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Racing icon Rob's last call

When Rob Luck first came to Longreach, he did not expect to become iconic for his race calling-in fact, he had never done it.

But now after many years, he has become synonymous with the sport across the central west.

"When I came to Longreach more than thirty years ago I got involved in just going to the races and then part of the Longreach Jockey Club committee – that would probably go back about 20 years," the former Jockey Club President said.

"I was on the committee for a few years and then became president in 2010, I'm pretty sure."

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Muttaborra making merry

A very merry Christmas was had at Jubilee Park in Muttaborra with Santa delivering presents to all. Here is Prue Button and her daughter Pippa Westcott having a jolly evening.

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MERRY XMAS

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.



So this is it.

This is the final edition of the Longreach Leader for 2022, and the final edition before the centenary of the paper.

Our next edition will be on 13 January, and I would like to thank everyone who has supported the paper since its return this time last year.

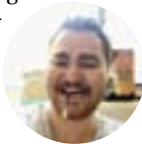
So that's a massive thank you to everyone who has contributed to, been interviewed for, or even just read the paper this year.

I would be lying if I said bringing the paper was easy, but it's been an enjoyable ride.

The Leader will be back for another big year of events, hard news, community stories and more, with a stronger focus on our online coverage without sacrificing the value of our in-hand paper.

Thank you once again, signing off for 2022.

- Michael R Williams



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Barcaldine 2022 Christmas winners

By Barcaldine Regional Council

The results of the Barcaldine Regional Council 2022 Christmas Lights Competition and Rural Mailbox Competition are in and as always a spectacular effort has been made by all.

Well done to everyone who put up displays to get into the Christmas spirit.

The winners are:

ALPHA

- Private Residence Award - First prize Wendy Bowyer, 5 Hooper Street
- Private Residence Award - Second prize Jessica Howard, 38 Byron Street
- Private Residence Award - Third prize Catherine Bowyer, 47 Byron Street
- Peter Tilse's old-time music and food hall, 39 Shakespeare
- Commercial/Community Group Award Street
- People's Choice Award Paul McGuire and Kathy Zahl, 43 Milton Street
- Private Residence Award - First prize Greg and Marie Pearce, 3 Bessemer Street
- Private Residence Award - Second prize John and Gabbie Ryan, 87 Darwin Street

- Private Residence Award - Third prize Luke Wells and Georgia Welldon, 29 Darwin Street
- Commercial/Community Group Award Jordon Valley Hotel, 43 Darwin Street
- People's Choice Award Jordon Valley Cafe, Darwin Street

BARCOLDINE

- Private Residence Award - First prize Rachael and Clinton Bettiens, 32 Elm Street
- Private Residence Award - Second prize Patrice and Vicki Lawrence, 133 Yew Street
- Private Residence Award - Third prize Mykala Balderson, 14 Coolibah Street
- Commercial/Community Group Award Barcaldine Country Motor Inn, 1 Box Street
- People's Choice Award Dale and Kristine Saming, 46 Elm Street

ARAMAC

- Private Residence Award - First prize Nicole Alpen, 36 Burt Street
- Private Residence Award - Second prize Maryanne Boyd, 36 Porter Street
- Private Residence Award - Third prize Elizabeth Dowdy, 54 Porter Street
- Commercial/Community Group Award Aramac Post Office, 36 Gordon Street
- People's Choice Award Casey Dagan, 37 Lodge Street

MUTTABURRA

- Private Residence Award - First prize Spence Family, 45 Sword Street
- Private Residence Award - Second prize Margaretha Siebert, 33 Bridge Street
- Private Residence Award - Third prize Ballard Family, 41 Sword Street
- Commercial/Community Group Award Muttaborra Police Station, 48 Cornish Street
- People's Choice Award Muttaborra Police Station, 48 Cornish Street

RURAL MAILBOX

Top 5 most creative rural mailboxes in the Barcaldine Region

- Sarah, Emily and Zoe Sypher, Kia Ora, Alpha
- Skylah and Immy Dickson, The Lake, Aramac
- Ben and Kim Simpson, Thistlebank, Aramac
- McCoy family, Tara Station, Barcaldine
- Zahl family, Avonmore, Alpha

Thank you to all residents and businesses who participated in lighting up the neighbourhood and your rural mailboxes this year.

Wishing you and your family a safe and Merry Christmas.

VOX POP

WE TAKE IT TO THE STREETS

What is your New Year's resolution?



Darci Ouellette resolved to quit eating chocolate.



Lawrence Ryder said he'd drink piss and be happy.



Sean Hanson wants to be a better person.



Susan Barrett wants to move to the beach.



Jay Maynard-Cath hopes to be the best that she can be.



Breanna Jones said her resolution was to go for a holiday.



Cody Daley wants to be around friends and family more.



Billie-Jo Deighton hopes for heaps of rain and for everyone to be happy.

Longreach dialysis revamp

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On 1 December 2022, a further \$6.35 million in capital funding was approved, bringing the total commitment to \$34.2 million.

Central West Hospital and Health Service acting chief executive Anthony West said additional funding had been provided to expand the proposed Longreach dialysis unit from two

to three chairs.

Mr West said funding to the Central West Hospital and Health Service for the proposed unit had been increased from an original \$2.7 million allocation to \$4.6 million to facilitate the expansion.

“Preliminary planning and design indicated the Central West was better served by a three-chair dialysis unit, rather than two chairs as initially proposed,” he said.

“Central West Health, with support from the Central Queensland Hospital and Health Service, Clinical Excellence Queensland, and the Health Capital Division, developed a strong business case to support this expansion.

“This business case was successful and additional funding was allocated to allow for this expansion.

“With additional funding secured, Central West Health will now progress to finalising detailed designs for the new unit and call for tenders.

“Tenders are expected to be called early in 2023.”

Mr West said the new unit also would require the recruitment of specialised nurses to support the service.

“Initially, an additional three specialised nurses and an administration officer will be recruited to support the new dialysis unit,” he said.

“Nurse-assisted dialysis is a complex service to deliver, requiring access to specialist medical and allied health support and on-site nursing staff.

“For this reason, Central Queensland Kidney Service has partnered with Central West Health to support the safe provision of dialysis care at Longreach.

“Careful planning to ensure patient safety must always be our primary consideration when delivering any health service such as a new dialysis unit.

“With these considerations in mind, the

current timeline is for the new Longreach unit to be fully operational by the end of 2023.”

Mr West said the proposed new dialysis unit would be located on the ground floor of the South Wing of Longreach Hospital, close to the Allied Health service.

“It should be noted, however, that not all patients requiring dialysis will be suitable to have their dialysis in a nurse-assisted satellite dialysis unit in a rural area or be able to undertake home or self-care dialysis,” Mr West said.

“Due to the complexity of their conditions and the clinical requirement for them to have immediate access to highly specialised kidney services that are not available in the Central West, there may always be patients who will need to relocate permanently to a larger centre to access those services.

“But for those who are clinically suitable to use the Longreach service, it will certainly be a major improvement in their lives.”

Staggering statistics from ‘prickly’ end of year review

By Desert Channels Queensland

In an end-of-year review, Leanne Kohler, CEO of the Desert Channels Group, said the whole-of-landscape approach to Prickly Acacia control has reached an industrial level of achievement.

In the Central West region, one hundred and fifty million Prickly Acacia trees have been destroyed over an area of Mitchell Grass Downs that forms an aggregation half the size of Tasmania.

“Over the past eight years, the Prickly Acacia control campaign has covered 350 properties and is now running at a control rate of 1,000 hectares per day* that are being cleared of the invasive woody weed,” Ms Kohler said.

For those who might prefer a different measurement, the successful kill zone for Prickly Acacia now extends over an average of 1,430 football fields each day.

On this grand scale, three million hectares of Prickly Acacia have been cleared since 2015, representing a 10 per cent reduction in the weed infestation.

The control of Prickly Acacia is rehabilitating Mitchell Grass Downs, and this provides huge carbon sequestration through the deep-rooted pastures.

Prickly Acacia is a weed of National Significance. The weed is a major threat to biodiversity and habitat.

When in high density, it reduces the commercial value of the most productive grassland habitat in Queensland to a minimum.

Weed infestation speeds up erosion and causes severe stream bank erosion.

“Our success has not been overnight and is the product of many years developing control methods and monitoring systems that are ef-

ficient, affordable to landholders with government support and by approaching the problem through a whole of landscape approach rather than defined infestations on singular properties,” Ms Kohler said.

“Back in 2013, reaching this stage seemed an impossible task.

“It was an undertaking so large and complex that even Government Agencies had all but given up.

“However, through a partnership between Desert Channels Queensland, the local natural resource management groups and a growing army of landholders, this weed is now being killed in monumental numbers.”

The accelerating control evolution has led to more landholders becoming involved as new control techniques are integrated.

Since 2015, funding has been provided largely by the Australian Government and this support was increased in 2019 under the Prickly Acacia Weed Management Program.

This funding will only last for one year more and Leanne Kohler is making a plea to landholders to contact the DCQ office for technical advice to accelerate their control of the weed and to find out if they qualify for any available funding support.

Looking forward to her end-of-2022 review, Ms Kohler said it was not an impossible dream to reach five million hectares by the end of the project.

“This will be an estimated quarter of a billion trees killed, or just over 20 per cent of the infestation,” she said.

The continued targeting of high-density infestations by the DCQ field team and the roll-out of new techniques in early 2023 will mean that control of this woody weed and the cost it incurs on commercial production and environmental values can be achieved.

What is your tradition?



Here is Miriam McArdle’s Yucca tree. She will be spending her holiday in Longreach, same as the tree. Its a Yucca tree. Spending Christmas at our home in Longreach just like the tree. “Hoping this weather keeps up and we have a rainy holiday,” she said.

RSL delivers

More than 630 hampers have been delivered this Christmas period by RSL Queensland staff and volunteers including in western Queensland.

RSL Queensland CEO Robert Skoda said the Christmas hamper drive represented so much more than just food and gifts – with the hope that all recipients feel seen, supported, and uplifted.

“It’s about telling people they matter, and that we’re here for them, particularly at Christmas time,” Mr Skoda said. “Our team is on the ground every day supporting veterans, and we know there are countless deserving veterans in the community who are worthy of recognition.”

For more information on the support services and wellness programs available via RSL Queensland, visit www.rslqld.org/find-help/health-and-well-being.

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Santa stepping out of the fire truck.



Geoff and Di Prigg winning first and second prize in one of the raffles.



Prue Button and daughter Pippa Westcott.
Picture: EMMA PRICE

Muttaborra makes merry

By Emma Price

This year was the 79th annual Muttaborra Town and Country Christmas Tree event. It was a lovely evening in Jubilee Park, after having a storm roll through and a small shower of rain in the afternoon just prior to the event. We had 47 kids receive a present from Santa. They were all thrilled with their presents and then settled in and watched the Bee Movie on a big screen. Wagyu steak burgers were enjoyed by all for dinner, with thanks to local producer Ralf Rae who very generously donated the meat. Batt Fencing, Schultz Contracting, Muttaborra Shop and Fuel and the Exchange Hotel made generous donations towards our raffles, along with the Barcaldine Regional Council and Stuart Bowden who continuously support our event. We are looking forward to planning something special for the 80th event next year.



Matilda and Toby Price with their neighbour Melanie Arnold.



Santa delivering presents to local children.



President Jackie Schultz and Taryn Seccombe helping Santa hand out the presents.



Santa in a local fire truck.



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Jackie Schultz, Winnie Batt and Emma Price.

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"Our investment in this new bridge recognises just how this connector is for freight services, and keeping communities connected," Mr Saunders said.

"The new bridge improves access for heavier vehicles, better protects the area from flooding and provides a safer, more reliable road network.

"The Palaszczuk government is committed to building back better, as part of our record road and transport plan."

In addition to building the new bridge, road approaches on both the northern and southern sides were widened to eight metres, and

new culverts, guideposts, signs and depth indicators at floodways were installed.

"I'm pleased we could deliver this critical piece of infrastructure while supporting good local jobs in the region," he added.

"This project is one of many being delivered across regional Queensland, through our \$18.1 billion investment in regional roads and transport infrastructure.

"This level of investment is directly supporting over 16,000 good jobs in the regions.

"That's good news for truckies, locals and tourists alike."

Longreach Regional Council Mayor Tony Rayner said the community is greatly appreciative of the new bridge.

"It provides a new level of service for our communities, businesses, and industry," Cr Rayner said.

"The increased height means even in times of flood, we will remain more connected, and freight, stock and drive tourists can keep moving.

"Our communities now have safer, more reliable access to essential services like the Tambo aerodrome and the Royal Flying Doctor Service.

"This gives our community peace of mind and improves liveability in our region.

"Importantly, our local council work crews helped deliver the new bridge and completed roadworks on the project, providing continuity of employment for our workforce."

New champion to manage response for storm season

By Michael R Williams

Moving to Longreach earlier this year, Matt Burrows is the Longreach Disaster Districts new Emergency Management Coordinator with Queensland Fire and Emergency Services overseeing Barcaldine, Barcoo, Blackall-Tambo, Longreach and Winton Local Disaster Management Groups.

With what is predicted to be a busy year for disaster management stakeholders, Mr Burrows' focus is ensuring locals are well prepared and communicated with for the current severe weather season with a current third La Nina event currently being experienced we are seeing above rainfall in areas and with that comes vegetation growth so we will be looking at a potentially severe fire season post this La Nina event and with Bushfire

potentially at the back of everyone's mind, we need to get landholders to start carrying out that land maintenance and bushfire protection work.

"We have recently onboarded local aircraft to ensure we are able to provide a more rapid response to incidents," he said.

Mr Burrows said he will be ensuring all stakeholders and communities whether that be council, community groups, state or federal departments are up to date with their disaster management training and exercising, knowledgeable in their legislation and Disaster Management Planning, and able to carry out Disaster Management operations effectively and with the best interest of the community in mind.

"We have just seen some great work come

out of the Central West Regional Resilience Strategy in addressing the boom and bust cycle of flood and drought and how we can continue to create resilient communities and best support them, he said.

Mr Burrows said, in coming to Longreach it has exceeded expectations and the central west is a great region to live and work in, his goals are to increase community capability, engagement and collaboration through all phases of Disaster Management and ensure integration through all levels of Government be it Local, State or Federal.

"With the formation of The National Emergency Management Agency [NEMA] and having a local NEMA officer located within the region really boosts our collaboration and provides our communities with an agency approach," he said.

"We have seen some great work nationally recently with the roll out of the new Australian Fire Danger Rating System which has greatly improved the scientific accuracy of Fire Danger predictions and the way that these fire predictions are communicated.

"The new Fire Danger Rating system is a national approach providing great benefits to travellers and communities meaning that the Fire Danger Rating will be communicated to communities the same way in South Australia as it would here in the Central West for example.

"Residents and landholders should already have their storm kit and evacuation kit prepared for tips and further info they can go onto their councils website where there is a substantial amount of resources."

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year

From all of us to all of you



The Councillors and staff of Longreach Regional Council wish you a joyous Christmas, and a wet and prosperous New Year.

We look forward to serving you in 2023.



Longreach Regional Council
Ilfracombe Isisford Longreach Yarka

Reasons to be excited

It's hard to believe 2022 is almost done and dusted with 2023 just around the corner. \

The kids are starting to get excited with the big fella in the red suit only a couple of sleeps away and parents beginning to relax with the hustle and bustle of Christmas shopping starting to wind down.

This is a busy time of the year, but it's been like that all year with the number of events, activities, festivities and projects occurring in our region.

December is always known as the Festive Season and this year was no different with quite a lot occurring from late November through until Christmas.

The School Speech Nights were once again great evenings with plenty of students being recognised for excellence throughout the year and the 2023 leaders being named.

I really enjoy attending these evenings and seeing our future being honoured.

Well done to Winton State School & Saint Pats and good luck to the year 6 students going into high school and the graduating Seniors

FROM MY DESK

GAVIN BASKETT

WINTON SHIRE COUNCIL MAYOR

who are venturing out into the big wide world.

The next event on the schedule was the Saint Pats Fete which always attracts a massive crowd and is enjoyed by all who attend.

This great event has been around forever and seems to be getting bigger every year.

The giant stocking raffle and ham wheels are always popular with many disappointed punters leaving without a ham under their arm.

The fete is all about the kids with a jumping castle, other blow-up rides and Santa arriving to spread joy.

Hopefully, this great fete will be around for

many years to come.

The Annual Christmas Street Party and Lighting of the Christmas Tree are great evenings out for the kids.

It's enjoyable to see so many families out having fun and enjoying these special nights in the lead-up to Christmas.

We encourage everyone to support local businesses during night shopping and in the lead-up to Christmas and this year we have established the "Winton Community Gift Cards".

These cards can be purchased at select businesses and only used in local businesses, this is a great way to be reassured that your gift card will stay local.

These cards will be available all year round.

Another great gift idea is purchasing tickets to one of the exciting Festivals in Winton in 2023, such as the Winton Way Out West Fest, Vision Splendid Outback Film Festival, and Outback Festival.

Recently we had a community BBQ to thank the WORK Camp for all the great work the lads do throughout the community.

The Work Camp offer some great assistance within the Community from lawn maintenance, to assisting community organisations and projects for not-for-profit groups.

The evening was attended by a large crowd of locals, both young and old, who expressed their thanks to the WORK Camp.

Most of council will be on a hiatus now until mid-January with a skeleton staff remaining to keep town services operating.

I'd like to thank everyone for their efforts this year to keep Business as Usual throughout the Shire and looking forward to a busy 2023 with quite a few projects to be completed.

We also have a new CEO at WSC Dirk Dowl-ing commencing in late November.

I'd like to welcome Dirk and hope he enjoys his time in Winton and thank Ricki Bruhn for the four years he had at WSC.

Finally, I'd like to wish everyone in the Winton Shire and throughout the Central West a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year, may it bring joy and plenty of rain to all.

Time to pause and take stock as times remain tough

Entering yet another festive season, too early or with not enough done; almost all of us looking forward to a chance to unwind, or at least down tools for a day or two.

The rinse and repeat nature of our life-style at the moment, coupled with severe staff shortages has meant many businesses have been running on empty for some time, draining both the owner and/or the staff members' reserves.

This situation has been without a doubt the biggest I have had to contend with on be-

FROM MY DESK

SEAN DILLON

BARCALDINE MAYOR



half of the Barcaldine Regional Council community in 2022.

Whether it be Agriculture or Tourism/

Hospitality, no one has been over-blessed with staff and this has impacted both business continuity and local employment.

Even government service positions in areas such as health have been challenged.

The constant struggle to provide care levels and service provisions which reflect community needs and expectations has been frustrated even further over the last few years with the availability of suitably qualified and prepared staff.

The completion of sealing works on the

Cramsie-Muttaborra Road has heralded a new era for local travel. This sealing will enable significant safety concerns to be alleviated, and the certainty of travel in times of wet weather, which is important for both liveability and economic enhancement. It is just one example of the significant investment the state and federal governments are funding in road upgrades throughout our region.

On behalf of the councillors, staff and our families I would like to wish you all a Merry Christmas and all the very best for 2023.

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'Very large year' for councils

By Andrew Martin, Blackall-Tambo Mayor

Crikey, it's here again...Xmas!! The years are getting quicker, either that or I am getting slower.

Local Government has had what can only be described as a very large year, in part for good reasons such as post-pandemic, generally a good year seasonally, slowing road works up tremendously, but I think we would all take the rain, particularly if it keeps on coming?

Other parts have been not quite so good, for example, did you know that of the 77 Councils in Queensland during this term of office (not yet 3 years) there have been 54 CEO resignations?

Do the maths... that's more than one a month. Some of them of course have been normal retirements etc, but to my mind, I think the large bulk of them are directly down to the aftermath of the CCC disaster and the

ongoing turmoil of a directionless and probably vindictively overreaching Office of the Independent Assessor.

The parliamentary Inquiry delivered 40 recommendations for change that are yet to be implemented by our Government and until they are the lost momentum of losing and gaining a CEO for each of those 54 Councils is unfathomable. To put a dollar figure on the actual process of advertising, appointing and re-location would I suspect, blow your mind.

Some Councils have changed out three CEOs this term??!

However, I digress... this is my opportunity as Mayor of our Blackall-Tambo Regional Council to wish everyone living in or even passing through what I consider to be the centre of the universe a very merry safe and relaxed Christmas, and a happy and prosperous New Year, complete with enough rain to bog Santa, well maybe just slow him up a bit?

Christmas connections

Like many of you, I have family scattered around the globe.

One of the wonders of social media is being able to connect with many of them, even in 'real time'.

In the past week, I have seen a cousins' youngest meet Santa Claus for the first time, without having to wait for the professional photos to be developed and posted by snail mail.

I have seen another of the family littlies, all decked out in party dress and sparkly reindeer antlers, having a grand time at a special Christmas lunch.

Both of these events took place in Scotland, home to many of my relations.

Crossing the Atlantic, from Florida, I saw the fruits of one cousin's labours, as she baked and decorated Christmas cookies for her grandchildren.

I could practically smell Christmas, even

ILFRACOMBE INKLINGS

JOANNE ROBERTSON



from half a world away.

Another cousin, in Toronto, was anticipating the arrival of her son and grandson from Northern Ontario.

I will get to be with some of my family this Christmas, but most will remain in far-flung places. Yet I know I'll be content with phone calls, cards and social media moments, helping us all to feel connected across the miles.

Merry Christmas to all, from those of us at Arundel

What's on

Longreach and Central West Community Event Billboard

Friday, 23 December

Croquet

Contact: Jean Williams on 07 4651 2354.

Location: Oak Street, Barcaldine

Time: 8am

Barcaldine Senior Cricket

Location: Barcaldine Showgrounds

Time: 6pm

Saturday, 24 December

Christmas Eve

Sunday, 25 December

Christmas Day

Monday, 26 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, 27 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, 28 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.

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)

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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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REACH CHRISTIAN CHURCH
WELCOMES YOU TO A

Christmas Day Service

9:30AM

COME, LET'S CELEBRATE JESUS!

Reach
Christian Church

Located- End of Gull St,
near the Racecourse

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Anglican Christmas Services Central West Region 2022

Sunday 18

Tambo St Michael & All Angels, Arthur St
Christmas Service 9am

Monday 19 - Friday 23

Jericho St Matthew's, Darwin St

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

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Good News

Barcaldine school: 125 years

By the Catholic Education Office

After a year-long postponement due to the pandemic, the St Joseph's Catholic Primary School community in Barcaldine celebrated their 125 Year Anniversary in grand style recently.

Director Catholic Education – Diocese of Rockhampton (CEDR) Leesa Jeffcoat said the joyous and memorable celebration was a great way to commemorate the school's significant milestone.

"St Joseph's is our second oldest continually operating school in the diocese and it was delightful that so many past and present community members gathered to celebrate and give thanks for the significant contribution this vibrant and faith-filled school has brought to the Barcaldine region over the past 125 years," Miss Jeffcoat said.

She thanked the organisers for their hard work in planning and presenting a meaningful and enjoyable celebration for all who attended.

St Joseph's Principal Trent Shillington said the event had been many months in the planning and organisers were thrilled to finally host the weekend's celebrations with the local



Bishop Michael McCarthy (right) speaks at the St Joseph's Catholic Primary School 125-year celebrations.

and wider community, and in particular those who had travelled for the occasion.

"It was a highly anticipated celebration and it was so pleasing to be able to gather with so many whose lives have been touched by this

wonderful community and commemorate this remarkable occasion in the life of St Joseph's," Mr Shillington said.

Festivities began with 6pm Mass on Friday, 28 October, at Sacred Heart Catholic Church

presided by Bishop Michael McCarthy, followed by a Meet and Greet function at the Barcaldine Town Hall.

A tribute to the Sisters of Mercy who established St Joseph's in 1896 was a highlight of the evening, according to Catholic Education Assistant Director: Schools -Western Region, Tim Collins. "The presence of Sr Denise Hinton (representing Sr Anne Keim – Northern Community Leader), Sr Rita Connor (30 years in Barcaldine) and Sr Justina Beford (last Religious Principal at St Joseph's) provided a wonderful connection to the Sisters of Mercy and their incredible contribution to St Joseph's and the community of Barcaldine," Mr Collins said.

Celebrations continued over the weekend with the Derby Day Races at the Barcaldine Racing Club on Saturday and an Open Day, History Walk and High Tea on Sunday.

Throughout the History Walk, current St Joseph's students acted out key moments in the school's past which was very much enjoyed by all in attendance.

Many hours were spent reconnecting and reminiscing about past school days with a pleasing number of out-of-town visitors making a special trip to join in the celebrations.

Thank you, Sr Marg

By the Catholic Education Office

After 25 years of selfless service to the students and staff of The Cathedral College (TCC), Sister of Mercy Sr Margaret Dixon has retired.

Since the news broke Sr Marg has received an outpouring of gratitude from students and staff, past and present through emails, morning teas, floral tributes and presentations.

A large crowd of students, teachers and staff from TCC and Catholic Education gathered at a Thursday Morning Mass to give thanks for Sr Marg and her significant contribution in creating the Catholic ethos we cherish today. Also, at the College's Academic Awards evening Principal Mr Rob Alexander, Diocesan Director Catholic Education Miss Leesa Jeffcoat AM and Bishop Michael McCarthy gave a special tribute and presentation to honour Sr Marg's work of service.

College staff gathered for lunch on Sr Marg's last day at the school for a teary farewell where she shared a meaningful mo-

ment which highlighted her hope for all.

Sr Marg's genuine interest in each person be they student, boarder, staff member, parent or visitor is where the spirit of Jesus Christ comes alive. "After all it's people who matter the most", one staff member recalls Sr Marg wisely offering.

Sr Marg's service has enriched not only The Cathedral College but many schools across the Diocese and beyond in a career that spanned 54 years. Sr Marg's first pupils were Grade 3 at Our Lady's Primary School, Rockhampton in 1968. From there she travelled to Papua New Guinea to teach at St Thomas's Catholic Primary School at Yangoru in the East Sepik before serving as Principal to primary schools across the Diocese including St John's Walkerston, St Joseph's Barcaldine and St Mary's Bundaberg.

Our hearts are full of gratitude for Sr Marg and her generous gift of service to students, staff and families. We hope her retirement days are full of rest, relaxation and reflection so as to continue to live life in all its fullness.

Thank you, Sr Marg!



TCC Principal Rob Alexander, Bishop Michael McCarthy and Diocesan Director Catholic Education Leesa Jeffcoat thank Sr Margaret Dixon (second from right) for her years of service.

Come and join us for Brunch at the Cathedral

By Graeme Burow, Catholic Diocese of Rockhampton

Christmas can be a lonely and difficult time of the year for many people, who simply have no place to go.

With this in mind, Volunteers Without Borders, in partnership with Catholic Diocese of Rockhampton and Teys Australia, are donning their aprons and kitchen gloves once again, to offer a traditional Christmas Banquet for the less fortunate members of our community, the homeless, those living alone, new migrants, refugees and for those who have no one to share the good tidings of the Festive Season.

The Christmas Community BBQ brunch will be held after 9.30am mass on Christmas Day, at St Joseph's Cathedral, William Street, Rockhampton.

Acknowledging many people in our community are experiencing isolation and hardship, Diocese of Rockhampton Chancellor Linda Esguerra said Christmas can be one of the loneliest days of the year for people who are on their own.

"This event is an opportunity for people in our community to get together and enjoy the festive season", she said.

In a statement from Volunteers Without Borders, a spokesperson has offered thanks to the community for their support on this journey. It is one of the best times to meet and greet and share the good tidings of the season.

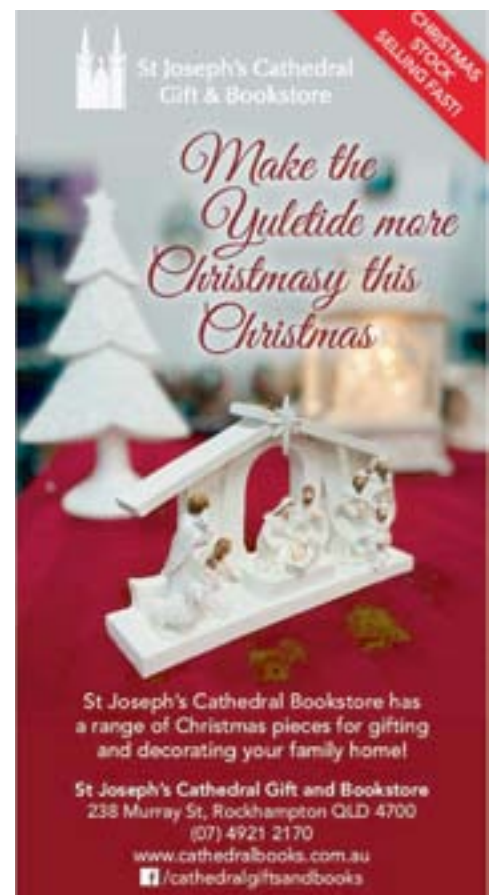
The Volunteers Without Borders are humbled by the opportunity to share with the less fortunate members of our community the joy of giving, the joy of receiving and the joy of togetherness.

This year will be first time the event has been held since 2019, due to the pandemic and is anticipated to attract many people from the broader community, with everyone welcome.

If you would like to attend, please call or send an SMS to 0407 831 975 or 0418 458 622.



Volunteers Without Borders will host the annual Christmas Community BBQ brunch.





**CATHOLIC DIOCESE
OF ROCKHAMPTON**

A community of believers witnessing the good news of the Kingdom

Togetherness at Christmas

**By Most Rev Michael McCarthy,
Bishop of Rockhampton**

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

I write this letter at the start of December as during Advent this year I am travelling on our Diocesan pilgrimage to the Holy Land.

We will visit the Church of the Nativity built over the stable where Jesus was born.

Inside a silver star in the floor marks the exact spot where Christ was born and the Latin inscription on the star reads "Hic de Virgine Maria Jesus Christus Natus Est".

Translated "Here Jesus Christ was born to the Virgin Mary".

We also are able to visit Shepherd's Field where the angels appeared to the shepherds on the first Christmas night (Luke 2:8-16).

Two thousand years ago the angels appeared to announce the coming of God with us, and we still celebrate this special event today.

The last few years have drawn us away and challenged us in the faith we have always known, having to connect at times in different ways and not always having the support of the community around us.

Christ did not come into the world alone.

He was greeted by his family, the angels, the shepherds working the fields and soon after the Magi. He then grew up among his people and went on to fulfil his ministry – gathering a group around him, teaching, healing, guiding and eventually dying among the people. He did all of this for us and among the brokenness of us.

Christmas is a time to be together.

After having been kept apart over the last few years I ask you all this year to come back and meet Christ again this Christmas as part of our communities. Our faith communities, gathered around the table to receive Christ in Word and Sacrament, are not complete without you.

While it is marvellous to be able to walk in-person among the sites of Christ's coming, it is also just as significant to come and share the nativity story gathered together here, to greet Christ among all of us.

I pray that you may all enjoy the peace and joy of Christmas.

Bishop Michael McCarthy



**CATHOLIC DIOCESE
OF ROCKHAMPTON**

Christmas MASS TIMES

The Parishes and Clergy of the Catholic Diocese of Rockhampton
welcome you and your family to join us this Christmas

Gladstone Parish

Christmas Eve

- 6pm – Star of the Sea, Gladstone
- 6pm – St Patrick's, Calliope
- Midnight – Star of the Sea, Gladstone

Christmas Day

- 8am – Star of the Sea, Gladstone
- 8am – St Peter Chanel, Tannum Sands
- 11am – St Agnes, Agnes Water

Valleys Region (Biloela, Monto, Moura, Theodore)

Christmas Eve

- 5.15pm – Sacred Heart, Theodore
- 7pm – St Michael's, Moura

Christmas Day

- 8am – St Joseph's, Biloela
- 6pm – St Therese's, Monto

Central West – Longreach / Central West Leader

- Thursday 22nd December – 9.30am
– St Finnian's, Jericho
- Thursday 22nd December – 5.30pm –
St John the Evangelist, Alpha

- Friday 23rd December – 5pm – Our Lady of Victories, Tambo

Christmas Eve

- 9am – Sacred Heart, Barcaldine
- 5pm – St Patrick's, Blackall
- 5pm – St Joseph's, Capella

Christmas Day

- 8am – St Brigid's, Longreach

Capricorn Coast

Christmas Eve

- 4.30pm – Carols – Mary Immaculate, Emu Park
- 5pm – Mary Immaculate, Emu Park
- 7pm – Carols – Sacred Heart, Lammermoor
- 7.30pm – Sacred Heart, Lammermoor

Christmas Day

- 9am – Sacred Heart, Lammermoor

Rockhampton

Christmas Eve

- 4pm – Sacred Heart, Mt Morgan
- 5pm – Holy Family, Norman Gardens
- 6pm – St Joseph's Cathedral, Rockhampton
- 6pm – Our Lady Help of Christians, Park Avenue
- 8pm – Ordinariate Mass, St Peter's Allenstown

- Midnight – St Joseph's Cathedral, Rockhampton

Christmas Day

- 6.30am – St Joseph's Cathedral, Rockhampton
- 7am – St Mary's, Berserker
- 8am – St Paul's, Gracemere
- 9am – Holy Family, Norman Gardens
- 9.30am – St Joseph's Cathedral, Rockhampton
- 5pm – Vietnamese Mass, St Mary's, Berserker
- 6pm – St Joseph's Cathedral, Rockhampton

Central Highlands

Prior to Christmas

- Sunday 18th December – 3pm – Holy Family, Middlemount

Christmas Eve

- 10.30am – St Therese of Lisieux, Dysart
- 5pm – St Joseph's, Capella
- 6pm – Our Lady of the Sacred Heart, Springsure
- 6pm – Mary Immaculate, Blackwater
- 7pm – St Mary's, Clermont
- Midnight – St Patrick's, Emerald

Christmas Day

- 8am – St Patrick's, Emerald
- 8am – St Joseph the Worker, Moranbah
- 10.30am – St Martin de Porres, Woorabinda
- 11am – Community Hall, Anakie

Bundaberg

Christmas Eve

- 5pm – Holy Rosary, Bundaberg
- 7pm – St Patrick's, Bundaberg
- Midnight – Holy Rosary, Bundaberg

Christmas Day

- 7am – St James', Bargara
- 8am – Holy Rosary, Bundaberg
- 9am – St Patrick's, Bundaberg

For further information
www.rok.catholic.net.au/mass-times

Moving on: Rob's last call

By Michael R Williams and Tania Phillips

When Rob Luck first came to Longreach, he did not expect to become iconic for his race calling - in fact, he had never done it.

But now after many years, he has become synonymous with the sport across the central west.

"When I came to Longreach more than 30 years ago I got involved in just going to the races and then part of the Longreach Jockey Club committee - that would probably go back about 20 years," the former Jockey Club president said.

"I was on the committee for a few years and then became president in 2010, I'm pretty sure, I lose track of the dates but I was president for eight years and then Andrew Watts stepped in and this would be his third year.

"That was an evolving role. As always being part of the committee I took an interest in the presentation of interviews to winning jockeys and trainers after the races as part of the presentations of the trophies etc and doing the interviews."

It all started by chance, 17 years ago when, John Dolgner, the caller at the time was on a trip out of town.

"I'd never called a race in my life, I had no idea," Mr Luck said.

"I was able to acquire a pair of binoculars, it was an absolute disaster, couldn't keep up with the field, couldn't remember names, and I dropped the binoculars. But something about it sparked an interest in wanting to call the races.

"At that time in the area, John Dolgner was doing most of the tracks, he wasn't doing Longreach from what I recall - there was a man called Bingo Smith doing the calling but he'd gone away that weekend but anyway I stepped in."

During his first call, Mr Luck struggled to achieve some of the basics, ending in an embarrassing moment.

"The very first race, there was a grey horse and I thought, well I'll know this horse I won't have to study its name very much it's grey but it was a real dirty looking grey, it didn't stand out," Mr Luck said.

"There was this one horse on the outside coming into the straight and do you think I could think of its name?

"I couldn't, because I hadn't studied it - it was grey.

"So I thought geez there's the first rule, you have to prepare pretty carefully in this game.

"But it sparked an interest and a wanting to be a race caller and I thought, ah well I could have a crack at this."

Mr Luck would be given another chance.

"When Bingo came back he said come up and I'll show you what I know and you can do one race meeting," he said.

"That went on for a few years, and then I would also go to other meetings in the Central West like Barcaldine where John Dolgner was calling and do the master of ceremonies stuff, interview the jockey's after the race and the horses coming out on to the tracks.

"I wasn't doing the calling John was doing that, but he was getting older too.

"In the end, unfortunately, Bingo Smith died and people said well you've been doing a race every meeting your going to start doing the calling.

"That was around 2010, completely calling a race day started with the Longreach Jockey Club and then that went on for a couple of years, gradually some of the once-a-year clubs because Bingo had gone out to Beetoota and called.

"Muttaborra was one of the first small clubs that asked me to go out and do their calling.

"That was very significant for me because they introduced me once as "our caller" I thought wow that made me feel like I'm meant to be here."

Slowly Mr Luck began to build a name for himself across the region.

"I thought I'm going to keep doing this.

"I kept doing all the Longreach stuff.

"You've got to realise it's not an easy job and I was sort of self-taught but I got a lot of assistance from a very important caller from the Gold Coast, Steve Hawkins.

"He'd get me to audio record my calls, he would comment on them, he'd tell me you



Rob Luck calling his last race.

stuffed up there, you need to improve your pace or your volume—whatever.

"It got to the point where he said I can't do any more for you because I can't see the calls with no audio-visuals available.

"He said you're going well, you just keep doing what you're doing.

"But other callers in the area - Scott Power in Emerald, Josh Fleming all gave good contributions, giving you feedback all the time, trying to improve you because it's not something that came naturally.

Gradually Mr Luck would be asked to call multiple clubs.

"Probably in the past seven years I would have done all the calling in the central West," he said.

"Probably the last one may have been Aramac which was John's home town so he kept doing it but then he invited me to come and even do Aramaic.

"I thought well John is happy for me to do that then he's accepted that I'm going to take over and do the calling, remember this guy has given 40-something years of service to the game with the legendary status of never using binoculars in his case—no way I can do that.

"Unfortunately he died a few years ago, but that's how it all eventuated probably past seven years it became the whole Central West.

"Given that it just became a case of just trying to improve what you're doing, I had opportunities to call at the Gold Coast track a couple of times, I've had the opportunity, which was wonderful, to call the TAB country race days here in Longreach on Longreach Cup day where its got Sky Channel Coverage."

Mr Luck said he was proud of how far he had come as a caller.

"You get to that level where you started out from stuffing it up from day one to feeling like you're quite comfortable when you go up and call in your own territory, your own environment.

"I suppose the pinnacle would be to be given the opportunity to get to a metropolitan level like a country cup or a battle of the bush like Scott Power did at the weekend where they

get a country caller to come down—and I think I'm pretty close to that standard.

"It's a goal that's still sitting there and I would hope that there's an opportunity down the track to do it."

He said they were currently selling a business and relocating to the Gold Coast for family reasons.

"You want to be close to grandchildren and your own kids but at the same time you want to continue with a work environment and that to me would be continuing in the role of being a country race caller and helping with country racing," Rob said.

"It was important to create the succession plan for Longreach, that's why I stepped back as president and Andrew went in there—that was one important step. "But at the same time, Watsy came through as well and wanted to do some calling.

"He stepped in behind me and was doing things like a race meeting or going out to one of the far-flung tracks further away and getting experience.

"He'd come back and ask for a critique so you were mentoring.

"So it became the right time to say, if I'm going to relocate I can't expect to leave people in the lurch without a caller and Watsy is there and he's ready.

"The future calling in the Central West is in good hands because you have a younger person coming through who has a passion for the game and passion for learning to call, with their own style and with a young person's approach to the vocabulary and everything they use in calling."

He said in relocating to the Gold Coast, your are in an area, a different part of the State but there are plenty of country racemeetings.

Rob said he had no intention to go in and step on any toes but if people are short of a caller or need a caller he will put his hand up and say I'm available.

"I'm not retiring I'm relocating and I do hope that I can approach racingQLD to see if there is any role to assist country racing across the whole state whether it be communicating

with stake holders, working with clubs in the state if they've got issues or concerns of policies for racingQLD a person like myself could be a communications liaison.

"That's not a position that's available as yet but I do believe I have the contacts and credibility to that and that's also come about because for the past 18 years I've been doing the country racing show on radio TAB with Tony Clements and that will continue next year.

"So I will still be doing that where you're covering everything in country racing - the good stories, the tough stories the negative stories you try to make positive, we've had a lot of contact with all areas of Qld.

"I just look at it that I'll be in a different part of the state but I'll still be involved in racing and hopefully I can do that.

Mr Luck said it had been a privilege to serve the community.

"It's been a privilege and an honour to have that opportunity to have a life passion that I've had for horse racing since 1965 when I was in grade five, I have always loved race horses," he said.

"But to be able to get involved and use the knowledge that you have about racing, horses and about people involved in it, to actually constructively use it for the benefit of your community and your club, as part of the Longreach jockey club, but to also be part of the country racing game and building the reputation of country racing—you don't get too many opportunities like that.

"I'm so thankful that I was in the right position at the right time to have that chance.

"My mother, when she was alive, used to say if I knew as much about my school work as I knew about horses, I'd be top of the class.

"And Leanne my wife has played such a big role in rejuvenating the fashions and building up the Longreach jockey club even more.

"It's always had good foundations so you just build on it.

"You play a role in your community and you get involved in your community.

"We have lifelong friends and you can't take those sorts of memories away."

Gardening

Neil Fisher



Agapanthus Purple Cloud.



Agapanthus Queen Anne.

Agapanthus, a hardy type

With its spectacular flowering displays during Christmas, the Agapanthus has been a favourite for generations of gardeners.

The beauty of Agapanthus is easy to see with mass flowering around many local gardens.

Across Queensland, Agapanthus is always one of the first plants selected for landscape projects due to more than this plant's flowering abilities but also its hardiness and water-wise qualities.

Unfortunately, this year's unseasonal rain has taken a toll on many Agapanthus gardens.

As wet or boggy conditions are to Agapanthus as Kryptonite is to Superman.

The most commonly grown Agapanthus is *Agapanthus orientalis*, a large blue-flowering form that blooms during summer.

The white flowering form, *Agapanthus Orientalis alba*, is just as prolific a flowerer as the blue form.

While being a member of the Liliaceae family, Agapanthus can be best described as being an herbaceous plant with tuberous roots, bearing blue or white flowers on tall spikes.

It should be noted that Agapanthus are poisonous, and can be harmful if eaten or can cause skin or eye irritations.

In some parts of Australia, it can become a weed pest.

Found growing naturally in Southern Africa and not in the Nile as its common name Lily of the Nile suggests the name Agapanthus comes from the Greek, meaning 'love flower'.

Agapanthus is easy to grow in just about every part of Central Queensland, having the ability to tolerate conditions from heavy clay to sandy well-drain soil.

It is important to remember that they do not require a lot of water after they have been established.

All Agapanthus prefer a sunny, but protected position, with good mulching.

They are usually pest-free, although they can harbour slugs and snails in their foliage.

When plants become too crowded, they should be divided and replanted in good fertile soil.

The best time to separate the plants is usually when they are in a dormant period such as during winter or early spring before the new growth begins.

When dividing Agapanthus, place the crowns of the new plants no more than 50mm



Agapanthus Snow Storm.

below ground level, and water the well during this period.

As the weather continues to warm, it is important not to let the plants dry out, and I would also recommend not cutting the leaves unless they are injured. Within a short period of time, you will have an attractive new display of Agapanthus flowers.

An important note is that the sap in the leaves of Agapanthus can cause irritation to the skin and eyes.

SAVING YOUR CHRISTMAS TREE

Straight after Christmas, one of the biggest problems faced by many people is how to look after the Christmas tree that has been inside for the last few weeks. While they may still look attractive, some care will be required when relocating them to their outdoor position for the next eleven months.

Always one of the first problems encountered after moving their tree outside is the

browning of the outer shoots.

Quite often this will happen within days of relocating the tree, but don't worry; fresh green shoots should appear within the first five to six weeks.

Sometimes some of the older, brown tips may need to be pruned, and the tree may even need some light reshaping, particularly if decorations or children overcome with too much Christmas spirit have bent or broken some of the branches.

Ideally, the best position to place the Christmas tree after being inside is an open but quite shaded area, such as a greenhouse or under the shade of a tree, like a Fig Tree, but without any direct sunlight.

Over the next five to six weeks, gradually move the tree into a sunnier position.

An important note to remember is that the shadier the position in which the tree is kept during the year, the more compact in appear-

ance the tree will be, and will therefore make a more attractive Christmas tree for the following year.

Another question always asked straight after Christmas is "Should the Christmas tree be re-potted into a bigger pot?"

This is not advisable, as the bigger the pot, the bigger the plant, and eventually the tree will become too big to move inside.

As far as fertilising goes, a teaspoon of Osmocote during the next few weeks is highly recommended, and then probably another application of Osmocote during spring would provide the best Christmas specimen for Christmas 2023.

CHRISTMAS WISH

On behalf of my family, and myself I would like to wish everyone the happiest and safest Christmas you could possibly have.

And may 2023 be an even better year for Western Queensland.

Wool market on an upside

By Australian Wool Network

The Australian wool market has finished the 2022 calendar year on a positive note on the back of strong support for Merino types.

The AWEX Eastern Market Indicator closed out the year 49 cents higher, adding to the previous week's 54-cent increase.

The rally over the past fortnight pushed the AWEX-EMI 103 cents higher (+8.4 per cent) making it the best-performing December on record (since 1979).

Competition on all lots was fierce from the outset given it was the final chance for exporters to buy at auction until early next year.

The spirited bidding was maintained throughout the first day, pushing prices continually higher. As with the previous sale many of the highest prices for specific types were recorded late in the day at the Fremantle selling centre.

Increases of 50 cents was common for many of the Micron Price Guides (MPG's).

The rally continued into Wednesday where

there were further gains of 30 cents clean.

Melbourne sold in isolation on Thursday which was the final selling day of the year.

The market was more subdued, initially opening in line with the previous day before easing back slightly late in the day.

Most pressures was on the lower spec types while the more stylish types maintained good support through to the close. Merino Skirtings also found good support during the week and rose over all three selling days.

Crossbreds sold at similar levels to the previous sale with the finer microns (25/26) recording rises of 20 to 30 cents.

Merino Cardings firmed slightly.

The offering was just under 48,000 bales for the series making it the fourth largest for the 2022/23 season.

The market now heads into the annual three-week Christmas recess.

Sales will resume in Week 28 which is the week beginning Monday 9 January.

Turbulent year for cotton and wool – Rabobank

By Rabobank

International markets for wool and cotton have seen much volatility through the course of 2022 – with the lingering impacts of COVID and escalated geopolitical and economic uncertainty affecting the trade – and the year ahead could be equally turbulent, agribusiness banking specialist Rabobank says in a new industry podcast.

Speaking on the podcast, Turbulent 2022 for Cotton and Wool Prices, Rabobank associate analyst Edward McGeoch said local and global extreme weather events have significantly impacted cotton production while Australian wool production is on the rise.

Year in review: Cotton

There has been a lot of fluctuation with cotton prices through 2022, Mr McGeoch said.

“Cotton prices opened well off the back of strong performances in 2021 – kicking off the year with a local price of roughly \$740 per bale,” he said.

“And we saw the price trend up significantly to an 11-year high, with rises of 29 per cent to achieve just under \$1000 per bale.

“Unfortunately, we have seen a steady decline from those high prices, which almost halved during the year, recovering slightly in recent months to sit at approximately \$600 per bale.”

Speaking on the podcast with Rabobank agriculture analyst Dennis Voznesenski, Mr McGeoch said there were a number of factors “playing into” the dramatic cotton price fluctuations seen through 2022.

“Reduced global production being one of the chief drivers of the market volatility,” he said.

“The US cotton crop has been affected by ongoing drought conditions—particularly in Texas, one of the major cotton-producing states.

“Retail sales have also been strong off the back of COVID lockdowns and cotton mills have been very active in the market—driving prices up.

“Global container logistics also played a role in the cotton price fluctuations, with high container rates and uncertainty about delivery times, which led to some over buying and ordering from cotton mills to ensure they had a continuity of supply.”

Year in review: Wool

Mr McGeoch said Australian wool producers – like cotton growers – had experienced similar volatile market conditions throughout the course of the year.

“The Eastern Market Indicator (EMI) climbed significantly through the first half of 2022 to reach a high of approximately 1474 cent/kg,” he said. “And subsequently we have seen the EMI slide back by roughly 20 per cent from those high prices seen earlier in the year.”

Mr McGeoch said within the various wool micron ranges – there have been significant drops in prices paid for the finer micron wools, with falls between six to 15 per cent since the beginning of the year.

“There were slight increases for some mid-micron wools,” he said.

“But the biggest price drops, of up to 30 per cent, have been in the higher micron type wools.

Looking at prices across the last 10 years, some of those high-micron wools are at their lowest price for that period.”

Mr Voznesenski said there is a range of factors contributing to the price decline for



Rabobank Edward McGeoch

high-micron wools.

“Including when the Chinese property market slows down and there is a reduced need for carpeting—a major market for high-micron wool,” he said.

“High micron wool is also used in the production of fake fur, and when there was a downturn in the demand for fake-fur during COVID this affected the market for the courser types of wool,” he said.

Mr McGeoch said falling international consumer confidence in major wool markets, such as China and the US, through 2022 is the major factor behind the downturn in Australian wool prices.

“International retail apparel sales drive the Australian wool market and while there was a strong start to the year, growing international economic uncertainty has seen a negative effect on the sale of wool apparel and hence local prices,” he said.

“Key markets for wool suits – the US, Japan and France – have seen reduced product appetite with sales down between 20 and 50 per cent.

“And the long COVID lockdowns in China through the year have affected the country's wool milling capacity and saw reduced demand for Australian wool.”

Production outlook—Cotton.

Mr McGeoch said there have been recent industry adjustments made to the 2023 production outlook – globally and locally, due to weather events.

“US production was down this year by roughly 3.5 million bales due to drought conditions. And flooding and heatwaves in Pakistan during the year saw a reduction in the

nation's cotton production of approximately 1.5 million bales.”

Looking at the Australian cotton production outlook, Mr McGeoch said, the sector is coming off a very strong 2021/22 season of around 5.75 million bales – a big increase on the previously drought-impacted years.

Australia's production estimate for 2022/23 was around six million bales, however, the excessive rainfall and flooding in southern Queensland and across cotton-growing areas of New South Wales has put a “serious dent” in the outlook for the 2022/23 production season, he said.

Mr McGeoch said Rabobank is now expecting to see a cotton harvest next year of under five million bales due to the impacts of the wet weather.

Production outlook – Wool

“Since 2019, we have seen the Australian sheep flock recover in numbers, following years of drought – the increased sheep numbers have subsequently contributed to a lift in wool production,” Mr McGeoch said.

“In 2021, Australian wool production was approximately 294 million kilograms which we saw an increase in 2022 to around 324 million kilograms.

“Through the course of this year, there has been a growth in wool production in Queensland and Tasmania – with sheep numbers increasing in Queensland and improved seasons are seen in Tasmania.”

New markets

New export destinations for Australian wool and cotton are opening up in 2023, Mr McGeoch said.

“In October 2020, China imposed a soft ban on Australian cotton imports, and at the time Australia was sending a significant amount of cotton to that market – around 66 per cent of cotton exports,” he said.

“There was then an urgent need to look for alternate markets and now in 2022, we've seen Vietnam emerge as a key new market – with the largest growth in demand for Australian cotton – with that nation now importing approximately 38 per cent of Australian cotton exports.”

Australian cotton exports to India have also jumped dramatically with 13 per cent now going to that market – compared with four per cent in 2020, Mr McGeoch said.

“And Turkey has also emerged as a new market, taking roughly 10 per cent of Australian cotton exports this year.”

For Australian wool exports, Mr McGeoch said there is still a heavy reliance on the Chinese market – with approximately 80 per cent of the national wool clip going to China.

“We are seeing recent growth of some smaller markets for Australian wool – not to the same extent as in cotton markets – however, India is now accounting for five per cent of Australia's total wool exports.

That is a 40 per cent increase on 2021 exports to the country—which is considerable growth off the back of COVID disruptions.”

Mr Voznesenski said in recent years, Turkey, Vietnam and Indonesia have been purchasing and importing textile spinning and weaving machinery which will further open up these markets for Australian wool and cotton imports.

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Helen Mirren and
Harrison Ford
step back in
time for 1923

Band of brothers

Bump star **Carlos Sanson Jr**
makes season three of the
hit Stan series a family affair

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Cultural connection

As Stan's popular family drama *Bump* jumps forward five years for season three, Carlos Sanson Jr, who plays young father Santi, chats to **Siobhan Duck** about his family, cultural representation and what the show means to him

MOVE over Hemsworth brothers because there's a new trio of swoon-worthy siblings making their assault on the small screen.

The set of *Bump* became something of a family affair this year when Carlos Sanson Jr's real-life brother Alexander, 18, joined the cast.

Bump's third season picks up five years after we last saw teen parents Oly (Nathalie Morris) and Santi (Sanson) as their daughter Jacinda heads off to school.

"So, obviously we have jumped forward five years for season three and I had two little half-brothers in seasons one and two, so we had to age those little boys up," he explains.

"So, when I heard about that, I was like: 'My youngest brother Alex, he could do it [play the role of his brother] because he is my brother and he's the perfect age!'"

Sanson's other brother, 22-year-old Marcelo – who he affectionately calls Moosh – and sister Bella also popped up as extras in the background of a party scene.

While Bella has no interest in acting and is studying to become a nurse, Marcelo has already starred in a short film. *Bump* was Alexander's first acting job, and it has ignited in him a passion to follow in his older siblings' footsteps too.

"Marcelo, he did an incredible job – he carried the film," Sanson boasts proudly.

"He's looking to do a short course at NIDA (the National Institute of Dramatic Arts) when he finishes his economics degree. And now Alex is full-blown into it [acting]. He's doing auditions now that he's just wrapped on *Bump*."

"So, he's super excited for that to come out. But he's auditioning for NIDA and for WAAAPA (The West Australian Academy of Performing Arts), so now he's full-blown wanting to do this now too."

"So, we do have a trio."

Sanson says the three are putting wheels in motion to make a film together.

"We're working on a script," he enthuses.

"We have we've decided we have to get us three together on-screen. And if no one else is going to cast us, we're going to do it ourselves!"

Sanson says kick-starting Alexander's career has made his experiences on *Bump* all the sweeter.

The Stan series has been a game-changer for Sanson who, before *Bump*, had been making his career in America.

"I had just turned 21 [when I moved to Los Angeles] and it was a scary jump to make," he reflects.

Balancing act: Oly (Nathalie Morris) and Santi (Carlos Sanson Jr) co-parent daughter Jacinda (Ava Cannon) in season three of the Stan series *Bump*.



"The decision was made on the advice of my management, who felt there would be a lot more opportunities over there for Latino actors, which was true."

Within eight days of landing in LA, Sanson landed a Netflix movie. Soon after that, he won a part on a TV series. Then COVID hit.

"I remember Trump made the presidential address to the nation that the NBA was shutting down for the season and I was like, if the NBA is shutting down, then the acting industry is going to follow," he explains.

"I thought I'd come back home for a month and by then COVID would be a thing of the past and that I would get back on the train of momentum I was on over there."

"But then we had this whole worldwide shut down and we didn't know how long that was going to last. It was during that lockdown that the brief came through for *Bump* – they were looking for a 17-year-old Australian Chilean actor."

"And I knew that had my name written all over it."

It certainly felt like fate. Growing up, Sanson – whose family hails from Chile – didn't see a lot of South American culture or people represented on Australian television. And then later, as a young actor, he struggled to find suitable roles on Australian-made shows.

"*Bump* was the first time that the South American family were an integral part of the story," he says.

"And they were the main characters! I remember like sort of double taking when the audition came in, asking my agents: 'Are you sure this is an Australian project?'"

"As far as the minorities go, South Americans in Australia are probably one of the smaller-represented cultures on screen."

"At least I feel that way. And I think there's always room for more for all cultures."

The success of *Bump* has certainly opened doors for Sanson in Australia. He also feels like it

has spearheaded broader cultural changes as well.

"What was really beautiful about *Bump* was that it was the start of a real push for Latino representation on our screens," he says.

"I remember finishing season one and feeling so proud that the Hernandez family was at the helm of that show and that it's a family that Australians will remember."

"It's the first iconic South American family on-screen so it's really an honour and kind of overwhelming to think about that."

It wasn't just Sanson who got his big break on *Bump*. His co-star Claudia de Giusti, who plays his devoted grandmother Bernardita, also scored the role of her lifetime on the series.

Sanson laughs that the cast referred to de Giusti as "the scene stealer".

Discovered via Facebook ad, de Giusti hadn't acted since she was a young girl in Argentina but now finds herself on the cusp of hitting the big time.



Family comes first: Carlos Sanson Jr is joined in *Bump* by his brothers Marcelo and Alexander.

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Close: Carlos Sanson Jr on-set with co-star Claudia de Giusti.

"My agent has just signed her," he smiles.

"They think she's going to be a big star."

"You know how Samuel L. Jackson didn't make it until he was 50, well Claudia de Giusti is going to take the prize [and find fame] at 80!"

Sanson says his extended family in Chile have been particularly excited to watch *Bump*.

"To see their culture represented on Australian television was mind blowing for them and for my grandma and grandpa who are in their 80s," he says.

"It's revolutionary for them."

"And for me too. I was born in Australia, so I also identify as Australian, so to know that my country is holding space for my family's culture creates this warmth in my heart that I can't quite articulate."

"It feels very promising for the future as well."

■ *Bump*, season three streaming from Boxing Day, Stan

Movie Guide

PICK OF THE WEEK

Elf help: Will Ferrell and Zooey Deschanel star in *Elf*.



Christmas Eve
ELF
SEVEN, 9.15pm, PG (2003)

"I just like to smile! Smiling's my favourite," chimes the wide-eyed, sublimely hilarious, instantly endearing Will Ferrell in this joyous Christmas treat. He plays a supposed "elf" (in reality he is a human orphan raised as one of Santa's helpers) who jets off to New York to seek out his biological dad (James Caan). There, the awkward, ungainly proportioned elf finds employment at a department store, where he befriends a sweet co-worker (Zooey Deschanel). Wonderfully directed by Jon Favreau (*Iron Man*), this little charmer proves good things come in small packages. ★★★★★

PADDINGTON
ABC ME, Friday, 6.55pm, G (2014)

The popular British bear makes his first big-screen appearance in this live-action film directed by Paul King. Those familiar with Michael Bond's classic British kids books will know the Peruvian bear's story, but this sweet, quaint tale provides a chance for a new generation of kiddies to follow the adventures (or misadventures, perhaps) of the teddy named after the train station where he was discovered – wearing a sign around his neck that reads "please look after this bear". A sure-fire winner with young 'uns or perhaps just a nostalgic journey for those looking for a reminder of their own childhood. Aussie Nicole Kidman is among the cast. ★★★★★



THE HOLIDAY
Nine, Friday, 8.30pm, M (2006)

Kate Winslet (pictured) and Cameron Diaz star as women from opposite sides of the pond who escape their romantic woes through a holiday house swap. London journalist Iris (Winslet) agrees to lease her cottage in the English countryside in exchange for a sojourn to Beverly Hills, staying at the pad of film editor Amanda (Diaz). Both finally meet men who are worthy of them – Amanda comes into the orbit of Iris's brother Graham (Jude Law), and Iris falls for composer Miles (Jack Black). ★★★★★



MOANA
Seven, Christmas Eve, 7pm, PG (2016)

This Disney animation is a mythic adventure set in the South Pacific 2000 years ago. The heroine is Moana (voice of Auli'i Cravalho), a teenager who sets out on a daring mission to save her people when a crisis hits their island. Along the way she meets smug demigod Maui (a scene-stealing Dwayne Johnson), who learns a thing or two from his teenage protégé. Together, they sail across the ocean on an action-packed voyage, encountering monsters and impossible odds. ★★★★★



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

Woody Allen's uplifting study in existentialism and nostalgia is a joy to watch both for fans of the eccentric director and for unapologetic Francophiles. Owen Wilson steps assuredly into the lead role as Gil, a restless writer holidaying in Paris with his fiancée (Rachel McAdams, pictured with Wilson). Racked with writer's block, Gil finds himself seeking solitude in the Parisian night. The all-star cast includes France's former first lady Carla Bruni, Adrien Brody, Kathy Bates and Marion Cotillard. ★★★★★



LOVE ACTUALLY
Seven, Christmas Day, 9.35pm, M (2003)

Love knows no bounds for the multitude of characters in this ensemble romantic comedy from screenwriter Richard Curtis (*Notting Hill*, *Bridget Jones's Diary*). Hugh Grant (pictured, as lovelorn PM David), Colin Firth, Emma Thompson, Liam Neeson and Keira Knightley lead a cheerful circle of Londoners – interrelated by family or friendship – looking for something a little extra in their stocking in the lead-up to Christmas. It's a movie to share with someone special. ★★★★★



MURIEL'S WEDDING
10, Boxing Day, 7.30pm, M (1994)

Toni Collette is Muriel, desperate to be respected and married like her catty girlfriends and maybe one day escape Porpoise Spit. On a whim and dad's blank cheque, she goes in search of her dream, finding happiness and surprise. A study of values and dysfunction, the magic in *Muriel's Wedding* lies with first-time director P.J. Hogan's clever casting, in particular Bill Hunter as Muriel's politician father. Rachel Griffiths (pictured, left, with Collette) shines as Muriel's knowing best friend Rhonda. ★★★★★

KUNG FU PANDA 3
9Go!, Tuesday, 7.30pm, PG (2016)

The crowd-pleasing animated film franchise continues to kick butt, with Po the panda (pictured, Jack Black) now taking on the responsibilities of a teacher. However, he and his new, albeit clumsy, students must face the threat of the evil Kai (J.K. Simmons), a supernatural warrior who becomes stronger with each battle. As with the first two movies, it is both funny and endearing, with the animation being a particular standout. With a cast of likeable characters and an equally appealing coterie of top-notch voice actors, *Kung Fu Panda 3* is a knockout slice of family fun. ★★★★★



The Guide

PICK OF THE WEEK

CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT Nine, Christmas Eve, 8pm

Christmas is all about rituals and what could be more traditional than zealously singing along to Nine's musical spectacular on Christmas Eve? From Melbourne's Sidney Myer Music Bowl, veteran host David Campbell and *Today's* entertainment reporter Brooke Boney (both pictured) welcome back beloved members of the *Carols* family, including Marina Prior, Denis Walter, David Hobson, Silvie Paladino, Anthony Callea, Tim Campbell, Denis Walter and Rob Mills, as well as a star-studded lineup of guests. The medley of modern, classic and sentimental Christmas tunes will no doubt light up viewers' hearts.



TARONGA: WHO'S WHO IN THE ZOO Nine, Friday, 7.30pm

With the school holidays stretching out before us, it's an opportune

time to tune into this heartwarming behind-the-scenes exploration of Sydney's popular Taronga Zoo Sydney and Taronga Western Plains Zoo. Whether you're young, old, famous or Joe average, there's something magical and fascinating about the zoos' beautiful settings and the diverse creatures living inside them. Tonight, in "Who's Poo In The Zoo", the wisdom of animal droppings is revealed.

BASKETBALL 10 Peach, Christmas Day, 5.30pm

Something radical is happening on Christmas Day this year... and it's doesn't just involve a portly bearded man in a red suit and hat delivering presents. It's a gift of a different kind for sports fans, with the first sporting match scheduled for Christmas Day in Australia since the late 1960s, when cricket was occasionally televised on Santa's day. It's a move that emulates the blockbuster NBA matches on December 25, which will bring joy to many. Instead of pondering the plump commercial figure we all know, viewers can witness some agile, sporting finesse as the Sydney Kings host Melbourne United. Tune in to catch the historic match between the fierce rivals.



SOME KIND OF HEAVEN SBS, Tuesday, 8.30pm

Settle in for an intoxicating dip into another world. Young director Lance Oppenheim dazzles with this debut, which follows four elderly people living in America's largest retirement community in Florida, The Villages. Otherwise known as "Disney World for Retirees", it's a place that has been created with great (and often unnerving) detail to engineer fun. Oppenheim zeroes in on four residents struggling to fit in, including Anne and her husband Reggie, who is in the throes of drug abuse and losing touch with reality, and lovelorn widow Barbara (pictured), who doesn't find The Villages all it's cracked up to be. It's a surreal, philosophical look at old age.

Friday, December 23

ABC TV (2) 6.00 Escape From The City. (R) 7.00 News Breakfast. 9.00 ABC News Mornings. 10.00 Nigella's Cook, Eat, Repeat: Christmas Special. (R) 11.00 The Yearly With Charlie Pickering. (R) 12.00 ABC News At Noon. 1.00 Belgravia. (PG, R) 1.45 Doc Martin. (M, R) 2.50 Gardening Australia. (R) 3.55 Long Lost Family. (PG, R) 4.40 Back Roads. (R) 5.10 QI. (PG, R) 5.40 Hard Quiz. (PG, R)	SBS (3) 6.00 WorldWatch. 7.00 BBC News At Six. 7.30 WorldWatch. 9.00 Cook Up Bitesize. (R) 9.10 Peer To Peer. (PG) 10.10 Patrizio Buanne: Celebration. (R) 12.00 WorldWatch. 1.00 PBS NewsHour. 2.00 Cook Up With Adam Liaw Bitesize. (PG, R) 2.05 Patrizio Buanne: Celebration. (R) 3.05 The Cook Up With Adam Liaw. (R) 3.35 Dishing It Up. (PG, R) 4.35 Jeopardy! 5.00 Letters And Numbers. (R) 5.30 Mastermind Australia. (R)	SEVEN (7) 6.00 Sunrise. 9.00 The Morning Show. (PG) 11.30 Seven Morning News. 12.00 MOVIE: The Christmas Swap. (2018, PG) Jackie Seiden. 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) 11.30 Morning News. 12.00 MOVIE: Snowed In For Christmas. (2021, G) 1.50 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 My Market Kitchen. (R) 6.30 Jamie's Easy Meals For Every Day. (R) 7.00 Ent. 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 Wonders. (R) 1.30 Christmas With Australian Women's Weekly. (R) 2.30 Ent. Tonight. 3.00 Judge Judy. (PG, R) 3.30 Freshly Picked. 4.00 Farm To Fork. 4.30 Jamie's Easy Meals For Every Day. (R) 5.00 News.
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 All Creatures Great And Small Christmas Special. (PG) James and Helen question their future together in the run up to Christmas Day. 8.25 Vera. (Ma, R) After skeletal remains are discovered at the site of a burnt out nightclub, DCI Vera Stanhope investigates. 9.55 Troppo. (Madl, R) Amanda's past erupts into the present. 10.55 Adam Hills: The Last Leg. (R) Special guest is Guz Khan. 11.40 Rage. (MA15+adhlnsv) Continuous music programming.	6.30 SBS World News. 7.35 Engineering Reborn: Sky Garden, Liberty Hotel, Kraanspoor. (PG) Takes a look at a green park project. 8.30 Inside Central Station: Rain. (PGa, R) With Sydney drenched by over 300mm of rain in just 48 hours there is chaos on the rail network. 9.25 Then And Now: The River Thames. (PGa, R) Explores the River Thames. 10.20 SBS World News Late. 10.50 Gomorrah. (MA15+av, R) 1.55 The Kimberley Cruise: The Full Journey. (R) 4.40 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 Better Homes And Gardens Summer. Ed Halmagyi make a no-bake pavlova. 7.30 Carols In The Domain. (PG) Coverage of 40th Anniversary Carols In The Domain from Sydney. 10.00 Schools Spectacular Creating The Magic. (PG, R) Coverage of the Schools Spectacular from Qudos Bank Arena, Sydney, with the theme Creating the Magic. 12.30 Mates On A Mission. (PGal, R) 2.00 Home Shopping. (R) 4.00 Million Dollar Minute. (R) 5.00 NBC Today.	6.00 Nine News. 7.00 A Current Affair. 7.30 Taronga: Who's Who In The Zoo: Who's Poo In The Zoo. (PG) Takes a look at answers found in animal poo. 8.30 MOVIE: The Holiday. (2006, MIs, R) Two women, who live on opposite sides of the Atlantic, impulsively switch homes for Christmas. Cameron Diaz, Kate Winslet. 11.10 Council Of Dads. (PGa) 12.00 A Very Royal Christmas: Secrets Of Sandringham. (PG, R) 1.00 Cross Court. (R) 1.30 TV Shop: Home Shopping. (R) 4.00 Take Two. (R) 4.30 Global Shop. (R) 5.00 TV Shop: Home Shopping. (R) 5.30 Skippy The Bush Kangaroo. (R)	6.30 The Project. A look at the day's news and events. 7.30 The Living Room. (PGan, R) Miguel Maestre creates tasty Christmas fare. 8.30 The Graham Norton Show. (R) Irish comedian Graham Norton is joined by actors Tom Hanks, Naomi Ackie and Suranne Jones. 10.30 Georgie Carroll: The Gloves Are Off. (Mal, R) A stand-up performance by Georgie Carroll. 12.00 The Project. (R) 1.00 The Late Show With Stephen Colbert. (PG) 2.00 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 Nella The Princess Knight. 6.50 Shaun The Sheep. 7.20 Bluey. 7.30 Spicks And Specks. 8.00 Hard Quiz. 8.30 MOVIE: Office Christmas Party. (2016, MA15+) 10.15 Doctor Who. 11.00 Back. (Final) 11.25 Archer. (Final) 11.45 QI. 12.20am George Clarke's Amazing Spaces. 1.05 Would I Lie To You At Christmas? 1.35 ABC News Update. 1.40 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. 2020 NHK Trophy. Replay. 3.40 ABC World News Tonight With David Muir. 4.10 PBS News. 5.05 Takeshi's Castle. 5.35 Joy Of Painting. 6.05 Country Music. 7.05 Jeopardy! 7.35 8 Out Of 10 Cats Does Countdown. 8.30 Hoarders. 9.20 The Language Of Love. 10.15 Naughty And Nice: Sex Toy Britain. 11.10 MOVIE: Her. (2013, MA15+) 1.30am MOVIE: Monty Python's The Meaning Of Life. (1983, M) 3.30 NHK World English News. 5.00 Al Jazeera Newshour.	7TWO (72) 6am Home Shopping. 6.30 Escape To The Country. 7.30 Our Town. 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 House Of Wellness. 2.00 Our Town. 2.30 Million Dollar Minute. 3.30 Medical Emergency. 4.00 RSPCA Animal Rescue. 4.30 Better Homes And Gardens. 5.30 Escape To The Country. 6.30 Bargain Hunt. 7.30 Border Security: International. 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 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 The Young And The Restless. 1.00 As Time Goes By. 1.40 MOVIE: The Man Who Finally Died. (1963, PG) 3.40 MOVIE: A Christmas Movie Christmas. (2019) 5.30 Murder, She Wrote. 6.30 Antiques Roadshow. 7.30 Fawlt Towers. 8.40 Midsomer Murders. 10.40 Christmas At Highclere Castle. 11.40 House. 12.35am My Favorite Martian. 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. Noon No Ordinary Black. 12.10 MOVIE: Jedda. (1955, PG) 1.45 Bamay. 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 Tales Of The Moana. 4.00 Legendary Myths: Raven Adventures. 4.10 Grace Beside Me. 4.35 Spartacus And The Sun Beneath The Sea. 5.00 Our Stories. 5.30 Bamay. 6.15 Unknown Amazon. 7.05 The Great Northern Candy Drop. 7.30 Barrumbi Kids. 8.00 MOVIE: Get Santa. (2014, PG) 9.45 First Nations Bedtime Stories. 9.55 Going Places With Ernie Dingo. 10.55 Late Programs.	SBS WORLD MOVIES (32) 6am Monty Python And The Holy Grail. Continued. (1975, PG) 6.55 Under The Cover Of Cloud. (2018, PG) 8.35 FairyTale: A True Story. (1997) 10.50 Cyrano, My Love. (2018, M, French) 8.05 Tim Burton's Corpse Bride. (2005, PG) 9.30 Scrooged. (1988) 10.45 Alan Partridge: Alpha Papa. (2013, M) 12.25am Gangs Of New York. (2002, MA15+) 3.30 First Girl I Loved. (2016, M) 5.10 FairyTale: A True Story. (1997)	7MATE (74) 6am The Fishing Show. 7.00 Fish Of The Day. 7.30 Creek To Coast. 8.00 Surfing. WSL. MEO Pro Portugal. Highlights. 9.00 Surfing. WSL Championship Tour. Round 4. Rip Curl Pro Bells Beach. Highlights. 10.00 Surfing. Surftag Australian Series. Replay. 10.30 American Pickers. 11.30 Pawn Stars. 1pm Pawn Stars South Africa. 1.30 Pawn Stars UK. 2.00 Down East Dickering. 3.00 Timbersports. 3.30 Irish Pickers. 4.30 Aussie Lobster Men. 5.30 American Restoration. 6.00 American Pickers. 7.00 Pawn Stars. 7.30 Storage Wars. 8.30 MOVIE: Rambo 3. (1988, M) 10.35 MOVIE: Hard To Kill. (1990, MA15+) 12.45am Late Programs.	9GO! (82, 93) 6am Children's Programs. 10.30 Pokémon Journeys. 11.00 Tom And Jerry. 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 The Nanny. 6.00 MOVIE: Antz. (1998, PG) 7.30 MOVIE: Richie Rich. (1994, PG) 9.30 MOVIE: Kindergarten Cop. (1990, M) 11.45 Telenovela. 12.15am Queer Eye For The Straight Guy. 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 Healthy Homes Australia. 8.30 Australia By Design: Architecture. 9.00 iFish. 9.30 Reel Action. 10.00 The Love Boat. 11.00 Star Trek: The Next Generation. Noon MacGyver. 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 The Code. 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 (A15+) 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) 10.30 Rage Christmas Special. (PG) 12.00 ABC News At Noon. 12.30 Vera. (Ma, R) 2.00 Midsomer Murders. (PG, R) 3.30 Wallace And Gromit: A Matter Of Loaf And Death. (R) 4.00 Shaun The Sheep: The Flight Before Christmas. (R) 4.30 Bluey. (R) 4.40 MOVIE: Paddington. (2014, G, R) Ben Whishaw, Hugh Bonneville, Nicole Kidman.	SBS (3) 6.00 Morning Programs 10.05 The World From Above. (PG) 11.05 For The Love Of Dogs Xmas. 12.00 WorldWatch. 2.00 Figure Skating. ISU Grand Prix. Final. H'lights. 3.30 Cycling. Cape To Cape MTB. H'lights. 4.30 The Untold Story Of Australian Wrestling. (R) 4.35 Wrestling. 4.40 Wonderful World Of Chocolate Christmas. (R) 5.30 Europe's Greatest Train Journeys. (Premiere)	SEVEN (7) 6.00 NBC Today. 7.00 Weekend Sunrise. 10.00 The Morning Show Summer Series. (PG) 12.00 Christmas With The Salvos. (PG, R) 12.30 Border Security: International. (PG, R) 1.00 Surveillance Oz Dashcam. (PGI, R) 1.30 Better Homes And Gardens Summer. (R) 2.00 MOVIE: Santa's Boots. (2018, PG, R) 4.00 Better Homes And Gardens Summer. (R) 5.00 Seven News At 5. 5.30 Creek To Coast. (R)	NINE (8, 9) 6.00 Drive TV. (R) 6.30 ACA. (R) 7.00 Weekend Today. 10.00 Today Extra Summer. (PG) 12.00 Our State On A Plate. (PG) 12.30 Great Australian Detour. (R) 1.00 Cross Court. 1.30 Surfing Australia TV. (PGI, R) 2.00 Driving Test. (PG, R) 2.30 MOVIE: Last Christmas. (2019, PGals, R) 4.30 Destination Australia. (Return) 5.00 News: First At Five. 5.30 Country House Hunters Australia.	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 Freshly Picked. (R) 9.30 St10. (PG) 12.00 Everyday Gourmet. (R) 12.30 Well Traveller. (PGa, R) 1.00 Offroad Adv. (PGI, R) 2.00 All 4 Adventure. (PGI, R) 3.00 4x4 Adventures. (R) 4.00 Jamie's Easy Meals At Christmas. (R) 5.00 10 News First.
6.10 Extraordinary Escapes: Christmas Special. Sandi Toksvig travels to Norway. 7.00 ABC News. Takes a look at today's top stories. 7.30 Doc Martin. (Final, Ma) As the village prepares to throw a farewell party for the Ellinghams, Ruth helps Mrs Tishell deal with the news. 8.20 Shetland. (Final, MadI) As Perez closes in on the identity of Galbraith's killer, he struggles with Duncan's secret. 9.20 Midsomer Murders. (Ma, R) After anglers flock to a picturesque village in pursuit of a giant fish, chaos ensues. 10.50 MOVIE: Jackie. (2016, MA15+v, R) Jackie Kennedy defines her husband's legacy. Natalie Portman. 12.25 Rage Christmas Special. (MA15+adhlinsv)	6.30 SBS World News. 7.30 Freddie Mercury: The Great Pretender. (MIs, R) Explores the life of Freddie Mercury through previously unseen footage. 9.10 Silent Night: A Song For The World. (PG, R) Takes a look at the creation and cultural impact of the world's most famous Christmas carol, <i>Silent Night</i> . 10.45 Celebrity Letters And Numbers. (M) Hosted by Michael Hing. 11.45 Dolly Parton: 50 Years At The Opry. (PG, R) From Nashville's Grand Ole Opry. 1.15 The Indian Pacific: The Full Journey. (R) 4.35 Bamay. (R) 5.00 NHK World English News Morning. 5.15 France 24 Feature. 5.30 ANC Philippines The World Tonight.	6.00 Seven News. 7.00 MOVIE: Moana. (2016, PGa, R) A young woman tries to remove a curse. Auli'i Cravalho, Dwayne Johnson. 9.15 MOVIE: Elf. (2003, PGal, R) A man raised as an elf at the North Pole embarks on a journey to find his biological father, who lives in New York, after nearly bringing Santa's operation to a catastrophic standstill due to his big stature. Will Ferrell, James Caan, Mary Steenburgen. 11.15 World's Most Shocking Emergency Calls. (MA15+av, R) Documents shocking emergency calls. 12.15 Mates On A Mission. (PGal, R) The four mates head to the US. 1.30 Travel Oz. (PG, R) 2.00 Home Shopping. (R) 4.00 Get Clever. (R) 5.00 House Of Wellness. (PG, R)	6.00 Nine News Saturday. 7.00 A Current Affair. 7.30 Christmas With Delta. (R) A Christmas concert with Delta Goodrem, as well as a tribute to Olivia Newton-John. 8.00 Carols By Candlelight. (PG) The 85th Vision Australia Carols by Candlelight from Melbourne's Sidney Myer Music Bowl. 11.00 MOVIE: A Christmas Karen. (2022, Mah) A middle-aged woman is given an intervention. Michele Simms, Rolin Alexis. 1.00 Cross Court. (R) Hosted by Todd Woodbridge and Jelena Dokic. 1.30 Surfing Australia TV. (PGI, R) Showcases Surfing Australia's programs. 2.00 TV Shop: Home Shopping. (R) 4.30 Global Shop. (R) 5.00 TV Shop: Home Shopping. (R) 5.30 Skippy The Bush Kangaroo. (R)	6.00 Bondi Rescue. (PGal, R) Monster waves lash Bondi. 6.30 Hungry. Presented by George Calombaris and Sarah Todd. 7.00 Bondi Rescue. (PGI, R) A woman is rescued from a rip. 7.30 The Dog House. (PG, R) Christmas might have come early for a pug. 8.30 Have You Been Paying Attention? (Malns, R) Celebrity panellists compete to see who can remember the most about events of the week. 9.30 The Graham Norton Show. (MIs, R) Graham chats with Will Smith, Richard Osman, Lin-Manuel Miranda, Chris and Rosie Ramsey, and Yola. 11.30 The Savoy At Christmas. (PGI, R) 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. 6.50pm Piney: The Lonesome Pine. 7.20 Bluey. 7.30 Spicks And Specks. 8.00 QI. 8.30 Live At The Apollo. 9.20 Whose Line Is It Anyway? 10.05 Staged. 10.30 Upstart Crow. 11.00 Fleabag. 11.30 Doctor Who. 12.20am Friday Night Dinner. 12.45 Universe With Brian Cox. (Final) 1.45 Close. 5.05 Miffy's Adventures Big And Small. 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 The Fast History Of Toys. (Premiere) 7.30 Impossible Engineering. 8.30 One Night In Hamleys Xmas Special. 9.25 Travel Man. 10.20 Late Programs.	7TWO (72) 6am Home Shopping. 8.30 Travel Oz. 10.00 House Of Wellness. 11.00 Horse Racing. From Rosehill, The Valley and Doomben. 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 Late Programs.	9GEM (81, 92) 6am Morning Programs. 7.30 TV Shop. 8.00 Beyond Today. 8.30 TV Shop. 10.00 My Favorite Martian. 10.30 MOVIE: Time, Gentlemen, Please! (1952) 12.10pm MOVIE: Last Holiday. (1950) 2.05 MOVIE: Bonnie Prince Charlie. (1948) 4.30 MOVIE: A Hole In The Head. (1959) 7.00 MOVIE: It's A Wonderful Life. (1946, PG) 9.40 MOVIE: An Officer And A Gentleman. (1982, M) 12.10am 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 Broke. 3.30 Friends. 6.00 The Big Bang Theory. 10.15 Friends. 12.15am Home Shopping. 1.15 Infomercials. 1.45 Mom. 2.15 NBL Slam. 2.45 Basketball. NBL. Round 11. South East Melbourne Phoenix v Sydney Kings. Replay. 4.30 Home Shopping.
NITV (34) 6am Morning Programs. 1.30pm Going Places. 2.30 My Life As I Live It. 3.30 My Survival As An Aboriginal. 4.25 Milpirri: Winds Of Change. 5.25 The Land We're On With Penelope Towney. 5.30 Power To The People. 6.00 Pacific Island Food Revolution. 6.50 News. 7.00 On Country Kitchen. 7.30 Black Mamba: Kiss Of Death. 8.30 MOVIE: Scrooged. (1988) 10.20 Always Was Always Will Be. 11.00 Late Programs.	SBS WORLD MOVIES (32) 6am Morning Programs. 9.05 Tim Burton's Corpse Bride. (2005, PG) 10.30 Monty Python's The Meaning Of Life. (1983, M) 12.3			

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<p>ABC TV (22) 6.00 Rage Christmas Special. (PG) 9.00 ABC News On Christmas Day. 9.30 The Pope's Christmas Mass. 11.30 Compass. (PG, R) 12.00 ABC News At Noon. 12.30 Southern Ocean Live. (PG, R) 2.30 MOVIE: Robin Hood: Men In Tights. (1993, PGs, R) Cary Elwes. 4.10 MOVIE: Paddington 2. (2017, PG, R) Ben Whishaw, Hugh Grant. 5.50 Bluey. (R)</p>	<p>SBS (3) 6.00 WorldWatch. 9.00 Cook Up Bitesize. (R) 9.10 Blue Water Safari. 10.05 The World From Above. (PG) 10.40 A World Of Calm. (R) 11.05 Paul O'Grady For The Love Of Dogs Xmas. 12.00 APAC Weekly. 12.30 France 24 English News. 1.00 Speedweek. 3.00 Figure Skating. ISU Grand Prix. Final. Highlights. 4.30 The Luxury Christmas Decorators. (R) 5.30 Europe's Greatest Train Journeys.</p>	<p>SEVEN (7) 6.00 NBC Today. 7.00 Carols In The Domain. (PG, R) 9.30 Alinta Energy Christmas Pageant. (PG) 10.30 Mayor's Christmas Carols. (PG, R) 11.30 Christmas With The Salvos. (PG, R) 12.00 House Of Wellness. (PG, R) 1.00 Sealink Carols By Candlelight. (PG) 3.30 Beach Cops. (PG, R) 4.00 Better Homes And Gardens. (R) 5.00 Border Security: International. (PG, R) 5.30 Weekender. (R)</p>	<p>NINE (8, 9) 6.00 National Pharmacies Christmas Pageant. 8.00 Lord Mayor's Christmas Carols. 10.00 Home For Christmas. (PG) 10.30 CMA Country Christmas. 11.30 Christmas With Delta. (R) 1.00 Carols By Candlelight. (PG, R) 4.00 MOVIE: Blizzard. (2003, G, R) A young ice skater befriends a reindeer. Jennifer Pisana.</p>	<p>TEN (5, 1) 6.00 Morning Programs. 8.00 Jamie's Easy Meals At Christmas. (R) 9.00 Destination Dessert. 9.30 St10. (PG) 12.00 A Baby Reindeer's First Christmas. (PGa, R) 1.00 Jamie's Easy Meals At Christmas. (R) 2.00 Jamie: Together At Christmas. (R) 3.00 The King's Christmas Message. 3.15 Jamie: Together At Christmas. (R) 4.15 Jamie's One-Pan Christmas. (R) 5.00 News.</p>
<p>6.00 To Be Advised. 7.00 ABC News On Christmas Day. A look at the top stories of the day. 7.30 HM The King's Christmas Message. King Charles III's Christmas message. 7.40 The Royal Variety Performance. Featuring a tribute to Queen Elizabeth II. From the Royal Albert Hall, London. 9.40 MOVIE: Miss Fisher And The Crypt Of Tears. (2020, Mv, R) Phryne Fisher embarks on an adventure involving an ancient curse and priceless emeralds. Essie Davis, Nathan Page. 11.20 Christmas Cabaret. (R) 1.40 The Heights. (PG, R) 2.40 Rage. (MA15+adhlinsv) 4.05 Classic Countdown. (MI, R) 5.00 Think Tank. (R)</p>	<p>6.30 SBS World News. 7.30 Dean Martin: King Of Cool. Explores the life of legendary actor, comedian and singer Dean Martin, nicknamed as "The King of Cool". 8.35 Uri Geller's Secret Treasures. (M) Takes a look at psychic Uri Geller whose fame spans over 50 years and across the globe. 10.05 MOVIE: Amy. (2015, MA15+adl, R) The story of singer Amy Winehouse. Amy Winehouse, Mitch Winehouse. 12.25 All Is Bright. (R) 1.40 The Indian Pacific: The Full Journey. (R) 4.45 Bamay. (R) 5.00 NHK World English News Morning. 5.15 France 24 Feature. 5.30 Al Jazeera News.</p>	<p>6.00 Seven News. 7.00 Dog Patrol. (PGa) Corrections drug dogs sniff out trouble. 7.30 MOVIE: National Lampoon's Vacation. (1983, Mdl, R) A Chicago family encounters an endless series of disasters during their annual cross-country road trip. Chevy Chase, Beverly D'Angelo. 9.35 MOVIE: Love Actually. (2003, Mlrs, R) Explores a series of interlocking vignettes about love and romance in Britain in the weeks before Christmas. Hugh Grant, Alan Rickman, Keira Knightley. 12.20 Mates On A Mission. (PGal, R) 2.00 Home Shopping. (R) 3.30 Million Dollar Minute. (R) 4.00 NBC Today. 5.00 Seven Early News. 5.30 Sunrise.</p>	<p>6.00 Nine News Sunday. 7.00 MOVIE: National Lampoon's Christmas Vacation. (1989, PGlsr, R) A man tries to create a fun-filled Christmas. Chevy Chase. 9.00 MOVIE: National Lampoon's Vegas Vacation. (1997, PGs, R) After striking it rich thanks to a new invention, the Griswold family embark on a holiday to Las Vegas. Chevy Chase, Beverly D'Angelo, Randy Quaid. 11.00 The King's Christmas Message. King Charles III's Christmas message. 11.10 MOVIE: The Jazz Singer. (1980, G, R) Lucie Arnaz. 1.30 TV Shop: Home Shopping. (R) 4.00 Believer's Voice Of Victory. (PGa) 4.30 Take Two. (R) 5.00 News Early Edition. 5.30 Today.</p>	<p>6.00 MOVIE: Happy Feet. (2006, G, R) A penguin is born without the ability to sing. Elijah Wood, Nicole Kidman. 8.05 The Cheap Seats. (Mal, R) Presenters Melanie Bracewell and Tim McDonald take a look at the year that was. 9.05 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. 10.05 MOVIE: Book Club. (2018, Mls, R) Four women have their lives changed after reading <i>Fifty Shades Of Grey</i> in their book club. Jane Fonda, Diane Keaton. 12.00 Home Shopping. (R) 4.30 CBS Mornings.</p>
<p>ABC TV PLUS (22) 6am Children's Programs. 6.50pm Sir Mouse. 7.20 Bluey. 7.30 QI. 8.00 Adam Hills: The Last Leg Christmas Bash. 8.45 The Yearly With Charlie Pickering 2022. 9.45 Christmas Cabaret. 10.45 MOVIE: Office Christmas Party. (2016, MA15+) 12.25am Queen: Days Of Our Lives. 1.25 Long Lost Family. 2.15 ABC News Update. 2.20 Close. 5.00 Hoot Hoot Go! 5.10 Dot. 5.25 Baby Jake. 5.35 Late Programs.</p>	<p>SBS VICELAND (31) 6am TRT World Newshour. 6.50 Indian Country Today News. 7.20 Fiji One News. 7.50 France 24 Feature. 8.10 ABC America Nightline. 8.40 CBC The National. 9.30 Jeopardy! 3.00 NHK World English News. 5.00 Al Jazeera Newshour.</p>	<p>7TWO (72) 6am Morning Programs. 1pm The Yorkshire Vet In Autumn. 2.00 DVine Living. 2.30 The Great Australian Doorstep. 3.00 South Aussie With Cosi. 3.30 Jabba's School Holiday Movies. 4.00 Penelope Keith's Hidden Villages. 5.00 Escape To The Perfect Town. 6.00 Air Crash Investigation: Special Report. 7.00 Border Security. 8.30 Heathrow. 9.30 Air Crash Investigation. 11.30 Late Programs.</p>	<p>9GEM (81, 92) 6am Morning Programs. 10.00 Why The Nativity? Noon Explore. 12.20 Christmas At Highclere Castle. 1.20 MOVIE: The Rooftop Christmas Tree. (2016, PG) 3.10 MOVIE: The Holly And The Ivy. (1952) 4.50 Keeping Up Appearances. 5.30 Christmas At Warwick Castle. 6.30 Bondi Vet. 7.30 MOVIE: White Christmas. (1954) 10.00 MOVIE: Overboard. (1987, PG) 12.20am Late Programs.</p>	<p>10 PEACH (52, 11) 6am Friends. 7.00 The Big Bang Theory. 8.30 The Middle. 11.00 Christmas With Australian Women's Weekly. Noon The Living Room. 1.00 Broke. 3.00 Two And A Half Men. 3.30 The Big Bang Theory. 4.00 Friends. 5.30 Basketball. NBL. Round 12. Sydney Kings v Melbourne United. 7.30 The Big Bang Theory. 9.00 Friends. Midnight Shopping. 12.30 Infomercials. 1.00 Shopping. 1.30 Late Programs.</p>
<p>NITV (34) 6am Morning Programs. 2.25pm The South Sydney Story. 2.55 Feeding The Scrum. 3.25 Gaelic Football. Ladies Association. H'lights. 3.30 Football. NITFL. Women's. Under-18</p>				

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7.00 ABC News. Takes a look at today's top stories. 7.30 Doc Martin Christmas Special. (Ma) Christmas is coming to Portwenn. 8.40 Farewell Doc Martin. Take a behind-the-scenes look at the process of making the last instalment of this series. 9.25 Our Dementia Choir. (PG, R) Part 2 of 2. Follow actor Vicky McClure as she recruits people with dementia to form a choir. 10.25 The Detectives. (Madl, R) Part 2 of 4. 11.25 The Australian Soul With Geraldine Doogue. (PG, R) 12.25 Operation Buffalo. (Mal, R) 1.20 Total Control. (Mlv, R) 2.05 Rage. (MA15+adhlmsv) 4.30 Barrie Cassidy's One Plus One. (R) 5.00 Think Tank. (R)	6.00 Mastermind Australia. (R) 6.30 SBS World News. 7.30 Celebrity Letters And Numbers. (M, R) Hosted by Michael Hing. 8.30 24 Hours In Emergency: Falling Down. (M) A 76-year-old is rushed to St George's Hospital after having a fall at home. 9.30 Secrets Of Playboy: The Girl Next Door. (MA15+) Explores how Hugh Hefner reinvented himself and the Playboy brand through the <i>Girls Next Door</i> . 10.20 Battle Of Alcatraz. (Mv, R) Part 1 of 2. 11.10 Reunions. (Ma, R) 12.05 The A Word. (R) 2.20 MOVIE: Hunt For The Wilderpeople. (2016, PGav, R) Sam Neill, Julian Dennison, Rima Te Wiata. 4.05 Going Places With Ernie Dingo. (R) 4.35 Bamay. (R) 5.00 NHK World English News Morning. 5.30 ANC Philippines The World Tonight.	6.00 Seven News. 7.00 Cricket. Big Bash League. Game 15. Sydney Sixers v Melbourne Stars. From the SCG. 8.10 Cricket. Big Bash League. Game 16. Perth Scorchers v Adelaide Strikers. From Optus Stadium, Perth. 11.30 Heartbreak Island Australia. (Final, Ml) Milly and Bailey face off against cash-grabbing Aleisha and Antoni in the finale of the show. 12.45 Beach Cops. (PG, R) Follows NSW police officers on the beat on Sydney's iconic northern beaches. 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. News, sport and weather.	6.00 Nine News. 7.00 A Current Affair. 7.30 RBT. (PGd) Follows the activities of police units. 8.30 Paramedics. (M, R) First responders consider breaking down doors to get to a possible stroke patient. 9.30 Police After Dark. (Mlv) Officers confront the rider of an electric scooter who collided with a car. 10.30 The Equalizer. (Mav, R) McCall helps a concerned wife. 11.20 Almost Family. (Mas) 12.10 Tipping Point. (PG, R) 1.05 Cross Court. (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. The hosts and guest panellists take a look at the day's news, events and hot topics. 7.30 MOVIE: Muriel's Wedding. (1994, Mls, R) A young woman, who dreams of marriage, leaves her small town to find romance in the big city. Toni Collette, Bill Hunter, Rachel Griffiths. 9.35 MOVIE: The Hunger Games. (2012, Mav, R) In a future dystopia, a teenage girl volunteers to take part in a blood sports competition known as the Hunger Games to spare her sister, whose name was drawn as part of the annual lottery. Jennifer Lawrence, Josh Hutcherson, Liam Hemsworth. 12.20 The Late Show With Stephen Colbert. (PG) Late-night talk show. 1.30 Home Shopping. (R) 4.30 CBS Mornings. Morning news and talk show.
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NITV (34) 6am Morning Programs. 1.30pm Spirit Talker. 2.00 Shortland St. 2.30 The Cook Up. 3.00 Jarjums. 3.25 Little J And Big Cuz. 3.40 Wolf Joe. 3.55 Tales Of The Moana. 4.00 Grace Beside Me. 4.30 Spartakus And The Sun Beneath The Sea. 5.00 Our Stories. 5.30 APTN National News. 6.00 Bamay. 6.40 News. 6.50 Unknown Amazon. 7.10 Hip Hop Evolution. 8.30 Karla Grant Presents. 9.10 Westwind: Djalul's Legacy. 10.45 Late Programs.				

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Get back in the saddle with a new horde of scheming Dutton family members.

This highly anticipated prequel to *Yellowstone* (or is it a sequel to *1883*?) transplants Harrison Ford and Oscar-winner Helen Mirren into the rolling mountain ranges of Montana – and the Duttons' log mansion – as patriarch Jacob and Irish immigrant Cara: a tough-as-nails, childless couple who live by their own set of rules as owners of the vast ranch.

Besides the requisite shots of sprawling scenery, detailed sets, period costumes and imminent murders, fans can expect more of the show's trademark melodramatic dialogue, with *Indiana Jones* star Ford in his element.

"If you attack my family, it's gonna be the last thing you ever do" he sneers. "Tell the world what happens when they cross me," he threatens another adversary. It's a satisfying hallmark of the over-the-top cowboy drama.

Historical events such as World War I and Prohibition affect this next generation, along with the usual assortment of greedy characters trying to get a slice of their land. Timothy Dalton steps into the boots of a nefarious rancher who, of course, declares: "I want the whole valley!"

Creator Taylor Sheridan's gun-toting franchise has become a distinctive cultural phenomenon; it's perhaps no surprise to learn costume designer Janie Bryant (*Mad Men*, *Deadwood*) had more than 75 hats made for Ford before Sheridan settled on a winner. – **Rebecca Balloch**



Best in the west:

Harrison Ford and Helen Mirren lead the cast of *Yellowstone* prequel *1923*.



TOM CLANCY'S JACK RYAN

Streaming, Prime Video

prime video

Aussie Abbie Cornish makes a comeback as the love interest in this third season of the adrenaline-filled spy drama starring the enigmatic John Krasinski (pictured). In this eight-episode instalment, Ryan is on a mission to prevent a global war, made all the more difficult when he is forced to go rogue after being falsely implicated in a conspiracy.



I HATE SUZIE TOO

Streaming, Stan

Stan.

Co-creators Billie Piper (pictured) and *Succession* writer Lucy Prebble deliver a second season of their acclaimed black comedy. Following actress Suzie's (a jaw-dropping turn from Piper) life falling to pieces, our self-destructive anti-heroine tries to stage a career revival in a dance competition, while also juggling single motherhood.



MARIAH CAREY: MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL

Streaming, Paramount+

Paramount+

Is it even Christmas without Mariah Carey's 'All I Want for Christmas is You' on repeat? The singer is synonymous with the festive season thanks to her hit 1994 Christmas album. In this two-hour concert filmed at Madison Square Garden, Carey rolls out her holiday hits, with plenty of tinsel and sparkles.



THE CLEANER: A CLEAN CHRISTMAS

Streaming, from Boxing Day, BritBox

britbox

Comedian Greg Davies (pictured, *Taskmaster*) is a crime-scene cleaner in this kooky series that jumps on every chance to poke fun at his towering 203cm height. In this festive treat, there's been a grisly murder at an ice cream shop, but Paul "Wicky" Wickstead is rather preoccupied thinking about a pub raffle that offers a horse as first prize.



CALL THE MIDWIFE CHRISTMAS SPECIAL

Streaming, from Boxing Day, Foxtel On Demand

FOXTEL

It's a heartwarming Christmas-viewing staple, but this year there's even more to celebrate. After two years of COVID restrictions, real-live babies are back on the set. In a snow-filled special, Trixie (Helen George, pictured, left with Megan Cusack as Nancy) arrives from Portofino as life begins to return to normal for Poplar's residents after a tragic train accident.



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Out and About



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- 1: Daniel Saunders and Rhett Harris having a great night out.
- 2: On the beers, Hamish Hart and Glocko McLachlan.
- 3: Mates at the pub, Alex Cluff, Ryan Harn and Ethan Lambert.
- 4: Vilku Saranava and Liam Taylor enjoying the Meet & Greet.
- 5: Jaydn Woodbridge and Danielle Curtis having a few brewskis.
- 6: Caitie McCleod and Ebonie Tarrant enjoying their night off.
- 7: Keg and Connie Steadman with cool hand signs.
- 8: Kings having a beer, Danny Pilon and Lil' Robbo.
- 9: Natalia Gillespie, Destiny Parsons and Brett Taylor having a great night out.
- 10: Kiara Higgins, Brooke Salter, Maddie Lang and Bella Griffiths at the Longreach RSL Meet & Greet.
- 11: New in town, Will Aspinall, Adrienne Leeson Smith, Mark Smith and Emily Aspinall
- 12: Kyle Sidebottom, John Dagan, Danny Pilon, Rebecca Bushnell and Priya Sinva having a friend's night out.



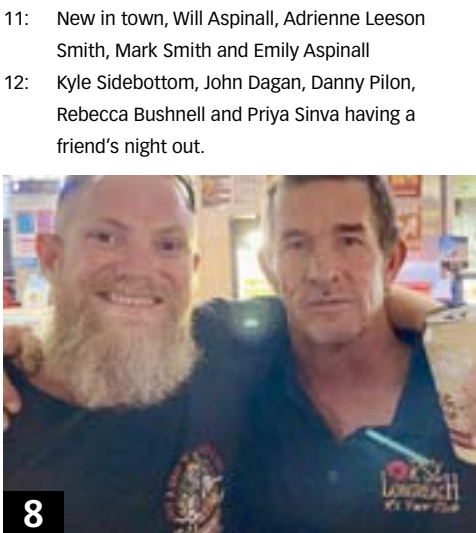
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Christmas Greetings

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Alice and James Colvin

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**OUTWEST CONTAINER
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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**



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to you for our 7th
year in 2023

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from the
Mercury Business
Supplies team**

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22 Dec
to 8th Jan**



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**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



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Christmas Greetings

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.

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**

Longreach Embroidery

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



**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
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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!**

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Happy New Year.

Ho Ho Ho

See you all next year



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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



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



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.

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Arrival of the Wish Lists



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

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




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.

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



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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

Longreach *Leader* CentralWest *Leader*



Christmas Greetings

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



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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.



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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!



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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!

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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

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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



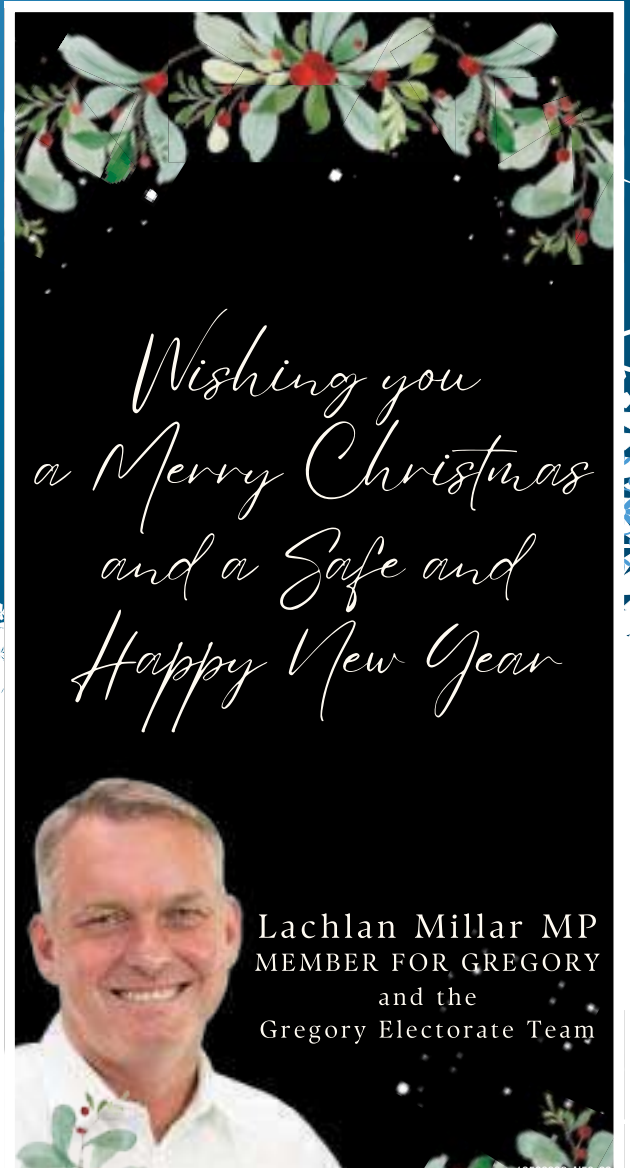
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Lachlan Millar MP
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Turkey Burgers with Coleslaw

Serves: 4-6 (makes 8 small patties)

Prep time: 15 minutes

Cook time: 20 minutes

Fruit and veggies: 1 serve per portion

Ingredients:

- 1 tablespoon olive oil
- 1 onion, finely chopped
- 1 garlic clove, crushed
- 500g turkey mince
- ½ cup breadcrumbs, wholemeal
- 2 tablespoons barbeque sauce
- ½ teaspoon smoked paprika
- ½ cup cheddar cheese, reduced fat
- 8 wholegrain dinner rolls

Coleslaw:

- ¼ cabbage, thinly sliced
- 1 carrot, grated
- ½ capsicum, thinly sliced
- ¾ cup yoghurt, reduced fat

Method:

- PREHEAT oven to 180.
- HEAT half the oil in frying pan over medium heat and cook onion and garlic for 4 minutes or until softened. Set aside and cool.

- COMBINE turkey mince, breadcrumbs, barbeque sauce, paprika and cooled onion mixture in bowl and divide into 8 patties, 2cm thick.
- HEAT remaining oil in pan and cook patties 3 minutes each side or until browned. Transfer to tray and bake in oven for 10 minutes. Sprinkle with cheese and stand for 5 minutes.

Coleslaw:

- COMBINE cabbage, carrot and capsicum in large bowl. Add yoghurt and toss to combine.
- SERVE patties with coleslaw and barbeque sauce if desired.

What's Great About It?

Turkey mince is low in fat and high in protein making it a good alternative for beef in patties. Using wholemeal breadcrumbs will increase the fibre content of the meal and when paired with wholemeal bread rolls makes for a good fibre hit. Feel free to use any veggies you have left over in the fridge for the coleslaw – anything goes!

Dragon Fruit Vinaigrette

Prep time: 5 minutes

Cook time: 0 minutes

Ingredients:

- ½ pink dragon fruit
- 1 tablespoon apple cider vinegar
- 1 tablespoon extra virgin olive oil

Method:

- ADD all ingredients to a blender.
- BLEND on high speed until well combined.
- POUR over salad of choice when ready to serve.

What's Great About It?

The pink coloured flesh of dragon fruit provides a characteristically bright fuchsia colour to this dressing which is sure to make any salad pop! It can be made in a matter of minutes and pairs well with many types of salad. If you are unable to find fresh pink dragon fruit, frozen dragon fruit works just as well.



*Recipe courtesy of the Country Kitchens
2023 Product of the Year
Recipe Collection – Dragon Fruit*

COMICS

Bottled Fruit



Old McDonald had a farm

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Against the Grain



Bushy Tales



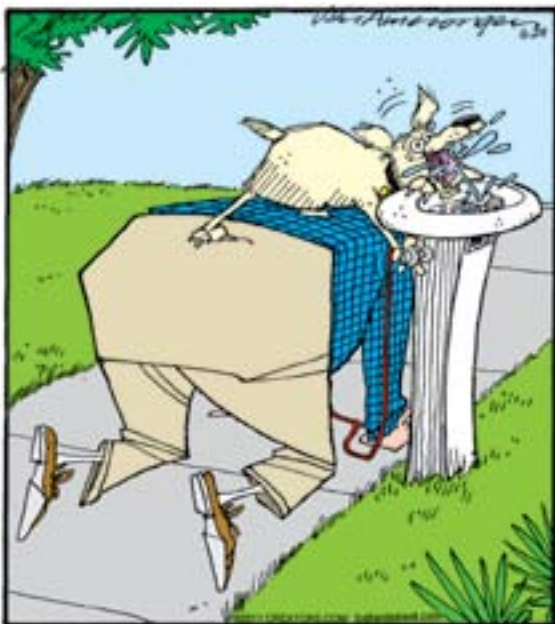
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Insanity Streak



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A refreshment break for little Mickey

Grin Bin



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WEATHER

FORECAST

Warnings

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

Longreach:

Partly cloudy. Winds northeasterly 20 to 30 km/h becoming light during the evening.

Saturday. Possible shower.

Isisford:

Partly cloudy.

Saturday. Possible shower.

Barcaldine:

Mostly sunny.

Saturday. Shower or two.

Central West District:

Partly cloudy. Winds northeasterly 20 to 30 km/h tending northeast to southeasterly 15 to 20 km/h during the evening.

Saturday. Cloudy. Medium (40%) chance of showers, most likely in the afternoon and evening. The chance of a storm north of Longreach. Winds east to northeasterly 15 to 25 km/h tending north to northeasterly 15 to 20 km/h during the morning then tending east to northeasterly during the afternoon.

Northern Goldfields & Upper Flinders District:

Partly cloudy. Slight (30%) chance of a shower in the north, most likely in the afternoon and evening. The chance of a storm in the afternoon and evening. Winds east to northeasterly 15 to 25 km/h.

Saturday. Cloudy. Medium (60%) chance of showers, most likely in the afternoon and evening. The chance of a storm. Winds east to northeasterly 15 to 20 km/h becoming light during the day then becoming east to southeasterly 15 to 20 km/h during the afternoon.

Central Highlands & Coalfields District:

Mostly sunny. Winds north to northeasterly 15 to 20 km/h tending east to northeasterly during the morning.

Saturday. Cloudy. Medium (50%) chance of showers about the Carnarvon Ranges, slight (30%) chance elsewhere. The chance of a storm in the northwest in the afternoon and evening. Light winds.

Maranoa & Warrego District:

Partly cloudy. Medium (60%) chance of showers in the south, slight (20%) chance elsewhere. The chance of a storm in the southwest. Winds northwest to northeasterly 20 to 30 km/h tending southeast to southwesterly 15 to 25 km/h during the afternoon then becoming light during the evening.

Saturday. Cloudy. Medium (50%) chance of showers, most likely in the morning and afternoon. The chance of a storm near the New South Wales border. Winds east to northeasterly 15 to 20 km/h turning north to northwesterly during the morning then becoming light during the afternoon.

Queensland:

Mostly sunny about the east coast south of Bowen, with partly cloudy conditions about the central inland and southeast coast. Isolated to scattered showers and storms elsewhere across northern, western and southern districts, tending to rain areas about the western Gulf Country. Temperatures near or below average, tending well below average in the parts of the west and southwest.

LONGREACH FORECAST



TODAY
Partly cloudy.
37



TOMORROW
Possible shower.
31



SUNDAY
Partly cloudy.
34



MONDAY
Partly cloudy.
36



Sunny



Mostly sunny



Partly cloudy



Cloudy



Chance shower



Shower or two



Showers



Light rain (drizzle)



Rain



Storm



Showers storm



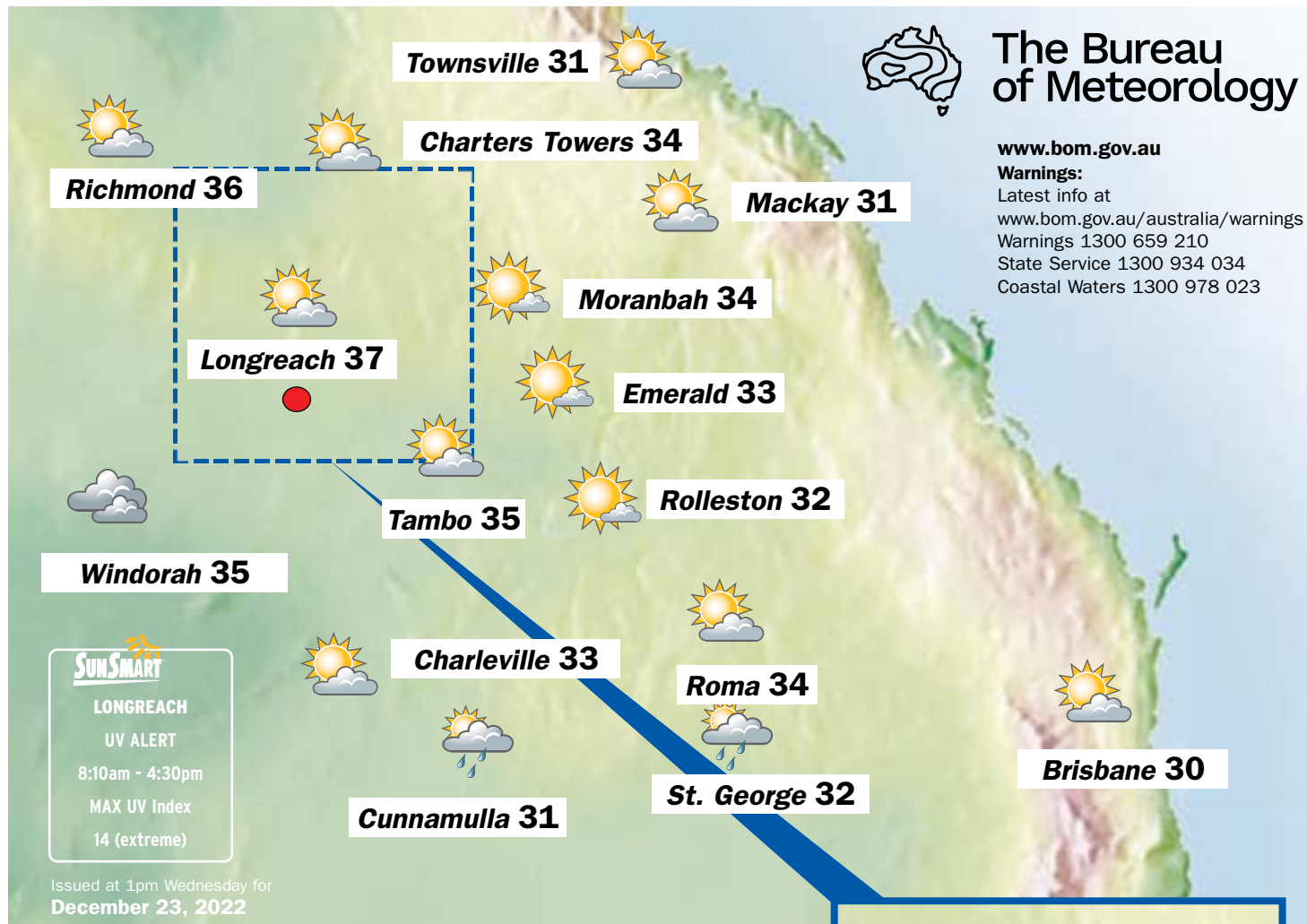
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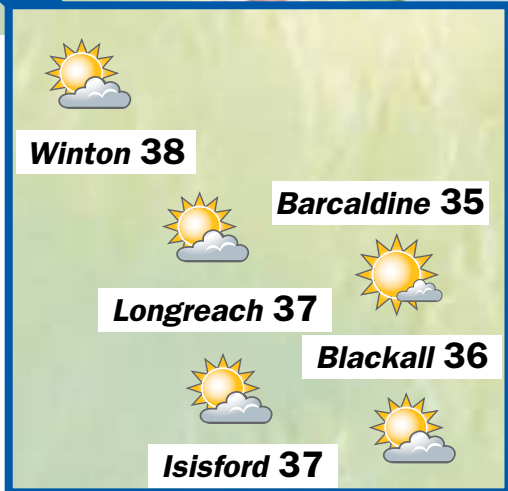
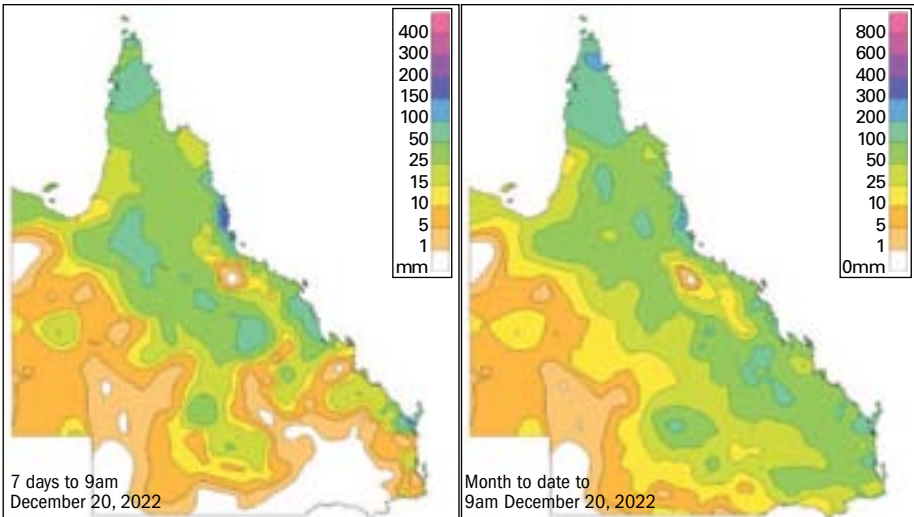
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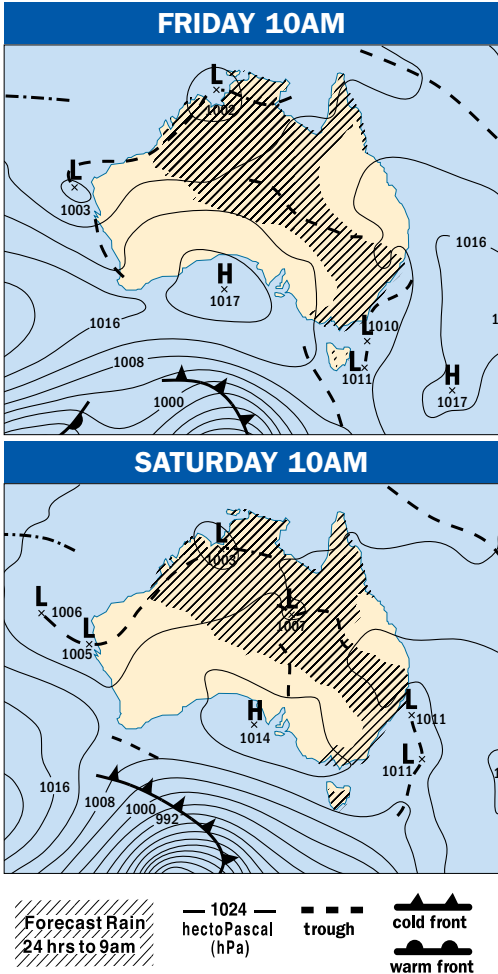
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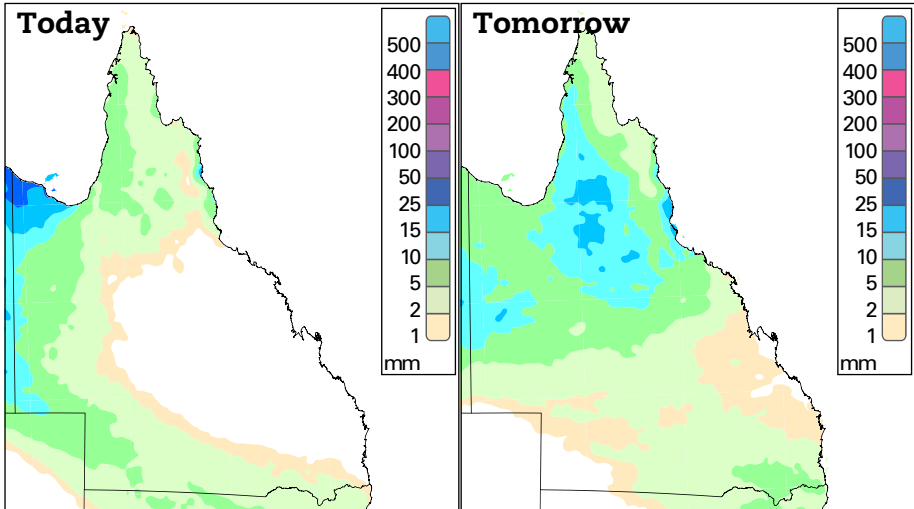
THE WORLD

World conditions yesterday

City	Weather	Max	Min
Athens	fine	14	3
Auckland	showers	24	16
Bangkok	cool	32	22
Beijing	fine	-1	-7
Berlin	rain	8	4
Christchurch	cloudy	18	10
Denpasar	rain	33	25
Dublin	drizzle	7	5
Hong Kong	sunny	19	13
Honolulu	sunny	29	22
Jakarta	fine	29	26
Johannesburg	storms	25	14
Kuala Lumpur	storms	32	24
London	rain	11	7
Los Angeles	sunny	21	8
Madrid	cloudy	13	11
Moscow	fine	-4	-9
New Delhi	fog	21	6
New York	rain	12	0
Noumea	cloudy	29	23
Paris	rain	14	10
Auckland	showers	24	16
Port Vila	cloudy	30	21
Seoul	cloudy	-6	-9
Singapore	storms	33	24
Suva	storms	32	24
Tel Aviv	fine	19	15
Tokyo	rain	17	5
Vancouver	cloudy	-7	-11
Wellington	drizzle	18	13



Forecast Rainfall



CAPITAL CITIES

City	Condition	Max
Adelaide	Partly cloudy.	25
Brisbane	Partly cloudy.	30
Canberra	Shower or two.	27
Darwin	Rain. Storm.	32
Hobart	Possible shower.	21
Melbourne	Possible late shower.	24
Perth	Sunny.	36
Sydney	Shower or two.	28

SUN & MOON

	Sunrise	Sunset	Moonrise	Moonset
Friday	5:35am	7:09pm	4:53am	7:10pm
Saturday	5:35am	7:10pm	5:57am	8:16pm
Sunday	5:36am	7:10pm	7:07am	9:16pm
Monday	5:36am	7:11pm	8:18am	10:08pm
Tuesday	5:37am	7:11pm	9:26am	10:52pm
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Longreach Regional Council
Ilfracombe Isisford Longreach Yaraka

Council Meeting Dates – 2023

Pursuant to section 254B(1) of the Local Government Regulation 2012, Council has adopted the following Council Meetings for 2023:

Date	Meeting Type	Place	Time
Wed 25 January 2023	Ordinary Meeting	Longreach Civic Centre	9.00am
Thurs 16 February 2023	Ordinary Meeting	Ilfracombe Recreation Centre	9.00am
Thurs 16 March 2023	Ordinary Meeting	Longreach Civic Centre	9.00am
Thurs 20 April 2023	Ordinary Meeting	Longreach Civic Centre	9.00am
Thurs 18 May 2023	Ordinary Meeting	Town Hall, Isisford	9.00am
Thurs 15 June 2023	Ordinary Meeting	Longreach Civic Centre	9.00am
Thurs 20 July 2023	Ordinary Meeting	Town Hall, Yaraka	9.00am
Thurs 17 August 2023	Ordinary Meeting	Ilfracombe Recreation Centre	9.00am
Thurs 14 September 2023	Ordinary Meeting	Longreach Civic Centre	9.00am
Thurs 26 October 2023	Ordinary Meeting	Longreach Civic Centre	9.00am
Thurs 16 November 2023	Ordinary Meeting	Town Hall, Isisford	9.00am
Thurs 14 December 2023	Ordinary Meeting	Longreach Civic Centre	9.00am

A copy of the agenda is available from the Monday prior to the meeting via Council's website at www.longreach.qld.gov.au/meetings-agendas-minutes. Alternatively, contact Council on (07) 4658 4111 for further information.

Brett Walsh
Acting Chief Executive Officer

PO Box 144
Ilfracombe QLD 4727

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Employment

Positions Vacant



Longreach Regional Council
Ilfracombe Isisford Longreach Yaraka

Positions Vacant

Longreach Regional Council is seeking enthusiastic people with a passion for their community to join a vibrant team in a progressive Council for the following positions.

Positions	Branch	Closing Date
Temporary Biosecurity Officer	Longreach	05 January 2023
Sealed Network Plant Operator/Labourer	Ilfracombe	05 January 2023
Horticulture & Town Services Officer	Longreach	05 January 2023
Apprentice Mechanic	Isisford	05 January 2023
Water & Sewerage Labourer	Longreach	05 January 2023
Leading Hand Mechanic	Longreach	05 January 2023
Regulatory Officer - Compliance	Longreach	05 January 2023
Concrete Labourer	Longreach	No close date
Casual Assistant Educator	Longreach	No close date

Most Positions offer a nine day fortnight, and superannuation of up to 12% of salary is available upon commencement.

If you would like to join the Longreach Regional Council team, please contact Human Resources on (07) 4658 4111, email hr@longreach.qld.gov.au or visit the Council website at longreach.qld.gov.au/careers to download a copy of the Positions Descriptions & Information Kit.

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Acting Chief Executive Officer

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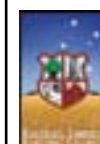
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Netball season round up

What were the best and biggest moments for the club this year?

Juniors

Taking one Longreach Junior teams to Blackwater and four to Emerald carnival again and witnessing these young kids' skills and passion for netball grow every game they played.

Not to mention the sportsmanship; it was exceptional and one that all spectators comment on.

Well done kids.

Witnessing Shaylee Nicholls; a mother whose passion for sport and children in the west commence Blackall Junior Netball with over 80 kids participating and her igniting interest from Tambo and hosted a successful junior cluster day which Longreach, Barcaldine and Tambo attend.

We look forward to supporting Blackall Juniors in 2023.

Seniors

Another strong competition for the ladies' fixtures with Tension coming away as Premiers; even though our Grand Final was washed out; these ladies have dominated the court for a number of years.

Congratulations ladies.

Witnessing our young cadets having the courage to develop their umpiring skills.

Well done ladies; keep it up.

Mixed

WOW – 11 teams started the mixed competition and what a competition it was.

The season didn't go to plan with so much unexpected rain and having to reschedule games but thanks to everyone's patience and support the Mixed Committee (Olivia, Mary, Naomi, and Stacey) ran a successful season.

It was amazing to see so many new faces on the courts and some old ones too.

A special mention to the Undefeated team; Dogdeballers who have taken out the Premier-



Concept art for the court resurfacing.

ship for another year. Well done to all players.

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

The biggest excitement is we're getting our three courts resurfaced and two will become multi-courts incorporating Basketball into our Netball Facilities.

How exciting is that?

Work is due to commence end of January/ February just in time to commence 2023 at the start of March.

This is going to be another huge infrastructure development for our facilities and our wider community, and it is thanks to the 'Active Gameday Project' funding from Sport & Recreation; Dept of Tourism, Innovation and Sport. Longreach Netball is contributing \$38k+ towards this \$120,000 project.

How can locals get on board with supporting the club?

Longreach Netball Association welcomes anyone who is keen to assist with ensuring Netball continues to grow in Longreach and surrounding regions.

Whether you want to just join a team and play or become a junior coach, assist with fundraising, help with the maintenance of the facilities or become a committee member please contact us via our Facebook page as we would love to have your assistance.

We are extremely thankful and lucky to have ongoing support from many of our local businesses; our Longreach Regional Council Mayor, Councillors and Staff and Netball Queensland staff who are working closely with us to provide more development opportunities for players, officials and executives.

So drop us a message via Facebook and keep an eye out for our next meeting in January.

How do I describe the club's ethos?

Longreach Netball Association believes strongly in creating a safe environment where people of all ages, gender and fitness abilities can experience Netball.

We encourage, support and guide our players and officials to thrive and achieve their potential whilst having fun both on and off the court.

The values of netball are like most sports; it represents Teamwork, Heart, Integrity, Leadership, Discipline, Respect, Excellence and an amazing social event for the entire family.

How will the club look in the new year?

The club is going to continue to grow and shine in the New Year.

Our awesome shed infrastructure will be enhanced with the resurfacing of our three courts and making them multi with Basketball on two courts; the surface will be colour coded and will provide a next-level surface and visual aspect.

After many, many years I will be stepping down as President.

This is an opportunity for other like-minded, enthusiastic, passionate, community fo-

cussed individuals to nominate for either an Executive position or a role within the club to ensure the Longreach Netball Association continues to grow and opportunities to our members.

Roles such as; Juniors convenor, Ladies and Mixed games coordinator, Canteen convenor, umpire convenor, and fundraising coordinator.

So if you're interested in joining a great team make contact us.

Junior clusters will continue, and we welcome Blackall/Tambo to the mix.

How exciting for our juniors.

This is also a great opportunity for anyone to learn/ develop their netball umpiring skills.

Planning is underway to look at new competition structures and periods.

Watch this space.

A big thanks to our Executives; Laurinda Long, Melanie Ramsay and Erina Ormond and all the ladies who coordinated successful Ladies and Mixed fixtures; Natalya Kajewski, Olivia Beard, Naomi Bichsel, Stacey Ramsay and Mary McIntosh.

A huge thank you to all our teams, players, officials, canteen cooks, workers and sponsors; without you all, we wouldn't have achieved what we did.

A special thanks to Gav at the Birdcage who endlessly supports our club year in and year out supporting our junior and senior players in all competitions.

Thanks to the Longreach Leader for your weekly support and for coming and taking photos of our events.

Thanks to Wattsy and Harrison for allowing us to be a part of the sports talk throughout the year.

If I have missed anyone, I apologise but know I sincerely thank you for your time and support this year and in preparation for 2023.

SPORTS QUIZ

1. Which country became the first African nation to reach the World Cup semi-finals?
2. How many points does an AFL team get after they win a game?
3. Which tennis legend was refused entry into Wimbledon, after forgetting his members pass?
4. Which Australian surfer went viral in 2015 for fighting off a shark during a competition?



Brittney Griner

5. What is the England cricket team commonly known as by rivals?
6. The TV series *Friday Night Lights* depicts which sport?
7. Collingwood skipper Scott Pendlebury will be stepping down as captain after how many seasons in the role?
8. How old is soccer star Lionel Messi?
9. Which Australian sporting body announced they were changing their uniforms to be more inclusive?
10. Which artist performed the song *Together We Are One* at the 2006 Commonwealth Games in Melbourne?
11. Before debuting in 1995, which NBA team considered the names Beavers, Dragons and Towers?
12. English professional mixed martial arts figure Patrick Pimblett is known by what nickname?
13. Which European nation's soccer team is known as The Blazers and The Checkered Ones?

14. Australian professional boxer Ebanie Bridges most recently won fighting in which boxing weight division?
15. A consortium, led by US businessman Bill Foley, owns Premier League team Bournemouth and which NHL team?
16. Which African nation's soccer team goes by the nickname The Atlas Lions?
17. The A-League Grand Final is set to be staged for the next three years in which Australian city?
18. Who is the captain of the England men's national football team?
19. Which team did Argentina defeat 3-0 in their semi-final at the 2022 FIFA World Cup?
20. US professional basketballer Brittney Griner last played for which WNBA team?
21. Which Australian swimmer notched a time of under 50 seconds in the 4x100m freestyle relay at the 2022 FINA World Swimming Championships (25m)?
22. Which tennis player recently won a fifth consecutive Newcombe Medal?



23. Who was named man of the match in the recent second test between Australia and the West Indies?
24. Former NSW premier Mike Baird recently took over as the chair of which sporting body?
25. How many times did Julian Alvarez score for Argentina in their 2022 FIFA World Cup semi-final against Croatia?
26. What former English cricketer was recently hospitalised after a crash on the set of TV series *Top Gear*?
27. American basketballer Derrick Walton Jr plays for which NBL team?
28. Which Australian cricketer was recently criticised for the poor condition of his baggy green cap?
29. The 2000 movie *Remember the Titans* revolves around which sport?
30. The WNBL team based in Townsville is known by what nickname?



The Barcaldine Sandgoannas were the 2022 Central West Rugby League grand final winners.

Sandgoannas on season '22

What were the best and biggest moments for the club this year?

Winning the 2022 Central West Grand Final, presentation weekend and community support.

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

A good season of local footy to watch and support.

How can locals get on board with supporting the club?

You can support clubs around the region in any way possible.

Helping prep for games, canteens, and much more.

How would you describe the club's ethos?

How will the club look to continue with that in the new year?

It's an amazing club from the president all the way to the community.

We all look after each other and have a cracker of a time.

We will continue into the new year with a positive attitude and a fresh start, ready to roll.

Do you see your club as potentially winning next year, and why?

Any one has the chance of winning. Whoever wants to win the most will get the job done. We will sure give it a red hot crack.



Sandgoannas in the sheds after the game.



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