of whom have experienced drought, bushfires and multiple flooding events in just the past four years.

"Our immediate concern is the mental health and wellbeing of families in the lead-up to Christmas, however, once the emergency subsidies, communities face a long and challenging road to recovery."

Rural Aid's registered mental health counsellors will be at the event, where farmers can register for free A-grade, feed-tested hay while enjoying a free BBQ lunch and connecting with local service providers.



Rural Aid, prepares to deploy assistance measures to some of the communities hardest hit by this natural catastrophe.

Picture: SUPPLIED

Rochester is located in Campaspe – one of the 55 disaster-declared LGAs across Victoria.

Almost 500,000 hectares of farmland have been flooded across the state, an area equivalent to more than half the size of Melbourne, wiping millions of dollars from farm incomes and causing immeasurable stress

on rural families.

There is now also a growing possibility the flood event will be protracted and episodic with the Bureau of Meteorology predicting above average rainfall from December to January in many of the already impacted areas.

"This particular event poses a unique challenge in that unlike the drought, where some farmers were better prepared or could take steps to manage the impact, this has been sudden and widespread," said Mr Warlters.

"Additionally, the many years of droughts, floods and fires have left many families at breaking point."

Rabobank announces new Australian CEO in 2023

By Rabobank

Rabobank has announced the appointment of Mark Wiessing as CEO for Rabobank Australia and Regional Manager Australia and New Zealand.

Mr Wiessing will succeed Peter Knoblanche, who will retire in May next year following seven years in the role and 27 years with the bank.

Mr Wiessing - who has served as Regional Manager South America and CEO Brazil for Rabobank for the past seven years - will commence in the position on May 1, 2023 (subject to regulatory approval).

Mr Wiessing joined Rabobank in 2006 and has more than 30 years of experience in the financial sector, including postings in South America, Africa, Asia and Eastern Europe.

Prior to Rabobank, he served with other leading financial institutions, including Standard Bank of South Africa, Citibank and ING.

Announcing the appointment, Rabobank Australia chairman Sir Henry van der Heyden paid tribute to "the outstanding contribution"

of outgoing CEO Peter Knoblanche and said Mr Wiessing's extensive international banking experience – including his past 16 years within the international Rabobank network – made him ideally suited to take over the role leading the global food and agribusiness bank's fast-growing operations in the Australian and New Zealand region.

"We're delighted to have an international banking executive of Mark's calibre and experience to oversee the bank's operations in the region, following Peter Knoblanche's retirement next year," Sir Henry said.

"Mark's experience in leading one of Rabobank's key international franchises, serving the top food and agri corporates and farmers in South America, will also help provide a seamless transition at the helm of Rabobank Australia."

Mr Wiessing is a Dutch national and graduated with a Bachelor's in Business Administration from Nyenrode Business University in the Netherlands and with an MBA from the University of Georgia in the USA.

The world's leading specialist food and agribusiness bank, Rabobank is one of Australia and New Zealand's largest agricultural lenders and a significant provider of business and corporate banking and financial services to the region's food and agribusiness sector.

Sir Henry thanked Mr Knoblanche for his "exceptional commitment and contribution to Rabobank, the bank's clients and employees" throughout his lengthy career with the bank.

"Under Peter's leadership as Rabobank Australia CEO and Regional Manager for Australia and New Zealand – and his previous position as Group Executive Country Banking Australia – the bank has gone from strength to strength as a leading financial partner of Australia and New Zealand's food and agribusiness industries," he said.

"In keeping with Rabobank's strong cooperative values, Peter has at all times put the very best interests of the food and agribusiness sector, our clients and our people at the heart of his leadership.

"His passion for agriculture and understanding of our business and our clients has been second to none and we wish him a wonderful, and very well deserved retirement."

Mr Wiessing said it was "an immense honour to be selected to lead Rabobank across the Australia and New Zealand region".

"I am looking forward to relocating to Australia in the new year and continuing to support our clients in the region on their journey to sustainably build their businesses and also to build upon the strong culture across Rabobank's Australia and New Zealand operations," he said.

Mr Knoblanche said it had been "an enormous privilege to have spent a significant part of my career working at such an outstanding values-based organisation whose greatest asset is its people and their unwavering focus on our clients and their commitment to making a lasting contribution to the region, and the global food and agriculture industry".

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Matt Okine hopes to start a new festive family tradition with Stan movie **Christmas Ransom**

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Art of the steal: Matt Okine stars as struggling toy store owner Derrick in *Christmas Ransom*.

Christmas Ransom star Matt Okine brings a helping of mischief back to the festive film genre as Derrick, a struggling toy store owner held up on Christmas Eve, writes **Siobhan Duck**

THE thing Matt Okine was most looking forward to after filming his first Christmas movie was sitting down to watch it with his young daughter, Sofia.

And so, his hopes were high when the lights dimmed in the cinema for the premiere of *Christmas Ransom*.

It wasn't until they were halfway through the film that Okine realised this festive father-daughter bonding session wasn't going quite according to plan.

"It was at the point where I was getting tied up – granted it was with tinsel and lights – but she absolutely lost it and started wailing: 'I don't like this!'," he recalls with a wry laugh.

"Afterwards, she told me she really didn't like the movie. I hope it was just because she didn't like seeing me getting tied up rather than for anything else."

In the Stan original movie, Okine plays the owner of a toy shop who finds himself being held hostage by a pair of bumbling crooks on Christmas Eve. It then falls to some precocious kids – and a heavily

pregnant security guard (Miranda Tapsell) – to foil their dastardly plot using the various toys at their disposal.

As soon as he read the script, Okine saw its potential to become an enduring festive favourite for generations of kids.

"I always liken this film to *Home Alone* [the 1990 movie starring Macaulay Culkin] and the beauty of *Home Alone* is, I'm 37 years old, and I still watch it whenever it comes on TV," he says.

"You know if my daughter could be 34 years old and still being forced to watch her dad in this, then that will be fine."

In fact, Okine plans to kick off the *Christmas Ransom* viewing tradition this year when he heads home to Queensland.

The comedian recently bought a house in hometown of Brisbane and is excited to be spending the day with his extended family and friends for the first time in years.

"I'm going to be in hot, humid Queensland where I will spend the whole day going for swims and eating too much and hanging out with my family," he says.

"I couldn't ask for anything more."

Okine says his family – and especially his father – have always been completely supportive of him on the long and winding road to success.

"My dad was in a band when he was growing up in Ghana," he reflects.

"But I don't think it was a very successful one because he soon became a dentist."

"He has always been supportive of the creative industries, and he even had an African nightclub in Brisbane when I was growing up. And so, he was supportive but also, I think, because my mum died when I was 12, I had a pretty volatile personality dealing with that growing up and to be honest, he was just happy that I was doing anything."

Thankfully, Okine's proud father's reaction to the *Christmas Ransom* premiere was a lot more positive than little Sofia's howls of dismay.

"He said it was good, which is for my dad is a five-star glowing review," he quips.

Before making his movie debut, Okine honed his comic timing as a stand-up and radio presenter. But his long-term ambition has always been to be Australia's answer to Jerry Seinfeld.

"I absolutely loved *Seinfeld* and I loved the idea of writing and starring in your own shows," he recalls.

"And it was absolutely the thing that I've been wanting to do ever since I remember having an ambition."

It's took a long time to see that ambition realised. But the success of Okine's 2017 Stan series *The Other Guy*, which is loosely based on his years on radio, saw him following Seinfeld's lead and creating his own content.

Now he is poised to challenge himself even further and star in a reboot of the iconic series *Mother and Son* on the ABC next year.

A fan of the original, which starred Ruth Cracknell and Garry McDonald, Okine has been longing to do his own version of the story ever since touring the Hong Kong comedy scene with Denise Scott in 2013.

"I just loved working with her so much," he says.

"And I remember just thinking, I wish a show existed where two people like myself and Denise – who essentially represent completely opposite sides of so many different spectrums in Australia – could be together on-screen on Australian TV. "And that's when the idea for *Mother and Son* came and it was a pipe dream for a long time."

There's no doubt that *The Other Guy* opened the door for *Mother and Son*. But, Okine says, there was some resistance to the notion of tampering with such a beloved piece of television history.

Okine emphasises that *Mother and Son* 2.0 will not be a recreation of McDonald and Cracknell's work. Rather it is a reimagining of that concept.

"I am a fan of the original myself, that's part of the reason I came up the idea to recreate it," he explains.

"It was a TV show that was always on in our household. And I think it's a real indication of its brilliance and timeliness that a

show like that could really resonate with a migrant household in the late '80s/early '90s in suburban Queensland.

"I was super determined to make it happen. And it was not something that happened easily because people kept saying: 'Well, this is not going to work. It's going to be tough to get across the line with a network and the Australian public because it's part of people's memories and there's so much sentiment attached to it.'"

"But as soon as they started reading the scripts and saw the vision, they said 'We can't not make this.'"

Similarly, Okine hopes films like *Christmas Ransom* will help viewers reimagine festive films.

"People think of Christmas movies, and they think of snow, and so I think we need to really reconfigure what a Christmas movie is," he says.

"This one is all set inside in a toy shop. It was impossible not to want to rip all the toys off the wall and play with them while I was filming. It is such a beautiful textured film and not an inch of snow in sight."

"So, I think people are starting to reconfigure their understanding of what a Christmas film actually means because in an Australian Christmas film, it's hot, it's humid, and it smells like fresh prawns."

■ *Christmas Ransom*, streaming, Stan

Movie Guide

PICK OF THE WEEK

In the eye of the storm:
Natalie Portman plays
Jacqueline Kennedy in
the days following her
husband's assassination.



FIRST LADY IN FOCUS

Sunday
JACKIE
ABC TV, 8.30pm, MA15+ (2016)

A heart-wrenching portrait of grief and personal fortitude, this is an intimate look inside the worst days of Jacqueline Kennedy's life – those immediately following the assassination of her husband, US President John F. Kennedy, in 1963. A superb Natalie Portman disappears into the titular role as the traumatised First Lady – who never forgets the eyes of the world are watching – consoles her young children, plans to leave the White House and prepares for her husband's funeral. Peter Sarsgaard, Greta Gerwig and Billy Crudup play supporting roles, but the praise is all Portman's in this beautifully crafted depiction of an American icon. ★★★★★



INKHEART
ABC ME, Friday, 6.50pm, PG (2008)

This enchanting fantasy adventure tells the story of book collector Mo Folchart (Brendan Fraser) and his daughter Meggie (Eliza Hope Bennett, pictured with Fraser), who land in a very real adventure when the characters from the fairytale they're reading spring from the pages. Helped by fire-eater Dustfinger (Paul Bettany), Mo's aunt (Helen Mirren) and the book's author (Jim Broadbent) the pair set about stopping villain Capricorn (Andy Serkis) from summoning an evil force. ★★★★★



ALIEN
7Flix, Friday, 8.30pm, M (1979)

As anyone who has seen John Hurt's gut-busting scene will tell you, this yarn about a drooling, insidious extraterrestrial stowaway that terrorises a spaceship crew is a white-knuckle ripper. Aboard the *Nostromo* are mining employees – played by Tom Skerritt, Ian Holm, Sigourney Weaver, Harry Dean Stanton, Yaphet Kotto (pictured, left, with Weaver and Holm), Veronica Cartwright and Hurt – interrupted by an SOS call which they politely heed, only to encounter a disturbing sight. ★★★★★



SHERLOCK HOLMES
10, Saturday, 7.30pm, M (2009)

Sir Arthur Conan Doyle would be proud of this version of his famous super-sleuth, brilliantly brought to life by director Guy Ritchie. The story pales in comparison to the chemistry between Robert Downey Jr as Holmes and Jude Law (pictured, right, with Downey Jr), who hams it up as Dr Watson. On the hunt for a serial killer, they meet all manner of London baddies, including the dubious Irene Adler (Rachel McAdams) and as the bodies start piling up, their list of suspects grows by the day. ★★★★★



THE SANTA CLAUSE
7Flix, Saturday, 7pm, G (1994)

A Disney festive classic, this endearing flick entertains in a way only '90s films can; just don't expect hi-tech CGI. The tale about a wayward dad becoming Santa Clause is simple, lowbrow fun. Tim Allen (pictured, *Home Improvement*) is workaholic Scott, whose plans for Christmas are derailed when he's involved in an accident involving the demise of Santa. In a magical twist, Scott is catapulted into the top job and must deliver all the presents – and cheer – for the world's children. ★★★★★



DR. SEUSS' THE GRINCH
9Go!, Sunday, 7pm, G (2018)

Dr Seuss' iconic green, Christmas-despising creature is given an endearing spin in this animation from directors Yarrow Cheney (*The Secret Life of Pets*) and Scott Mosier. Benedict Cumberbatch (*Doctor Strange*) voices a droll-yet-relatable Grinch in a tale that pops with luminous colours and delightful details. Singer-songwriter Pharrell Williams narrates the feel-good tale, with a bopping soundtrack by award-winning composer Danny Elfman (*Edward Scissorhands*). ★★★★★



BAD MOMS 2
Nine, Tuesday, 8.30pm, MA15+ (2017)

Called *A Bad Moms Christmas* in the US, this sequel does not really improve on the first movie's sweet-mixed-with-raunch combination. This time, the three under-appreciated and over-burdened women (Kristen Bell, Mila Kunis and Kathryn Hahn, pictured from left) have to contend with their own mothers (Christine Baranski, Cheryl Hines and Susan Sarandon), who drop in at Christmas time. If sappiness and smuttiness rock your boat, *Bad Moms 2* might be an entertaining diversion. ★★★★★

The Guide

PICK OF THE WEEK

GARDENING AUSTRALIA ABC TV, Friday, 7.30pm

It might be a tad twee to say every episode of *Gardening Australia* is bursting with joyous zest, but it's true: host Costa Georgiadis (pictured right) and co-presenters revel in nature's bounty week in and week out. It's only fitting that the final instalment of the year is an extra-festive Christmas-themed episode. Tonight, expect the enthusiasm to jolt up a festive notch, with Georgiadis known to sport a Santa hat in the past. A Christmas song gets an impressive spin with Clarence Slockee; Sophie Thomson creates flower lanterns; Josh Byrne primes his garden for the holidays and Millie Ross whips up panettone. It's a jubilant way for nature lovers – and Georgiadis' fans – to round out the year.



celebrates cheese from around the world. Despite being filmed during the pandemic, Pristine managed to fly to many cheese-centric destinations in this six-part series to meet noteworthy and innovative cheesemakers, learning their techniques and devouring their creations. In tonight's penultimate, dairy-centric adventure, Greece is the word. Pristine lands in the motherland of feta, where cheese culture dates back thousands of years in ancient practices.

CHEESE: A LOVE STORY SBS Food, Sunday, 7.30pm

Cheese, cheese and more cheese. Can a cheese lover ever have too much? Canadian Afrim Pristine's (pictured left) documentary series is a mouth-watering tableau that



SNACKMASTERS Nine, Monday, 7.30pm

Most of us probably shy away from pondering just what really is in some of our favourite snacks; we just steadfastly devour them. Besides, the ingredient lists are often a blur of numbers and unfamiliar additives. This entertaining and fun-loving series, hosted by Scott Pickett and Poh Ling Yeow (pictured left), has thrown some curveballs as the competing chefs try to crack the code to making some of the nation's favourite tummy fillers. After delicacies such as Cheezels and Domino's loaded pepperoni cheesy crust pizza, tonight's final serves up two classics: a Four'N Twenty Classic Meat Pie and King Sized Sausage Roll. Tune in to find out who has their finger in the pie for a win.



CHRISTMAS CABARET ABC TV, Tuesday, 9.30pm

Christmas has almost arrived, and the Santa-themed specials keep coming at a rate of knots, but here's something delightfully different and merrily modern. This one-hour laugh-and-song fest, hosted by comedian Nazeem Hussain (pictured left), celebrates Christmas by exploring how people of different faiths embrace the season. Guests including Paul Kelly, Kate Miller-Heidke, Claire Hooper and Steven Oliver share their take on festive fun, with Christmas messages from Magda Szubanski, Jeremy Fernandez, Courtney Act, Benjamin Law, and other well-loved Australians. Senator Jacqui Lambie even dons a Santa suit for the buoyant, jovial occasion.

Friday, December 16

ABC TV (2) 6.00 News Breakfast. 9.00 ABC News Mornings. 10.00 The Pool. (PG, R) 11.00 Waltzing The Dragon With Benjamin Law. (PG, R) 12.00 ABC News At Noon. 1.00 Belgravia. (PG, R) 1.45 Doc Martin. (PG, R) 2.35 Poh's Kitchen. (R) 3.00 Gardening Australia. (R) 4.10 Long Lost Family. (PG, R) 5.00 Back Roads. (R) 5.30 Hard Quiz. (PG, R)	SBS (3) 6.00 WorldWatch. 7.00 BBC News At Six. 7.30 WorldWatch. 9.00 Cook Up Bitesize. (R) 9.05 Peer To Peer. (PG, R) 10.00 Paul O'Grady's Little Heroes. 11.00 Barkley Manor. (Premiere) 12.00 WorldWatch. 2.00 Saving Lives At Sea. (R) 3.00 Railway Vietnam. (PG, R) 3.30 The Cook Up With Adam Liaw. (PG, R) 4.00 World's Most Scenic Railway Journeys. (PG, R) 4.50 Grand Tours Of Scotland's Rivers. (Final, PG) 5.30 FIFA World Cup Extra 2022.	SEVEN (7) 6.00 Sunrise. 9.00 The Morning Show. (PG) 11.30 Seven Morning News. 12.00 MOVIE: Christmas At Maple Creek. (2020, PGal, R) Jeni Ross. 2.00 House Of Wellness. (PG) 3.00 The Chase. (R) 4.00 Seven News At 4. 5.00 The Chase Australia. (R) Hosted by Larry Emdur.	NINE (8, 9) 6.00 Today. 9.00 Today Extra Summer. (PG) 10.00 Swimming. 16th FINA World C'ships (25m). Day 4. Heats. 12.00 MOVIE: A Christmas Comeback. (2019, G, R) Beverley Mitchell, Catherine Mary Stewart, Kelaiah Guiel. 1.45 Garden Gurus Moments. (R) 2.00 Pointless. (PG, R) 3.00 Tipping Point. (PG, R) 4.00 Afternoon News. 4.30 Millionaire Hot Seat. (R) 5.30 WIN News.	TEN (5, 1) 6.00 The Talk. (PGa) 7.00 Entertainment Tonight. (R) 7.30 Judge Judy. (PG, R) 8.00 10 News First: Breakfast. 8.30 Studio 10. (PG) 12.00 Dr Phil. (PGal, R) 1.00 Jamie's One-Pan Christmas. (R) 2.00 Entertainment Tonight. 2.30 Good Chef Bad Chef. (R) 3.00 Judge Judy. (PG, R) 3.30 Freshly Picked With Simon Toohey. 4.00 Farm To Fork. 4.30 Jamie's Easy Meals For Every Day. (R) 5.00 10 News First.
6.00 The Drum. (Final) Analysis of the day's news. 7.00 ABC News. Takes a look at today's top stories. 7.30 Gardening Australia. (Final) Josh Byrne preps his garden for the holidays. 8.30 Vera. (Ma, R) DCI Vera Stanhope investigates when the body of a business-woman's sister is found in the river. 10.00 Troppo. (Malv, R) Amanda is shocked to discover the attack on Ted. 10.55 ABC Late News. (Final) Detailed coverage of the day's events. 11.10 Adam Hills: The Last Leg. (R) UK-based panel show. 11.55 Rage. (MA15+adhlnsv)	6.30 SBS World News. 7.35 Engineering Reborn: Port House, Warehouse Hostel, Sandford Underground Laboratory. (PG) Hosted by Rob Bell. 8.30 Inside Central Station: Lidcombe Self Harm. (PGa, R) Narrated by Shane Jacobson. 9.30 Concorde: Secrets Behind The Crash. (PGa, R) The story of Air France Flight 4590. 10.20 SBS World News Late. 10.50 Dear Mama. (Premiere, Madl) 3.20 Big Fat Quiz Of The Year 2021. (Mls, R) 5.00 NHK World English News Morning. 5.30 ANC Philippines The World Tonight.	6.00 Seven Local News. 6.30 Seven News. 7.00 Better Homes And Gardens Summer. Johanna Griggs and Charlie Albone check out Rosedale Farm Home and Garden. 7.30 Cricket. Big Bash League. Game 5. Sydney Thunder v Adelaide Strikers. From GIANTS Stadium, Sydney. 10.45 MOVIE: Wind River. (2017, MA15+av, R) An animal tracker finds a body. Jeremy Renner, Elizabeth Olsen. 1.00 Black-ish. (PGa, R) Diane bonds with Pops. 2.00 Home Shopping. (R) 4.00 Million Dollar Minute. (R) 5.00 NBC Today.	6.00 Nine News. 7.00 Lord Mayor's Christmas Carols. Coverage of the 2022 Lord Mayor's Christmas Carols. 9.00 MOVIE: Deck The Halls. (2006, PGals, R) Two neighbours compete to see who can come up with the most impressive Christmas lights display. Danny DeVito, Matthew Broderick, Kristin Davis. 10.50 MOVIE: Tammy. (2014, Mlsv, R) A woman loses her minimum-wage job. Melissa McCarthy. 12.40 Council Of Dads. (Premiere, PGa) 1.30 TV Shop: Home Shopping. (R) 4.00 Take Two. (R) 4.30 Global Shop. (R) 5.00 TV Shop: Home Shopping. (R) 5.30 Skippy The Bush Kangaroo. (R)	6.30 The Project. A look at the day's news and events. 7.30 The Graham Norton Show. (R) Olly Murs performs. 9.30 Just For Laughs Australia. (MA15+s, R) Stand-up comedy performances from Dave Thornton, Chris Ryan, Mike Goldstein and Reuben Kaye. 10.00 Just For Laughs Uncut. (MA15+als, R) Hosted by Nikki Osborne. 10.30 Arj Barker: We Need To Talk. (Mls, R) 11.40 The Project. (R) 12.40 The Late Show With Stephen Colbert. (PG) 1.30 Home Shopping. (R) 5.30 Infomercials. (PG, R)
ABC TV PLUS (22) 6am Children's Programs. 5.20pm Hey Duggee. 5.30 Ginger And The Vegesaur. 5.35 Do, Re & Mi. 5.50 Peppa Pig. 5.55 Reef School. 6.05 Ben And Holly. 6.20 Bluey. 6.25 Octonauts. 6.40 Andy's Aquatic Adventures. 7.00 Odd Squad. 7.10 Shaun The Sheep. 7.20 Bluey. 7.30 Spicks And Specks. 8.00 Hard Quiz. 8.30 MOVIE: Love The Coopers. (2015, PG) 10.15 Doctor Who. 11.00 Back. 11.25 Archer. 12.05am QI. 12.35 George Clarke's Amazing Spaces. 1.25 ABC News Update. 1.30 Close. 5.00 Hoot Hoot Go! 5.10 Dot. 5.25 Pablo. 5.35 Guess How Much I Love You. 5.45 Late Programs.	SBS VICELAND (31) 6am WorldWatch. 9.30 Shortland St. 11.00 The Movie Show. Noon Cocaine Trade Exposed: The Invisibles. 12.50 The Source. 1.40 Figure Skating. ISU Grand Prix. Round 4. 2020 NHK Trophy. Replay. 3.40 ABC World News Tonight With David Muir. 4.10 PBS News. 5.05 Joy Of Painting. 6.05 Jeopardy! 6.30 FIFA World Cup Extra 2022. 7.35 8 Out Of 10 Cats Does Countdown. 8.30 Hoarders. 9.20 The Language Of Love. 10.15 Love And Sex In An Age Of Pornography. 11.15 VICE News Tonight. 12.10am MOVIE: The Game. (1997, MA15+) 2.30 NHK World English News. 5.00 Al Jazeera News Hour.	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 Our Town. 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 Better Homes And Gardens Summer. 8.30 Escape To The Country. 10.30 Australia's Big Backyards. 11.30 Border Security: Int. 12.30am Escape To The Country. 2.30 Bargain Hunt. 3.30 Room For Improvement. 4.00 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 Explore. 2.00 Antiques Roadshow. 2.30 MOVIE: Brothers In Law. (1957) 4.30 Murder, She Wrote. 5.30 Antiques Roadshow. 6.30 Swimming. 16th FINA World Championships (25m). Day 4. Finals. 9.30 MOVIE: The Living Daylights. (1987, PG) 12.10am New Amsterdam. 1.00 TV Shop: Home Shopping. 5.00 Joyce Meyer. 5.30 TV Shop: Home Shopping.	10 PEACH (52, 11) 6am The Late Show With Stephen Colbert. 7.00 NBL Slam. 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. 11.00 Frasier. Midnight Home Shopping. 12.30 Infomercials. 1.00 Home Shopping. 1.30 The Late Show With Stephen Colbert. 2.30 The Late Late Show With James Corden. 3.30 Becker. 4.30 Home Shopping. 5.30 Infomercials.
NITV (34) 6am Morning Programs. 10.00 Great Blue Wild. 10.50 Road Open. 11.00 Going Places. 11.30 Strait To The Plate. Noon Kungka Kunpu. 12.10 MOVIE: Bran Nue Dae. (2009) 1.45 Songlines On Screen. 2.00 Shortland St. 2.30 The Cook Up. 3.00 Bushwhacked! 3.25 Little J And Big Cuz. 3.40 Red Dirt Riders. 3.55 Future Dreaming. 4.00 Grace Beside Me. 4.30 Thalu. 5.00 Our Stories. 5.30 Songlines On Screen. 6.00 Bamay. 6.40 Great Blue Wild. 7.30 Barrumbi Kids. 8.00 MOVIE: Bush Christmas. (1983, PG) 9.40 First Nations Bedtime Stories. 9.50 Going Places With Ernie Dingo. 10.50 Late Programs.	SBS WORLD MOVIES (32) 6am The Extraordinary Journey Of The Fakir. Continued. (2018, PG) 7.40 Our Little Sister. (2015, PG, Japanese) 10.00 Kill The Messenger. (2014, M) 12.05pm A Royal Affair. (2012, M, Danish) 2.35 The Chaperone. (2018, PG) 4.35 Strange Birds. (2017, PG, French) 5.55 Hairspray. (1988, PG) 7.35 Desperately Seeking Susan. (1985, M) 9.30 To Die For. (1995) 11.30 Hannibal. (2001, MA15+) 1.55am Son Of Saul. (2015, M, Hungarian) 4.00 The Miseducation Of Cameron Post. (2018, M) 5.40 Chocolat. (1988, French)	7MATE (74) 6am The Fishing Show. 7.00 Fish Of The Day. 7.30 Creek To Coast. 8.00 WSL Presents. 10.00 American Pickers. 11.00 American Restoration. 11.30 Pawn Stars. 1pm Pawn Stars South Africa. 1.30 Pawn Stars UK. 2.00 Scrap Kings. 3.00 Timbersports. 3.30 American Restoration. 4.00 Cricket. Big Bash League. Game 4. Melbourne Stars v Hobart Hurricanes. 7.15 Cricket. Big Bash League. Game 5. Sydney Thunder v Adelaide Strikers. 7.30 Carnage. 8.30 MOVIE: Rambo: First Blood 2. (1985, M) 10.30 MOVIE: New Jack City. (1991, MA15+) 12.40am Scrap Kings. 2.00 Late Programs.	9GO! (82, 93) 6am Children's Programs. 11.30 Yu-Gi-Oh! Sevens. Noon Inside Phuket Airport. 1.00 The Bionic Woman. 2.00 Full House. 3.00 The Nanny. 3.30 3rd Rock From The Sun. 4.00 That '70s Show. 4.30 Everybody Loves Raymond. 5.30 MOVIE: The Nanny Diaries. (2007, PG) 7.40 MOVIE: Mean Girls. (2004, M) 9.40 MOVIE: Monster-In-Law. (2005, M) 11.40 Telenovela. 12.10am Queer Eye For The Straight Guy. 1.10 Below Deck Mediterranean. 2.00 Full House. 3.00 Bakugan: Evolutions. 3.30 Ninjago. 4.00 TV Shop: Home Shopping. 5.00 Pokémon Journeys. 5.30 Yu-Gi-Oh! Sevens.	10 BOLD (53, 12) 6am Home Shopping. 7.30 Infomercials. 8.00 Pooches At Play. 8.30 Australia By Design: Innovations. 9.00 iFish. 9.30 Reel Action. 10.00 MacGyver. Noon The Love Boat. 1.00 Star Trek: The Next Generation. 2.00 Diagnosis Murder. 3.00 Bondi Rescue. 3.30 The Love Boat. 4.30 Star Trek: The Next Generation. 5.30 MacGyver. 7.30 NCIS. 8.30 NCIS: Los Angeles. 10.20 Evil. 11.15 Star Trek: Discovery. 12.15am Home Shopping. 2.15 48 Hours. 3.10 Star Trek: The Next Generation. 4.05 MacGyver.

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

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ABC TV (2) 6.00 Rage. (PG) 7.00 Weekend Breakfast. 9.00 Rage. (PG) 12.00 ABC News At Noon. 12.30 Vera. (Ma, R) 2.00 Midsomer Murders. (PG, R) 3.30 Harley & Katya. (PG, R) 4.55 Dream Gardens. (PG, R) 5.25 Monty Don's Japanese Gardens. (Final, R) 6.30 The ABC Of: Sarah Ferguson. (PGa, R) Hosted by David Wenham. 7.00 ABC News. Takes a look at today's top stories. 7.30 Doc Martin. (M) The news of Martin's Imperial College job offer flies through the village. 8.20 Shetland. (Mal) Facing a dead end in the hunt for Galbraith's killer, Tosh leads Perez to the remote island of Fetlar. 9.20 Midsomer Murders. (Mv, R) Barnaby and Winter investigate an attack on a bee keeper and the death of a villager. 10.50 MOVIE: The Post. (2017, M, R) A newspapers works to expose a cover-up. Meryl Streep. 12.40 Rage Fifty Countdown. (MA15+adhlnsv) 5.00 Rage. (PG)	SBS (3) 6.00 WorldWatch. 7.00 BBC News At Six. 7.30 WorldWatch. 9.00 Cook Up Bitesize. (R) 9.05 Britain's Great Outdoors. 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(R) 4.00 Get Clever. (R) 5.00 House Of Wellness. (PGal, R)	NINE (8, 9) 6.00 Drive TV. (R) 6.30 A Current Affair. (R) 7.00 Weekend Today. 10.00 Swimming. 16th FINA World C'ships (25m). Day 5. Heats. 12.00 Surfing Australia TV. (PG) 12.30 Cross Court. 1.00 Snackmasters. (PG, R) 2.40 MOVIE: A Glenbrooke Christmas. (2020, G) Autumn Reeser, Antonio Cupo, Lisa MacFadden. 4.30 The Garden Gurus. 5.00 News: First At Five. 5.30 Country House Hunters Australia. 6.00 Nine News Saturday. 7.00 A Current Affair. 7.30 Swimming. 16th FINA World Championships (25m). Day 5. Finals. 9.30 MOVIE: Daddy's Home 2. (2017, PGs, R) Two men who plan to have the perfect Christmas with the children they are raising as co-parents, finds their holiday sabotaged by the unexpected arrival of their meddling fathers. Will Ferrell, Mark Wahlberg, Mel Gibson. 11.30 Reported Missing: Tyler. (Mal, R) Follows the search for five-year-old Tyler. 12.45 Surfing Australia TV. (PGI, R) Showcases Surfing Australia's programs. 1.10 Cross Court. (R) 1.35 The Garden Gurus. (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)	TEN (5, 1) 6.00 Reel Action. (R) 6.30 Leading The Way. 7.00 Tough Tested. (PG, R) 8.00 Escape Fishing. (R) 8.30 What's Up Down Under. (R) 9.00 Australia By Design: Architecture. (PG, R) 9.30 St!O. (PG) 12.00 Everyday Gourmet. (R) 12.30 Well Traveller. (PGa, R) 1.00 Offroad Adv. (R) 2.00 All 4 Adventure. (PGI, R) 3.00 4x4 Adventures. (R) 4.00 Farm To Fork. (R) 4.30 Taste Of Aust. (PG, R) 5.00 News. 6.00 Bondi Rescue. (PG, R) Follows the work of elite lifeguards. 6.30 Hungry. Presented by George Calombaris and Sarah Todd. 7.00 Jamie's One-Pan Wonders. (Final) Jamie Oliver prepares an aubergine burger. 7.30 MOVIE: Sherlock Holmes. (2009, Mv, R) Sherlock Holmes and his colleague Dr Watson battle a cult leader who has seemingly returned from the grave. Robert Downey Jr, Jude Law. 10.00 MOVIE: Sherlock Holmes 2: A Game Of Shadows. (2011, Mv, R) Sherlock Holmes sets off in pursuit of a criminal mastermind known as Moriarty. Robert Downey Jr, Jude Law. 12.30 Home Shopping. (R) 3.30 Infomercials. (PG) 4.00 Home Shopping. (R) 4.30 Authentic. (PG) 5.00 Hour Of Power.
ABC TV PLUS (22) 6am Children's Programs. 7.20pm Bluey. 7.30 Spicks And Specks. 8.00 QI. 8.30 Live At The Apollo. (Final) 9.15 Whose Line Is It Anyway? 10.00 First & Forever. 11.35 Staged. Midnight Fleabag. 12.25 Would I Lie To You? 12.55 Doctor Who. 1.40 Friday Night Dinner. 2.05 Universe With Brian Cox. 3.05 ABC News Update. 3.10 Close. 5.00 Hoot Hoot Go! 5.10 Dot. 5.25 Pablo. 5.35 Late Programs.	SBS VICELAND (31) 6am WorldWatch. 7.40 DW Global 3000. 8.10 WorldWatch. 9.30 Shortland St. 11.00 The Movie Show. Noon Dave Gorman: Terms And Conditions Apply. 12.55 Wellington Paranormal. 1.25 American Song Contest. 3.05 WorldWatch. 4.30 Mastermind Aust. 5.35 Vs Arashi. 6.30 FIFA World Cup Extra 2022. 7.30 Impossible Engineering. 8.30 MOVIE: Super Mario Bros. (1993) 10.25 Late Programs.	7TWO (72) 6am Home Shopping. 8.30 Travel Oz. 10.00 House Of Wellness. 11.00 Horse Racing. 5pm Travel And Eat With Dan & Steph. 5.30 Border Security: International. 6.30 The Yorkshire Vet. 7.30 The Yorkshire Vet In Autumn. 8.30 Escape To The Country. 9.30 Escape To The Perfect Town. 10.30 Penelope Keith's Hidden Villages. 11.30 The Yorkshire Vet. 12.30am Escape To The Country. 1.30 Late Programs.	9GEM (81, 92) 6am Morning Programs. 8.30 TV Shop. 10.00 My Favorite Martian. 10.30 Skippy. 11.00 Seaway. Noon MOVIE: Summer Holiday. (1963) 2.15 MOVIE: Clambake. (1967) 4.15 MOVIE: Dirty Rotten Scoundrels. (1988, PG) 6.30 Swimming. 16th FINA World Championships (25m). Day 5. Finals. 7.30 MOVIE: Licence To Kill. (1989, M) 10.15 MOVIE: Death Wish V. (1994, MA15+) 12.15am Late Programs.	10 PEACH (52, 11) 6am The Late Show With Stephen Colbert. 7.00 The King Of Queens. 8.00 Frasier. 9.00 Becker. 10.00 Friends. Noon The King Of Queens. 1.00 The Challenge Australia. 3.00 Friends. 6.00 The Big Bang Theory. 8.30 TikTok For You Fest. 10.00 The Big Bang Theory. 10.25 Friends. 12.15am Home Shopping. 1.15 Infomercials. 1.45 Mom. 2.15 NBL Slam. 2.45 Broke. 4.30 Home Shopping.
NITV (34) 6am Morning Programs. 10.30 MOVIE: Bush Christmas. (1983, PG) 12.10pm Great Blue Wild. 1.00 Always Was Always Will Be. 1.35 From The Heart Of Our Nation: A Celebration. 4.35 Going Places. 5.35 Power To The People. 6.05 Pacific Island Food Revolution. 6.55 News. 7.05 On Country Kitchen. 7.35 Boteti: The				

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6.30 The ABC Of: John Howard. (Final, PG, R) Hosted by David Wenham. 7.00 ABC News. Takes a look at today's top stories. 7.30 Death In Paradise. (Madv, R) A survival expert is found dead. 8.30 MOVIE : Jackie. (2016, MA15+v, R) Jackie Kennedy fights through her grief to define her husband's legacy following his assassination. Natalie Portman, Peter Sarsgaard, Greta Gerwig. 10.10 Miniseries: Ridley Road. (Mv, R) Part 4 of 4. 11.05 Mystery Road: Origin. (Final, Mlv, R) 12.05 The Heights. (PG, R) 2.20 Rage. (MA15+adhlmsv) 4.00 Classic Countdown. (PG, R) 5.00 Think Tank. (PG, R)	6.00 FIFA World Cup 2022 Preview Show. 6.30 SBS World News. 7.30 Houdini's Lost Diaries. Explores the life of Harry Houdini. 9.05 Big Ben: Restoring The World-Famous Clock. (R) Delves into the history and restoration of Elizabeth Tower, home to the Great Bell known as Big Ben. 10.00 Cher And The Loneliest Elephant. (PGal, R) Explores how Cher helped save a bull elephant. 11.00 Grand Tours Of Scotland's Lochs: A Fyne Tour. (PG, R) 12.00 Soccer. 2022 FIFA World Cup. Final. 3.30 Grand Tours Of Scotland's Lochs. (PG, R) 4.30 Going Places With Ernie Dingo. (R) 5.00 NHK World English News Morning. 5.15 France 24 Feature. 5.30 Al Jazeera News.	6.00 Seven News. 7.00 Cricket. Big Bash League. Game 7. Melbourne Renegades v Sydney Thunder. 10.00 7NEWS Spotlight. (R) Takes a look inside Australian sport's biggest crisis, as told through the eyes of Rabbitohs legend Mario Fenech. 11.00 World's Most Shocking Emergency Calls. (MA15+av, R) Documents shocking emergency calls, including an online predator confessing to murder. 12.00 To Be Advised. 2.00 Home Shopping. (R) 3.30 Million Dollar Minute. (R) Hosted by Simon Reeve. 4.00 NBC Today. News and current affairs. 5.00 Seven Early News. 5.30 Sunrise.	6.00 Nine News Sunday. 7.00 Snackmasters. (PG) Hosted by Scott Pickett and Poh Ling Yeow. 8.40 60 Minutes. Current affairs program, investigating, analysing and uncovering the issues affecting all Australians. 9.40 Under Investigation: The Cop Who Knew Too Much. (Mav, R) Presented by Liz Hayes. 10.40 The First 48: Fatal Showdown/Deadly Text. (Mav) 11.35 Manhunt: The Railway Murders. (MA15+av) 12.30 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. A look at the day's news. 7.30 The Graham Norton Show. Irish comedian Graham Norton is joined by actors Tom Hanks, Naomi Ackie and Suranne Jones. 8.30 MOVIE : Top Gun. (1986, R) A young, hot-headed fighter pilot competes for the prestigious Top Gun award at an elite US flying school. However, his insistence on doing things his own way brings him into conflict with those around him. Tom Cruise, Kelly McGillis, Val Kilmer. 10.55 FBI. (Mv, R) A university student is murdered. 11.55 The Sunday Project. (R) A look at the day's news. 1.00 Home Shopping. (R) 4.30 CBS Mornings.
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NITV (34) 6am Morning Programs. 2.25pm The South Sydney Story. 2.55 Living Black. 3.25 Football. NFL. Women's. Under-18s. 4.40 Football. NFL. Men's. Under-18s. Replay. 5.55 The Land We're On With Penelope Towney. 6.00 Spirit Talker. 6.30 News. 6.40 Animal Babies: First Year On Earth. 7.40 Greatest Hits Of The 80s. 8.30 Kutcha's Koorioke. 8.40 Sam Cooke: Legend. 10.00 MOVIE : Miles Ahead. (2015, M) 11.45 Late Programs.	SBS WORLD MOVIES (32) 6am Kim Ji-Young. Born 1982. (2019, PG, Korean) 8.10 Little Nicolas On Holiday. (2014, PG, French) 10.00 To Die For. (1995) Noon Son Of Saul. (2015, M, Hungarian) 2.00 Strange Birds. (2017, PG, French) 3.20 Hairspray. (1			

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6.10 Grand Designs New Zealand. (R) Hosted by Chris Moller. 7.00 ABC News. Takes a look at today's top stories. 7.30 7.30 . Presented by Laura Tingle. 8.00 Australian Story: Bon Scott – On The Brink. (Final, R) For the first time, family and friends discuss the late AC/DC singer Bon Scott, who died unexpectedly in 1980. 8.40 Brian Cox: Seven Days On Mars. (R) Professor Brian Cox follows Perseverance rover's search for life on Mars during a critical seven-day period. 10.10 Our Dementia Choir. (PG, R) Part 1 of 2. 11.10 The Detectives. (Mal, R) 12.10 Operation Buffalo. (Madlv, R) 1.05 Total Control. (MA15+, R) 1.55 Rage. (MA15+adhlncv) 4.30 Think Tank. (PG, R) 5.25 7.30 . (R)	6.30 SBS World News. 7.30 Celebrity Letters And Numbers. (M, R) Hosted by Michael Hing. 8.30 24 Hours In Emergency: Safety Net. (M) A 21-year-old is rushed to St George's after suffering from a suspected stroke. 9.25 Secrets Of Playboy: The Playboy Legacy. (Premiere) Exposes the hidden truths behind the Playboy brand and the complex world Hugh Hefner created. 10.15 SBS World News Late. 10.45 Reunions. (Mal, R) Vanessa attempts to get off the island. 11.45 Medici: The Magnificent Part II. (Mav, R) 4.00 Food Safari. (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 Cricket. Big Bash League. Game 8. Hobart Hurricanes v Perth Scorchers. 10.00 The Spin. Lisa Sthalekar, Brad Hodge and Jason Richardson take a look into the world of cricket. 10.30 Motorway Patrol. (PGI) A driver is given \$1500 in seatbelt infringements but continues to remain unbuckled. 11.00 Highway Cops. (PGa) A driver's crane flips over. 11.30 April Jones: The Interrogation Tapes. (MA15+, R) Explores the 2012 murder of April Jones. 12.50 Heartbreak Island Australia. (Mal) Hosted by Clinton Randell. 2.00 Home Shopping. (R) 4.00 NBC Today. News and current affairs. 5.00 Seven Early News. 5.30 Sunrise.	6.00 Nine News. 7.00 A Current Affair. 7.30 Snackmasters. (Final, PG) Hosted by Scott Pickett and Poh Ling Yeow. 8.50 Inside The Superbrands: McCain. A behind the scenes look at McCain, the world's largest chip company. 9.50 Australian Crime Stories: Mark Standen – A Dirty Cop. (Mad, R) A look at the case of Mark Standen. 10.50 The Equalizer. (Mv, R) McCall, Mel and Harry must work remotely. 11.40 Almost Family. (Mas) 12.35 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 Bondi Rescue. (PGal, R) Beach marshals work with the lifeguards to check numbers and enforce social distancing. 8.30 Ghosts. (PGs) Jay's sister, Bela, visits Woodstone Mansion for Christmas and brings along a friend, inspiring Sam to spark a romance between them in the spirit of the holiday rom-coms she loves. 9.30 MOVIE: Mission: Impossible. (1996, R) A secret agent sets out to discover who double-crossed him and killed his colleagues. Tom Cruise, Jon Voight, Ving Rhames. 11.45 FBI: Most Wanted. (Mv, R) 1.30 The Project. (R) 2.30 The Late Show With Stephen Colbert. (PG) 3.30 Home Shopping. (R) 4.30 CBS Mornings.
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6.10 Grand Designs New Zealand. (R) 7.00 ABC News. 7.30 7.30. Presented by Laura Tingle. 8.00 Anh's Brush With Fame: Dr Richard Harris. (PG, R) Anh Do paints Dr Richard Harris. 8.30 Love On The Spectrum. (PG, R) Follows young adults on the autism spectrum as they explore love, dating and relationships. 9.30 Christmas Cabaret. Hosted by Nazeem Hussain. 10.25 Summer Love. (Mdl, R) 11.00 Our Dementia Choir. (PG, R) 12.00 The Detectives. (Mal, R) 12.55 Parkinson In Australia. (PG, R) 2.15 Ask The Doctor. (R) 3.10 Rage. (MA15+adhlnsv) 4.25 Think Tank. (PG, R) 5.25 7.30. (R)	6.00 Mastermind Australia. (PG, R) Presented by Jennifer Byrne. 6.30 SBS World News. 7.30 Who Do You Think You Are? Denise Drysdale. (PG, R) Denise Drysdale explores her roots, finding DNA links to Scotland and Northern Ireland. 8.35 Whitney Houston & Bobbi Kristina. Celebrates the lives of singer Whitney Houston and her daughter Bobbi Kristina. 10.10 SBS World News Late. 10.40 Cheyenne & Lola. (MA15+I) Cheyenne forces Lola to steal jewellery. 11.55 Unit One. (MA15+s, R) 4.20 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 Cricket. Big Bash League. Game 9. Adelaide Strikers v Sydney Thunder. 10.00 Dogs Behaving (Very) Badly. (PGa) Follows dog trainer Graeme Hall as he finds long-lasting solutions for pet dogs with issues. 11.00 Chicago Fire. (Mav) Gallo goes to see Hawkins about Violet. 12.00 The Real Dirty Dancing. (PGals, R) The ladies let their inhibitions go. 1.30 Beach Cops. (PG, R) Narrated by Layne Beachley. 2.00 Home Shopping. (R) 4.00 NBC Today. News and current affairs. 5.00 Seven Early News. 5.30 Sunrise.	6.00 Nine News. 7.00 A Current Affair. 7.30 Travel Guides. (PGls, R) Ordinary Australians become travel critics. 8.30 MOVIE: Bad Moms 2. (2017, MA15+als, R) Three under-appreciated mothers rebel against the expectations of organising the "perfect" Christmas. Mila Kunis, Kristen Bell, Kathryn Hahn. 10.35 La Brea. (Mv, R) A massive sinkhole opens in Los Angeles. 11.25 Law & Order: Organized Crime. (Mv, R) 12.15 Tipping Point. (PG, R) 1.10 Hello SA. (PG) 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 Ambulance Australia. (Mdlm, R) Follows dispatchers and paramedics. 8.30 NCIS. (Mdv) NCIS Special Agent Timothy McGee and the team investigates the death of a university student who was killed while running across the street and had connections to McGee's wife, Delilah. 9.30 MOVIE: Mission: Impossible II. (2000, R) A special agent is ordered to find a deadly virus stolen by a criminal mastermind. Tom Cruise, Thandiwe Newton. 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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Hidden identity:
An enigmatic stranger sets Jess (Lisette Olivera) on a quest to discover her family's past.



BLAST FROM THE PAST

NATIONAL TREASURE: EDGE OF HISTORY
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While fans of Nicolas Cage's intrepid treasure hunter Ben Gates await the long-rumoured third instalment of the iconic films, a thrilling 10-episode spinoff, featuring a new generation of adventurers, is set to tide us over.

At the heart of the series is Jess Valenzuela (Lisette Olivera), a young Mexican American woman whose life is turned upside-down when she discovers the father she never knew was much more than a thief – and the necklace he left her is really the key to a centuries-old treasure.

With her best friends by her side and a hunger for answers about her family's past, Jess puts her puzzle-solving skills to the test as she follows a series of clues hidden in American artefacts and landmarks. However, with billionaire black market dealer Billie (Catherine Zeta-Jones, pictured, right) on their tails, the crew soon realises they're in way over their heads.

With timely themes and an enthralling *Edge of History* is much more than just another reboot. – **Lauren Mitchell**



MORE POWER
Streaming, from
Saturday, Foxtel On Demand

FOXTEL

Ever wished you could actually watch an episode of *Home Improvement's* show-within-a-show, *Tool Time*? Here's your best chance. Actors Tim Allen and Richard Karn (both pictured) team up with April Wilkerson to delve into the history of tools, from basic, handheld models to massive, industrial machines.



ABOUT FATE
Streaming, from Friday,
Prime Video



Sometimes all you want is a light, feel-good rom-com to soothe your soul. Emma Roberts and Thomas Mann (both pictured) play two strangers whose paths cross, upending their complicated love lives. The film leans on sentimentality, but the New Year's Eve-set tale is infused with charm thanks to the magnetism between its leads.



GEORGE & TAMMY
Streaming,
Paramount+

Paramount+

The passionate marriage of country music stars Tammy Wynette and George Jones is chronicled in this worthwhile miniseries. Jessica Chastain and Michael Shannon (both pictured) deliver pitch-perfect performances as the couple behind some of the most iconic songs of all time, including "Stand by Your Man" and "He Stopped Loving Her Today".



THE VOLCANO: RESCUE FROM WHAKAARI
Streaming, from Friday, Netflix



The horror of the 2019 New Zealand volcano tragedy, which claimed 22 lives, is offset by the verve and bravery of the rescuers and survivors featured in this emotional, first-hand account from award-winning director Rory Kennedy. It employs survivors' footage and *National Geographic* cameras to piece together the fateful day.



STRAIT TO THE PLATE
Streaming, SBS On Demand



Actor Aaron Fa'Aoso (pictured) might have the best job in the world – visiting the beautiful Torres Strait Islands, immersing himself in their unique culture and educating Australians on their culinary delights. In this second serving, Fa'Aoso travels through the western regions traditionally known as the Guda Maluyilgal, Kawaialagalgal and Kulgalgal regions.



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Out and About



- 1: Vanessa Funk-Miller, Jeremy Miller and Steph Nash having a night out on Eagle Street.
- 2: Kids of all ages were out enjoying the party.
- 3: The Jays having their first Christmas in town.
- 4: Denise Gillot, and Indy and Jenny Searles enjoying the Christmas cheer.
- 5: Father and son Christmas, Jahquan and Anau Porogo.
- 6: Hamish Hart and Alex Cluff being best bros.
- 7: Enjoying the town band Dan Prosser and Danielle O'Neal.
- 8: Carley Smith, Cookie Dolgner and Caroline Doyle having an enjoyable night out of the house.



Christmas Greetings 2022

Merry Christmas!

We thank you for your business in 2022 and look forward to keeping you on the road in 2023.

Alice and James Colvin

Closed December 23rd - January 3rd

LONGREACH MOTORS
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Ph: 07 4658 1700
longreachmotors@bigpond.com
www.longreachmotors.com.au



12580628-SN60-22

We would like to extend our grateful thanks for every ounce of support we've received over the past year & wish you the **happiest Christmas EVER!**

Spinifex COLLECTIONS
gifts from around the world
www.spinifexcollections.com

12580612-SN60-22

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

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

That calls for
Cellarbrations



12581026-FC51-22

Merry CHRISTMAS

FROM THE
OUTWEST CONTAINER EXCHANGE TEAM.

Closed from 22 Dec to 8th Jan



136 Eagle St, Longreach QLD 4730
P: 0429 802 001

12580450-JW51-22

We wish everyone a
Merry Christmas
and a
Happy New Year

From Joy & Don, Chloe & Amie and team
at Merino Bakery

Closing Sat 24th Dec at 1pm
and Re-opening Wednesday
28th Dec at 6.00am



12580622-KJ51-22

Serving our
baking delights
to you for our 7th
year in 2023

Merry Christmas
from the
Mercury Business Supplies team

Closed from
22 Dec
to **8th Jan**



136 Eagle St, Longreach QLD 4730
P: 4658 3544

12580413-FC51-22

thank you

As the sun sets on another successful tourist season in Outback Queensland, we want to thank everyone for their support. Wishing a Merry Christmas and an adventurous and Happy New Year to all. We have some exciting things to come in 2023 and we welcome you to learn more. Head to our website to enquire about our heritage rail motors.

From Smithy, Sue and their team at Outback Aussie Tours.

www.outbackaussietours.com



12581860-AI51-22

Christmas Greetings 2022

Ilfracombe Antiques and Collectables

Ilfracombe Antiques and Collectables would like to say a HUGE thank you for all the amazing support in 2022.

The last weekend for trading in 2022 is **Saturday and Sunday 10 and 11 December.**

We are taking a break until 31 January 2023 and look forward to welcoming you back with an exciting new lot of antique and vintage treasures, jewellery and more of the items of yesteryear and collectables you all love. Once again thank you, see you in 2023.

Merry Christmas See you in 2023

LITTLE



Indian Restaurant

DINE IN / TAKEAWAY CATERING PH 0468 431 491

Thank you for sharing
our cuisine this year

Did you know we also
do laser engraving?



Thank you all for supporting
us this year
Happy Christmas everyone!

From Sharyn
and Team

We're taking a well deserved
break from
December 23 and will
reopen on **January 16th**

Longneach Embroidery

May the gift of love,
the gift of peace and
the gift of happiness
be yours this
Christmas Season.



Merry Christmas from the
Board and Staff of Desert
Channels Queensland.



Merry Christmas and good wishes for 2023

Thank you for all your support
this year and looking forward to
seeing you in the New Year!

Remember we have all your
Christmas Gifts in store!

Leanne and Rob and their
helpful Elves at Barkers
Newsagency



COOLA CARPETS & FURNITURE COURT

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throughout the
Central West a

Very Merry Christmas.

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at competitive prices

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

Gift Vouchers available

Here's to a Safe and
Happy New Year.

Ho Ho Ho

See you all next year



SMITH BROS. WISHING YOU A MIGHTY CHRISTMAS & HAPPY NEW YEAR



HOLIDAY TRADING HOURS

FRI 23 DEC	8:30 - 5:00
SAT 24 DEC	8:30 - 12:00
SUN 25 DEC	CLOSED
MON 26 DEC	CLOSED
TUE 27 DEC	CLOSED
WED 28 DEC	8:30 - 5:00
THU 29 DEC	8:30 - 5:00
FRI 30 DEC	8:30 - 5:00
SAT 31 DEC	8:30 - 12:00
SUN 1 JAN	CLOSED
MON 2 JAN	CLOSED
TUE 3 JAN	8:30 - 5:00

Christmas Greetings 2022



WISHING YOU ALL A
Merry Christmas!
SEE YOU IN 2023!
From Gaby and Eva & Team
Gaby's Hair Design Studio Exclusive

12580976-SN51-22

Myers Newsagency

Management and staff would like to wish one and all a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Remember to grab your NY's Eve Megadraw and we'll see you for a prosperous 2023!

Closed Christmas Day, Boxing Day and reduced trading hours until Tuesday, January 3 2023



12582084-KJ51-22

Greg, Sue, Murphy and Janette at Rippa Enterprises wish all a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year

We will be closed from Saturday 24th December 2022 and re-opening Tuesday 3rd January 2023.

We look forward to assisting you in 2023.

125 Magpie Lane LONGREACH QLD 4730
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rippa@tpg.com.au



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HARRIS

EARTHMOVING COMPANY

Wishing Everyone a Merry Christmas & Happy New Year for 2023!



Arrival of the Wish Lists

12582095-KJ51-22



Merry Christmas & all of the best for the year ahead.

We are so very grateful for your continued support.

Stay safe & THANK YOU, from your Foodie Longreach Team.




12581071-SN51-22

Merry Christmas

With Christmas comes peace, hope and joy. I wish you and yours a memorable holiday season filled with great company and good cheer.

THE HON **DAVID LITTLEPROUD** MP
YOUR FEDERAL MEMBER FOR MARANOVA
LEADER OF THE NATIONALS

Authorised by the Hon David Littleproud MP, Liberal National Party, Dalby Qld 4405



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www.davidlittleproud.com.au

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SEASONS GREETINGS

From the team at Longreach / Central West Leader

Thank you for your support throughout 2022

We will be having a break over Christmas, 23 December will be the last edition for 2022

13 January will be the first edition for 2023

LongreachLeader CentralWestLeader



12582918-ET51-22

Christmas Greetings 2022

From the Wellshot Hotel family to yours - wishing you beers, cheers & a safe festive season.

We will close 10.00pm, Saturday 24th December 2022 and re-open 6.00am Sunday 8th January 2023.



20 Main Avenue, Ilfracombe Qld 4727
Phone: 07 4658 2106



12582553-KI50-22

Thank you to all our customers for your support in 2022

We wish you good Health, Wealth and Happiness for 2023

Di & John

Ilfracombe Garden Nursery

Closed Saturday 24th December and reopening Saturday 7th January 2023

Feel free to come and take a load off and enjoy a browse over the holiday period.



12582757-MS51-22

The Christmas Season is the perfect time to say, thank you, it's been a pleasure serving you.

From my family to yours, we wish you a wonderful Festive Season.

Darcy's will be closed from the 23rd December 2022 through to the 15th January 2023.

See you in the new year with a new menu.

From Leanne and the team at Darcy's Diner.

Merry Christmas everyone!



12583036-AI50-22

LONGREACH

TYRE CENTRE

Julie and the Team would like to thank everyone for their support in 2022.

We are closing at midday on Friday 23rd December and re-open Wednesday 4th January

We wish you all a Merry Christmas and Very Happy New Year.

See you in 2023!

P: 4658 1207

143 Eagle St, Longreach | wynntyres@bigpond.com



12582330-MS50-22



Ringrose & Button
chartered accountants

THANK YOU TO ALL OUR CLIENTS FOR YOUR SUPPORT IN 2022

Have a very Merry Christmas

BILL, ELAINE, TANYA, CHARLIE & STAFF

Ph: 07 4658 1377 E: admin@rbca.com.au

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Longreach Hughenden Blackall Rockhampton

Our offices will be close from Wednesday 21st December, 2022 & reopen 8.00am Tuesday 3rd January, 2023

12583021-SN51-22



Phil & Jayne

THANK YOU

for supporting our business this year.

We will be closed From Saturday 24th December 2022 and Reopening in February 2023.

Wishing you all a Merry Christmas and a prosperous New Year!

We look forward to seeing you all again in 2023



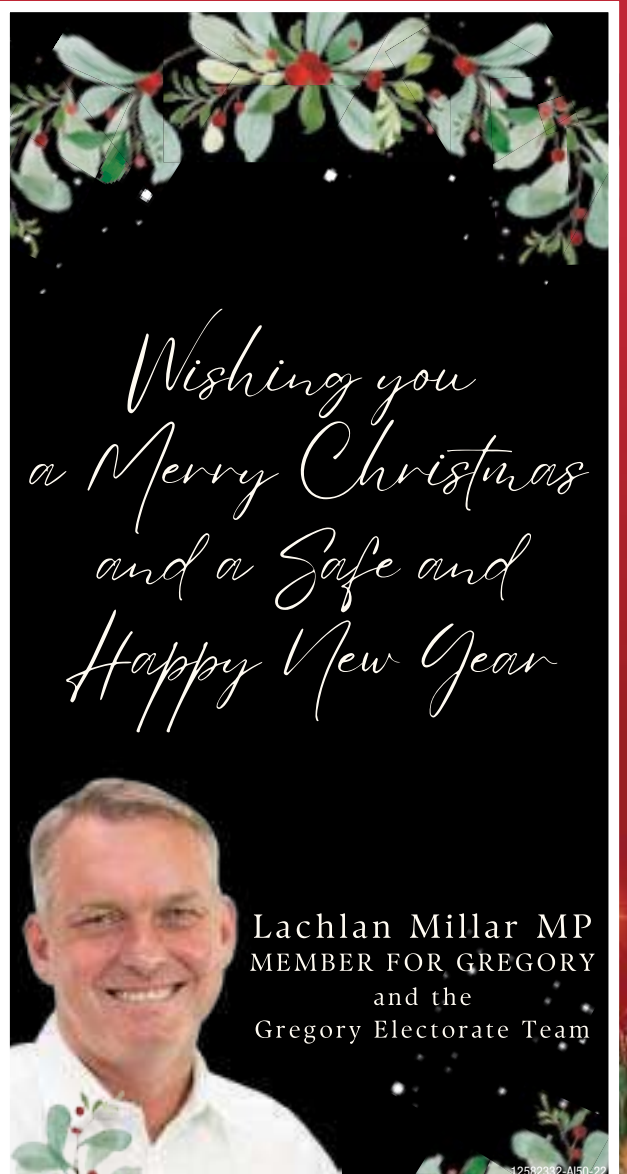
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Lachlan Millar MP
MEMBER FOR GREGORY
and the
Gregory Electorate Team

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Festive Blitz Balls

Serves: 16

Prep time: 20 minutes + chill time

Cook time: 5 minutes

½ serve per portion

Ingredients:

- 350g sweet potato, peeled and grated
- ¼ cup water
- 1/3 cup dried apricots
- 3 cups almond meal
- 1 teaspoon cinnamon
- 1 tablespoon skim sweetened condensed milk
- 1/3 cup desiccated coconut
- 1/3 cup pistachios, finely chopped
- 1/3 cup dried cranberries, finely chopped

Method:

- PLACE the sweet potato and water in covered microwaveable bowl and steam on high for 4 minutes until soft. Drain and leave to cool.
- BLITZ apricots in a food processor for 1-2 seconds or until finely chopped.

- COMBINE apricots, almond meal, cinnamon and condensed milk in a large bowl. Add cooled sweet potato and mix well until combined.
- BLITZ the pistachios until finely chopped. Transfer to a plate.
- BLITZ the cranberries until finely chopped. Transfer to a second plate.
- PLACE the coconut on a third plate.
- ROLL level tablespoons of the sweet potato mixture into balls, using washed and clean hands.
- ROLL one third of the balls in the pistachio, one third in the cranberry and the remaining third in the coconut.
- STORE blitz balls in an airtight container in a cool, dry place for up to 5 days, or in the fridge for up to 2 weeks.

*Recipe courtesy of Judy Stubbs,
Maleny Branch*

**Discretionary
Food**



Festive Spritz

Serves: 8

Prep time: 10 minutes

Cook time: 0 minutes

Ingredients:

- 1 granny smith apple, chopped
- 1 cup fresh cherries, halved
- OR 1 cup bottled cherries, drained
- 3 sprigs of rosemary
- 1L apple juice, no added sugar
- 1L sparkling water
- Ice

Method:

- COMBINE the apple, cherries, rosemary and apple juice in a 3 litre jug and stand for 10 minutes.
- STIR in the sparkling water and ice then pour into serving glasses.

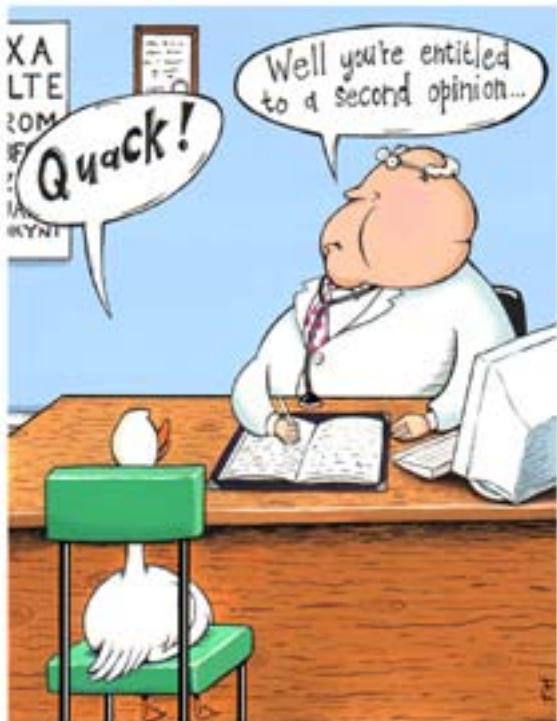
What's Great About It?

This is a delicious and refreshing drink to be enjoyed during the festive season. Because there are equal amounts of sparkling water and juice, the amount of sugar per portion is halved compared to drinking juice alone.

*Recipe courtesy of the
Country Kitchens team*

COMICS

Bottled Fruit



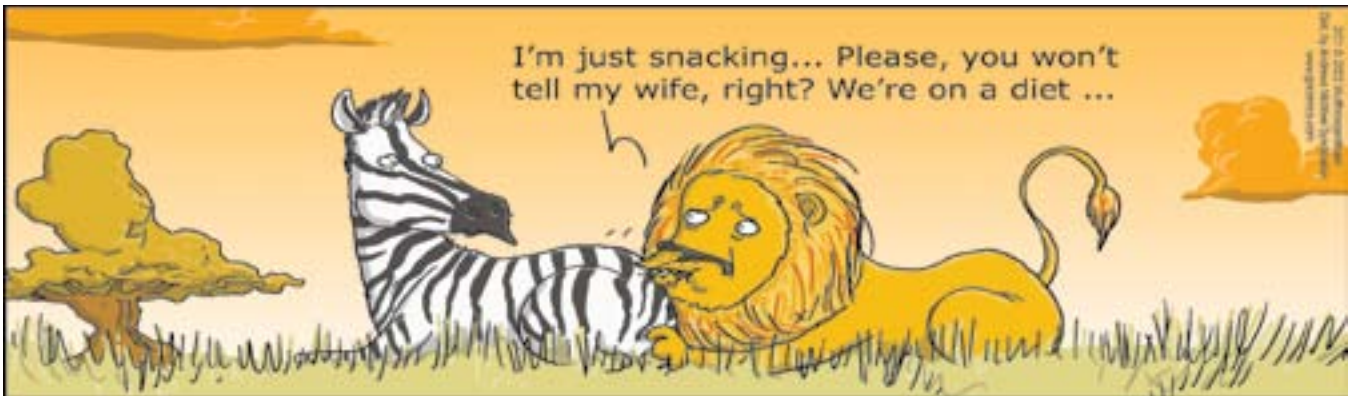
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Doodley Squat



WuMo



Against the Grain



Bushy Tales



Swamp



Insanity Streak



Ballard Street



Grin Bin



No. 111

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.

4	7				1			
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easy

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medium

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hard

easy

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medium

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hard

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easy

medium

hard

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No. 111

ACROSS

- | | | | |
|----|-------------------------------------|----|-------------------------------------|
| 1 | Unit of power (4) | 5 | Australian naturalist (5) |
| 3 | Loud and forceful (10) | 6 | Melancholy (7) |
| 10 | Watery (7) | 7 | Forebodings (5) |
| 11 | In contrast (7) | 8 | Dangled (9) |
| 12 | From Europe (8) | 9 | Sport (4) |
| 13 | Debatable point (5) | 14 | Making loud and confused noise (10) |
| 14 | Masticate (4) | 16 | An order from above (9) |
| 15 | Stated an argument (10) | 17 | Journeyed (9) |
| 18 | Skilled craftsmen or inventors (10) | 19 | Italian car manufacturer (7) |
| 20 | Servant (4) | 22 | Related to the ice caps (5) |
| 21 | Of equal value (2,3) | 23 | Profundity (5) |
| 23 | Decreased (8) | 24 | Article (4) |
| 26 | Light source (3,4) | 25 | Dispense (4) |
| 27 | Floating ice (3,4) | | |
| 28 | Unbend (10) | | |
| 29 | Outside limit (4) | | |
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DOWN

- 1 Envelop (4)
- 2 Ferocious (9)

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No. 111

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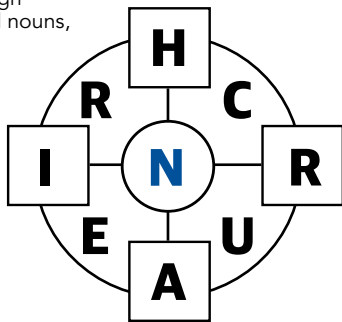
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B	N	M	X	S	J	V	U	T	E	W	R	P
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13

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:

17 words: Good

26 words: Very good

35 words: Excellent

acare, cairn, cane, chain, china, chine, churn, crane, curran, earn, enrich, hernia, HURRICANE, inch, incur, inure, nacre, near, nice, nicer, niche, rain, ranch, rancher, rani, RAUNCHIER, rein, reran, rerun, ruin, rune, runic, urchin, urine

QUICK QUIZ



- 1 How many limestone pillars currently make up the Twelve Apostles on the Great Ocean Road in Victoria?
- 2 Is limestone an igneous, sedimentary or metamorphic rock?
- 3 In which US city is the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame located?
- 4 Which river connects the Great Lakes of North America to the Atlantic Ocean?
- 5 What was the full name of T.E. Lawrence, known famously as Lawrence of Arabia?
- 6 Which Islamic holiday is celebrated earlier in the year, Eid al-Fitr or Eid al-Adha?
- 7 Who wrote the 1958 novella on which the film *Breakfast at Tiffany's* is based?
- 8 Who played James Bond in 1971's *Diamonds are Forever*?
- 9 From which part of the UK is singer Dame Shirley Bassey (pictured)?
- 10 Which species of whale has the scientific name *Monodon monoceros*?

ANSWERS: 1. Seven 2. Secondary
Cleveland, Ohio 4. The Saint Lawrence River
Thomas Edward Lawrence 6. Eid al-Fitr
Truman Capote 8. Sean Connery 9. Wales
1. Narwhal

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

NOTE: more than one solution may be possible

B	O	A	S	T
L	A	C	E	R
A	S	I	D	E
R	I	D	G	Y
E	S	S	E	S

WEATHER

FORECAST

Warnings

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

Longreach:

Sunny. Winds south to southeasterly 15 to 25 km/h becoming light during the day then becoming southerly 15 to 25 km/h during the afternoon.

Saturday. Partly cloudy.

Isisford:

Sunny.

Saturday. Partly cloudy.

Barcaldine:

Sunny.

Saturday. Partly cloudy.

Central West District:

Mostly sunny. The chance of a storm in the northeast in the afternoon and evening. Winds southeasterly 20 to 30 km/h turning southerly 15 to 25 km/h during the day.

Saturday. Mostly sunny. Slight (20%) chance of a shower in the northeast, most likely in the afternoon and evening. The chance of a storm. Winds south to southeasterly 15 to 20 km/h tending northeast to southeasterly 15 to 25 km/h during the morning then tending southeast to southwesterly during the day.

Northern Goldfields & Upper Flinders District:

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

Saturday. Mostly sunny. Medium (40%) chance of showers in the east, slight (20%) chance elsewhere. The chance of a storm in the afternoon and evening. Winds northeast to southeasterly 15 to 20 km/h tending north to northeasterly during the morning then tending northeast to southeasterly 15 to 25 km/h during the afternoon.

Central Highlands & Coalfields District:

Mostly sunny. Slight (30%) chance of a shower in the northwest in the afternoon and evening. The chance of a storm in the north in the afternoon and evening. Winds northeast to southeasterly 15 to 20 km/h becoming light during the morning then becoming northeast to southeasterly 15 to 20 km/h during the evening.

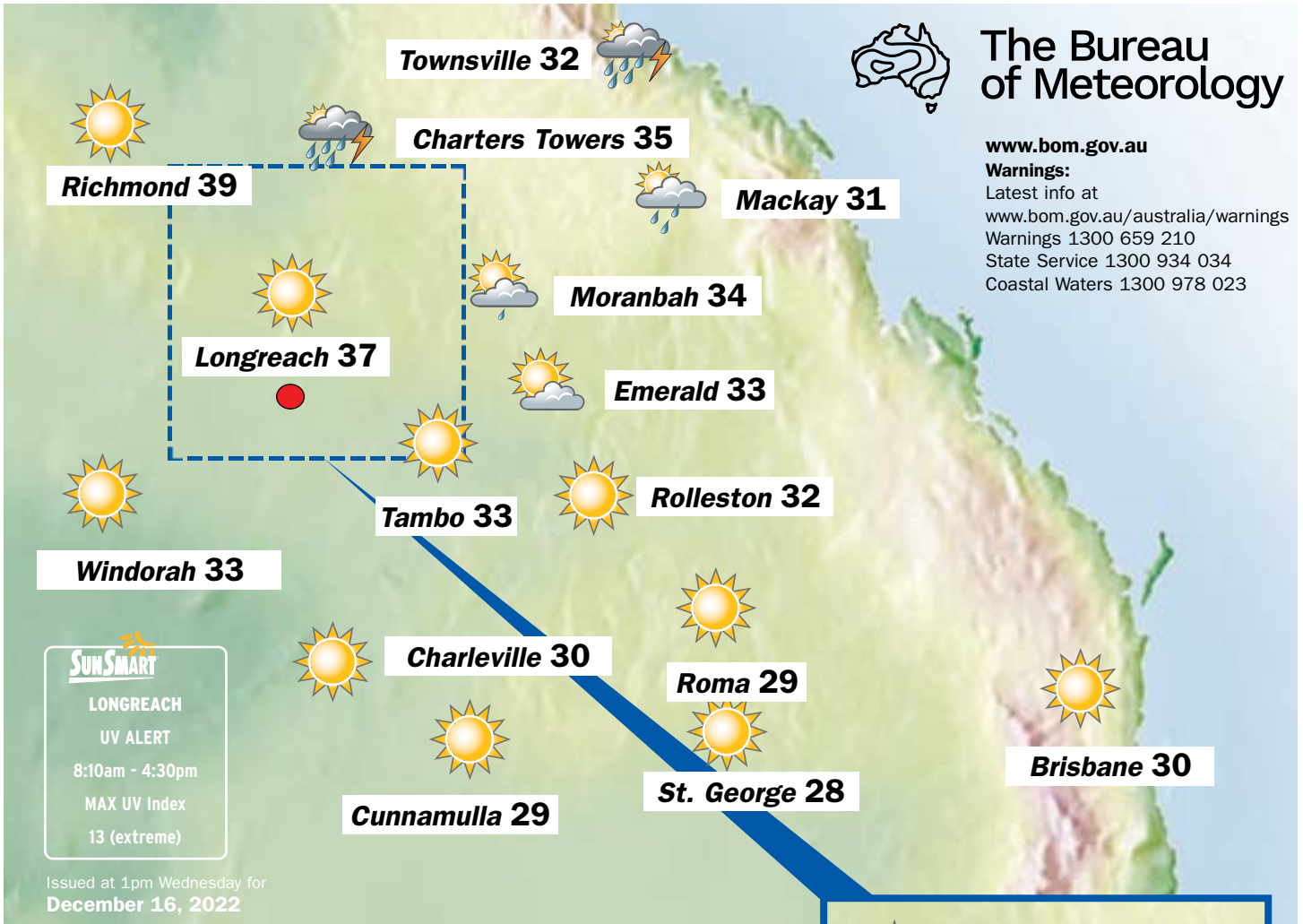
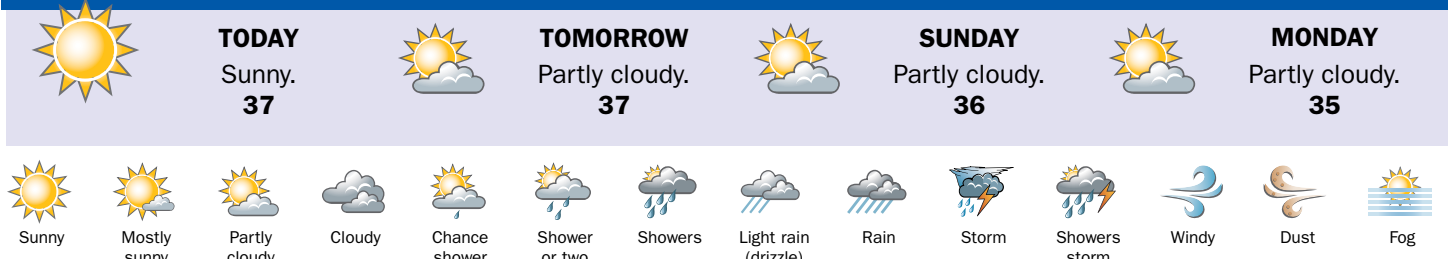
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Maranoa & Warrego District:

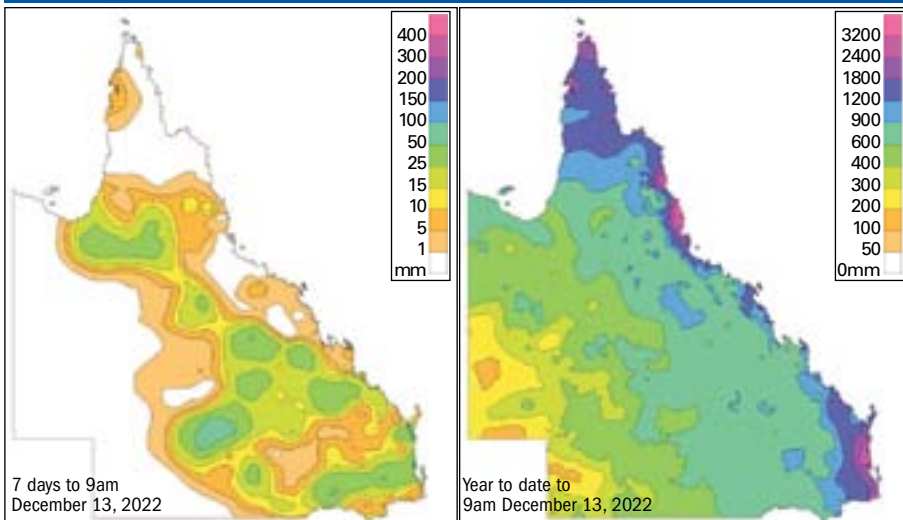
Sunny. Winds south to southeasterly 15 to 25 km/h becoming light during the evening.

Saturday. Mostly sunny. The chance of a storm in the northeast in the afternoon and evening. Light winds becoming east to southeasterly 15 to 20 km/h during the morning then tending south to southeasterly during the day.

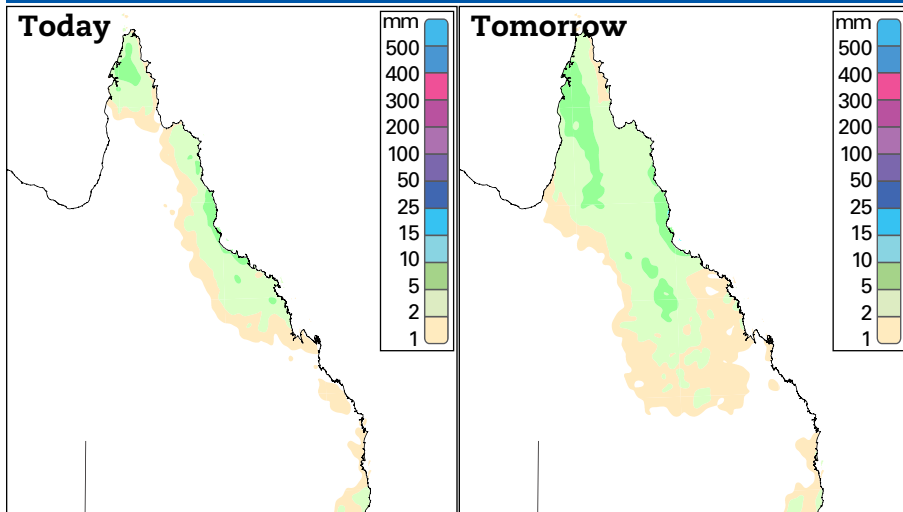
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RAINFALL



Forecast Rainfall

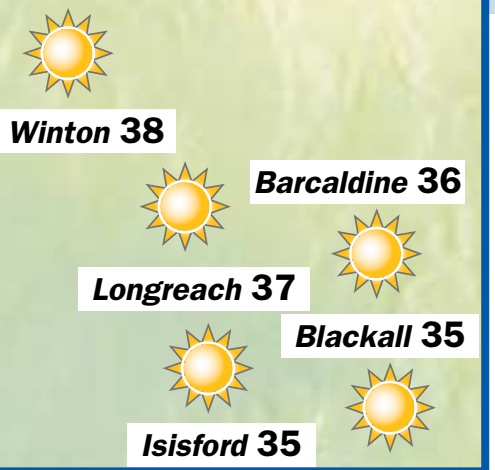


CAPITAL CITIES

City	Condition	Max
Adelaide	Partly cloudy.	23
Brisbane	Sunny.	30
Canberra	Partly cloudy.	19
Darwin	Shower or two. Possible storm.	33
Hobart	Shower or two.	16
Melbourne	Cloudy.	19
Perth	Sunny.	30
Sydney	Partly cloudy.	22

SUN & MOON

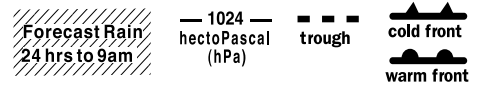
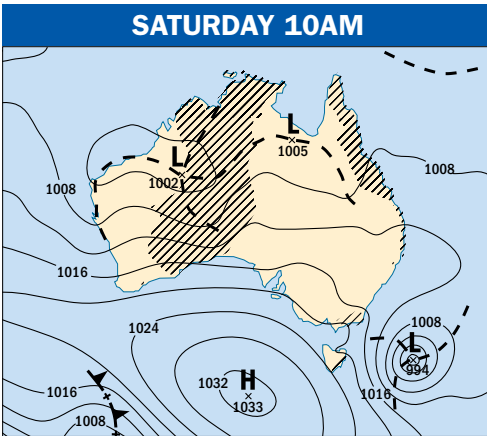
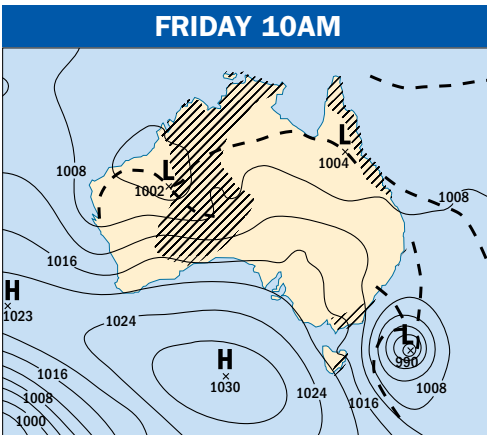
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Sunday	5:32am	7:07pm	1:18am	1:50pm
Monday	5:33am	7:07pm	1:51am	2:46pm
Tuesday	5:33am	7:08pm	2:27am	3:46pm
Wednesday	5:34am	7:08pm	3:08am	4:51pm



THE WORLD

World conditions yesterday

City	Weather	Max	Min
Athens	cloudy	22	14
Auckland	showers	24	17
Bangkok	windy	33	22
Beijing	fine	-1	-7
Berlin	cloudy	-1	-7
Christchurch	showers	22	14
Denpasar	rain	33	25
Dublin	sunny	4	-2
Hong Kong	rain	16	13
Honolulu	showers	27	19
Jakarta	rain	29	25
Johannesburg	storms	25	14
Kuala Lumpur	storms	32	24
London	fine	1	-1
Los Angeles	sunny	17	6
Madrid	rain	12	8
Moscow	snow	2	-2
New Delhi	mist	25	6
New York	rain	8	1
Noumea	sunny	30	18
Paris	snow	2	0
Auckland	showers	24	17
Port Vila	fine	29	21
Seoul	cloudy	2	-7
Singapore	storms	33	24
Suva	fine	29	24
Tel Aviv	fine	23	15
Tokyo	fine	12	2
Vancouver	sunny	4	-2
Wellington	showers	23	16





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A current driver's license must be held. Appropriate training will be provided as required.

Additional information can be obtained by contacting Alastair Rutherford on 07 4621 6880 or emailing: dfccs@btrc.qld.gov.au

Expressions of Interest close on Friday 13 January 2023 and should be lodged in a sealed envelope marked:

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Aged 63 Years

Will be sadly missed by all

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Lachlan Vickery pictured in action during the semi-final match.

Picture: TENNIS AUSTRALIA

Lachie leaves it all on court

By Liam Emerton

It wouldn't be the first time you've read that a lefty from Central Queensland was lighting up Australian tennis but Lachlan Vickery is doing just that.

The tennis sensation, formally from Emerald, produced an all-star comeback to fight his way to a second place finish at the 18-and-under Australian Championships at Melbourne Park.

The outstanding achievement came about after Vickery found himself against match point in the semi-final.

Taking on South Australia's Alexander De-spoja, Vickery overcame the odds and grew in confidence to take out that match 6-7 (2) 7-6 (6) 6-0.

Vickery, who was ranked as the sixth seed, then faced second seed Pavle Marinkov from New South Wales in the grand final.

Marinkov would take out the big dance over Vickery but the runners-up medal is certainly still a monster achievement.

It was a small step in the left-hander's big dream of making it on the pro tour, which still remains his biggest focus.

Longreach Leader Today's sister paper Emerald Today caught up with Vickery after he returned to his home in Rockhampton asking about how his tournament played out.

"After losing my first game I was lucky enough that the guy that I lost to, lost his last two games which opened it up for me to go through into the quarter finals, which worked out nicely because I made the final," he said.

"[The semi-final] was really nerve-racking. After losing the first set 7-6 I was still feeling good after playing a good set.

"But heading into the tiebreaker I was up 5-2, lost a bit of momentum and that's when I was down to that match point.

"But lucky I was able to produce something at that moment and save the match point which gave me a boost of confidence for the next two points and into the third I had all the momentum."

A very honest Vickery said that the mental game was tough in the early goings, admitting he was over-confident in his first match before refocusing to make the grand final and prove that anyone can be successful in the sport while developing their game in a regional area.

"I felt the pressure to produce and show that's why I was seeded," he said.

"That's what played a big role in my first loss of the tournament.

"I was trying to show that I was the sixth seed and I should beat them and that was a bit of cockiness.

"But I fought through and I was just trying to show that you don't need all the fancy academies to make the final.

"Knowing that I'm out here in CQ, I have to work two-times as hard as what those guys do.

"Having that in mind keeps you motivated and keeps me training harder every day."

Vickery will now readjust for 2023, aiming to get fitter and sharper before taking on a host of tournaments across Australia and possibly an overseas trip.



Emerald's Lachlan Vickery, right, with his runners-up trophy next to the 18-and-under champion Pavle Marinkov.

Winding down for the year

Well even with the scorching weather predicted for Sunday we still had three games of social bowls.

It was a day we also said good bye to Pat Downing who is leaving town.

In social pairs, Pat and Jaylee were teamed together against Bob Grant and Bluey Beard.

Bluey and Bob showed no mercy taking the game 36-11 after it was tied up early on at 7-all.

In another pairs game, we had Rob Horsten and Rodney Butt taking on Dorrie Delaney and Peter Anderson.

The boys were on fire running out big winners by 26-12.

In the triples game, we had Bub Barbeler, John Dagan and Amanda up against Paula Brun, Terry Harris and Baileigh.

This was the closest game of the day with

BOWLS BY BONES

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Bub's team taking the win by 23-14.

This Sunday is the President's Trophy Day so bowlers please get your names in by 12.30.

Also, a reminder that nominations for the Men's triples, pairs and fours close on Sunday 18.

From the President, Committee and members of the Longreach Bowls Club, please have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.





Success against the odds

By Trish Bowman

Karen Messmer, 16, is an amazing young lady on an amazing journey as she reaches for the stars in spite of ongoing health challenges and heartache.

She was born at 25 weeks gestation (about five and a half months) and weighed only 824grams or

1lb13oz. She was born tiny, but Karen is a true-blue Aussie fighter who has overcome adversity to achieve her dreams.

Sixteen years on and Karen has been selected as a member of Team Australia to go to the Special Olympics Summer World Games in Berlin 2023 and is one of four equestrian riders chosen for the team and the only Central Queenslander.

Karen's mother Suzanne Messmer said it is an achievement well deserved.

"Karen started riding 4yrs ago to help with a disability from being a premie baby," Suzanne said.

"She started riding at Granlea Riding Centre with coach Grant Paddison (EA coach) as therapy for muscle development.

"We found out about the Special Olympics in 2019, when Karen saw local rider Shelby Hill-Davis (who was at the time also training with Grant Paddison).

"The very first time she competed she wanted to be part of Team Australia for the Berlin games in 2023.

"She competed in September 2022 in the Special Olympics Invitational Selections where she was successful in winning gold and two silver medals.

"This was enough to qualify her for Team Australia. Her dream came true and now she will compete in Berlin 2023."

The achievement was tinged with sadness as Karen's father, GUnther Messmer who was of Austrian heritage, dreamed of showing her his homeland and meeting relatives.

Suzanne said this is now unable to happen as GUnther was murdered in November 2021.

"He never got to know Karen qualified for selection or team Australia, he would have been very proud," she said.

"Getting into the Queensland team is challenging work and requires a lot of dedication with Karen training three times a week starting at 6 am.

"This meant an early rise in winter. Karen, with the help of her Coach, qualified for state and then national events.

"One of the hardest parts of competing in the Special Olympics as an equestrian rider is



Karen will head to Berlin for the special Olympics.

riding different horses.

"The rider needs to be able to adapt to different horses and you never know what type you are going to get.

"Grant places Karen on a variety of horses of all varied sizes and abilities to give her the required experience she needs.

"She also trained under some of Equestrians Australia dressage coaches that aided in

fine tuning techniques."

On the 29 November Karen was a finalist in Equestrian Queensland Awards in two categories - Junior athlete of the year - Against All Odds

Karen was successful in winning Against all Odds.

She also took out five first places in Granlea Riding school Gymkhana in the under twenty-one age group as well as age group champion.



Karen has already achieved much in her 16 years of life.



Karen at a recent awards ceremony.

This has been an extraordinarily successful year for Karen, and she has realized her dream.

To get Karen to Berlin she needs to raise a minimum of \$9000 and Suzanne said they would appreciate any help they can get.

Donations can be made at <https://include.specialolympics.com.au/fundraisers/Karen-Messmer> Or you can contact Suzanne on 0439 726 809 or karensequestrianjourney@gmail.com



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