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Century of news

By Michael R Williams

This paper you are reading marks 100 years of the Leader serving the community.

A year prior to the paper's establishment in 1922, the residents of Longreach came together to conduct a meeting in which it was decided that a newspaper would be necessary for the community.

Many would buy shares in the company, and many of their descendants still live and work in town today.

Between its establishment and now, the Leader has covered multiple visits from the Queen, and seen floods, fires, and droughts.

It has been the local voice to power whether that be local, state or federal for Longreach and the Central West for much of that time.

(Noting it was very early in its history that it began to incorporate news and newsletters from surrounding towns).

It has been witness to countless local sporting events, elections, and school graduations.

Countless locals have launched starry media careers with either the ABC or other publications from the Leader.

It has seen many changes to the media landscape - radio, television, and the internet - and has survived where hundreds of papers haven't.

All this despite being supported by some of the smallest (but hardest) communities in the country.

In 2021, many thought the Longreach Leader was finished, when understandably, the local board decided they could no longer afford to keep it afloat. However, it was bought up by its current owners, Today News Group.

Through this decision, the Leader was able to see through to its century, deservedly. And with that, there now exists the edition sitting in front of you.

Keep an eye on the Leader through the year as we delve into the archives and bring you stories from 100 years of proud local reporting.

See inside to read your say on our century on pages 4 and 6

100 years of the Leader

100 years ago, Longreach locals came together to establish a newspaper to call their own.

After a century of droughts, wool crashes, and celebrations too, the Leader is still going strong.

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The editor's desk

I am honoured to have delivered the Longreach Leader to its 100th year.

While I may not have lived here my whole life, I have been proud to call Longreach my home over the past two years.

Late in 2021, when the Leader went down, I feel many were shocked—upset that it would not make it to its 100th birthday.

It was only a year short.

Thankfully, Today News Group were willing to give this small publication a shot and allow me, a journo who was admittedly fairly wet behind the ears, a shot at leading editorial decisions.

In that time I have worked diligently to include as many local voices in the paper from not only Longreach but the entirety of the Central West.

I have only been able to see glimpses of the glory behind this historic publication.

And, with the backing and support of our great outback communities, I sincerely believe it will live another 100 years.

- Michael R Williams



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Our pick for the top Central West person

This year's Central West Community Person of the Year goes to Winton's Robyn Stephens.

We chose Ms Stephens for her efforts not only in day-to-day volunteering but for her herculean efforts in organising the 50th Anniversary of the Winton Outback Festival.

She is a lifetime resident and third generation Wintonite and is passionate about her community.

She has served 45 years on the Winton Outback Festival committee as an Event Coordinator and has been President of the Queensland Festivals Association.

She serves the Winton community in seven different organisations including: Event

Coordinator Winton Outback Festival, Outback Qld. Tourism Association Board Member Central West Representative, Waltzing Matilda Centre Board Member, Golf North Queensland Board Member, Secretary Winton Golf Club

Secretary Winton's Diamantina Heritage Truck & Machinery Museum, and Vice-President Winton District Historical Society & Museum.

Much of Winton's thriving community is owed to Ms Stephens' dedication to volunteering.

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PEOPLE OF THE YEAR

Longreach's own Person of the Year

This year we have given the Longreach Community Person of the Year award to none other than our own Michael "Llyody" Lloyd.

Not only has Llyody been an avid contributor to this publication, but he has also been either at the helm of or a volunteer for likely more than half of the local sports competitions.

He is a major organiser for many non-sporting volunteer groups as well, including the Western Queensland Drought Appeal and the Longreach Lions. He has been a major voice in the establishment of the cricket nets at the Longreach Showgrounds and has helped create the upcoming intertown cricket competition.

He has worked tirelessly in the field of mental health at one of Longreach's newest companies, Selectability and keeps the Birdcage Hotel afloat with his many visits.

There are very few community events without his presence and that is why we have chosen Michael Lloyd as our Longreach Community Person of the Year.

Your responses to the Leader's 100th

I always remember in the mid to late '80s (probably '86 or '87) when resealing Eagle St in summer went horribly wrong and the council had to drop sand on it every day because the bitumen was melting, the Leader ran a photo of Eagle St on the front page covered in sand with the headline Beach St.

- Des Deighton

A hundred years of reporting news for the bush - congrats to the hundreds of people who made this happen over the years. The first memory that comes into my head was a week when I was working on the Blackall Leader out of Longreach, on a Monday morning in September. I was staying with the LL journo and her boyfriend, who was in charge of the printing press, and we were late for work because we were glued to the TV watching the America's Cup final.

Unfortunately, my editor, Brian Reynolds didn't agree with Bob Hawke's sentiment that any boss who sacked a person for not turning up for work was a bum! As we all know in the media, news waits for no one, and we got on with the day in a very euphoric mood.

- Sally Gall,

Queensland Country Life Journalist

Congratulations to the Longreach Leader, and to you Suzie and to all involved in the resurrection of our wonderful paper to make it possible for it to reach a Century. Well done.

- Adam Burling

As cricketers in the 1950's Clarrie Sutton and myself wrote all the reports on cricket match resumes of play.

Typewritten, double spaced. The Editor printed all reports in full.

Probably liked the fact we didn't get paid for our contribution too. Haha!

- Barry Stevenson

Been a reader for half of the life of The Leader, still nice to know what's going on locally and in the district. She's had some downtimes but always manages to revive. Happy 100 years. David Grant, born and bred Longreachite.

- David Grant

I am delighted that there is still a Longreach Leader 100 years on!!! Support them all you can.

- Majory Lynette Tindall

Happy century birthday Longreach Leader!!

- Sue Smith

Great to see, we are proud of the leader... Congratulations

- Kathleen Macdonald

Council matters for 2023

By Michael R Williams

Coming into the new year, bush councils will be forced to tackle new challenges head-on, including possible disaster scenarios, a housing crisis, and rebuilding the economy.

The Longreach Regional Council will be uniquely positioned to manage these issues while building its economy through agriculture and tourism.

In 2022, Longreach was one of the luckier regions, managing to avoid major disasters regarding rainfall and flooding, and Regional Council Mayor Tony Rayner said the Local Disaster Management Group and District Disaster Management Group meet regularly to maintain disaster preparedness for any possible disaster scenario.

"Our local SES responders are also well pre-

pared to assist as required to any call-outs that might occur," he said.

Mr Rayner said the council would be looking to improve council infrastructure this year with downstream weir replacement at the top of its list.

He said it was hoped to increase the height of the weirs by up to a metre.

"This would increase our water security which is critical as we have increased demand on our water supply due to a number of manufacturing, processing and tourism developments that all require more water," he said.

"Climate change and extreme heat in conjunction with increased demands necessitate lifting the weirs marginally to ensure secure and stable water supply. The project will require a mix of local government, state, and federal government support."

The two pillars of the Longreach region are agriculture and tourism, and Mr Rayner said Council aim to develop both in the new year.

"Agriculture remains one of the two pillars of our local economy and Council continue to work with the Agriculture Sector through our level of support and advocacy for the sale of the Longreach Pastoral College to include a training component for agriculture as a sale condition," he said.

"Western Qld Livestock Exchange who lease the Longreach Saleyard are strongly supported by Council in State and Federal Government grant applications.

"The Longreach Saleyard and spelling facility continues to be developed as one of the most contemporary in regional Australia and will attract increased numbers as seasonal conditions improve."

"Tourism has been exceptionally strong for Longreach in recent years and this trend will continue as our tourism product continues to grow," he said.

"The addition of The Pride of the Murray at Outback Pioneers and the Outback Rail Adventure with Outback Aussie Tours highlight the confidence in the tourism sector.

"In conjunction with our two iconic Museums, the Australian Stockmans Hall of Fame and the Qantas Founders Museum our visitors are guaranteed a smorgasbord of unique tourism experiences.

"Having just travelled extensively through NSW, Victoria and South Australia, Longreach truly does have world-class tourism products that we can be very proud of and which will continue to attract more visitors each year."

Longreach's first new arrival of the year

Only three days into the new year, Longreach Hospital's maternity unit welcomed its first baby of 2023.

Firstborn, Thomas was born to Longreach residents Kristen and Shane Elliott, who said they were very happy to be able to have the birth in her home community with the support of the Longreach Hospital maternity team.

"I couldn't have hoped for a better experience," Kristen said.

Acting Director of Nursing Longreach Hospital Susanne Bardon said the maternity unit was thrilled to be able to support the Elliott family as they welcomed the unit's first baby of 2023.

"It's always exciting to be at work in the New Year, at a time of renewal and new starts," she said.

"We have such a supportive specialist, medical and midwifery team here that can provide holistic maternity services to the entire family during these challenging times."

Ms Bardon said Thomas was one of three babies born at Longreach so far this month.

Last year (2022), the Longreach Hospital maternity unit recorded 80 births.

"On average, about 60 babies a year at born at Longreach Hospital," Ms Bardon said.

"We had 63 births in 2021, 57 in 2020, 62 in 2019 and 61 in 2018.

Ms Bardon said the Central West Health maternity service operated as a Midwifery Group Practice, where each woman was assigned a known midwife who would provide most of her care pre, during and post-birth.

"The maternity service midwifery staff are supported by allied health professionals and General Practitioners with specialist training in obstetrics," she said.

"In addition to our Longreach Midwifery Group Practice midwives at the birthing unit, our Central West Health midwives also provide outreach ante and postnatal servic-



Kristen Elliott with new baby Thomas.

es throughout the region, as does our partner the Royal Flying Doctor Service.

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

The Longreach Hospital maternity unit offers three single ensuite rooms, a birth suite, a maternity assessment room, a nursery, and an equipment room.

"Importantly, the birthing suite also allows space for the family to be with a woman and the birthing team during the birth of a baby if they choose," Ms Bardon said.

"We also have on-site accommodation at no cost at Longreach Hospital for women in the lead up to giving birth from 36 weeks onwards. This is particularly convenient for women who live away from Longreach."

IN BRIEF

Scoot along, with care

Electric scooters, also known as personal mobility devices (PMDs), are fast becoming a popular mode of transport and when used safely are a great way to get a round.

Following a spate of serious incidents involving electric scooters the State Government made a number of significant changes to legislation surrounding their use and these laws came into effect on November 1 2022.

Young PMD riders have recently been observed travelling at speed on the footpath past shop fronts on Eagle Street.

If a person was to step out of one of those businesses in front of an oncoming PMD the results could be devastating.

If you own or use a PMD, I encourage you to make yourself familiar with the new changes.

Some of the major changes to take note of include:

- Helmet must be worn.
- Maximum speed limit of 12km/h on footpaths and shared paths.
- Maximum speed limit of 25km/h on roads regardless of speed limit applying to that road.
- PMDs cannot be ridden on the Landsborough Hwy or Duck Street (As these roads have a dividing centre line).
- Ride solo – No passengers allowed.
- If riding at night your PMD must have a front and rear light, and a rear reflector.

**- Chris Curtis, Officer in Charge
Longreach Police Station**

Officer suspended after allegation of stealing

A police officer who works within the Central Region has been charged with allegations of stealing.

The 41-year-old male senior constable has been suspended from duty with the Queensland Police Service and is expected to appear in the Longreach Magistrates Court on January 17.

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Ringrose Button have permanently staffed offices in Longreach and Rockhampton, with visiting offices in Hughenden and Blackall. We visit these areas, as well as the Winton District, on a regular basis. We are specialists in the Primary Production industry and with Small Business advisory services. We are committed to forming close partnerships with our clients as this enable us to understand your unique circumstances and we can customise the assistance we provide so it suits your needs. Our commitment to excellence is evident in our hard working teams.

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Deb Briskey said she was electrified for health and happiness, while Karen Mitchell was stirred for good health and lots of rain.



Matthew Hunt is happy for a ripper new season.



Casey Owens is exuberant to launch her new coffee float, Taffy's.

Your expectations in 2023

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WE TAKE IT TO THE STREETS



Henry Leek said he wasn't sure what he was excited for, Malcolm Sellick said he was excited to work with Henry.



Colin Tidswell is just looking for a better year than last.



Both Caroline Willersdorf and Andrew Barton are animated for all to have health and happiness.



Doug Winterbotham is adrenalised to be selling Myers Newsagency.



Helen Barrett is enthusiastic for a better year for more rain.



Bob Carr is enraptured for more rain.



Kavin Giordamo is amped up for peace in the world.



Blake Brennan said he was enlivened for more rain.



Kim Llewelyn said he is exhilarated for being with friends, family, and not having to go to work.

Voted world's safest airline

By Karen Simmons

Qantas has been awarded the world's safest airline for 2023 by AirlineRatings.com.

The Australian airline has regained the top spot in AirlineRatings.com's Top Twenty Safest Airlines 2023 just edging out last year's winner, Air New Zealand by the finest of margins.

Qantas was founded in Winton, in Queensland in 1920 as Queensland and Northern Territory Aerial Services Limited by Paul McGinness and Hudson Fysh.

The original fleet was made up of just two biplanes: an Avro 504K with a 100 horsepower water-cooled Sunbeam Dyak engine and a Royal Aircraft Factory BE2E with a 90 horsepower air-cooled engine.

Initially, the service operated just for joyrides and demonstrations, until the first major air contract was landed in November 1922.

On 2 November 1922, Qantas began its first regular airmail and passenger service, between Cloncurry and Charleville.

The first passenger was 84-year-old outback pioneer Alexander Kennedy, who flew on the Longreach-Winton-McKinlay-Cloncurry leg of the inaugural mail service from Charleville to Cloncurry.

AirlineRatings.com Editor-in-Chief Geoffrey Thomas said the Top Twenty Safest Airlines are all standouts in the industry and are at the forefront of safety, innovation, and launching of new aircraft.

"In fact, the margins between these top twenty airlines are very small, they are all outstanding airlines," Mr Thomas said.

In making its evaluation, AirlineRatings.com takes into account a comprehensive range of factors that include: serious incidents, fatal accidents, audits from aviation's governing and industry bodies, profitability, industry-leading safety initiatives, expert pilot training assessment and fleet age.

In selecting Qantas as the world's safest airline for 2023, AirlineRatings.com editors noted that over its 100-year operational history, the world's oldest continuously operating airline has amassed an amazing record of firsts in operations and safety and is now accepted



as the industry's most experienced airline.

The Australian airline has been a leader in the development of the Future Air Navigation System; the flight data recorder to monitor plane and later crew performance; automatic landings using the Global Navigation Satellite System as well as precision approaches around mountains in all weather using RNP. Qantas was the lead airline with real-time monitoring of its engines across its fleet using satellite communications, which has enabled the airline to detect problems before they become a major safety issue.

Last year the airline placed the largest order

in its history for 12, 369-seat A350-1000s ultra-long-range jets, 20, 206-seat A321XLRs and 20, 120-seat A220s plus over 106 purchase right options spread amongst the different types to be supplied over 10 years.

Unlike a number of low-cost carriers, these airlines have all passed the stringent International Air Transport Association Operational Safety Audit (IOSA) and have good safety records.

"All airlines have incidents every day and many are aircraft manufacture issues, not airline operational problems," Mr Thomas said.

"It is the way the flight crew handles inci-

dents that determines a good airline from an unsafe one."

AirlineRatings was launched in June 2013 and rates the safety and in-flight products of 385 airlines using its unique seven-star rating system.

THE TOP 20 SAFEST AIRLINES FOR 2023

The Top Twenty Safest Airlines by ranking, are Qantas, Air New Zealand, Etihad Airways, Qatar Airways, Singapore Airlines, TAP Air Portugal, Emirates, Alaska Airlines, EVA Air, Virgin Australia/Atlantic, Cathay Pacific Airways, Hawaiian Airlines, SAS, United Airlines, Lufthansa/Swiss Group, Finnair, British Airways, KLM, American Airlines and Delta Air Lines.

Storyfest donation for Longreach babies through 2023

Babies born at Longreach Hospital during 2023 will each receive a special reading pack thanks to a generous donation of 100 packs by a Queensland literary organisation.

Longreach Hospital Child, Youth and Family Services Manager Susanne Bardon said the packs had been donated by Somerset Storyfest, a nationally recognised youth literature organisation based on the Gold Coast.

"This is a great initiative, and we are very pleased to partner with Storyfest to deliver these packs to all our babies and their families in 2023," she said.

Storyfest Chief Executive Officer Andrea

Lewis said throughout the year, the organisation hosted a series of events connecting its audience with books and authors.

"For instance, in July 2022, we held a two-day children's writers' festival in Longreach – Storyfest Out West – and we plan to host another festival during 2023 as part of our outreach program," Ms Lewis said.

"Our annual festival on the Gold Coast engages over 70 schools from throughout Queensland and NSW.

"We are also committed to providing opportunities for disadvantaged children and regions, which is why we are engaging with local hospital maternity services to provide

reading packs for their newborn babies and their parents to take home with them."

Ms Lewis said each tote bag was a calico bag holding a board book for babies.

"We will also include a copy of our Storyfest Out West Programme (2022) and this gives folks an idea of who we are and what we do," she said.

"We're thrilled to be able to partner with both the Longreach and Emerald hospitals to provide a literacy pack to new families for all babies born in these hospitals in 2023.

"With literacy rates in Queensland currently sitting at 45 per cent with a literacy

level below 3, now more than ever, we need to be nurturing and providing opportunities to ensure that books get into the homes of Queenslanders as early as possible.

"What better way than to start promoting literature as a gift when the baby is born.

"The team from the State Library of Queensland have done an amazing job throughout 2022 with the 'First 5 Forever' family literacy program in libraries which promotes strong early literacy in children aged up to five years.

"We're hoping our literacy tote bag program will help support this literacy program and our regional families."

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Happy 100th birthday to a western icon

It is a privilege and a delight to be starting 2023 not only wishing all the Leader’s readers a happy and prosperous new year, but to be able to congratulate the Longreach Leader itself on publishing this Centenary edition.

A 100th birthday is a big deal, but for a newspaper in this day and age, it is becoming unheard of. It is a major achievement in a time when change is so rapid and unrelenting.

The media landscape has been particularly affected by this time of instability.

So I offer my sincere congratulations to all the staff and board members - past and present - who have contributed to this storied record of achievement.

The Leader’s readers and advertisers live in one of Australia’s most remote locations.

This makes for special people; people who I believe exhibit virtues that are arguably becoming rarer in other parts of the nation’s life.

I still see such resilience, generosity, integrity and hard work displayed every day by Western Queensland citizens across every field of endeavour.

Underlying all that is the strong sense of community we enjoy so that people strive every day to leave their community and their fellow citizens better off than they found them.

The Longreach Leader is fundamental to that sense of community, creating a forum where important topics can be intelligently raised, explored and discussed without the rancour and misinformation that has become an increasing feature of social media, such as Facebook and Twitter.

While we may normally be participating in the Leader’s forum by noting an ad or reading a particular story or following an issue through a series of stories, I never forget this larger view of the Longreach Leader’s mission.

It is an ornament to our civic life and one we should all celebrate.

Happy 100th Anniversary. Here’s looking forward to the second century!

Lachlan Millar,
Gregory MP

100 years Longreach Leader

I would like to congratulate you, the current staff and past employees of the Longreach Leader for achieving this fantastic milestone.

To be around for 100 years is no small feat and to achieve this in the current climate, when more and more printing outlets are closing, is truly extraordinary. The Leader has been a staple for Central communities to convey news stories from across the region to a wider audience.



Greg Willmette and Vic Blackwood (Vic with glasses) studio A 1994.

I remember when we first started in the Newsagency over 25 years ago the Leader was the largest selling paper and there was a line up waiting to purchase a copy, this may not occur now, but people are stilling wanting to read about what’s happening in other towns or what’s in the TV Guide.

Hopefully, the CW will continue to support this iconic paper and it can be around for another 100 years.

Gavin Baskett,
Winton Shire Council Mayor

Letter to the editor

As the Federal Member for Maranoa and Leader of The Nationals, I congratulate the Longreach and Central West Leader on 100 years of wonderful journalism. Regional and rural journalism is not only crucial to delivering the news but for democracy and ensuring the regions’ concerns are heard.

I have long enjoyed reading the Longreach and Central West Leader for its depth and breadth of news that impacts all of us.

I am proud to have a paper like the Longreach and Central West Leader in my electorate that covers the issues that matter.

The Longreach and Central West Leader is more than a paper.

It’s a community.

It’s our dinner conversations at night, our achievements and our strengths.

During drought, fires and floods, the first place we look to for help and information is our local paper.

100 years is an incredible achievement and one the entire team at the Longreach and Central West Leader should be proud of.

While congratulating the editor, I also thank you, the reader, for your support of local news and journalism.

I have huge respect for local journalists and local papers, as they are so integral to our communities.

May there be another 100 years of local news in the area I love—Longreach and the Central West.

Happy new year and congratulations on this wonderful milestone!

David Littleproud,
Member for Maranoa

Howzat

Longreach Leader.

I am constantly amazed by the resilience and sometimes stoicism of the outback.

We not only face droughts, floods, market collapses, losing a heap of our young to wars, and the constant remote area issues (too many of them to recount here) but we keep our local papers... for a century and sometimes more!

Happy Birthday The Leader, you still are!

I guess that is an indicator of how the Australian ethos was built, you know ‘when the going gets tough’... and all those other homilies?

When one looks a bit closer, the 100-year-old Leader has a neighbour, The Barcoo Independent, it has been going in one form or another since the late 1880s!?

Who said the bush is a cultural backwater?

Look even closer, we have some of the oldest commercial radio stations in the State, 4VL, 4LG, and some of the oldest registered race-tracks in Queensland, Tambo being the second oldest beside Doomben!

How many big Metro papers, radio stations, and TV networks have fallen over in the last century - and for that matter - racetracks abandoned?

You know where I am headed here don’t you?

We may well be only 3 per cent of the population, but by the lovin’ ‘arry we have always been and always will be an integral part of the fabric of this Nation, and we rise above the vagaries of very poor remote communication mediums, simply because we are remote and we always will.

Why wouldn’t we live and love where we live and love?

Happy Birthday and long may The Leader lead.

Andrew Martin,
Blackall-Tambo Regional Council Mayor

Passing of Vic Blackwood

Vic Blackwood purchased 4LG in Longreach back in 1992 following a dream to own his own radio station.

At the time the station was struggling and Vic moved his family up from Gosford on the NSW Central Coast

He quickly hired Merv Bunt to help with sales whilst he managed the station and did the breakfast show his then-wife Lesley looked after the office and hired announcers, which he knew and quickly had the station moving forward at the studios in Galah street.

Vic’s connections with 2UE in Sydney saw him able to bring the John Laws show to Longreach along with overnight and some weekend programming which had the station operating 24/7 and 6am to 6pm locally.

In a book written by former National party leader Tim Fisher, he referred to Vic as a big man with a reservoir of energy as Vic was into all things community in the central western region of Queensland.

Vic was also an active member of the Longreach Rotary club.

4LG became a great training ground and Vic was proud of those he guided including Matt Stephens, Greg Wood, Matthew O’Reilly

Greg Willmette, Luke Grant, Pat Hession, Jason Wolfgram and his daughter Paula Blackwood (Storm)

On a personal note, he gave me an opportunity to commence in commercial radio and gave me an opportunity in calling football at the Longreach centenary show in 1995 had me going live to air whilst sitting in the passenger seat of one of the precision driving team Commodores.

Vic’s favourite watering hole was the Commercial hotel a short walk from the radio station which was run by Roly and Anne Gooding, Amongst his friends outside of radio were Dave and Carol Madders who now run the Country Motor Inn in Barcaldine, Allan Abbott who was a technician with Telstra and many business people within the town.

Despite being born in NSW, Vic was a proud Queenslander, cheering on the Maroons during the state of Origin.

Vic met his current wife Maree in Longreach and in 2003 sold the radio station and moved to rural Victoria passing away in Sale, east of Melbourne after suffering from leukaemia and fighting so hard for so long Vic lost his battle at age 74.

The radio world was a better place with Vic as part of it and a sadder one of his passing.

To many of us, whom he gave a start to and continued to guide and show interest in, we are deeply saddened and owe so much to a man we called Victor.

Greg Willmette

Q&A

How did you end up in Longreach?

My parents and my sister moved here in 2010 after purchasing the saddlery, and in 2016 when I was looking for a change from SW Victoria, this change made the most sense at the time.

It was only ever meant to be for a couple of years... six years later, I’m still here.

What is the best advice you’ve ever received?

Always show up early.

Everybody has varying levels of skill, interest, and privilege, but sharing your time is one of the greatest gifts you can give.

What is something you do in your spare time?

Just take it slow.

My job is so busy and fast-paced that taking some time for the introvert in me to take a breath and balance out is so important.

I like to do creative activities with my friends, read new books, and play fetch with the dogs.

What is your favourite place in the Central West?

Anywhere you can see the sunrise and the sunset.

There’s nothing like watching the sun come up or go down in this big sky country.

What would you consider your greatest achievement?

It’s a tie between my brownie recipe and being able to run a hospitality business solo through a pandemic.



with Casey Owen

In the closing days of '22

When I went out to do the myriad chores of a morning - emptying the chook bucket, tending the garden, throwing on a load of laundry and so forth - I was greeted by a sky so magnificent it took my breath away.

For a moment, I could only stand and stare.

As far as the eyes could see were layers upon layers of clouds, with countless textures and shades of grey (yes, more grazier porn).

The only thing better than a massive cloud bank is storm clouds with rain falling from them. Adding to the picture was the grader, parked nearby in case of bushfires.

It's amazing how a stunning backdrop can add drama to the most mundane of objects.

Throw in some horses heading out to pasture, after coming in for a drink at their trough

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and you have a veritable feast for the eyes.

When the sun came out from behind a cloud, it seemed to light up the white markings along the noses of several of our horses... so you realise why it's called a blaze.

I tore myself away from this visual poetry and turned back to gardening.

Unlike my mother, who loved being out in the garden surrounded by the fruits of her labour, I find gardening to be just another chore.

However, this morning I was privileged to perform that chore under the most heavenly of skies, which provides massive compensation even when no fruit is borne from my labour.

(Though I did pretty well over the winter, if I say so myself, producing some carrots, and beetroot, and leafy greens).

Add the birds chattering and twittering, the geese honking, the breeze rustling through the grass and the whir of insects and you have it all—sight, sound, texture and scent.

If I sample something from the garden, the taste is added for the full multi-sensory experience. Sadly, the garden was starting to look a

little wilted in the heat.

Fortunately, a shower at lunchtime freshened the plants. There wasn't a lot of rain, but enough to wash the heaviness and heat from the air.

The sky remained dramatic throughout the day and into the evening when it was canine and camera time, my favourite part of the day.

We have been blessed with more rain this year than in any for a decade and have been most grateful, though mindful of those who have received an overabundance.

Australia has certainly proved to be the land of drought and flooding rains in 2022.

May we all be blessed with a good season and start to the new year, and may 2023 be prosperous for the Central West.

Mobile coverage reliability 'needs government support'

Maranoa MP and National Party Leader David Littleproud has called for government intervention into connectivity in regional and remote areas.

He stated telcos have failed to provide an adequate service.

Mr Littleproud said extending and reforming the Universal Service Guarantee (USG) to mobile phones from landlines and introducing mandated mobile roaming in 2023 was essential to grow the regions and protect lives.

"In 2023, communication has never been more important," he said.

"It's critical as a safety and emergency response, enabling better commerce, business and social interaction in areas of limited network coverage."

Mr Littleproud said he supported the Australian Competition and Consumer Com-



mission's (ACCC) recent decision to rule out a 10-year mobile infrastructure sharing deal with Telstra and TPG Telecom because more than 700 towers would have been lost. Mandating roaming in regional and remote areas, however, would share all the towers between

all the telcos, which in turn, would maintain and improve coverage and competition.

Mr Littleproud said the former Coalition Government funded more than 1200 new or upgraded mobile base stations under their Mobile Phone Black Spot Program, which the telcos benefited from. He said there now needed to be regulatory guidelines to make sure they could be used by all Australians, no matter what telco they were with.

Mr Littleproud said if mandated domestic roaming in rural areas was introduced in concert with reforms to the USG that extended to mobile service and removed the averaging provisions that currently allow Telstra - the recipient of the \$270 million in USG funding - to have landline customers without phones for months, then services would improve.

"The USG isn't working and needs reform, which was highlighted in the Regional Tele-

communications Review handed down just before the federal election, yet the new government has made no commitment to implementing its recommendations," he said.

"Telcos should also be forced to maintain mobile towers, not just landlines. Unfortunately, the October 2022 Budget also revealed cuts to regional telecommunications despite the urgent need for improvements."

The former Coalition Government directed an ACCC inquiry into mobile roaming, to focus on the costs and access to telecommunications towers and facilities. Mr Littleproud encouraged those living in rural and remote locations to complete the online survey.

"I'm urging our regional communities to provide input into the consultation process, open until February and prior to the publication of the Regional Mobile Infrastructure Inquiry draft report in April, 2023."

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What's on

Longreach and Central West Community Event Billboard

Friday, 13 January

Croquet

Contact: Jean Williams on 07 4651 2354.

Location: Oak Street, Barcaldine

Time: 8am

Barcaldine Senior Cricket

Location: Barcaldine Showgrounds

Time: 6pm

Saturday, 14 January

Morning Golf, Longreach

For more information email longreachgolf@gmail.com

Location: Longreach Golf Course

Time: Mornings

Wool Spinning

Come get artsy.

Location: Longreach Arts and Crafts Centre

Time: Afternoons

Sunday, 15 January

Longreach Community Gardens

Come lend a hand.

Location: Longreach Youth Centre

Time: 8.30am

Barcaldine Golf

Contact: Michael Hayward.

Social Bowls

For more information please visit Facebook, Longreach Bowls Club

Location: Longreach Bowls Club

Time: 1 pm

Barcaldine Golf

Location: Barcaldine Golf Course, Pine Road

Time: 3pm

Monday, 16 January

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, 17 January

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



Expectations for 2023

Thiva said he was delighted to be staying in Longreach to work some more, while Charlee Ironside said she is looking to travel and to make more friends.

Longreach Playgroup

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

Location: Lioness Park

Time: 9 am

Longreach Broilga 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, 18 January

Barcaldine Basketball

Contact: Central West Aboriginal Corporation on 07 4651 1226.

Location: St Joseph's Primary School

Time: 5.20pm – 8pm

Barcaldine Men's Shed

Contact: David Kerrigan on 0427 009 375.

Location: 103 Ash St

Time: 9am

Barcaldine Cultural Centre Craft Day

Contact: Karen Brown on 07 4651 2324.

Location: 20 Beech Street, Barcaldine

Time: 9.30am

Dance Lessons — Isisford

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

Location: Isisford Community Hall

Time: 3.30pm

Longreach Community Gardens

Come lend a hand

Location: Longreach Youth Centre

Time: 4.30pm

Darts at the Wellshot

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

Cost: \$5

Location: Wellshot Hotel

Time: 7 pm

Rotary Club Meeting, Longreach

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

Location: Birdcage Hotel

Time: 7 pm

Thursday, 19 January

Tai Chi

Contact: Jean Williams on 07 4651 2354.

Location: The Willows Centre

Time: 9am

Social Craft at the Library

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

Location: Longreach Library

Time: 9:30 am

Barcaldine Golf

Contact: Michael Hayward.

Location: Barcaldine Golf Course, Pine Road

Time: 3pm

Hole-in-One

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

Location: Longreach Golf Course

Time: 4 pm

Thomson River Lions Bingo

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

Location: Birdcage Hotel

Time: 6.30 pm

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Send through the details to
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Stronger laws for community safety

The Queensland Government has announced new action and stronger laws to further protect community safety.

This tough new action includes:

1. **Increasing the maximum penalty for stealing a car** from 7 years to 10 years imprisonment
2. **A more severe penalty of 14 years** if the offence of stealing a car is committed at night, where the offender uses violence or threatens violence, is armed or pretends to be armed, is in company or damages or threatens to damage any property
3. Amend the *Youth Justice Act* requiring courts to take into account **previous bail history, criminal activity and track record when sentencing**
4. Increased penalties for criminals **who share these crimes on social media**
5. **Extreme High Visibility Police Patrols**
6. A \$9.89 million **fast-track sentencing program** in Brisbane, Townsville, Southport and Cairns **so children spend less time on remand and more time serving their sentences**
7. The construction of **two new youth detention centres**
8. **A trial of engine immobilisers** in Mt Isa, Cairns and Townsville
9. The appointment within Queensland Police Service of an Assistant Commissioner to the position of **Youth Crime Taskforce Commander**
10. The increased penalties apply to adults as well as juvenile offenders.

The Government will introduce the required legislative changes into the Queensland Parliament in February 2023.

For more information and to have your say visit **www.qld.gov.au/strongerlaws**



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Bright celebrations

By Henry and Bobbie Willersdorf

The Christmas lights at our house have been providing Christmas cheer for over ten years.

Santa finds the time to drop in for a quick visit to provide the perfect photo opportunity and he also hops on board the HACC bus to greet the passengers and driver when they do their Christmas Lights Tour.

We were excited to receive a visit from the Longreach Town band who played Christmas Carols outside our home one late afternoon.

Christmas is such a joyful time of year for our family.



Christmas new-style

By Thaissa Tardin

Unlike Australians, Brazilians start celebrating Christmas on 24 December.

We put on our best clothes and gather the whole family in the Dining room for supper.

We dine, drink and celebrate and when it's midnight on the 25th of December we wish each other a merry Christmas and open our presents from under the tree. This Christmas, as we are the only Brazilians living in Longreach, a couple of Brazilian friends who live on the Gold Coast came to visit us and celebrate Christmas together.

They liked Longreach so much that they are considering moving here too.

Government's move to clean up mining leases welcomed

By Karen Simmons and Michael R Williams

After decades of periodic reports of seeing unsafe, unethical, illegal and environment-wrecking practices in small mining areas across Queensland, Len Coyte welcomes proposed changes for improved practices and, where necessary, greater compliance and enforcement in the small-scale mining industry.

Mr Coyte, a resident of Winton and Longreach has been representing small miners and industry members in the district and was president of the Queensland Boulder Opal Association in 2019-20.

The experienced senior project manager, tenement consultant and administrator said he has welcomed the Queensland Government's consultation process for reform as he feels the industry needs it.

Mr Coyte said while the many industry associations he's been involved in usually see their role in the community as to set best practice standards for the good of the industry, that is not necessarily the case here in this industry.

"The more traditional small miners are understandably against over-regulation; they just want to dig, they don't want to comply with unnecessary reporting, costs, and administration," he said.

"But I totally support what the government is doing in making it ethical, attempting to improve the functioning of the industry.

"For example, compliance with safety reporting regulations seems to be an issue.

"I think we need simpler regulations and reporting - like a simple sign-in sheet.

"When you visit a local council or workplace, the first thing you do is to sign in.

"It's a normal requirement that doesn't impede on our ability to run a business and it's often referred to in emergency situations to account for people.

"We need to keep a record of who is on our site at any given time during the day.

"Culturally there is a resistance to too much paperwork."



Proposed changes for small-scale miners aim to address issues for local communities, such as claim holders building permanent structures and living on claims rather than mining them and holders abandoning sites, leaving them for the taxpayer to clean up.

Picture: AAP/MICK TSIKAS

Mr Coyte said the general provisions of the Workplace Health and Safety Act, Queensland applies to general and small mining operations. While the draft Queensland Resources Industry Development Plan (QRIDP), proposed to remove mining claims from the Mineral Resources Act 1989, they are now set to be retained, but with improved regulations to clarify the compliance obligations of small miners.

This follows considerable feedback and consultation with stakeholders on options for small-scale mining reform.

Resources Minister Scott Stewart said min-

ing claims would remain in the state's mining laws as the moratorium on new claims ended on November 24.

"The 12-month moratorium has served its purpose and allowed government to talk to communities, landholders and small-scale miners about the best way forward," Mr Stewart said.

"We're proposing a suite of possible changes from these discussions over the past 12 months.

"Queensland has a long history of small-scale mining, particularly for opals, sapphires and other gemstones in central and western Queensland.

"The proposed changes also aim to address issues for local communities, such as claim holders building permanent structures and living on claims rather than mining them and holders abandoning sites, leaving them for the taxpayer to clean up."

Mr Coyte has been working closely with small miners, the regulators, landholders, and AgForce on how stakeholder relationships can more effectively function in relation to conduct, access and progressive rehabilitation of the land.

"Under current legislation, and in the absence of formal complaints from landholders, some of the small mining areas look like the back of the moon with the state it's been left in," Mr Coyte said.

"This matters to the Department of Environment.

"Cattle can drink contaminated water left on some small mine sites.

"I've been hearing recent complaints about moving pegs, illegal mining and not communicating with landholders, so resulting in landholders complaining to department inspectors and inappropriately seeking large amounts of compensation in Land Court cases.

"There are some miners who refuse to contact and liaise with landholders when they are heading in to set up operations.

"This fractures the relationship on both

sides and occasionally results in examples of, stock being shot or stolen, fences and roads being damaged and not repaired, and, on rarer occasions, firearms being used in frustration."

Mr Coyte said part of the review process is to propose on-the-spot fines for not complying with the new regulations including keeping sites clean and safe.

"In the case of serious accidents, my main concern is there is no set system of contact in such remote areas.

"One of my suggestions was that we should have a system of communication and an evacuation plan in place in case of any incident for the benefit of small miners, landholders and tourists," he said.

"In Opalton in the past few years, I've seen three deaths that I'm aware of.

"The other miners get upset and it doesn't give the industry a good name.

"There was another fatality near Longreach only two weeks ago where a miner fell down from a roof.

"It took over four hours for the ambulance to get to him.

"From what I understand there are two operable airstrips near where that accident occurred.

"What we might need is a team of volunteers ready to respond; amongst the locals themselves, who really know the country and the people out there. I think it's something we should be really looking at."

New mining claim applications can now be lodged and will be assessed under the existing regulatory framework.

Queensland has almost 2000 mining claims, most of them for hand-mining, and about 14 per cent for machinery mining.

Consultation on the discussion paper is open until 24 February 2023.

Visit <https://haveyoursay.resources.qld.gov.au/implement-reforms-for-small-scale-mining> for more information and details on how to comment on the proposals.

A very Alpha Christmas

By Peter Tilse; Alpha Correspondent

Thirty-eight people turned out on Christmas Day to enjoy dinner at Peter Tilse's Old Time Music & Food Hall.

"When the word got out that we were hosting an Orphan's Christmas Dinner some generous donors from the Alpha community soon jumped in to contribute and lend a hand," business owner Peter Tilse said.

"We wanted to make sure that those in the community without family or connection were included in Christmas. It was truly a great blessing to be able to do this".



Katie and Kara.



James, Warren and Tracy.



Irvan and Barry.



Monique.

Barcaldine commences busy works schedule for 2023

The Barcaldine Regional Council have awarded the tender of \$380,535 to Michael Horman Transport to seal Narbethong Road through LRCIP funding.

Access to Lancewood Drive will be ceased on 1 February.

This is due to it being unsafe for heavy vehicles to turn left onto Oak Street with its proximity to the railway level crossing.

The alternative route via Myall Street is much more suitable.

The Barcaldine Regional Council has approved in-kind support of six truck loads of loam to the Muttaborra Masonic Lodge for the establishment of further gardens at the lodge.

The loam will cost \$1,000.

Fees to use the Muttaborra RSL Memorial Hall for a Christmas Luncheon hosted by the Muttaborra Men's Shed have been waived by council.

In the coming new year, a new toilet facility will be installed at the Barcaldine Showgrounds.

Council will purchase the Custom Toilet Building from Modus Australia for the cost of \$132,093, the site will be confirmed at a future meeting.

The Barcaldine Regional Council have discounted application fees to the Barcaldine Cricket Club for the construction of future cricket nets.

The fee has dropped from \$1,399 to \$612.

Alpha Police Station Officer in Charge Brian Smith has been granted a small donation of \$150 towards raising awareness of the issues of domestic violence.

Travel between Longreach and Muttaborra has been made easier with the sealing of the Muttaborra-Crimsie Road.

Longreach Regional Council Mayor said the project has taken 40 years to complete.

"It's a major achievement for this road to be sealed, allowing all-weather access," he said.

"It will allow ease of freight transport and just make it a lot easier for travellers coming to and from Longreach to Muttaborra and to further regions.



Mayor Rayner and Cr Smith left early in the morning to inspect the great work our crews, led by George Woodfield, have been doing on behalf of Transport and Main Roads Queensland to seal the Crimsie-Muttaborra Road.

"It will enable travellers to have day trips to the Muttaborra region."

Cr Rayner said the sealing will be a huge boon to local businesses who rely on the road and to the local tourism industry.

"Just having all-weather access is good for business for a number of reasons: safety, as well as attracting more tourists," he said.

"It didn't take a lot of rain [this year] to make the road impassable being black soil country.

"So a rainfall event of 12mm would be enough to make the event sticky or impassable.

"This gives people the peace of mind that they have access 24 hours a day."

The sealing goes and in hand with the improvement of roads in general across the central west region.

"With the sealing of the Prairie Times Creek Road there is only a short section of dirt now

across to Muttaborra," he said.

"It's just about improving the quality of roads across the region.

"The Longreach Regional Council and the Barcaldine Regional Council have been appreciative of the funding provided by the State and Federal Government and the work carried out by George Woodfield and everyone involved in the sealing of the road.

"It's an absolute milestone in the history of the road between Longreach and Muttaborra."

A Memorium of Understanding is set to be implemented at the set of Starlight's Lookout as a reminder for visitors to take responsibility for their own safety.

Longreach Regional Council Mayor Tony Rayner said as more and more people visit the site as a tourist attraction it was important to consider the legal protections around the site for visitors, council, and landowners.



Cr Rayner said this was an historical achievement for central west infrastructure.



A dedicated team of workers made the completion of the Muttaborra-Crimsie Road possible.

"It's always been a positive relationship between council and the landowner in terms of allowing access to the lookout," he said.

"The MOU will help ensure there is a clear understanding for any parties involved.

"We've never had any instance or problems there, but we do want to make sure there is adequate protection for all parties."

The name change of "Watyakan Creek" has been finalised, with its translation a derivative of the Inningai word, "woman".

The former name of the creek was deemed offensive earlier this year and after community consultation, the new name was decided upon.

"We support and agreed with the decision of the State," said Regional Council Mayor Tony Rayner.

"It more appropriately reflects the history of the creek."

Western flights a lifesaver

By Matthew Pearce

Rockhampton Regional Councillor Neil Fisher says flights from Rockhampton to the Central West could improve Queensland's alarming road death statistics by getting people off the roads.

Last week, Transport Minister Mark Bailey announced a roundtable to explore options for improving road safety after 299 fatalities were recorded across Queensland in 2022, including 52 in CQ.

Cr Fisher, who is also Rockhampton Regional Council deputy-mayor and Rockhampton Airport chairman, said 50 people undertook the seven-hour road journey from Longreach to Rockhampton every week for specialist medical treatment or allied health options.

"And that's just Longreach, not Blackall or Barcaldine," he said.

"With no air travel, and a lack of rail and bus options, they have no choice but to travel by road.

"Now, driving in for treatment isn't too bad, but as someone who has had chemotherapy myself, I know that returning home is a different story. Imagine 600 to 700km on the road, feeling sick as a dog.

"Now just imagine if you could take those 50 families off the road every week and put them in planes. What a difference that could make."

Cr Fisher suggested a 33-seater plane, which a number of Tier 2 airlines have, could make a return flight from Rockhampton to Longreach three times each week, with stops in Barcaldine or Blackall.



The Australian Stockman's Hall of Fame in Longreach. Picture: AAP IMAGE/JAMES SHRIMPTON

"Not only would this make a big difference for people living in that western area, but it could also be a good catalyst in attracting more medical specialists to the Central-West."

Cr Fisher said Rockhampton and western councils had been fighting for East-West flights for many years and he wanted 2023 to be the year the dream was finally achieved.

"Former Winton Mayor Butch Lenton saw the need for this service 10 years ago," Cr Fisher said.

"Each time we've upgraded the business case we've had stronger numbers. There's the same amount of people going through the Rockhampton Airport now as before Covid,

but with fewer flights.

"Some of the airlines we've spoken to have been very, very positive, we just need Translink to get on board and support us."

"Like any new business you need that government support, but I think we'd actually be saving the government a lot of money."

Cr Fisher said other beneficiaries of East-West flights would include the education, business and tourism sectors, as well as fly-in, fly-out workers.

"Rockhampton and the Capricorn Coast have some of the best secondary schools in the country, but many Central-West families send students to Toowoomba or Townsville

because their children can fly home on long weekends," he said.

"When it comes to the business sector, we know about 30 per cent of all travel to the Central West is for business, including cattle buyers making the commute each way for sales.

"East-West flights would provide greater opportunities for Rockhampton and Capricorn Coast businesses to work with Central west businesses, as well as provide an opportunity to fill short-term vacancies."

Cr Fisher said FIFO opportunities wouldn't be limited to mines, but could include other fields as well, including government departments and police.

"How many more people would work in the Central-West if they knew you could catch a flight on Friday afternoon and go back to the Coast for the weekend?"

Cr Fisher said tourism was one of the biggest untapped opportunities, with potential for package tours linking the two regions.

"Just imagine, a cruise ship arrives in Gladstone, they take a bus to Rockhampton, board a plane and they're got the Stockman's Hall of Fame experience."

With flights from Longreach to Townsville and Longreach to Brisbane, he said it just didn't make sense that Rockhampton was left out.

"We actually had East-West flights more than 40 years ago, with Bush Pilots Airways, meaning there was more connectivity in Central Queensland in the 1970s than there is today," he said.

"It's a sad indictment of how we've gone backwards."

Central West treated like 'Third World' in travel stakes

By Matthew Pearce

Blackall-Tambo Region Mayor Andrew Martin says the lack of flights from Rockhampton to the Central West is another example of the region being treated like a 'Third World country'.

Cr Martin, whose family has been in the Tambo area for 140 years, said a host of government departments had bases in Rockhampton, making air travel between the two areas essential.

"This includes Health, Education, the Department of Agriculture and Fisheries, Department of Environment and Science and the Department of Transport and Main

Roads," he said.

"From the point of view of health, we're almost a Third World country, with 700 patients flown each year out of Blackall and Tambo alone. When they're discharged, there isn't a plane service to get them back," he said.

"We've been encouraging residents to refuse discharge from hospital until patient travel has been organised, which is often very expensive and very laborious."

He said Blackall-Tambo had also seen downgrades to its bus services.

"I've been in the Third World, in Laos, and they have better services for their outlying ar-

reas than we do. They may not have aerial access, but they have a bus every night."

Cr Martin is pushing for a triangulated set of flights from Rockhampton to the Central-West, potentially four nights a week - Rockhampton to Blackall to Longreach to Rockhampton two days a week, and Rockhampton to Barcaldine to Longreach to Rockhampton two days a week.

"It's not rocket science, we're only asking for a trial," he said.

"The first time we looked at this with Lime Consultants, we were told there was a need for 12,000 seats to make East-West flights economical - they identified 17,000 seats."



Blackall-Tambo Region Mayor Andrew Martin.

Strong year in tourism, likely to calm in the New Year

By Michael R Williams

Predictions for the 2022 tourism season at the beginning of that year were undeniably positive, with many predicting it would be the strongest year on record.

In part, this prediction was correct—for longer tour bookings numbers were overwhelming, according Alan "Smithy" Smith, Owner Operator Aussie Outback Tours.

But, for other parts of his business, things were more complicated.

"The fair analogy would be that it [this year] was a lot like a horse race," he said.

"There were some horses that got past the post and some didn't because of rain and Covid and a whole lot of challenges, but there were still a lot of winners.

"Overall, this season and last season will go down financially as some of the best seasons in western Queensland tourism."

After the peak Covid years of 2020 and 2021, many were unable to travel, creating pent-up interest for travel over two years.

As state borders opened, many flooded to the outback as international borders restricted travel overseas.

"Last year was probably a bigger year for the cruise and driver side of the market—we still had a pretty big year for drivers, but because of the rain they couldn't do some of the things they may have planned for; and because of the rain, I don't think they stayed as long as they may have last year," Mr Smith said.

"The rain tends to scare people away, particularly those camping on black soil.

"Also, we had major events such as Birdsville go from 8 or 9,000 people down to only a couple of thousand people because of road closures and rain.

"Those people, not only didn't make it to Birdsville, but all those towns on the way to Birdsville and that was only one event that had trouble due to the wet weather."

Mr Smith said while numbers were strong this year compared to 2021, behaviours did change.

"Last year people spent like mad—they bought better quality wine, more souvenirs," he said.

"From our perspective, and everyone has a different experience, I felt it was a bit different.

"But where this year went well for us was after all that pent-up demand post-Covid for longer tours, people were really looking to travel."

This year's rain significantly interrupted operations for Outback Aussie Tours, including challenges related to staff and staff health.

"As for the wet weather, we've seen all that, but this was probably one of the wettest seasons we've seen in 34 years," Mr Smith said.

"It was very disruptive to tourism, but the country desperately needed a break.

"What we need now is some follow-up rain to kick up that ecology to not only give

us a strong tourism season, but also a strong sheep and cattle season."

"I think humans are very adaptable, I think we'll all get through it—life would be straight without a twistie."

Going into 2023, Mr Smith believes tourist numbers in the outback are likely to return to those found pre-Covid.

"I think we have to be realistic and think, the world is opening up, and the pent-up demand for our longer tours, well we've exhausted all those people," he said.

"And that's given us a couple of unusually strong years, although that has given us a number of challenges.

"Those numbers are likely to go down a little bit but I think our strategy is to slow them down a bit and give them more to do.

"If we can have enough fine weather in winter it will make our life easier and we will be able to slow people down a bit."

He believes that stronger marketing from interest groups would be deeply beneficial to the longevity of the tourist market.

"Next year will be interesting; the numbers will have to go back, but in saying that we're working harder in traditional markets in advertising our region," he said.

"More than ever if we're serious about tourism and the sustainability of western communities - these towns - we really need the councils, the outback Queensland region, tourism events Queensland, and all the operators thawt can afford to, we need to come

together to market as we've never marketed before.

"The market has become a lot more competitive so we need to be thinking, not just intrastate, but interstate.

"Melbourne, Sydney, a lot of those places that had a lot more lockdowns than we had in Queensland; I think they're the low-hanging fruit to pick up numbers for next year.

"That's a part of our strategy and giving people more things to do is another; the Outback Rail Adventure will be a big part of that."

He said he'd like to see more consistency throughout the year to improve the bottom line for local tourist vendors.

"If we can see April and Easter, that is when we can tell how quickly the season starts," he said.

"We need more consistency through the year—to be honest, if we had people a fraction longer and even not as many through the year, but more evened out, we'd actually do a lot more business and it would be a lot more profitable.

"It would even out, not just the income, but our expenses, and even out our capital costs throughout the season, we'd actually have a better bottom line.

"The approach would be to make the season longer and I think that could happen next year if we had more focus on advertising to people in April.

"I expect it to go back a little bit from this year and last year."

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A touch of magic

Alexandra Daddario casts a spell
over **Anne Rice's *Mayfair Witches***

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Spellbinding legacy

With her first lead role as Rowan Mayfair in upcoming AMC+ supernatural series *Anne Rice's Mayfair Witches*, Alexandra Daddario tells **Siobhan Duck** about the pressure of bringing a beloved book heroine to life

ALEXANDRA Daddario jokes she could write an essay on what it's like to be the so-called "sexy girl" in Hollywood.

"I think it's a really easy thing to say: 'Oh, well, she's pretty, that's why she gets work,'" she shrugs.

"So, it's a double-edged sword, I guess, but I never let it get me down or be like: 'Oh, people don't take me seriously because of XYZ.'"

"I never really looked at it that way because it's helped me to be seen as sexy. I did *Baywatch* [the 2017 movie starring Dwayne Johnson and Zac Efron]. And I certainly leaned into it at certain times, so I can't fault anyone for seeing me that way.

"But then it also has given me the opportunity to prove that I can do other things."

Throughout her career, Daddario has made a habit of skewering the stereotype of the sexy character. *Baywatch* parodied the 1990s series known for being about beautiful people in bathers. In *Why Women Kill*, she played the 'other woman' in a marriage, who is underestimated because of her appearance. And in *The Girlfriend Experience*, she was a high-end escort with a dark past.

She credits *White Lotus*, however, with allowing people to finally see her as more than just a pretty face.

In the first season of the runaway hit series, Daddario played a lonely newlywed who realises she's married to a spoiled mummy's boy whilst honeymooning at a luxury resort in Hawaii. Her performance saw her nominated for her first Emmy Award.

"It's been interesting I've had a career where there's obviously a lot of ups and downs, and it's easy to paint yourself in a corner or be seen a certain way," she reflects.

"I'm really grateful to [White Lotus creator] Mike [White]. I'm grateful to anyone who gives me a job, but I think it just happened to be the perfect storm. It allowed people to see me in a different way."

White Lotus has also opened doors for Daddario who, after 20 years in the industry, now finds herself in the leading role of new AMC+ drama, *Mayfair Witches*.

"I actually had never done a lead in a series before," she says.

"I was certainly looking for that [opportunity]. And then I when I was reading the script and learning about Anne Rice [author of the books upon which the show is based], I realised I had missed Anne Rice when I was reading and growing up, even though I was a huge reader.

"So, I had this incredible opportunity to dive into who this woman [Rice] was, and why she tells

One of the family: Alexandra Daddario, main, stars in *Mayfair Witches* alongside Jack Huston, Harry Hamlin and Beth Grant, inset.



these stories and really get to dive into something that's a really deep metaphor for so many other things."

Rice is perhaps best known for *Interview with the Vampire*, which she wrote while grieving the death of her daughter. The book – and in particular its lead character Lestat – has subsequently found

and people know the text but *Interview with a Vampire* – obviously because of the movie and because of that book – people really know that book," she says.

"So, in a way, it's both less pressure and more pressure [to star as one of Rice's lesser-known characters].

heiress to a dynasty of witches haunted by an evil spirit.

"She's a girl going through a huge transition," Daddario says of Rowan.

"She's grieving. She's going through these incredibly hard times. And yes, there's magic and she's thrust into an unrealistic situation, but in a lot of ways it's relatable,

"I actually don't watch *Real Housewives*, but everyone I know does," she laughs.

"They were all like [impressed that I was working with him, saying:] 'Harry Hamlin, are you kidding?'

"Harry is an amazing man and an incredible actor and he's wonderful in this series."

Hamlin plays Rowan's uncle, the creepy and impeccably groomed patriarch of the Mayfair family.

While *Mayfair Witches* is about the supernatural world, at its heart is a story about a dysfunctional family, which Daddario believes, makes it relatable for everyone.

"We all have some sort of dysfunction," she says.

"Very rarely do I meet people for whom family is all a [perfect and happy] dream.

"But to have this really dysfunctional family – with all of the jealousy, anger, coldness and the things that are left unsaid and dishonesty – and then add magic to it, how scary is that?"

■ *Anne Rice's Mayfair Witches*, coming soon to AMC+

SHE'S THRUST INTO AN UNREALISTIC SITUATION, BUT IN A LOT OF WAYS IT'S RELATABLE, BECAUSE WE ALL GO THROUGH VERY DIFFICULT TRANSITIONAL TIMES

a huge cult following. So ardent are its fans that the casting of Tom Cruise as the sexy and manipulative vampire in the 1994 film caused a huge controversy at the time.

More recently, the book was adapted into a TV series, this time starring Australia's own Sam Reid as Lestat and with decidedly more acceptance from both fans and Rice herself.

"There are people who love this book [*Lives of the Mayfair Witches*] too and it was a huge-selling book

"You have less pressure with people just knowing about it and having expectations, but then you also have the pressure of bringing it for the first time to a lot of people so it's an interesting challenge."

In *Mayfair Witches*, Daddario plays Rowan Fielding; a talented neurosurgeon who begins to suspect she has supernatural powers. Upon the death of her adoptive mother, Rowan goes in search of her biological family, where she discovers she is the

because we all go through very difficult transitional times."

Joining Daddario in the cast is Annabeth Gish (*The West Wing*), Jack Huston (*Boardwalk Empire*) and Harry Hamlin (*Mad Men*).

Aside from his acting work, Hamlin is also known for his guest appearances on his wife Lisa Rinna's reality TV show, *The Real Housewives of Beverly Hills*, where the former sex symbol has revealed himself to be a slightly eccentric gardener and home cook.

Movie Guide



In on the act:
Colin Farrell,
Nico Parker and
Finley Hobbins
star in *Dumbo*.

PICK OF THE WEEK

Saturday
DUMBO
Seven, 7.30pm, PG (2019)

You wouldn't know from looking at it, but famously spooky director Tim Burton is behind this live-action and CGI adaptation of Disney's animated classic. The newborn elephant with the oversized ears is without his mentor Timothy Q. Mouse, instead guided by through life in Max Medici's (Danny DeVito) circus by former star Holt Farrier (Colin Farrell) and his children (Nico Parker and Finley Hobbins). When they learn Dumbo can fly, the peculiar pachyderm soars to new heights but attracts the attention of entrepreneur V.A. Vandevere (Michael Keaton). Eva Green also stars as aerial artist Colette. With bold, bright visuals and a star-studded cast, *Dumbo* is an entertaining, if decidedly un-Burtonesque experience. ★★★★★



JACK REACHER
Nine, Friday, 8.30pm, M (2012)

Tom Cruise (pictured) plays author Lee Child's titular cop-turned-drifter who joins the investigation when a former army sniper takes the rap for gunning down five innocent people. But as defence lawyer Helen Rodin (Rosamund Pike) quickly discovers, Reacher may prove to be more trouble than he's worth. Directed and adapted from the ninth Reacher novel *One Shot*, the first movie outing for Child's vigilante secured Cruise's status as a 50-something action hero. ★★★★★



**THE GUERNSEY LITERARY AND
POTATO PEEL PIE SOCIETY**
7Flix, Friday, 8.30pm, M (2018)

Head back to the 1940s with this nostalgic adaptation of Mary Ann Shaffer and Annie Barrows' best-selling novel. Lily James (pictured) plays author Juliet Ashton, who discovers a unique book club, formed during the island of Guernsey's Nazi occupation when four friends were stopped for breaching curfew and had to think on their feet. Inspiration strikes for Juliet, and before long she visits the island. ★★★★★



KATE & LEOPOLD
10 Shake, Saturday, 7.30pm, PG (2001)

In a role that fits her like a glove, Meg Ryan plays Kate, an unlucky-in-love New York advertising executive who discovers that well-groomed English gent Leopold (Hugh Jackman, pictured with Ryan) – who has been flung through time by her scientist ex (Liev Schreiber) – is the perfect salesman for her low-fat creamery butter campaign. The conclusion is rather trite, but thanks to Jackman's performance, *Kate & Leopold* provides some thoroughly enjoyable screwball moments. ★★★★★



ALIEN: COVENANT
7mate, Sunday, 9.30pm, MA15+ (2017)

This sci-fi horror, the sixth instalment in the Alien franchise, is another solid entry from Ridley Scott (*Blade Runner*, *Gladiator*, *Robin Hood*). When the crew of a colony ship diverts from their course to investigate a mysterious signal from a deserted planet, they encounter a deadly alien creature. Despite some questionable choices from the crew (including an excellent Michael Fassbender, pictured), the film has enough going for it to satisfy fans (as well as infuriate some others). ★★★★★



PULP FICTION
9Go!, Monday, 8.30pm, MA15+ (1994)

A jolting, powerhouse of a movie, backed with a stellar cast, pumping soundtrack, masterful direction and a bulletproof, genre-defying script that repays repeat viewings. Quentin Tarantino's ultra-hip exercise in pop moviemaking centres on the crossed paths of two dim-witted hitmen (Samuel L. Jackson and John Travolta), a double-crossing prizefighter on the run (Bruce Willis) and a mob boss and his substance-addicted wife (Ving Rhames and Uma Thurman, pictured). ★★★★★



SUPER 8
9Go!, Tuesday, 7.30pm, M (2011)

Set in 1979, *Super 8* brims with nostalgia as director J.J. Abrams takes his cues from the work of Steven Spielberg. The story follows a group of kids (including Elle Fanning, pictured, Joel Courtney and AJ Michalka) after they witness a train crash while trying to make their own zombie film, but something more serious is afoot as the military descends on the town to keep control. The kids are the real heart of this film and the adventure seen through their eyes is a nice change of pace. ★★★★★

The Guide

PICK OF THE WEEK

McENROE Nine, Sunday, 8pm

The Australian tennis event of the year, the Australian Open, is set to capture the nation's attention from tomorrow, and this gripping documentary is the perfect apéritif before the on-court action. As the original bad boy of the sport, controversial American player John McEnroe (pictured) enthralled with his finesse, but divided fans with his epic outbursts and explosive temper. In this moody and insightful exploration, director Barney Douglas reveals an entirely different side to McEnroe as the champion player offers frank and remarkable insights. Also featuring his wife, Patty Smyth, it's the foul-mouthed, curly haired tennis star as you've never seen him before.



BEST OF BRITAIN WITH AINSLEY AND GRACE SBS Food, Tuesday, 8.30pm

The world – well, the coast of Britain – is chefs Ainsley Harriott and Grace Dent's oyster in this fresh, seaside series. The intrepid foodies with a taste for fun check out some of the most beautiful holiday spots along with their delicious fare, with Devon on tonight's itinerary. It's no wonder the duo can't stop smiling; not long into the episode, they get to devour hand-dived scallops. They also admire a hotel on its very own island and tuck into mushy pea fritters in an idyllic spot on the Exe estuary. Animal lovers rest assured: when Ainsley and Grace meet a family of otters they befriend them, rather than eat them. It's hungry-making and heartwarming fare.

FBI: INTERNATIONAL 10, Saturday, 8.30pm

This high-octane crime drama follows a team of elite operatives as they put their lives on the line to neutralise global threats and protect the United States. In tonight's first episode, "Secrets As Weapons", the team investigates when a billionaire's cryptocurrency wallet is hijacked en route to a safety vault in Switzerland. Then, in "American Optimism", the crew look into the murky case of a US citizen in hot water in Madrid. He's proclaiming his innocence after seeking sanctuary at the US embassy while still covered in the blood of his murdered Spanish boyfriend. Stars Luke Kleintank (pictured) and Heida Reed.



UNDER COVER ABC TV, Monday, 8.30pm

The statistics are devastating: women over 55 are the fastest growing group of homeless people in Australia, with more than 250,000 women at risk of homelessness. This emotional documentary from director Sue Thomson (*The Coming Back Out Ball Movie*) reveals the faces behind these alarming numbers. Narrated by homegrown Hollywood star Margot Robbie, it's a compelling, heartbreaking insight into the often secret lives of a diverse group of 10 Australian women, including Cheryl and Linda (both pictured). Shattering myths and misconceptions of homelessness, it opens viewers' eyes to life's complications and how society has let these women down.



Friday, January 13

ABC TV (2) 6.00 News. 9.00 News. 10.00 Searching For Superhuman. (PG, R) 11.05 Australia Remastered. (R) 12.00 ABC News At Noon. 1.00 Les Misérables. (Mv, R) 2.00 London Zoo: An Extraordinary Year. (R) 2.45 Back Roads. (R) 3.15 Gardening Australia. (R) 4.15 Long Lost Family. (PG, R) 5.00 Australian Story. (R) 5.25 Hard Quiz. (PG, R) 5.55 Old People's Home For 4 Year Olds. (R)	SBS (3) 6.00 WorldWatch. 8.00 DD India Prime Time News. 9.00 Peer To Peer. (PG) 10.00 25 Tracks. 11.05 Great Canal Journeys. (R) 12.00 BBC News At Ten. 12.30 ABC World News Tonight With David Muir. 1.00 PBS NewsHour. 2.00 The World's Greatest Palaces. (PGa, R) 2.55 Great Asian Railway Journeys. (PG, R) 4.05 Jeopardy! 4.30 Letters And Numbers. (R) 5.00 Motor Racing. Dakar Rally. Stage 11. Highlights.	SEVEN (7) 6.00 Sunrise. 9.00 The Morning Show Summer Series. (PG) 11.30 Seven Morning News. 12.00 MOVIE: Kissin' Cousins. (1964, G, R) 2.00 Australia's Deadliest. (R) 2.30 Beach Cops. (R) 3.00 The Chase. (R) 4.00 Seven News At 4. 5.00 The Chase Australia. (R)	NINE (8, 9) 6.00 Today. 9.00 Today Extra Summer. (PG) 11.30 Morning News. 12.00 MOVIE: Charm Of Love. (2020, PGa, R) 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 The Talk. (PGa) 7.00 Farm To Fork. (PG, R) 7.30 GCBC. (R) 8.00 Everyday Gourmet. (R) 8.30 Ent. Tonight. (R) 9.00 Judge Judy. (PG, R) 9.30 The Bold And The Beautiful. (PG, R) 10.00 Studio 10. (PG) 12.00 10 News First: Midday. 1.00 Dr Phil. (PG, R) 2.00 Jamie's Ultimate Veg. (R) 3.00 Entertainment Tonight. 3.30 Judge Judy. (PG, R) 4.00 Farm To Fork. 4.30 The Bold And The Beautiful. (PG) 5.00 10 News First.
7.00 ABC News. Takes a look at today's top stories. 7.30 A Grand Royal Design. An inside look at the restoration of Dumfries House, a rundown estate in one of the most deprived parts of the UK. 8.25 Endeavour. (Mav, R) Part 1 of 3. Endeavour plays bodyguard to a soccer star who has been threatened by the IRA. 9.55 Miniseries: The Accident. (Mals, R) Part 2 of 4. 10.45 ABC Late News. Detailed coverage of the day's events. 11.00 Miniseries: Us. (Ml, R) Part 3 of 4. 12.00 Unforgotten. (Mal, R) 12.50 Rage. (MA15+adhlsv)	6.00 Mastermind Australia. (R) 6.30 SBS World News. 7.35 Engineering Reborn: 747 Jumbo Jet, Marcel Hotel, National Gallery Of Singapore. (PG) A look at a project involving an old 747. 8.30 Inside Central Station: 3801 Launch. (PGal, R) Goes behind the scenes of Sydney Train's ongoing battle against graffiti. 9.25 How To Build A Nuclear Power Station. (R) Part 1 of 2. 10.35 SBS World News Late. 11.05 Gomorrah. (Malv, R) 1.50 The Kimberley Cruise: The Full Journey. (a, R) 5.00 NHK World English News Morning. 5.30 ANC Philippines The World Tonight.	6.00 Seven Local News. 6.30 Seven News. 7.00 Better Homes And Gardens Summer. Johanna Griggs catches up with Aimee Stanton. 8.30 MOVIE: The Lord Of The Rings: The Return Of The King. (2003, Mv, R) As the quest nears its end, the free races of Middle Earth struggle to unite to battle the armies of Sauron. Ian McKellen, Elijah Wood, Sean Astin. 12.30 The Good Doctor. (Mas, R) 1.30 Harry's Practice. (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: Halloween. (PG) Zoo's staff x-ray an elephant's feet. 8.30 MOVIE: Jack Reacher. (2012, Mlv, R) A former US Army military police officer investigates the shooting of five innocent civilians by a sniper. Tom Cruise, Rosamund Pike. 11.00 Council Of Dads. (PGa) 11.50 Tipping Point. (PG, R) 12.40 It's All Greek To Me. (PGl, R) 1.05 The Garden Gurus Best Of. 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. Special guest is Cosentino. 7.30 The Graham Norton Show. (R) Guests include Jamie Dornan. 9.30 Just For Laughs Australia. (Mls, R) Stand-up comedy performances from Harley Breen, Cassie Workman and Bev Killick. 10.00 Just For Laughs Uncut. (MA15+Is, R) Hosted by Nikki Osborne. 10.30 Steph Tisdell: Identity Steft. (MA15+I, R) 11.30 The Project. (R) 12.30 The Late Show With Stephen Colbert. (PG) 1.30 Home Shopping. (R) 5.30 Infomercials. (PG, R)
ABC TV PLUS (22) 6am Children's Programs. 4.40pm Fireman Sam. 4.50 PJ Masks. 5.00 Peppa Pig. 5.10 Octonauts. 5.20 Hey Duggee. 5.30 Ginger And The Vegesaur. 5.35 Do, Re & Mi. 5.45 Kiri And Lou. 5.55 Reef School. 6.05 The Adventures Of Paddington. 6.20 Bluey. 6.30 Spicks And Specks. 7.30 Hard Quiz. 8.30 MOVIE: Whiplash. (2014, MA15+) 10.15 Doctor Who: 11.05 Death In Paradise. 12.05am Killing Eve. 12.45 The Trip To Greece. 1.15 ABC News Update. 1.20 Close. 5.05 Tik Tak. 5.10 Clangers. 5.20 Buddi. 5.25 Miffy's Adventures Big And Small. 5.35 Charlie And Lola. 5.50 Late Programs.	SBS VICELAND (31) 6am WorldWatch. 9.30 Shortland St. 11.00 The Movie Show. Noon Fear Of A Black Quarterback. 1.35 Figure Skating. ISU Figure Skating 2021. World C'ships Men's Competition. 3.20 WorldWatch. 4.15 PBS News. 5.15 Takeshi's Castle. 5.45 The Joy Of Painting With Bob Ross. 6.15 Forged In Fire. 7.05 Jeopardy! 7.35 8 Out Of 10 Cats Does Countdown. 8.30 Hoarders. 9.20 The Language Of Love. (Final) 10.20 How To Have A Better Female Orgasm. 11.15 VICE News Tonight. 12.10am MOVIE: Genesis. (2018, MA15+) 2.30 My Life Online. 3.05 NHK World English News. 5.00 Al Jazeera.	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 Escape To The Country. 2.00 The Great Australian Doorstep. 2.30 Million Dollar Minute. 3.30 Medical Emergency. 4.00 Surf Patrol. 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 Tennis. Adelaide International. Tournament 2. Day 5. Day session. 5pm Antiques Roadshow. 6.00 Tennis. Adelaide International. Tournament 2. Day 5. Night session. 10.00 New Amsterdam. 11.00 House. Midnight Skippy The Bush Kangaroo. 12.30 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 Two And A Half Men. 10.30 Nancy Drew. 11.30 Frasier. Midnight Home Shopping. 12.30 Infomercials. 1.00 Home Shopping. 1.30 The Late Show With Stephen Colbert. 2.30 The Late Late Show With James Corden. 3.30 Becker. 4.30 Home Shopping. 5.30 Infomercials.
NITV (34) 6am Morning Programs. 10.50 Road Open. 11.00 Going Places. 11.30 Strait To The Plate. Noon MOVIE: Yingu Boy. (2001, M) 1.35 Ngumpin Kartiya. 2.00 Shortland St. 2.30 The Cook Up. 3.00 Bushwhacked! 3.25 Red Dirt Riders. 3.40 Wolf Joe. 3.55 Tales Of The Moana. 4.00 Thalu. 4.30 Spartakus And The Sun Beneath The Sea. 5.00 Our Stories. 5.30 Jupurrurla: Man Of Media. 6.00 Bamay. 6.30 Anthem Sessions Interstitials. 6.40 Undiscovered Vistas. 7.30 Barrumbi Kids. 8.00 MOVIE: Lord Of The Flies. (1963, PG) 9.35 First Nations Bedtime Stories. 9.45 MOVIE: Friday The 13th. (1980, MA15+) 11.25 Late Programs.	SBS WORLD MOVIES (32) 6am Love And Friendship. Continued. (2016, PG) 7.25 The Man Who Knew Too Little. (1997, PG) 9.10 The Darkside. (2013, PG) 10.55 Jasper Jones. (2017, M) 12.50pm The Face Of Love. (2013, M) 2.30 Lost In Paris. (2016, PG) 4.05 Ernest & Celestine. (2012, PG) 5.35 The Last Wave. (1977, PG) 7.35 The Ides Of March. (2011, M) 9.30 Trainspotting. (1996) 11.20 T2 Trainspotting. (2017, MA15+) 1.30am Gone Are The Days. (2018, M) 3.25 The Face Of Love. (2013, M) 5.10 Ernest & Celestine. (2012, PG)	7MATE (74) 6am The Fishing Show By AFN. 7.00 Merv Hughes Fishing. 7.30 Creek To Coast. 8.00 WSL Presents. 10.00 Bokesworld. 10.30 American Pickers. 11.30 Pawn Stars. 1pm Wild Transport. 2.00 Down East Dickering. 3.00 Timbersports. 3.30 Scrap Kings. 4.30 Hustle & Tow. 5.30 American Restoration. 6.00 American Pickers. 7.00 Pawn Stars. 7.30 MOVIE: Fantastic Four. (2005, PG) 9.40 MOVIE: Fantastic Four: Rise Of The Silver Surfer. (2007, PG) 11.30 The Cleveland Show. 2am Pawn Stars. 2.30 American Restoration. 3.00 NFL. Week 18. Replay.	9GO! (82, 93) 6am Children's Programs. 10.30 Pokémon Journeys. 11.00 Tom And Jerry. 11.30 Yu-Gi-Oh! Sevens. Noon Rich Kids Go Skint. 1.00 America's Top Dog. 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 Transformers: Cyberverse. 5.45 MOVIE: SCOOB! (2020, PG) 7.30 MOVIE: My Super Ex-Girlfriend. (2006, M) 9.30 MOVIE: Elektra. (2005, M) 11.30 Alphas. (Premiere) 12.30am In Ice Cold Blood. 2.30 Full House. 3.00 Bakugan: Evolutions. 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 Roads Less Travelled. 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 JAG. 6.30 Scorpion. 7.30 Bull. 8.30 NCIS. 9.25 NCIS: Los Angeles. 10.20 Evil. 11.15 Star Trek: Discovery. 12.45am Home Shopping. 2.15 The Love Boat. 3.10 Star Trek: The Next Generation. 4.05 MacGyver.

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

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ABC TV (22) 6.00 Rage. (PG) 7.00 Weekend Breakfast. 9.00 Rage. (PG) 12.00 ABC News At Noon. 12.30 Endeavour. (Mav, R) 2.00 Midsomer Murders. (PG, R) 3.30 Death In Paradise. (PG, R) 4.30 Going Country. (PG, R) Part 1 of 2. 5.25 Australia's Favourite Tree. (R) Part 1 of 2. 6.30 Nigella's Cook, Eat, Repeat. (Final, R) Nigella Lawson prepares mac'n' cheese. 7.00 ABC News. Takes a look at today's top stories. 7.30 Call The Midwife. (PGa) Trixie and Frances attend the cytology clinic. 8.30 Midsomer Murders. (Mv, R) Barnaby and Winter investigate the death of the founder of a club for recovering heart bypass patients the day after inducing a new member who was controversially acquitted of murder several years previously. 10.00 Unforgotten. (Malv, R) Sunny and Cassie discover a surprising connection. 10.50 A Life In Ten Pictures: Freddie Mercury. (Mln, R) A look at Freddie Mercury's life. 11.40 Rage. (MA15+adhlmsv)	SBS (3) 6.00 WorldWatch. 9.00 Blue Water Safari. (PG) 10.00 Cook Up Bitesize. (R) 10.05 Love Your Garden. (R) 11.00 For The Love Of Dogs. (PG) 12.00 Surf Life Saving. IronMan and IronWoman Series. Round 3. 2.00 WorldWatch. 3.00 Figure Skating. ISU Grand Prix. NHK Trophy. Highlights. 4.00 Europe's Greatest Train Journeys. (PG) 5.00 Motor Racing. Dakar Rally. Stage 12. Highlights. 6.00 Great British Railway Journeys: Taunton To Salisbury Plain. (R) 6.30 SBS World News. 7.35 Chris Tarrant's Extreme Railway Journeys: Last Train To Transylvania. (PGav, R) Part 1 of 4. 8.30 Legendary Castles: Neuschwanstein. (PGa, R) Part 1 of 2. Takes a look at the construction of two mountain-top castles, including Neuschwanstein. 9.30 Britain By Beach. (PG, R) Part 1 of 4. 10.25 Great Escapes With Morgan Freeman. (Mav, R) 11.15 MOVIE: The Keeper. (2018, Malv, R) David Kross. 1.25 The Chocolate Factory: Inside Cadbury Australia. (R) 4.35 Bamay. (R) 5.00 NHK World English News Morning. 5.15 France 24 Feature. 5.30 ANC Philippines The World Tonight.	SEVEN (7) 6.00 NBC Today. 7.00 Weekend Sunrise. 10.00 The Morning Show Summer Series. (PG) The latest news and views. 11.00 Horse Racing. Gold Coast Magic Millions Raceday. 5.30 Creek To Coast. (R) Scott Hillier heads to a campsite near Warwick. 6.00 Seven News. 7.00 Border Security: Australia's Front Line. (PG, R) A backpack catches the attention of officers. 7.30 MOVIE: Dumbo. (2019, PGa) A young elephant living in a rundown circus run by a mean-spirited ring master discovers he can use his giant ears to fly. Colin Farrell, Danny DeVito. 9.50 MOVIE: The Long Kiss Goodnight. (1996, MA15+v, R) A suburban housewife suffering amnesia begins to suspect she may have been a secret agent. Geena Davis, Samuel L Jackson. 12.20 The Good Doctor. (PGa, R) Shaun visits his father on his deathbed. 1.20 Travel Oz. (PG, R) 2.00 Home Shopping. (R) 4.00 Get Clever. (R) 4.30 Get Arty. (R) 5.00 My Greek Odyssey. (PG, R)	NINE (8, 9) 6.00 Drive TV. (R) 6.30 A Current Affair. (R) 7.00 Weekend Today. 10.00 Today Extra Summer. (PG) 12.00 Taronga: Who's Who In The Zoo. (PG, R) 1.00 Explore. (R) 1.10 MOVIE: Mr Holland's Opus. (1995, PGI, R) Richard Dreyfuss, Glenn Headly, Jay Thomas. 4.00 Bondi Vet. (PGm) 5.00 News: First At Five. 5.30 Country House Hunters Australia. (R) 6.00 Nine News Saturday. 7.00 A Current Affair. 7.30 MOVIE: Miss Congeniality 2: Armed And Fabulous. (2005, Mv, R) Against orders, an FBI agent goes undercover to rescue Miss USA and the pageant MC after they are kidnapped. Sandra Bullock, Regina King. 9.50 MOVIE: Two Weeks Notice. (2002, PGsl, R) A lawyer decides she has had enough of her troublesome boss and quits her job. Hugh Grant, Sandra Bullock. 11.50 MOVIE: Unsane. (2018, MA15+av) Claire Foy. 1.35 Outdoors Indoors. 2.00 The Incredible Journey Presents. (PGa) 2.30 TV Shop: Home Shopping. (R) 4.30 Global Shop. (R) 5.00 TV Shop: Home Shopping. (R) 5.30 Helping Hands. (PG)	TEN (5, 1) 6am Morning Programs. 7.30 Escape Fishing. (R) 8.00 Exploring Off The Grid. (PGI, R) 8.30 What's Up Down Under. (PG, R) 9.00 Everyday Gourmet. (R) 9.30 GCBC. (R) 10.00 St10. (PG) 12.00 Cook It With Luke. (R) 12.30 Well Traveller. (PGa, R) 1.00 Offroad Adv. (R) 2.00 All 4 Adventure. (PGI, R) 3.00 4x4 Adventures. (R) 4.00 Farm To Fork. (R) 4.30 Taste Of Aust. (R) 5.00 News. 6.00 Bondi Rescue. (PG, R) A man is reported to have fallen from cliffs. 6.30 Jamie Oliver: Together. Jamie Oliver prepares a feast. 7.30 NCIS: Los Angeles. (Mv) After an architect duo are kidnapped, the NCIS team mounts a search to bring them home. 8.30 FBI: International. (Mv) The International Fly Team investigates when the hijacking of a billionaire's cryptocurrency wallets en route to a safety vault in Switzerland leaves the escort, an American, shot dead in the Alps. 10.30 NCIS: Hawai'i. (Mav, R) Commander Chase is abducted. 11.30 NCIS. (Mv, R) NCIS investigates the death of a Navy reservist. 1.30 Home Shopping. (R) 3.30 Infomercials. (PG) 4.00 Home Shopping. (R) 5.00 Hour Of Power.
ABC TV PLUS (22) 6am Children's Programs. 6.30pm Spicks And Specks. 7.30 Whose Line Is It Anyway? 8.15 Live At The Apollo. 9.00 Melbourne Comedy Festival Allstars Supershow. 10.05 The Set. 10.40 Doctor Who. 11.35 Would I Lie To You? 12.05am Staged. (Final) 12.30 Bliss. 12.50 Wreck. 1.40 Fleabag. 2.00 QI. 2.35 ABC News Update. 2.40 Close. 5.05 Tik Tak. 5.10 Clangers. 5.20 Buddi. 5.25 Late Programs.	SBS VICELAND (31) 6am 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. 5.05 Mastermind Aust. 5.35 Dynamo: Revealed. 6.30 Adam Eats The 80s. 7.35 Impossible Engineering. 8.30 The Last Overland: Singapore To London. 9.30 Aircraft Crash Experts. 10.30 High Society. 11.30 Late Programs.	7TWO (72) 6am Shopping. 8.30 Travel Oz. 9.00 Winners. 10.00 Creek To Coast. 10.30 Weekender. 11.00 Weekender. 11.30 Better Homes. 12.30pm Australia's Big Backyards. 1.30 Escape To The Country. 2.30 Bargain Hunt. 3.30 Escape To The Country. 5.30 Border Security: Int. 6.30 The Yorkshire Vet. 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. 8.30 TV Shop. 10.00 My Favorite Martian. 10.30 Seaway. 11.30 MOVIE: Sea Devils. (1953) 1.30pm Tennis. Adelaide International. Tournament 2. Day 6. Twilight session. Men's and women's finals. 5.00 Tennis. Adelaide International. Tournament 2. Day 6. Twilight session. Men's and women's finals. 8.00 MOVIE: Monster-In-Law. (2005, M) 10.00 New Amsterdam. 11.00 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 To Be Advised. 6.00 The Big Bang Theory. 10.15 Friends. 12.15am Home Shopping. 1.15 Infomercials. 1.45 The Late Show With Stephen Colbert. 2.40 Charmed. 3.35 Nancy Drew. 4.30 Home Shopping.
NITV (34) 6am Morning Programs. 12.55pm Sing About This Country. 2.55 Milpirri: Winds Of Change. 3.55 My Survival As An Aboriginal. 4.50 Intune 08: The Flood Continent. 5.50 Going Native. 6.20 Kriol Kitchen. 6.50 News. 7.00 Family Rules. 7.30 The Beaver Whisperers. 8.30 MOVIE: The Fourth Kind. (2009, M) 10.10 Songlines On Screen. 10.30 NITV On The Road: Best Of Barunga. Midnight Late Programs.	SBS WORLD MOVIES (32) 6am Ernest & Celestine. Continued. (2012, PG) 6.40 The Last Wave. (1977, PG) 8.40 Little Nicolas. (2009, PG, French) 10.20 The English Patient. (1996) 1.20pm Joshy. (2016, M) 3.00 Love And Friendship. (

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ABC TV (22) 6am Morning Programs. 10.00 Offsiders: Summer Series. 10.30 The World In 2022. (R) 11.00 Compass. (PG, R) 11.30 Praise. (R) 12.00 News. 12.30 Headline: Summer Series. (R) 1.00 Movin' To The Country. (R) 1.30 Monty Don's American Gardens. (R) 2.30 Call The Midwife. (PGa, R) 3.30 Victoria. (PG, R) 4.20 Grand Designs: House Of The Year. (R) 5.05 A Grand Royal Design. (R)	SBS (3) 6.00 Morning Programs. 10.00 Love Your Garden. (PGa, R) 11.00 For The Love Of Dogs: India. (Premiere) 12.00 Surf Life Saving. IronMan and IronWoman Series. Round 4. 2.00 WorldWatch. 3.00 Figure Skating. ISU Grand Prix. Round 6. Grand Prix of Espoo. Highlights. 4.00 Cycling. Road National Championships. Highlights. 5.00 Motor Racing. Dakar Rally. Stage 13. Highlights.	SEVEN (7) 6.00 NBC Today. 7.00 Weekend Sunrise. 10.00 The Morning Show Summer Series. (PG) 12.00 Border Security: International. (PG, R) 12.30 Cricket. Big Bash League. Game 42. Hobart Hurricanes v Sydney Thunder. 4.00 Better Homes And Gardens. (R) 5.00 Seven News At 5. 5.30 Weekender.	NINE (8, 9) 6.00 Drive TV. (R) 6.30 A Current Affair. (R) 7.00 Weekend Today. 10.00 Surfing Australia TV. (PG) 10.30 Take Me Home. (PG, R) 11.30 Arctic Vets. (PG, R) 12.00 Great Barrier Reef: A Living Treasure. (PG, R) 1.00 MOVIE: HouseSitter. (1992, PGs, R) Goldie Hawn, Steve Martin. 3.00 Great Getaways. (PG, R) 4.00 Bondi Vet. (PG, R) 5.00 News: First At Five. 5.30 Territory Cops. (PGdI, R)	TEN (5, 1) 6am Morning Programs. 7.30 Tomorrow's World. (PGa, R) 8.00 Luca's Key Ingredient. (R) 8.30 Freshly Picked. (R) 9.00 Destination Dessert. 9.30 Everyday Gourmet. (R) 10.00 St10. (PG) 12.00 The Bachelors Aust. (PGals, R) 1.40 My Market Kitchen. (R) 2.00 Waltzing Jimeoin. (PGal, R) 2.30 Exploring Off The Grid. 3.00 4x4 Adventures. 4.00 All 4 Adventure. 5.00 News.
6.00 Antiques Roadshow. (PG, R) Hosted by Fiona Bruce. 7.00 ABC News. Takes a look at today's top stories. 7.30 Death In Paradise. (Final, Mv, R) A blind actor is the witness to a murder. 8.30 Vera. (Mad, R) DCI Vera Stanhope and the team investigate the murder of an addiction support worker. 10.00 Wreck. (MA15+nv, R) Jamie becomes embroiled with an illicit operation. 10.50 Operation Buffalo. (Malv, R) Cranky questions his purpose. 11.45 Black Comedy. (MI, R) 1.10 Les Misérables. (Mv, R) 2.10 Victoria. (PG, R) 3.00 Rage. (MA15+adhlsv) 4.00 Classic Countdown. (PG, R) 5.00 Think Tank. (R)	6.00 Great British Railway Journeys: Canterbury To Alexandra Palace. (PG, R) 6.30 SBS World News. 7.30 Military Strongholds: Megastructures Of Genius. Explores the construction of fortresses. 8.30 Nazca Desert Mystery. Takes a look at the Nazca Lines and at recent discoveries that offer new clues to its origins. 9.30 Pompeii: Sin City. (Mansv, R) Narrated by Isabella Rossellini. 11.00 Serena Vs The Umpire. (Mal, R) 12.00 Travel Man's Greatest Trips. (Mlins, R) 1.50 How Mad Are You? (Mal, R) 3.50 Destination Flavour China. (R) 4.50 Destination Flavour: Japan Bitesize. (R) 5.00 NHK World English News Morning. 5.15 France 24 Feature. 5.30 Al Jazeera News.	6.00 Seven News. 7.00 Cricket. Big Bash League. Game 43. Sydney Sixers v Perth Scorchers. 10.00 7NEWS Spotlight. (R) Takes a look at the disappearance of Sydney businesswoman and alleged conwoman Melissa Caddick. 11.00 World's Most Shocking Emergency Calls. (MA15+av, R) Documents shocking emergency calls. 12.00 Cycling. Santos Tour Down Under. Women's. Stage 1. Highlights. 1.00 World's Deadliest: Against The Odds. (Mal, R) 2.00 Home Shopping. (R) 3.30 Million Dollar Minute. (R) 4.00 NBC Today. 5.00 Seven Early News. 5.30 Sunrise.	6.00 Nine News Sunday. 7.00 60 Minutes. 8.00 McEnroe. (Mal) Takes a look at John McEnroe, a controversial and gifted former tennis player. 10.10 The First 48: Deadly Rap. (Ma) Police investigate a shooting in a rap studio. 11.00 Manhunt: The Wests. (MA15+, R) Part 1 of 3. 11.50 Law & Order: Organized Crime. (Mav, R) Bell investigates an accidental death. 12.40 Drive TV. (R) 1.05 Surfing Australia TV. (PGI, R) 1.30 TV Shop: Home Shopping. (R) 4.00 Believer's Voice Of Victory. (PGa) 4.30 Take Two. (R) 5.00 News Early Edition. 5.30 Today.	6.30 The Sunday Project. Special guest is Matthew Perry. 7.30 The Bachelors Australia. (PGI) Three bachelors, Felix Von Hofe, Thomas Malucelli and Jed McIntosh, search for love. 8.40 NCIS: Hawai'i. (Mv, R) Tennant and the NCIS team must take down a notorious gang of international thieves. 9.40 FBI. (Mav, R) The team must stop a hacker who is disabling life-saving equipment in several New York City hospitals. 10.40 FBI: International. (Mv, R) The team investigates a cryptocurrency heist. 12.30 The Sunday Project. (R) 1.30 Home Shopping. (R) 4.30 CBS Mornings.
ABC TV PLUS (22) 6am Children's Programs. 6.30pm Spicks And Specks. 7.30 You Can't Ask That. 8.30 Lucy Worsley: Agatha Christie Mystery Queen. 9.20 Louis Theroux: Altered States. 10.20 Return To Belsen. 11.10 Attenborough And The Empire Of The Ants. 12.05am Long Lost Family. 12.50 George Clarke's Amazing Spaces. 1.40 ABC News Update. 1.45 Close. 5.05 Tik Tak. 5.10 Clangers. 5.20 Buddi. 5.25 Late Programs.	SBS VICELAND (31) 6am WorldWatch. 9.30 Shortland St. 11.00 The Movie Show. Noon In My Own World. 1.45 VICE. 2.50 Gymnastics. FIG Artistic World Challenge Cup. H'lights. 4.20 WorldWatch. 4.50 Insight. 5.55 Vitamina: Truth About Vitamins. 7.35 Abandoned Engineering. 8.30 Lost Gold Of World War II. (Return) 9.20 Radio Hate. 11.05 WWE Legends. 12.40am Detective Chinatown. 2.40 Late Programs.	7TWO (72) 6am Morning Programs. 3pm South Aussie With Cosi. 3.30 One Road: Great Australian Road Trips. 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 Britain's Busiest Airport: Heathrow. 9.30 Chris Tarrant's Extreme Railway Journeys. 10.30 Air Crash Investigation. 11.30 Late Programs.	9GEM (81, 92) 6am Morning Programs. 7.30 In Touch. 8.00 Beyond Today. 8.30 The Incredible Journey. 9.00 TV Shop. 10.00 Helping Hands. 10.30 My Favorite Martian. 11.00 MOVIE: Carry On Cowboy. (1965, PG) 1pm MOVIE: The Baby And The Battleship. (1956) 3.00 MOVIE: The Big Country. (1958, PG) 6.30 Bondi Vet. 7.30 MOVIE: The Day Of The Jackal. (1973, PG) 10.30 House. 11.30 Late Programs.	10 PEACH (52, 11) 6am Friends. 7.00 Mom. 8.00 The Middle. 9.30 Friends. 1pm Basketball. NBL. Round 15. New Zealand Breakers v Cairns Taipans. 3.00 Basketball. NBL. Round 15. Sydney Kings v Illawarra Hawks. 5.00 Two And A Half Men. 6.00 The Big Bang Theory. 9.00 Friends. Midnight Home Shopping. 12.30 Infomercials. 1.00 Home Shopping. 1.30 MOVIE: Adrift. (2018, M) 3.30 The Big Bang Theory. 4.30 Shopping.
NITV (34) 6am Morning Programs. 1.55pm Away From Country. 2.55 The South Sydney Story. 3.25 Football. First Nations Indigenous Football Cup. Replay. 4.55 Football. NTFL. Wanderers v Waratah. Replay. 6.10 Spirit Talker. 6.40 News. 6.50 Natural Born Rebels. 7.50 Dizzy Gillespie In Studio 104. 8.30 MOVIE: Betty Davis: They Say I'm Different. (2018, PG) 9.30 The Cotton Club: The Musicians Story. 10.00 Late Programs.	SBS WORLD MOVIES (32) 6am What's Eating Gilbert Grape. (1993, PG) 8.10 The Orator. (2011, PG, Samoan) 10.15 The Ides Of March. (2011, M) 12.10pm Before We Vanish. (2017, M, Japanese) 2.35 The Last Wave. (1977, PG) 4.30 Little Nicolas. (2009, PG, French) 6.15 A River Runs Through It. (1992, PG) 8.30 Birds Of Passage. (2018, Spanish) 10.50 Hunger. (2008, MA15+) 12.35am Nadia. Butterfly. (2020, M) 2.40 Late Programs.	7MATE (74) 6am The Fishing Show By AFN. 7.00 Creek To Coast. 7.30 NFL. NFC Wild Card. 10.30 Sound FX: Best Of. 11.00 NFL. NFC Wild Card. 2pm Sound FX: Best Of. 3.00 Fishing Addiction. 4.00 Scrap Kings. 5.00 Shipping Wars. 6.00 Cricket. Big Bash League. Game 43. Sydney Sixers v Perth Scorchers. 7.00 MOVIE: Spider-Man. (2002, PG) 9.30 MOVIE: Alien: Covenant. (2017, MA15+) Midnight Late Programs.	9GO! (82, 93) 6am Children's Programs. 1.30pm Surfing Australia TV. 2.00 Filthy House SOS. 3.00 Full Bloom. 4.00 Dance Moms. 5.00 About A Boy. 5.30 MOVIE: Rango. (2011, PG) 7.30 MOVIE: Hellboy. (2004, M) 9.55 MOVIE: Hellboy II: The Golden Army. (2008, M) 12.10am Filthy House SOS. 1.10 Full Bloom. 2.05 Dance Moms. 3.00 Power Rangers Dino Charge. 3.30 Beyblade Burst Surge. 4.00 Yu-Gi-Oh! Sevens. 4.30 Late Programs.	10 BOLD (53, 12) 6am Morning Programs. 7.30 Key Of David. 8.00 All 4 Adventure. 9.00 4x4 Adventures. 10.00 Reel Action. 11.00 Healthy Homes Aust. 11.30 Buy To Build. Noon Roads Less Travelled. 12.30 JAG. 1.30 Soccer. A-League Men. Matchweek 12. Western Sydney Wanderers v Melbourne City. 4.30 Pooches At Play. 5.00 Bondi Rescue. 5.30 JAG. 7.30 NCIS. 10.20 MOVIE: Joker. (2019, MA15+) 12.45am Late Programs.

ABC TV (2) 6.00 News Breakfast. 9.00 ABC News Mornings. 10.00 Muster Dogs. (PG, R) 11.00 Antiques Roadshow. (PG, R) 12.00 ABC News at Noon. 1.00 Vera. (Mad, R) 2.40 Back Roads. (R) 3.10 Gardening Australia. (R) 4.10 Long Lost Family. (PG, R) 4.55 Australian Story. (R) 5.25 Hard Quiz. (PG, R) 5.55 Old People's Home For Teenagers. (R) Part 1 of 5.	SBS (3) 6.00 Morning Programs. 9.15 Peer To Peer. (PG) 10.15 Beyond The Beaten Path. (Premiere) 11.10 Great Canal Journeys. (PG, R) 12.05 WorldWatch. 2.00 Cook Up Bitesize. (R) 2.05 The World's Greatest Palaces. (PGav, R) 2.55 Great Asian Railway Journeys. (PG, R) 4.05 Jeopardy! 4.30 Letters And Numbers. (R) 5.00 Motor Racing. Dakar Rally. Final stage. Highlights.	SEVEN (7) 6.00 Sunrise. 9.00 The Morning Show. (PG) 11.30 Seven Morning News. 12.00 MOVIE: Viva Las Vegas. (1964, G, R) 2.00 Australia's Deadliest. (PG, R) 2.30 Beach Cops. (PG, R) 3.00 The Chase. (R) 4.00 Seven News At 4. 5.00 The Chase Australia. (R)	NINE (8, 9) 6.00 Today. The latest in news and current affairs. 9.00 Australian Open Tennis Pre-Show. (Premiere) Reviews, previews, interviews, highlights and opinions from the Australian Open at Melbourne Park. 10.00 Tennis. Australian Open. Day 1.	TEN (5, 1) 6.00 The Talk. (PGa) 7.00 Farm To Fork. (PG, R) 7.30 GCBC. (R) 8.00 Everyday Gourmet. (R) 8.30 Ent. Tonight. (R) 9.00 Judge Judy. (PG, R) 9.30 Bold. (PG, R) 10.00 Studio 10. (PG) 12.00 10 News First: Midday. 1.00 Dr Phil. (PGa, R) 2.00 The Bachelors Aust. (PGI, R) 3.10 Ent. Tonight. 3.30 Judge Judy. (PG, R) 4.00 Farm To Fork. 4.30 Bold. (PG) 5.00 News.
7.00 ABC News. Takes a look at today's top stories. 7.30 7.30. Presented by Laura Tingle. 8.00 Back Roads: Marawah, Tasmania. (PG) Hosted by Paul West. 8.30 Under Cover. (PG) Explores how women over 50 are the fastest growing cohort experiencing homelessness in Australia. 9.30 A Life In Ten Pictures: Amy Winehouse. (Madl, R) Takes a look at the life of Amy Winehouse through a handful of iconic shots and private snaps. 10.25 Our Brain: Recharged. (PG, R) 11.20 ABC Late News. 11.40 Midsomer Murders. (Mv, R) 1.10 The Trouble With Maggie Cole. (Ma, R) 1.55 Black Comedy. (Ml, R) 2.25 Rage. (MA15+adhlvns) 4.00 One Plus One. (R) 4.30 Think Tank. (R) 5.30 7.30. (R)	6.00 Mastermind Australia. (R) Presented by Marc Fennell. 6.30 SBS World News. 7.35 Michael Mosley's Health Intervention. (PGa, R) Part 3 of 3. 8.30 Heritage Rescue: Kelmscott Manor. (PG) Part 3 of 5. Nick Knowles heads to the Cotswolds to see the restoration of Kelmscott Manor. 9.30 Secrets Of Playboy: The Circus. (MA15+) After decades of silence, Hugh Hefner's former number one girlfriend Sondra Theodore shares her story. 10.20 SBS World News Late. 10.50 Reunions. (Mal, R) Jeremy and Chloe finalise wedding plans. 11.50 We Are Who We Are. (MA15+ls, R) 4.20 Destination Flavour China. (R) 4.50 Destination Flavour: Japan Bitesize. (R) 5.00 NHK World English News Morning. 5.30 ANC Philippines The World Tonight.	6.00 Seven Local News. 6.30 Seven News. 7.00 Home And Away. (PGav) 7.30 Cricket. Big Bash League. Game 44. Melbourne Stars v Brisbane Heat. 10.00 The Spin. Takes a look into the world of cricket. 10.30 Motorway Patrol. (PGI) A commuter wrecks a safety barrier. 11.00 Highway Cops. (PG) Follows people who help keep motorists safe. 11.30 Unbelievable Moments Caught On Camera. (PGa) Footage of headline-grabbing moments. 12.30 Cycling. Santos Tour Down Under. Women's. Stage 2. Highlights. 1.30 Harry's Practice. (R) 2.00 Home Shopping. (R) 4.00 NBC Today. 5.00 Seven Early News. 5.30 Sunrise.	6.00 Nine News. 7.00 Tennis. Australian Open. Night 1. 11.00 New Amsterdam. (Mamv, R) The staff tries to sustain the optimism that Max brought to the hospital with his "how can I help?" motto. 12.00 Family Law. (Mal, R) A woman returns to her father's firm. 1.00 Destination Australia: Far North Queensland. (R) Presented by Scherri-Lee Biggs. 1.30 TV Shop: Home Shopping. (R) 2.30 Global Shop. (R) Home shopping. 3.00 TV Shop: Home Shopping. (R) 4.00 Believer's Voice Of Victory. (PGa) Religious program. 4.30 Bondi Lifeguard World Adventures: Road Boss Rally Pt 1. (PG, R) 5.00 News Early Edition. 5.30 Today.	6.30 The Project. Special guest is Ella Hooper. 7.30 The Bachelors Australia. (PGI) Three bachelors, Felix Von Hofe, Thomas Malucelli and Jed McIntosh, search for love. 8.45 Ghosts. (PGad) When a TV documentary crew comes to Woodstone Mansion to shoot an episode of a popular show called <i>Dumb Deaths</i> , Pete confronts a hard truth about the day he died. 9.15 FBI: Most Wanted. (MA15+v) The team investigates whether a shooting at a Buddhist temple was a hate crime or something more personal. 11.15 The Project. (R) Special guest is Ella Hooper. 12.15 The Late Show With Stephen Colbert. (PG) Late-night talk show. 1.00 Home Shopping. (R) 4.30 CBS Mornings.
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NITV (34) 6am Morning Programs. 1.30pm Characters Of Broome. 2.00 Shortland St. 2.30 The Cook Up. 3.00 Jarjums. 3.55 Tales Of The Moana. 4.00 Jarjums. 5.00 Our Stories. 5.30 APTN National News. 6.00 Bamay. 6.50 News. 7.00 Undiscovered Vistas. 7.50 Death In Thunder Bay. 8.30 Karla Grant Presents. 9.00 Australia Uncovered: Incarceration Nation. 10.30 Insight. 11.30 Late Programs.	SBS WORLD MOVIES (32) 6am The Movie Show. 6.30 A River Runs Through It. (1992, PG) 8.50 The Finishers. (2013, PG, French) 10.25 Kill Switch. (2017, M) 12.10pm Mum's List. (2016, M) 2.00 What's Eating Gilbert Grape. (1993, PG			

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<p>ABC TV (22) 6.00 News. 9.00 News. 10.00 Kurt Fearnley's One Plus One. (R) 10.30 Dream Gardens. (Final, R) 11.05 Aussie Inventions That Changed The World. (PG, R) 12.00 ABC News At Noon. 1.00 Father Brown. (PG, R) 1.45 Call The Midwife. (PG, R) 2.45 Back Roads. (R) 3.15 Gardening Australia. (R) 4.10 Long Lost Family. (PG, R) 5.00 Australian Story. (R) 5.30 Hard Quiz. (PG, R)</p>	<p>SBS (3) 6.00 WorldWatch. 9.00 Cook Up Bitesize. (R) 9.05 Peer To Peer. (PG) 10.05 Beyond The Beaten Path. 11.05 Great Canal Journeys. (PGav, R) 12.00 WorldWatch. 2.00 Cook Up Bitesize. (R) 2.05 The World's Greatest Palaces. (R) 2.55 Great Asian Railway Journeys. (PG, R) 4.05 Who Do You Think You Are? (PG, R) 5.05 Jeopardy! 5.30 Letters And Numbers. (R)</p>	<p>SEVEN (7) 6.00 Sunrise. 9.00 The Morning Show. (PG) 11.30 Seven Morning News. 12.00 MOVIE: Girl Happy. (1965, G, R) 2.00 Border Security: International. (PG, R) 2.30 Beach Cops. (PG, R) 3.00 The Chase. (R) 4.00 Seven News At 4. 5.00 The Chase Australia. (R)</p>	<p>NINE (8, 9) 6.00 Today. The latest in news and current affairs. 9.00 Australian Open Tennis Pre-Show. Reviews, previews, interviews, highlights and opinions from the Australian Open at Melbourne Park. 10.00 Tennis. Australian Open. Day 2.</p>	<p>TEN (5, 1) 6.00 The Talk. (PGa) 7.00 Farm To Fork. (PG, R) 7.30 GCBC. (R) 8.00 Everyday Gourmet. (R) 8.30 Ent. Tonight. (R) 9.00 Judge Judy. (PG, R) 9.30 Bold. (PG, R) 10.00 Studio 10. (PG) 12.00 10 News First: Midday. 1.00 Dr Phil. (PGadl, R) 2.00 The Bachelors Aust. (PGl, R) 3.15 Entertainment Tonight. 3.30 Judge Judy. (PG, R) 4.00 Farm To Fork. 4.30 The Bold And The Beautiful. 5.00 10 News First.</p>
<p>6.00 Old People's Home For Teenagers. (PG, R) 7.00 ABC News. 7.30 7.30. 8.00 Anh's Brush With Fame: Todd Sampson. (Ml, R) Anh Do paints Todd Sampson. 8.30 Love On The Spectrum. (PG, R) Part 5 of 5. 9.25 Julia Zemiro's Home Delivery: Marcia Hines. (PG, R) Part 2 of 4. 10.10 The Truth About Improving Your Mental Health. (PG, R) 11.10 ABC Late News. 11.30 Miniseries: The Accident. (Mals, R) 12.15 Top Of The Lake: China Girl. (MA15+as, R) 1.20 Black Comedy. (Mal, R) 2.15 Rage. (MA15+adhlsv) 4.00 One Plus One. (R) 4.30 Think Tank. (R) 5.30 7.30. (R)</p>	<p>6.00 Mastermind Australia. (R) 6.30 SBS World News. 7.30 Who Do You Think You Are? US: Jean Smart. Actor Jean Smart explores her roots. 8.30 This Is Joan Collins. (Malsv, R) Takes a look into the life of Joan Collins using never-before-seen home movie footage. 10.20 SBS World News Late. 10.50 Cheyenne & Lola. (MA15+I) Rachida plays her last card. 11.55 Unit One. (Malsv, R) 4.10 Destination Flavour China. (PGA, R) 4.40 Bamay. (R) 5.00 NHK World English News Morning. 5.30 ANC Philippines The World Tonight.</p>	<p>6.00 Seven Local News. 6.30 Seven News. 7.00 Home And Away. (PGav) 7.30 Cricket. Big Bash League. Game 45. Sydney Sixers v Adelaide Strikers. From Coffs Harbour International Stadium, NSW. 10.00 Dogs Behaving (Very) Badly. (PG) A Great Dane social media star's behaviour is far from picture perfect. 11.00 Death Row: Countdown To Execution. (MA15+av, R) Part 3 of 4. 12.00 Cycling. Santos Tour Down Under. Women's. Final stage. Highlights. 1.00 The Good Doctor. (Mad, R) Shaun must deal with his relationship with Carly. 2.00 Home Shopping. (R) 4.00 NBC Today. News and current affairs. 5.00 Seven Early News. 5.30 Sunrise.</p>	<p>6.00 Nine News. 7.00 Tennis. Australian Open. Night 2. 11.00 New Amsterdam. (Mamv, R) Max is forced to face the heartbreaking consequences of one of his policies. 12.00 Family Law. (Mas, R) A couple ask Abigail for help. 1.00 Destination Australia: Rottnest Island. (R) Presented by Jo Beth Taylor and Scherri-Lee Biggs. 1.30 TV Shop: Home Shopping. (R) 4.00 Believer's Voice Of Victory. (PGa) Religious program. 4.30 Bondi Lifeguard World Adventures: Road Boss Rally Pt 2. (PG, R) The Bondi boys compete in a rally race. 5.00 News Early Edition. 5.30 Today.</p>	<p>6.30 The Project. Waleed Aly, Sarah Harris, Sam Taunton and Rachel Corbett are joined by guests Margot Robbie and Diego Calva. 7.30 The Bachelors Australia. (PGIs) Three bachelors, Felix Von Hofe, Thomas Malucelli and Jed McIntosh, search for love. 9.00 NCIS. (Mdv, R) Gibbs and Fornell pursue the leader of a drug ring who supplied drugs to Fornell's daughter. The NCIS team deals with a mystery close to home when a cadaver goes missing from the autopsy room. 11.00 The Project. (R) Special guests include Margot Robbie. 12.00 The Late Show With Stephen Colbert. (PG) Late-night talk show. 1.00 Home Shopping. (R) 4.30 CBS Mornings.</p>
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<p>ABC TV (2) 6.00 News Breakfast. 9.00 ABC News Mornings. 10.00 Monty Don's American Gardens. (R) 11.00 The Best Of Back Roads. (PG, R) 12.00 ABC News At Noon. 1.00 Brian Cox: Life Of A Universe. (R) 1.50 Call The Midwife. (PG, R) 2.45 Back Roads. (R) 3.15 Gardening Australia. (R) 4.15 Long Lost Family. (PG, R) 5.00 Australian Story. (R) 5.30 Hard Quiz. (PG, R)</p>	<p>SBS (3) 6.00 WorldWatch. 9.00 Cook Up Bitesize. (R) 9.05 Peer To Peer. (PG) 10.05 Beyond The Beaten Path. 11.00 Great Canal Journeys. (R) 12.00 WorldWatch. 12.30 ABC World News Tonight With David Muir. 1.00 PBS NewsHour. 2.00 The World's Greatest Palaces. (PGav, R) 2.50 Great Asian Railway Journeys. (R) 4.00 Who Do You Think You Are? (PG, R) 5.05 Jeopardy! 5.30 Letters And Numbers. (R)</p>	<p>SEVEN (7) 6.00 Sunrise. 9.00 The Morning Show. (PG) 11.30 Seven Morning News. 12.00 MOVIE: Harum Scarum. (1965, G, R) Elvis Presley, Mary Ann Mobley, Fran Jeffries. 2.00 Border Security: International. (PG, R) 2.30 Beach Cops. (PG, R) 3.00 The Chase. (R) 4.00 Seven News At 4. 5.00 The Chase Australia. (R)</p>	<p>NINE (8, 9) 6.00 Today. The latest in news and current affairs. 9.00 Australian Open Tennis Pre-Show. Reviews, previews, interviews, highlights and opinions from the Australian Open at Melbourne Park. 10.00 Tennis. Australian Open. Day 3.</p>	<p>TEN (5, 1) 6.00 The Talk. (PGa) 7.00 Farm To Fork. (PG, R) 7.30 GCBC. (R) 8.00 Everyday Gourmet. (R) 8.30 Ent. Tonight. (R) 9.00 Judge Judy. (PG, R) 9.30 The Bold And The Beautiful. (R) 10.00 Studio 10. (PG) 12.00 10 News First: Midday. 1.00 Dr Phil. (PGa, R) 2.00 The Bachelors Australia. (PGs, R) 3.30 Judge Judy. (PG, R) 4.00 Farm To Fork. 4.30 The Bold And The Beautiful. (PGa) 5.00 10 News First.</p>
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NITV (34) 6am Morning Programs. 2pm Shortland St. 2.30 The Cook Up. 3.00 Jarjums. 3.25 Red Dirt Riders. 3.40 Wolf Joe. 3.55 Tales Of The Moana. 4.00 Thalu. 4.30 Spartakus And The Sun Beneath The Sea. 5.00 Our Stories. 5.30 The 77 Percent. 6.00 Bamay. 6.30 News. 6.40 Land Of Primates. 7.30 Going Places With Ernie Dingo. 8.00 Strait To The Plate. 8.30 Our Law. 9.45 MOVIE: Mad Bastards. (2010, MA15+) 11.30 Late Programs.	SBS WORLD MOVIES (32) 6am The Movie Show. 6.25 Belle And Sebastian 3. (2017, PG, French) 8.05 The Perfect Candidate. (2019, PG, Arabic) 10.00 Kursk. (201			

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SECOND INNINGS

THE TEST
Streaming, from Friday,
Prime Video



It was only three weeks before last summer's first Ashes Test that the Australian men's cricket team lost its captain. Caught up in a sexting scandal, Tim Paine walked away from what many consider the most important job in Australia. Three months later, coach Justin Langer was also gone, and the Aussies were looking for new leadership.

"Tim Paine and Justin Langer come in and do a rescue mission for Australian cricket," explains veteran cricket journalist Peter Lalor in the new season of fly-on-the-wall documentary *The Test*.

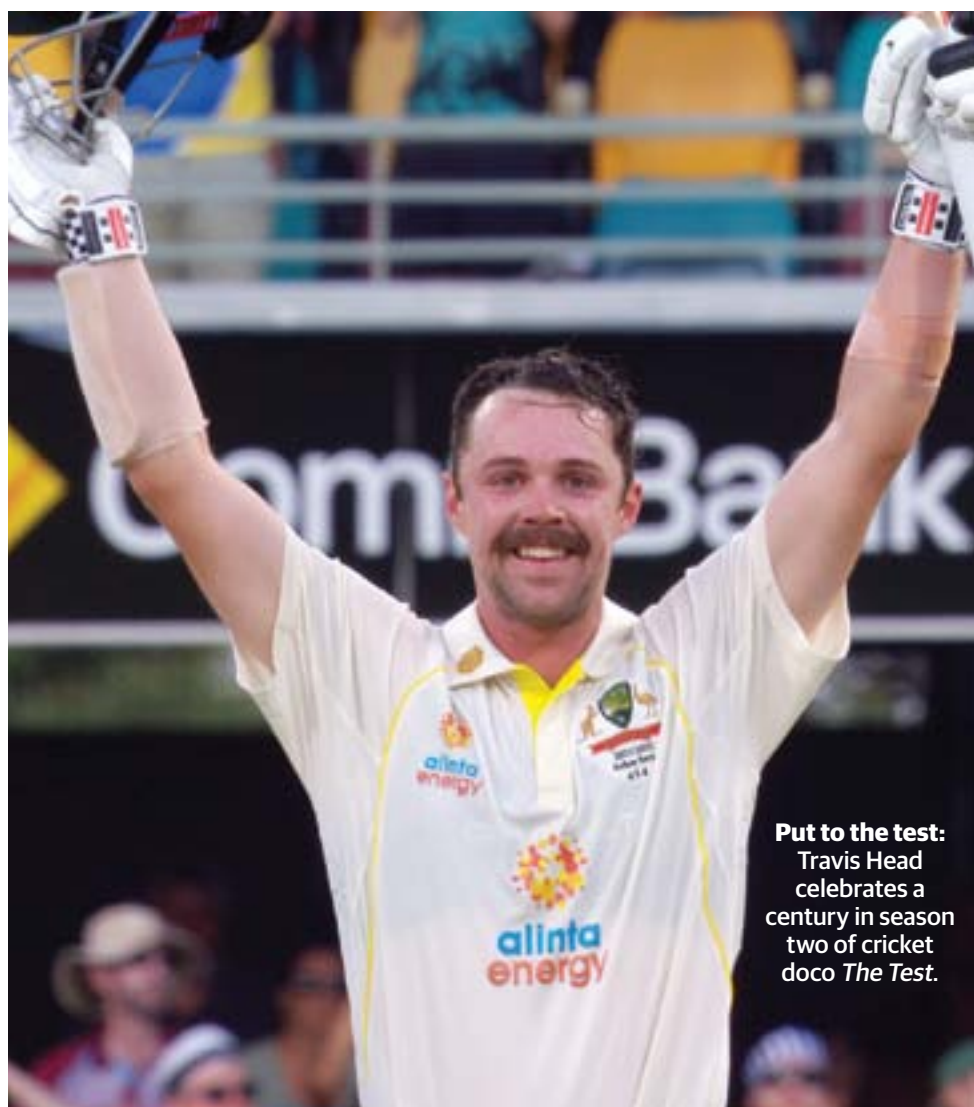
"They get it back on an even keel. And within 12 weeks, both of them are gone. Where does that leave Australian cricket?"

Enter Pat Cummins. New father. Fast bowler. The start of 2022 saw the national side in a state of transition under new captain Cummins, and Prime Video cameras were there to capture all the action.

As Australia aims to defend the Ashes on home soil, season two of *The Test* moves the focus away from the team as a whole, putting the players at the forefront – similar to the change in philosophy of the team itself.

It celebrates the individual achievements of players – Alex Carey grabbing a wicketkeeping record on debut, Travis Head scoring a century, and bowling great Nathan Lyon nabbing his 400th Test wicket.

The Test provides an insight into modern leadership, empowerment and how sporting legacies are made. – Kathryn Roberts



Put to the test:
Travis Head celebrates a century in season two of cricket doco *The Test*.



HERE WE GO
Streaming, BritBox



Family dysfunction and life lockdown are plumbed in Tom Basden's uproarious observational comedy starring Katherine Parkinson (*The IT Crowd*) and Jim Howick (*Sex Education*). Told through the comedic lens of teen Sam (Jack Christou) filming a doco on his calamity-prone family for school, the quirky situations are enchantingly side-splitting.



THE LAST OF US
Streaming, from Monday,
Foxtel On Demand

This grand adaptation of the iconic, post-apocalyptic video game is a 10-episode spectacle set to rival *Game of Thrones* for production values. Set 20 years after a worldwide brain virus, smuggler Joel (Pedro Pascal, pictured, *Narcos*) must escort teen Ellie (Bella Ramsey) through a US quarantine zone in a dangerous, heartbreaking trek.



THE SUBTLE ART OF NOT GIVING A F*CK!
Available for digital download

If you haven't buried yourself in Mark Manson's (pictured) hit self-help book – it sold 15 million copies – you'll fall in love with him in this playful adaptation. The baby-faced author takes centre stage, with witty asides and emotive philosophical ruminations, in an inspiring performance. Featuring fruity language, it's a fun-filled and surprising guide to happiness.



BREAK POINT
Streaming, from Friday, Netflix



Tennis buffs have aced it with this doco series from the makers of *Formula 1: Drive to Survive*. Filmed over the course of 2022, it's an intimate, adrenaline-filled exposé that shines a spotlight is on the new stars of the sport, with the first two episodes focusing on Aussies Nick Kyrgios, Thanasi Kokkinakis, Ajla Tomljanovic and Italy's Matteo Berrettini.



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- 1: Will Beirne enjoying a meat pie in some wet weather.
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- 4: Pauline Allen and Peter Christensen hanging out on a rainy morning.
- 5: Emma Steger, Joy Millar and Kerry Robinson baking pies and making friends.
- 6: Enjoying the school holidays, Blake, Chloe and Emily Stewart.
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2023

HOROSCOPE FORECAST

with Joanne Madeline Moore



ARIES (Mar 21-Apr 20)

LOVE & LUST

Expect interpersonal challenges, as three eclipses and retrograde Venus stir up your romance, partnership and friendship zones. Things could come to a head in August, when you finally lose patience with a faux friend or an unreliable lover. Singles – you may have to kiss a few frogs before you find your Prince (or Princess) Charming. But don't give up – each dating disappointment will lead you closer to your soulmate. Attached Rams – May 5-7 is a good time for a long-weekend escape with your partner when the Lunar Eclipse boosts your sex drive and lust for life.

LOOT & LUCK

Finances and luck are linked from mid-May onwards, when Jupiter (planet of prosperity and good fortune) transits through your money zone. So expect a boost to your bank balance via a pay rise, bonus, gift or extra business coming your way. Any windfall won't last long if you don't manage it wisely though. August is the danger month for overspending when indulgent Venus reverses through your entertainment and gambling zones. In uncertain economic times, smart Rams will concentrate on smart saving and sustainable living.

LIFESTYLE

Have you been feeling listless and lacking motivation? Thank goodness Mars (your patron planet) starts moving forwards from January 12, so your Aries energy and enthusiasm should gradually return! Jupiter and a Solar Eclipse light up your sign, so independence and identity are important themes in 2023. You have a strong need to be your own captain and sail your own ship. But that must be blended with good communication skills, personally and professionally. Balance and compromise are the keys.

FAMOUS ARIES

Sarah Jessica Parker, Russell Crowe, Reese Witherspoon.

NEW YEAR MOTTO

"You have good days and bad days. That's a marriage. That's a relationship. That's a friendship." – Sarah Jessica Parker



TAURUS (Apr 21-May 21)

LOVE & LUST

Attached Taurus – the Lunar Eclipse (on May 5-6) could stir up hidden tensions, particularly if you've been putting work before the relationship. It's best to bring these problems out into the open, where they can be examined, discussed and resolved. Singles – Cupid's arrow is most likely to strike in March, October and December, so brush up on your flirting technique and seductive one-liners. But avoid joining a dating site, proposing or getting married between July 23 and September 4, when love planet Venus is retrograde.

LOOT & LUCK

Resist the urge to spend too much at the New Year sales when Mars is still retrograding through your money zone. And avoid buying or selling property between July 23 and September 4 when Venus (your ruling planet) reverses through your home zone. Travel, business, group activities and personal projects are favoured during the last two weeks of June, when Jupiter and Saturn send a lucky opportunity your way. So it's a good time to set goals, make wishes and dream big dreams.

LIFESTYLE

Pluto transits into your career zone and Saturn shifts into your hopes and-wishes zone. So you have more chance of success if you're doing work that suits you, and pursuing dreams that capitalise on your Taurean talents. If you write down your goals and aspirations (and refer to them regularly) then there is more chance they will manifest. With Uranus, Jupiter and a Lunar Eclipse lighting up your sign, it's time to reveal the beautiful Bull you were born to be! Self-confidence is the essential rocket fuel that will take you places.

FAMOUS TAUREANS

Cher, George Clooney, Cate Blanchett.

NEW YEAR MOTTO

"If you're waiting for someone to believe in you, you'll be waiting forever. You must believe in yourself." – Cher



GEMINI (May 22-June 21)

LOVE & LUST

Relationships will mostly be 'steady as she goes' in 2023, which could be an issue for gregarious, restless Geminis! If you're attached, do all you can to refresh a stale partnership or fix a frustrating problem. If you allow boredom and complacency to set in, then it won't be long before you're heading out the door. Singles – look for love with an amorous Aries or a sexy Sagittarian. But an established or burgeoning relationship could temporarily run off the rails between July 23 and September 4 when love planet Venus is retrograde.

LOOT & LUCK

From January 1 until May 16, you'll find friendship, luck, travel and business are all linked. So it's a good time to start (and promote) a promising group venture, especially with a business partner from another country or culture. But avoid making an important personal decision between August 23 and September 15 when Mercury (your ruling planet) reverses through your home-and family zone. October is the perfect month to pool resources with a loved one for a beneficial outcome.

LIFESTYLE

Has retrograde Mars left you feeling tired, stressed and stuck in a rut? In the second half of January, you'll feel your Gemini energy and confidence gradually return, when Mars finally moves forward in your sign. So February is the month to forge ahead as you initiate a work project, resume study, get physically fit, travel interstate or holiday overseas. Then taskmaster Saturn transits through your career zone (from March 7 until May 2025) so it's a period when hard work, discipline and practise will take you far professionally.

FAMOUS GEMINIS

Prince, Angelina Jolie, Nicole Kidman

NEW YEAR MOTTO

"You gotta get better at something if you do it enough." – Prince



CANCER (June 22-July 23)

LOVE & LUST

With Pluto transiting through your relationship and intimacy zones, plus a Lunar Eclipse in your romance zone, 2023 will be a dramatic year for affairs of the heart. Coupled Crabs – don't let jealousy mar an otherwise promising partnership. 2023 is the year to transform your attitudes to love and long-term commitment. April and May are the prime months to go on an erotic escape with your lover when fiery Mars kickstarts your mojo and your libido goes into overdrive. Singles – you could experience a cosmic connection with a generous Gemini or a passionate Pisces.

LOOT & LUCK

Pluto transits through your 'money-from-others' zone from March 23 until June 11, when some Crabs will benefit from an inheritance. But avoid borrowing money from a relative or friend, as it could put you under their control. The period from July 23 until September 4 is also not a good time to go into debt (or make expensive purchases) as Venus reverses through your financial zone. Canny Crabs will prioritise saving and recycling over shopping and consuming.

LIFESTYLE

Saturn shifts into your education and adventure zones on March 7 (where it stays until May 2025). So it's important to channel focused energy into learning something new. The more complex and challenging it is, the better. With a supportive teacher, coach or mentor on board, you can achieve great things. If you travel overseas in 2023 it's likely to be for work, business or study purposes, rather than just for frivolous fun. It's time to stretch yourself in serious, challenging new directions!

FAMOUS CANCERS

Nelson Mandela, Princess Diana, Margot Robbie.

NEW YEAR MOTTO

"There is no passion to be found playing small – in settling for a life that is less than the one you are capable of living."
– Nelson Mandela



LEO (July 24-Aug 23)

LOVE & LUST

Coupled Cats – February is a fabulous month to bring more fantasy and fun into your relationship. If you're single, the best month to look for your soulmate is June, when romantic Venus and proactive Mars are both in your sign. And don't be shy about promoting your positive qualities. If you don't love and respect yourself, why should anyone else? The period from July 23 until September 4 is not a good time to join a singles site, go on a first date, propose, get married or renew your wedding vows, as love planet Venus reverses through your sign.

LOOT & LUCK

Leos are natural entrepreneurs and, with Uranus and Jupiter both activating your career zone, May 19 onwards is a positive time to look for a job, hit your boss for a raise, apply for a business loan, expand your present vocation, or live the laptop lifestyle by starting an online business. If extra money comes your way, make sure you spend it wisely. And be particularly cautious about financial and business matters from July 23 until September 16 (when Venus reverses through your sign, and then Mercury reverses through your money zone).

LIFESTYLE

Mid-January through until mid-April are the best months to travel, when Jupiter jumps through your adventure zone. Choose destinations with beautiful natural environments and challenging physical activities that get your Leo adrenalin going. Frustration intensifies from July 23 until September 4, when Venus reverses through your sign and energy and confidence are unusually low. You bounce back from September 5 until October 8 when your Cat creativity is firing, and Lady Luck sends some fabulous opportunities your way.

FAMOUS LEOS

Helen Mirren, Chris Hemsworth, Meghan Markle.

NEW YEAR MOTTO

"You write your life story by the choices you make."
– Helen Mirren



VIRGO (Aug 24-Sept 23)

LOVE & LUST

Saturn transits through your relationship zone from March 7 until May 2025. So you could take the plunge via an engagement, wedding, moving in together, or by becoming a parent, as you strive for more permanence in your primary union. With hard work and commitment, your love life will slowly go from strength to strength. Singles – the best months to meet your soulmate are February and October, when your earthy Virgo charisma attracts admirers from near and far. But expect a temporary dating drought (or partnership problems) from July 23 until September 4, when love planet Venus is retrograde.

LOOT & LUCK

Lucky Jupiter is moving through your 'money-from-others' zone (until May 16) so you could benefit from a favour, freebie, pay rise, inheritance, gift, bumper tax return, divorce settlement or superannuation payout. Just make sure you manage any windfall wisely, with a view to future needs and long-term financial security. Then (from May 17 until May 2024) there's money to be made via publishing, education, travel, business trips, international contacts, imports and exports.

LIFESTYLE

July is a fantastic month for travel, when Venus and Mars pave the way for a fun and action-packed trip. The following dates are when your ruler Mercury is retrograde – April 21 until May 15 looks tricky for travel and education. Expect communication, computer or car chaos from August 23 until September 15, when Mercury reverses through your sign. And you need to be extra tactful with family and friends from December 13-31. The best things to do when Mercury is retrograde? Revise goals, research projects and reboot plans.

FAMOUS VIRGOS

Beyoncé Knowles, Prince Harry, Florence Welch.

NEW YEAR MOTTO

"As soon as I accomplish one thing, I just set a higher goal."
– Beyoncé



GLOBAL FORECAST

Pluto (planet of powerful transformation) shifts signs for the first time since 2008. On the 23rd of March 2023, Pluto transits from conservative, status quo, leader-focused Capricorn into progressive, innovative, group-focused Aquarius. Then Pluto retrogrades back into Capricorn from June 11 until January 21, 2024. So we'll get a brief taste of coming attractions in 2023, but the fundamental changes will happen between 2024 and 2044.

The last time Pluto was in Aquarius was from 1778 until 1798, a period that included the colonisation of Australia, the Industrial Revolution, the French Revolution and gradual abolition of the slave trade. So expect discoveries, innovations, rebellions and revolutions. There'll be radical regeneration in areas involving science, space travel and sustainable technologies, plus increasing power/access/representation for previously under-represented groups in society.



LIBRA (Sept 24-Oct 23)

LOVE & LUST

Coupled Libra – February and March are the best months to travel somewhere special with your sweetheart. But the relationship could hit a rocky patch between July 23 and September 4, when Venus (your patron planet) is in retrograde mode. Singles – the luckiest months to look for your soulmate are January, February, March and April, when Jupiter expands your romantic horizons, and you could hit the love jackpot. But have you got ridiculously unrealistic expectations that no mere mortal can possibly meet? Look for someone who is sexy, smart, successful – and fabulously flawed.

LOOT & LUCK

In 2023, good fortune comes calling via a best friend, partner, business associate or overseas connection. But avoid being impulsive and buying big ticket items (like a car, home or investment property) between July 23 and September 4, when your ruler Venus is retrograde. Instead, be patient and wait. Your luckiest days of the year are March 2 and October 22 when Venus and Jupiter favour love, money and a touch of indulgent luxury via a boutique holiday break and some personal pampering.

LIFESTYLE

Avoid the Libran inclination to procrastinate and sit on the fence. With a Lunar Eclipse lighting up your self-esteem zone (on May 5-6) and a Solar Eclipse stimulating your sign (on September 14-15), 2023 is the year to refresh your physical appearance (via a revised diet and exercise program, a new haircut/colour and an updated wardrobe), showcase your classy Libran style and proactively follow your dreams. Nothing ventured, nothing gained!

FAMOUS LIBRANS

John Lennon, Naomi Watts, Kate Winslet.

NEW YEAR MOTTO

"You don't need anybody to tell you who you are or what you are. You are what you are!" – John Lennon



SCORPIO (Oct 24-Nov 22)

LOVE & LUST

Disruptive Uranus continues to shake up romantic relationships in 2023. The best month for lashings of romance is from mid-March through until mid-April, when love planet Venus visits your partnership zone. If you've been putting up with dodgy behaviour from your partner, then things could come to a dramatic climax around the time of the Lunar Eclipse in late September. Singles – you may find yourself attracted to someone who is much older, much younger, or from a different country or culture. Whatever happens, expect the unexpected!

LOOT & LUCK

Resist the temptation to go on a wild spending spree at the New Year sales when impulsive Mars is reversing through your money zone and financial common sense flies out the window. In uncertain economic times, business-savvy Scorpios should concentrate on thrifty shopping, smart saving and sustainable living. Luckiest months are February and March, when prosperity planet Jupiter sends good fortune your way and opportunity comes calling (especially involving work colleagues and close friends).

LIFESTYLE

Many Scorpios will have to make a difficult decision in May (when Jupiter squares your power planet Pluto) involving a romantic relationship, a family member or home renovations. Expect power plays and resistance from others. Smart Scorpios will calm down and maintain a sense of perspective, as you make a decision that satisfies all parts of your complex nature. The best months to travel are June and July when you mix business and pleasure, learn a valuable lesson, or make important connections with influential people from other countries.

FAMOUS SCORPIOS

Katy Perry, Ryan Gosling, Julia Roberts.

NEW YEAR MOTTO

"I never want to be just one thing. I want to be multidimensional." – Katy Perry



SAGITTARIUS (Nov 23-Dec 21)

LOVE & LUST

2023 starts with some relationship hiccups as lust planet Mars reverses through your partnership zone until mid-January, which could exacerbate an existing problem or create a new conflict. So avoid making major romantic moves in the first half of January (like proposing, getting married or initiating a breakup). Singles – any dating experiences in January are likely to be disappointing, so be patient and wait until Mars is speeding forwards from February onwards. If you're attached, mid-June through until mid-July is a good time to escape on a weekend getaway with your sweetheart.

LOOT & LUCK

Avoid making important financial decisions that involve a partner (like buying a house or applying for a business loan) during the first twelve days of January, when Mars is still reversing through your relationship zone. Your luckiest period is from mid-January until mid-May, when prosperity planet Jupiter moves through your good fortune zone. So it's an auspicious time to enter a competition, buy a lottery ticket, visit the casino, win at the races or start an entrepreneurial project.

LIFESTYLE

You could face a crisis of confidence in mid-May (when Pluto squares your ruling planet Jupiter) and there could be a challenge involving legal matters, your job, your health or where you live. Avoid over-inflated expectations and taking on too much around this time. The best period to take a well-earned holiday break is from late May until July 10, when dynamic Mars visits your adventure zone. But avoid travelling from July 23 through until September 4, when pleasure-planet Venus reverses through your travel zone.

FAMOUS SAGITTARIANS

Taylor Swift, Brad Pitt, Jane Fonda.

NEW YEAR MOTTO

"Happiness and confidence are the prettiest things you can wear." – Taylor Swift



CAPRICORN (Dec 22-Jan 20)

LOVE & LUST

Adventurous Jupiter, unpredictable Uranus and a Lunar Eclipse shake up your romance zone in 2023 ... which can be a good thing! Coupled Capricorns – the most damaging thing for your relationship is boredom. So do all you can to reboot the romantic connection between the two of you and keep it fresh and exciting. Singles – look for a lover from outside your comfort zone; someone who is not your usual type. Cupid's arrows are most likely to strike from mid-March through until mid-April.

LOOT & LUCK

After two long years, penny-pinching Saturn (your patron planet) transits out of your money zone on March 7. And then Jupiter jumps into your good fortune zone in mid-May. So late May, June, early July, late September, October and November are lucky months to sell shares or real estate, enter a competition, buy a lottery ticket, win at the casino or launch a lucrative project. But avoid making important financial decisions (like applying for a loan or signing a contract) when Venus is retrograde from July 23 until September 4.

LIFESTYLE

The Solar Eclipses signal a fresh start involving home and family (in April) and career or life direction (in September). Do you want to live somewhere else? Is it time to change your job – or your career? Have a long think about adjustments you can make and exciting options you can explore. It's a fabulous year to foster friendships and extend your peer group. You could also welcome a new baby or enjoy improved relations with a child or parent as you share mutual hobbies, sports and interests.

FAMOUS CAPRICORNS

Dolly Parton, Timothée Chalamet, Nigella Lawson.

NEW YEAR MOTTO

"If you don't like the road you're walking on, start paving another one." – Dolly Parton



AQUARIUS (Jan 21-Feb 19)

LOVE & LUST

Singles – get circulating in your local community in February and March, because true love could be as close as the boy or girl next door! Potential partners will be thin on the ground in July and August, but things improve from September 4 onwards. Attached Aquarius – March is the prime month for love and passion. But retrograde Venus rocks the relationship boat from July 23 to September 4 and it will take a while to get things back on an even keel. So it's not a good time to propose, move in together, get married, renew your wedding vows or escape on a romantic holiday.

LOOT & LUCK

Prosperity planet Jupiter transits into your domestic zone. So the period between May 17 and December 31 is a great time to redecorate, renovate, build an extension, sell property, buy a new home, relocate or start a home-based business. Good fortune could also come via a loved one, distant relative or family friend. But Saturn transits through your money zone (from March 7 until May 2025) which will teach you valuable lessons about being financially organised, responsible and frugal. Luckiest days are March 30-31 and October 31.

LIFESTYLE

In 2023, Saturn transits out of your sign and Pluto moves in. So it's time to reflect on the lessons you've learned over the past two years – and the transformative changes you now want to make. The best time to detox, dig deep, dismantle the old and then rebuild the new is from March 24 until June 10. The Solar Eclipse in mid-September is a terrific time to start a study program or travel to an exciting destination – preferably somewhere that's exotic and off the beaten track.

FAMOUS AQUARIANS

Jennifer Aniston, Oprah Winfrey, Harry Styles.

NEW YEAR MOTTO

"There are no regrets in life, just lessons." – Jennifer Aniston



PISCES (Feb 20-Mar 20)

LOVE & LUST

Single Fish – the best time to look for love is in February, when Venus sashays through your sign and you could fall for a sexy Scorpio or a vivacious Virgo. But avoid getting involved in a workplace romance between July 23 and September 4 when Venus reverses through your job zone. Coupled Pisces – March is the perfect month for a romantic getaway, preferably in the bush or near the beach. And the sexual sparks fly in mid-September when the Solar Eclipse luminates your lust zone. Issues involving intimacy, power and trust could also arise.

LOOT & LUCK

The Solar Eclipse (in April) promises a fresh financial cycle as you receive a raise or bonus, liquidate assets, start a new job or reboot your budget. Whereas the Solar Eclipse (in September) signals a new financial partnership or an extra source of income. A fortuitous opportunity could appear in March or June, courtesy of Venus and Jupiter. Just make sure you are ready, willing and able to capitalise on good luck when it comes along. No procrastinating, Pisces!!

LIFESTYLE

Taskmaster Saturn transits through your sign (from March 7 until May 2025). So strive to be rational and responsible – rather than gullible and impractical! While Saturn will send some challenges your way, it will also teach you to be more organised, as you celebrate your strengths and learn from your mistakes. With discipline and plenty of patience, you could transform a disappointing short-term failure into a dazzling long-term success. Slow down and listen to the wisdom of your inner voice.

FAMOUS PISCESANS

Steve Jobs, Drew Barrymore, Rihanna.

NEW YEAR MOTTO

"Don't let the noise of other opinions drown your own inner voice." – Steve Jobs

Gardening

Neil Fisher



Hibiscus Apple Blossom



Hibiscus landersii



Hibiscus bruceii



Hibiscus Albo Lacinatus

Our own botanic superman

As the Longreach Leader enters its 100th year of service, I would like to highlight the enormous contribution that a humble Botanist made to Western Queensland.

They were a pioneer in Pasture Grass research, a trailblazer in the identification of poisonous plants, an innovator in the establishment of weed control practices, highlighted the uses of edible trees and shrubs in outback Australia, a streetscape designer and introduced some of the hardest trees and shrubs to Western Queensland gardeners.

In 1937 Selwyn Everest was appointed the Assistant Research Officer in Blackall.

This was the start of a luminous career in Botany and always with a love of Western Queensland and the Arid Country.

He remained a resident of Blackall until the outbreak of World War 2. 1946.

When he completed his Military duties Selwyn Everest returned to the Botany section of the Department of Agriculture to continue his work in Western Queensland but was now based in Brisbane.

His time of service during the war in Papua helped Selwyn Everest's to gain further knowledge of the unique qualities of many tree and shrub species, whether they be edible, a weed, or poisonous.

He remained with the Department until 1954 when was appointed Queensland Government Botanist and director of the Queensland Herbarium in Brisbane.

He remained at the Queensland Herbarium until his retirement in 1976.

Prior to the Native Plants societies, there was the Queensland Naturalists' Club, this club was responsible for the identification of many native plants in Central Queensland.

Selwyn Everest was president of the Queensland Naturalists' Club from 1958 to 1959, with Selwyn attending many of these field trips. Selwyn Everest's 1974 publication Poisonous Plants of Australia was just one of his publications, but to this day is still used around Australia.

I even have a very tatty copy of this publication.

In 1977 the University of Queensland awarded Selwyn Everest an honorary PhD for his work on the effects of poisonous plants on livestock.

Selwyn was also made an honorary fellow of the Australian College of Veterinary Scientists in recognition of his work.

Sadly, Selwyn passed away in 1981.

He left a magnificent legacy of Botanic works in Western Queensland.

One of those legacies is the gift of the beautiful Hibiscus rosa sinensis that have thrived all these years since Selwyn Everest first included the plants in the Blackall gardens.

It was during this period that Hibiscus rosa-sinensis shrubs were introduced into the township where they have flourished to this day.



Hibiscus cooperi variegated

Including the following:

- Hibiscus Albo Lacinatus is an upright variety growing to four metres high with pink windmill-shaped flowers with a deeper pink centre.
This Hibiscus is one of the first hybrid Hibiscus cultivated in the world.
- Hibiscus Apple Blossom is a tall shrub growing to approx. 3m high with regular-sized pale pink with red-eyed flowers.
- Hibiscus bruceii is a medium-sized shrub with large green leaves; a large bright yellow flower with a white eye that appears most of the year.
This Hibiscus has been grown in Queensland for over 50 years.
- Hibiscus El Capitolio Sport is a medium shrub growing to 1.5 metres high, with soft apricot flowers with prominent red centres and like a second flower from the stamen.
- Hibiscus landersii is a medium shrub with glossy green foliage growing to 1.5 metres high, showy ruffled double pinkish red flowers that appear throughout the year.



In 1937 Selwyn Everest was appointed the Assistant Research Officer in Blackall.



Hibiscus Swan Lake.

- Hibiscus Ruth Wilcox is a fast-growing tall shrub of 2.5 metres with soft pink windmill-shaped flowers and a long deep pink staminal column.
- Hibiscus cooperi variegated is a medium shrub growing to 1.5 metres high, with a single bright red flower and green and white variegated leaves.
- Hibiscus Swan Lake is a showy upright shrub of 2.5 metres with rounded green foliage.
It is a very prolific flowerer with pure white single blooms occurring most of the year.
Blackall has long been acknowledged as having one of the largest collections of Hibiscus in Queensland thanks to the Botanist Selwyn Everest.
Even the then Brisbane Botanic Gardens Curator, Harold Caulfield would highlight in his 1980s presentations, "the large and distinctive collection of Hibiscus that could be found growing in Blackall".
A true credit to the gardeners of Western Queensland.



Hibiscus cooperi variegated

Wool closes on high

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 this 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 pressure 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.

\$12 for a lettuce? It's so 'Un-Australian'

By Meat & Livestock Australia

Following the launch of the annual summer Australian Lamb ad, Aussie Lamb is back to challenge the term "Un-Australian" and remind the world that it's all our differences, along with our delicious lamb, that unites us.

Research conducted by Australian Lamb found that almost half (45 per cent) of Aussies have been called out for an "Un-Australian" act, while over half (52 per cent) have used the term to describe someone or something.

It seems it is most popular amongst Millennials, with the majority (60 per cent) having called someone or something "Un-Australian" or been called it themselves (59 per cent).

Unsurprisingly perhaps, the rise in living costs over the last 12 months has dominated the list of the most "Un-Australian" things to have happened in 2022. However, aside from the lettuce hitting the headlines, it's the \$34 watermelon causing the most uproar (55 per cent), above both rising rent/ property prices (36 per cent) and rising interest rates (32 per

cent).

Now though, it seems that these callouts have gone too far.

More than half (53 per cent) of Australians believe that the term "Un-Australian" has become so overused in 2022—it's hard to know what is or isn't Australian anymore.

Interestingly, more men than women (61 per cent versus 46 per cent) believe this to be the case.

The latest advert from Australian Lamb imagines an alternate reality which sees people being called out for being "Un-Australian" before being banished to "Un-Australia"—an infinite cultural exile.

In the lifeless desert, we meet Aussies who've committed offences from switching off the test cricket, eating a meat pie with a knife and fork, to not knowing the second verse to Khe Sanh.

When Ambassador Sam Kekovich appears in a cloud of smoke, alongside a sizzling BBQ and perfectly searing lamb, it's clear all this "Un-Australian" accusing has gone too far.

Graeme Yardy, Domestic Market Manager at MLA said: "The use of "Un-Australian" has got out of control, everything from how you eat your pie to having a wedding on Grand Final day is on the chopping block.

"Chances are you'll be viewed as "Un-Australian" by someone," he said.

"What makes Australia great is that we celebrate our differences.

"Lamb is famous for bringing Aussies together, so what better way to cut through this division and help us come together over these collective differences than with a good lamb BBQ.

"As ever, this campaign is topical, tongue in cheek and positions lamb as the meat of choice to unite us."

The research confirmed that our national foods and eating habits are also sacred, with a Bunnings with no sausage sizzle (28 per cent), eating a pie with a knife and fork (27 per cent) and toasting fairy bread (24 per cent) all being called out as "Un-Australian".



AgForce General President Georgie Somerset. Picture: CONTRIBUTED

AgForce is with you

By Georgie Somerset
AgForce General President

It's always nice to have something to celebrate in the new year.

And as we head into 2023, there is much to shout about in ag – not least AgForce's achievements from 2022.

A personal highlight for me was the launch of AgCarE - our ground-breaking initiative which enables farmers to know the value of their natural capital assets.

Through AgCarE, producers are now actively identifying potential biodiversity and carbon projects on their land, and can speak with confidence about the role they play in a low emissions future.

The latest Statewide Landcover and Trees Study (SLATS) report also shows that producers have an undeniably good news story to tell.

The report reveals overall tree clearing in Queensland from 2019-2020 is down by 40 per cent on the previous year, while clearing in remnant and high value regrowth vegetation regulated areas has reduced by more than 50 per cent.

But that's not all.

In the past year, AgForce successfully advocated for evidence-based government policy for reef management, ensuring the 2022 review of the Reef Scientific Consensus Statement will, for the first time, consider peer-reviewed industry publications alongside reef water quality publications.

It means producers and industry retain a voice amongst the almost deafening emotion-driven political agenda that risks overwhelming our Reef's health.

We also helped stop Foot and Mouth and Lumpy Skin Disease entering Australia (and took the necessary steps to prepare).

As was widely reported, the consequences of an outbreak for producers and entire communities would be disastrous which is why we prioritised work on this issue and worked tirelessly to keep the community informed.

And of course, we continued improving drought support, enabling preparedness and supporting a focus on resilience, to ensure our farmers are better supported.

So, as we venture forth into a new year, rest assured that AgForce will continue to work every day to strengthen our incredible industry for the advancement of every single person living in rural and regional Queensland.

May the AgForce be with you.

Goat herders stake claim to bright future

By Di Stanley

Participants in the state's goat industry will come together at Comet this month under the banner of the newly formed Queensland Goat Producers Inc.

QGP vice-president, Emerald's Glenda Henry, said the Goats for the Future industry workshop would on 21 and 22 January would go to the core of the group's main goals of education, research and development of the industry.

"The purpose of the group is to grow a strong, progressive and sustainable commercial goat industry," Mrs Henry said.

"While we've got lots of goats, we don't actually have a well-coordinated domestic market yet there's plenty of people who want goat meat.

"At the end of the day, it all comes down to coordination of the industry to progress."

Mrs Henry, who runs the Bellarine Boar Goats Queensland Stud, just outside Emerald, said while Australia exported \$114 million of goat meat internationally last year, the domestic supply chain was ripe for development, as was consumer education about the benefits of the animal.

Mrs Henry also runs commercial goats.

She said one of the biggest misconceptions about goats was their incompatibility with cattle.

"We originally got some goats as a land management tool to supplement our beef cattle enterprise," Mrs Henry said.

"So little is actually known about goats and how they handle our Australian conditions.

"They are very selective browsers, they work in perfectly with our cattle because goats will eat 80 per cent of what cattle won't.

"They browse they don't graze, so they actually like sedges, weeds and trees.

"We've had goats for seven years, so we're



The newly formed Queensland Goat Producers Inc aims to bring the industry together and explore opportunities.

only reasonably new to the industry as well.

"They are really amazing animals to work with – highly intelligent creatures, they're just dogs with horns."

Mrs Henry said there were pockets of goat herds around in Central Highlands at Emerald, Springsure, Rolleston and Clermont.

She was instrumental in goats being exhibited at the Springsure Show last year.

"We had 188 goats from all over Queensland turn up," Mrs Henry said.

"I'd actually taken goats down there as an exhibit and I was invited by the show society to actually run a goat show and it was a bit bigger than they expected.

"We're just promoting goats and at the end of the day they are just an exceptionally good land management tool and added income.

"The goat price is reduced at the moment but with India coming on line with the trade agreement it should increase again.

"One of our main objectives is to work with the Meat and Livestock Australia to develop our marketing, but we are representing the whole industry, not just the meat side."

The QGP's objectives are to promote a strong network and actively advance goat production with education, research and technology in Queensland and improve productivity by increasing producers' awareness of better farming practices and developing best management practice guidelines.

It also aims to maximise net livestock income per hectares through increased uptake of known, new and developing information and technology.



Dragon Fruit and Strawberry Tart

Serves: 12

Prep time: 30 minutes

Cook time: 15 minutes + overnight chill time

½ serve per portion

Ingredients:

Base

- 1 cup rolled oats
- ½ cup sultanas
- ½ cup macadamias
- ¼ cup seeds (pepitas or sunflower)
- 2 tablespoons margarine

Custard Filling

- ¼ cup cornflour
- 8 egg yolks
- ¼ cup sugar
- 3 cups low fat milk
- 2 teaspoons lemon rind
- ½ cup lemon juice

Dragon Fruit and Strawberry Topping

- 2 cup strawberries
- 1 pink dragon fruit

Method:

- PREHEAT oven to 180°C.
- ADD base ingredients to a food processor and blend until combined.
- PRESS oat mixture into the bottom of a loose base tart tin (approximately 20-25 cm).
- BAKE in oven for 15 minutes or until base is golden brown. Set aside.
- WHISK cornflour, eggs and sugar in a small bowl.
- HEAT milk in a saucepan over low heat until gently simmering. Turn heat down further.

- WHISK egg mixture into the milk slowly, making sure to constantly stir as the egg mix is added to prevent lumps forming. Continue stirring until custard has thickened.
- ADD lemon rind and juice to custard and stir to combine. Remove custard from heat.
- POUR custard mix into pan over the cooked base. Allow to cool slightly and place in the fridge for 15 minutes.
- BLEND ½ of the dragon fruit and 1 cup of strawberries in a food processor until smooth.
- POUR fruit mix on top of the tart. Place in the fridge overnight to set.
- SERVE tart with remaining dragon fruit and strawberries, sliced or chopped.

What's Great About It?

This zesty and colourful tart is the perfect health-a-sized sweet treat to showcase the versatility of dragon fruit. Instead of a whole tart, try making mini tartlets in a muffin pan. You can also switch up the custard filling by combining 500g low fat Greek yoghurt with ¼ cup honey and placing in a lined sieve for 4 hours. Once strained, spoon the mixture into the cooked tart base and top with the dragon fruit and strawberry topping. For extra artistic flare, try swirling the topping throughout the yoghurt and top with sliced fruit.

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

Green Bean Salad

Serves: 8

Prep time: 10 minutes

Cook time: 5 - 10 minutes

1 serve per portion

Ingredients:

- 500g green beans, fresh or frozen
- ½ red onion, finely sliced
- 1 red or yellow capsicum, thinly sliced
- 2 celery stalks, thinly sliced
- 4 sprigs parsley or basil
- 1 tablespoon sweet chilli sauce
- 1 teaspoon black pepper, freshly ground
- ½ red chilli (optional)

Method:

- BRING a saucepan of water to the boil. Once boiled, add the green

beans and cook so they are still crunchy to bite and are bright in colour (about 5 minutes). Drain and cool the beans in the refrigerator.

- COMBINE the green beans, onion, capsicum, celery and the parsley or basil in a large bowl.
- STIR through the sweet chilli sauce, add the pepper and chilli to taste.

What's Great About It?

Nothing beats crisp green beans next to a side of roast chicken or lamb. As a source of fibre and folate, enjoy these beans topped with sesame seeds or chilli for extra flavour.

Recipe Courtesy of Meg Trimble, Freshwater Branch



COMICS

Bottled Fruit



Poetry in motion

Insert Brain Here



Doodley Squat



WuMo



Against the Grain



Bushy Tales



Swamp



Insanity Streak



Ballard Street



Bob is an integral part of his installation from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. daily.

Grin Bin



PUZZLES

SUDOKU

No. 115

To solve a Sudoku puzzle, every number from 1 to 9 must appear in: each of the nine vertical columns, each of the nine horizontal rows and each of the nine 3 x 3 boxes. Remember, no number can occur more than once in any row, column or box.

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WEATHER

FORECAST

Warnings

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

Longreach:

Cloudy. High chance of showers. The chance of a thunderstorm. Winds northeasterly 20 to 30 km/h tending east to northeasterly 25 to 40 km/h during the morning.

Saturday. Shower or two.

Isisford:

Shower or two.

Saturday. Partly cloudy.

Barcaldine:

Shower or two.

Saturday. Partly cloudy.

Central West District:

Cloudy. High (80%) chance of showers north of Longreach, medium (50%) chance elsewhere. The chance of a storm. Winds northeasterly 25 to 35 km/h tending east to northeasterly 25 to 40 km/h during the afternoon.

Saturday. Cloudy. Medium (60%) chance of showers north of Longreach, slight (30%) chance elsewhere. The chance of a storm. Heavy falls possible in the northeast. Winds east to northeasterly 20 to 30 km/h increasing to 25 to 35 km/h during the morning.

Northern Goldfields & Upper Flinders District:

Cloudy. Very high (90%) chance of showers. The chance of a storm. Light winds becoming north to northeasterly 15 to 25 km/h during the morning then tending east to northeasterly during the afternoon.

Saturday. Cloudy. High (80%) chance of showers. The chance of a storm. Heavy falls possible in the southeast. Winds easterly 20 to 30 km/h.

Central Highlands & Coalfields District:

Partly cloudy. Medium (60%) chance of showers in the northwest, slight (20%) chance elsewhere. The chance of a storm in the northwest. Light winds becoming easterly 15 to 25 km/h during the morning then becoming light during the evening.

Saturday. Partly cloudy. Medium (60%) chance of showers in the north, slight (20%) chance elsewhere. Light winds becoming easterly 15 to 25 km/h during the morning.

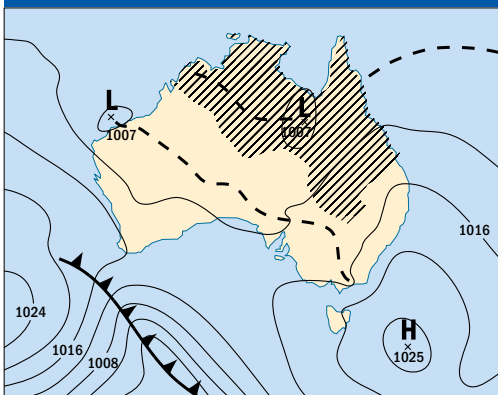
Maranoa & Warrego District:

Partly cloudy. Slight (20%) chance of a shower. The chance of a storm. Winds north to northeasterly 15 to 20 km/h tending east to northeasterly 15 to 25 km/h during the day then becoming light during the evening. Saturday. Sunny morning. The chance of a storm in the southwest in the afternoon and evening. Winds east to northeasterly 15 to 25 km/h.

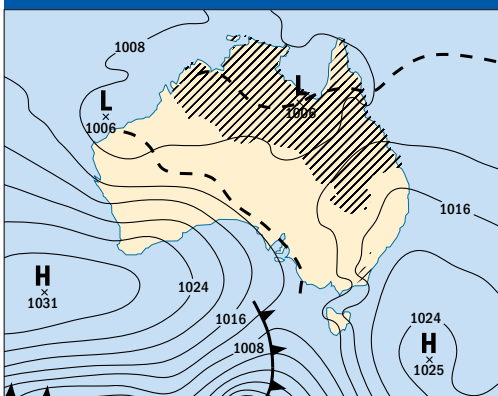
Queensland:

Isolated showers and storms over the southern interior tending scattered over the central, western and northern districts, and widespread at times in the Far North and tropical east coast north of Ayr. Scattered showers in remaining eastern districts, tending isolated south of St Lawrence. Heavy rainfall possible about the northern to western interior and along the northeast tropical coast. A degree of uncertainty regarding location of heavy rain focus along northeast tropical coast, depending on the development and movement of a coastal trough. Maximum temperatures near or below average, tending well below average in the central and northern interior.

FRIDAY 10AM



SATURDAY 10AM



Forecast Rain
24 hrs to 9am

1024
hectoPascal
(hPa)

trough

cold front

warm front

LONGREACH FORECAST



TODAY
Showers.
30



TOMORROW
Shower or two.
30



SUNDAY
Shower or two.
28



MONDAY
Shower or two.
28



Sunny



Mostly sunny



Partly cloudy



Cloudy



Chance shower



Shower or two



Showers



Light rain (drizzle)



Rain



Storm



Showers storm



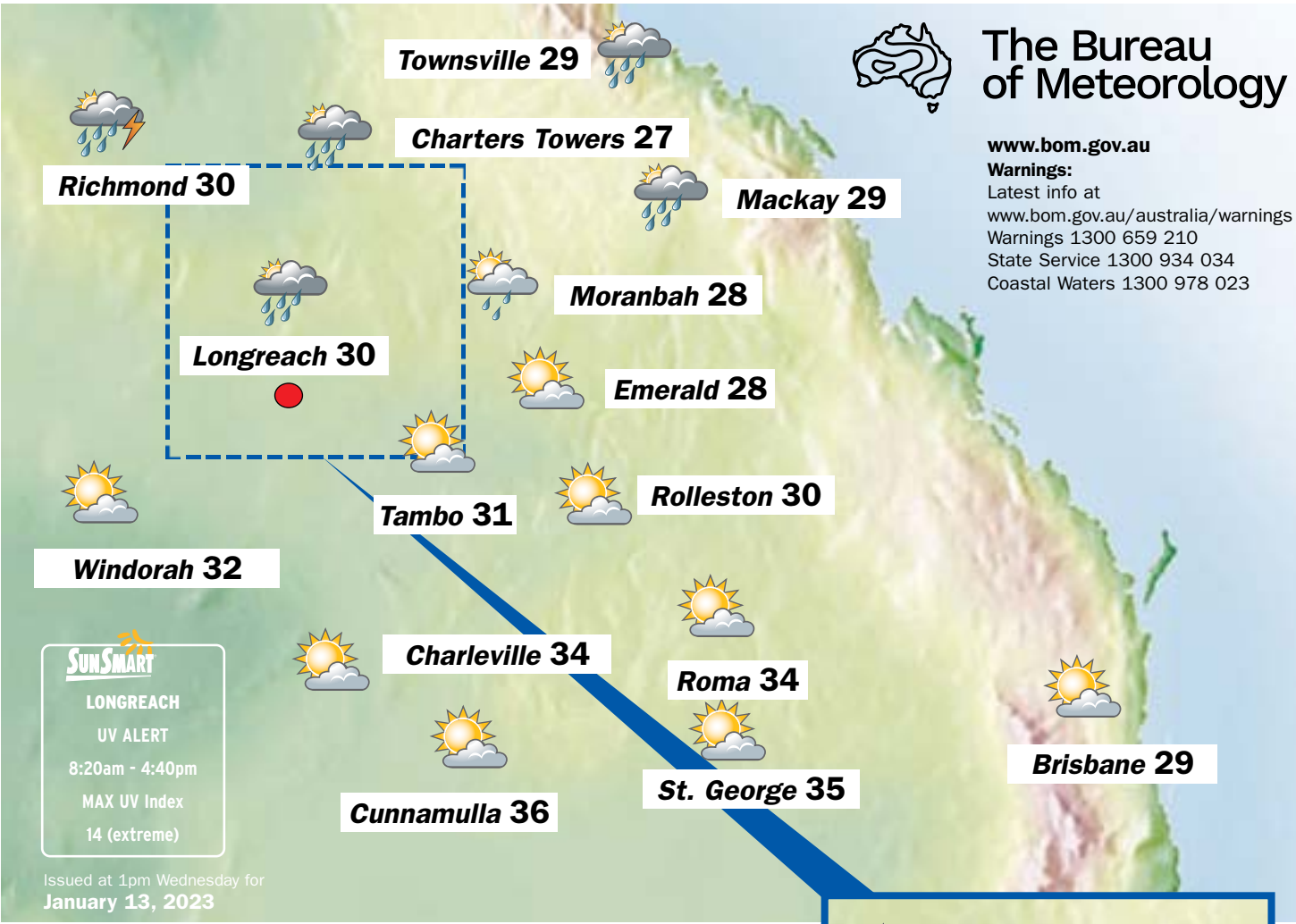
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Fog



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LONGREACH

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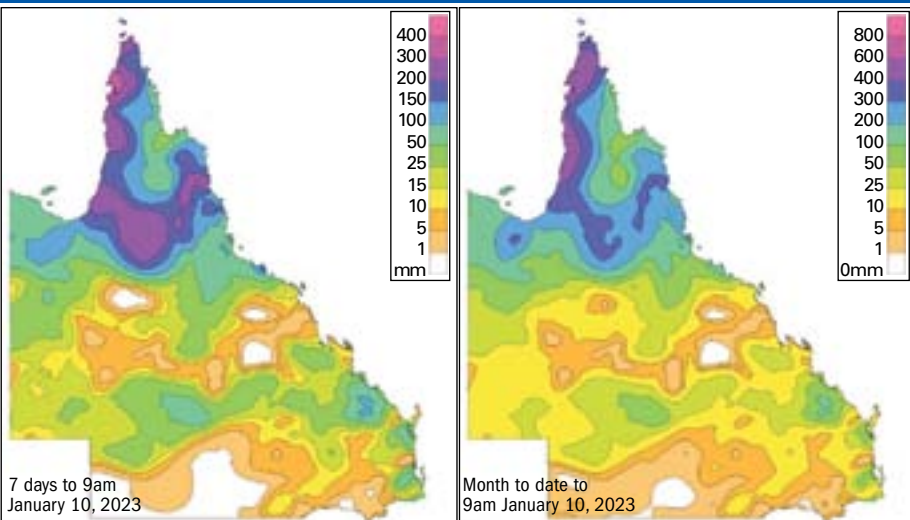
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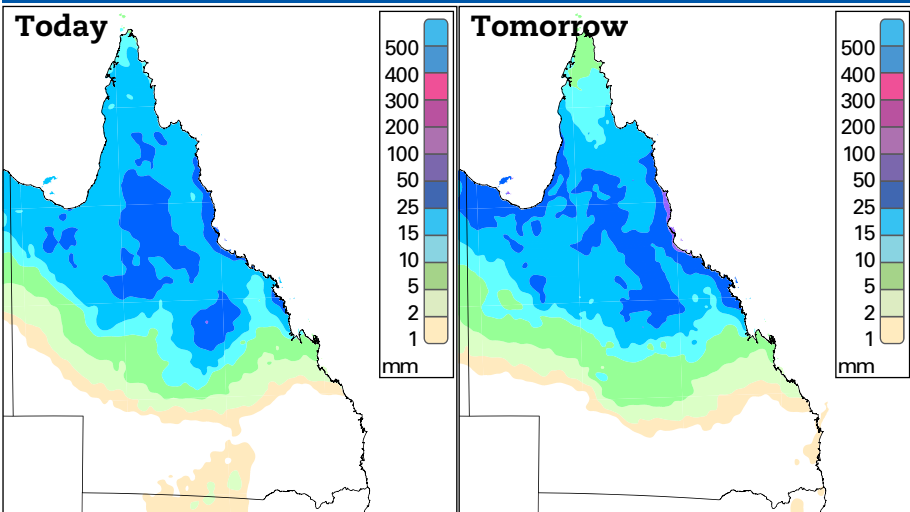
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RAINFALL



Forecast Rainfall



CAPITAL CITIES

City	Condition	Max
Adelaide	Mostly sunny.	38
Brisbane	Partly cloudy.	29
Canberra	Possible shower.	33
Darwin	Partly cloudy.	32
Hobart	Partly cloudy.	27
Melbourne	Cloudy.	29
Perth	Becoming windy. Sunny.	28
Sydney	Partly cloudy.	28

SUN & MOON

	Sunrise	Sunset	Moonrise	Moonset
Friday	5:48am	7:15pm	11:18pm	10:49am
Saturday	5:49am	7:15pm	11:49pm	11:41am
Sunday	5:50am	7:15pm	Nil	12:34pm
Monday	5:50am	7:15pm	12:22am	1:31pm
Tuesday	5:51am	7:15pm	1:00am	2:31pm
Wednesday	5:52am	7:15pm	1:43am	3:36pm

THE WORLD

World conditions yesterday

City	Weather	Max	Min
Athens	cloudy	15	4
Auckland	showers	23	18
Bangkok	rain	33	24
Beijing	cloudy	3	-2
Berlin	rain	9	4
Christchurch	showers	19	12
Denpasar	rain	32	25
Dublin	showers	11	4
Hong Kong	rain	21	18
Honolulu	sunny	27	18
Jakarta	cloudy	28	24
Johannesburg	fine	32	17
Kuala Lumpur	storms	33	24
London	rain	12	8
Los Angeles	sunny	19	8
Madrid	cloudy	10	3
Moscow	snow	-11	-17
New Delhi	rain	20	9
New York	rain	12	3
Noumea	fine	29	22
Paris	rain	13	9
Auckland	showers	23	18
Port Vila	fine	31	23
Seoul	fine	13	0
Singapore	storms	32	24
Suva	storms	34	25
Tel Aviv	rain	17	11
Tokyo	fine	13	2
Vancouver	showers	8	6
Wellington	windy	17	14



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Victor William 'Vic'

27.6.1948 – 5.1.2023

Aged 74 years.

Passed away peacefully at home
surrounded by loved ones.

Dearly loved and adored husband of Maree.

*My darling,
you suffered so long and told so few,
it doesn't seem fair what you went through.
Tired and weary you made no fuss,
you tried so hard to stay with us.
Thank you for a lifetime of memories.
I will miss you so very much.
Love you, Maree xx*

Please see www.lettsfunerals.com.au
for livestream details.

CAMERON LYNN ARCHIBALD

The relatives and friends of the Late Lynn Archibald Cameron, formerly of 'Hardway Downs' Longreach and 'Glenferrie Station' Ilfracombe, wish to advise that he passed away peacefully on Monday 26th December 2022 surrounded by his loving family and was laid to rest at the Longreach Lawn Cemetery on Wednesday 4th January 2023.

Late Lynn Archibald Cameron is survived by wife Sheila, children Mack, Jamie, Jasmin, Camille and Matt (deceased) and their families.

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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
Corporate Applications Officer	Longreach	20 January 2023
Apprentice Mechanic	Longreach	27 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.

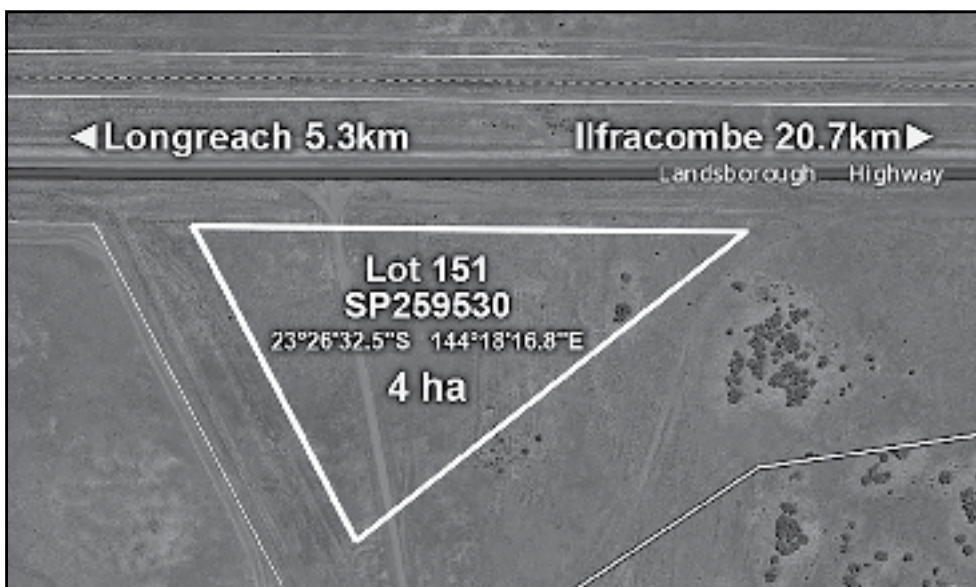
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General Classifieds

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Information is available via QTender, or by contacting Council's Procurement Team on (07) 4658 4196.

Tender submissions must be submitted electronically via QTender to be received by 2.00pm on Friday 3 February 2023.

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Brumbies keen for 2023

What were the best and biggest moments for the club this year?
Some of our biggest moment for the year was being able to have a team for the 2022 season was being able to have another season and as well as a new coach.

We had quite a big year with three players having to have surgery due to on-field injuries and many other men out with serious injuries.
We were very fortunate enough to be able to have a team for every game with help of many players from far and wide willing to help.
We also had a debut women's team the Alpha Fillies who we are so grateful to be able to have again in the 2023 season.
What can fans, players, and volunteers get excited about in the coming year?
We have another great year coming up with both the Alpha Brumbies and Fillies in for another season.

We are quite excited to be fortunate enough to have amazing sponsors to help keep our little local town's footy club up and running.
How can locals get on board with supporting the club?
We are always on the lookout for locals to help at the games, with the canteen and bar.
Locals can also help with sponsoring the club to help Alpha keep our footy club up and running.
If it wasn't for sponsors, we wouldn't be able to the Alpha Brumbies and Fillies.
We are extremely lucky to continuously be



The Alpha Brumbies are looking forward to a strong 2023.


given opportunities far and wide for fundraisers to help the club out from BBQ to bars and local raffles.
How would you describe the club's ethos?
How will the club look to continue with that in the new year?
We are a very small club, but we have such amazing support not just through generous

donations and sponsors but through the community showing up to games.
Every game it's great to see and hear all the amazing support our team gets.
The community definitely gets behind the boys to continuously make is an amazing atmosphere.
We hope to see it again in the 2023 season.

Do you see your club as potentially winning next year, and why?
We hope to have another great team for the 2023 season to help us win. We are lucky enough to have Chrissie Zahl back coaching the team again, we will be starting training first thing in the year. We are hoping for another great year.
GO BRUMBIES

What break? Straight back at the top level on rinks

Well it's straight back into the competition from the first full weekend in January. On Saturday 7 we had the final of the Mixed Pairs competition.
16 teams were nominated for this competition in 2022 which would have to be a record.
It all came down to the two very strong teams of Tony Barbeler and Cerise Woodfield against Shawn Ryan and Michelle McKewen.
A very reliable source told me that the ladies stood out and kept both combinations in the game with a chance to win.
In a very tight game, it went to the final end before the winner emerged and in fact, the game was tied up on five occasions.
Tony and Cerise were leading by three shots with three ends left but Shawn and Michelle scored three shots in two ends to tie the game at 16 all.
This meant it was a last-end shootout.
Tony and Cerise scored a single shot on that end to win the game 18 - 17.
So on Sunday, we got straight into Men's



BOWLS
BY BONES

TONY EMSLIE

Singles competition games and there were a few.

Tony Barbeler returned after his victory on Saturday to take on John Hawkes in the A grade singles.

Hawkesy has been eagerly awaiting the return of bowls (even though it was only a 1-week break) and boy oh boy he shot out of the blocks.

Tony won the first end but then Hawkesy scored 19 shots in the next nine ends to he leading 19-3.

Tony then fired himself up and started to consistently win ends.

After 21 ends he had squared the game at

21 all in a fantastic comeback.
Hawkesy scored a single shot to stop the charge but Tony again got the better by regaining the lead at 26-22 on the 24th end.
Hawkesy then scored the maximum four shots to tie the game up at 26 all in the race to 31 shots.
Tony came back to go 27-26 in front, Hawkesy got it to 27 all, Tony took it to 28-27 and then Hawkesy again scored the maximum four shots to sweep through for a 31-28 win.
John Hawkes now moves to the next round.
Another game saw the newly crowned B Grade champ Ray Penny take on the talented Peter Anderson.
This game was tied up early but Ray got a small lead at 8-5 and that's when Pete stuck.
Pete scored 21 shots in nine ends to lead 26-8 to take a commanding lead and one that was too big for Ray to recover from.
Pete went on to win the game by 31-10.
The next game saw Bub Barbeler taking on Robbie Horsten.
This game was much like the previous

game where it was Bub leading 5-4, then 10-8 before he went on a scoring blitz scoring 18 shots in 11 ends to put the game out of Robbie's reach.
Bub won the game 31-18.
Then we had Tony Forster and Terry Harris battling it out and they sure got their money's worth with the game lasting 35 ends.
Level pegging early but then Terry slowly drew away from Tony until he got the score to 30-16.
Terry then got stuck on 30 for six ends but finally scored the required one shot to take the win at 31-23.
So we're back into it for another year of bowls.
We're fortunate as a sporting club because we can play all year round and if anyone would like to try bowls, just contact the club and we'll welcome you along to try this marvellous sport.
We'll be holding barefoot bowls on Australia Day and they've been great fun over the last few years... except for the rainout one year.
Come along and have a go.

Lloydy's Serve

Michael Lloyd



Sports alive and kicking after pandemic postponements

Welcome to 2023!
I hope you all had a great break or at the least able to take a breath at the end of what was a huge year, especially in sports!
Nationally we had a plethora of World Cups, the passing of several greats, controversies and recovery in the first semi-Covid-free year.
Locally Barcy won the CW Rugby League under the stewardship of an inspirational young coach, and Ben Palmer continued to wear our tyres on his treks across the State to spread the rugby league gospel.
Central West attended its first North West trials as a soccer team for the first time in many years, and Tennis saw coaching go

all year as well as the successful hosting of the Longreach Open. Netball continued its growth with record a record mixed competition and its re-emergence in Blackall.
CW kids continued to kick goals at Athletics and Swimming, and we saw the return of Rugby Union juniors with some well-attended coaching sessions.
Auskick continued to get good numbers and a partnership was forged with Rockhampton Brothers to provide the next pathway for older kids.
Field Hockey was seen in Longreach for the first time in decades with Rockhampton Hockey providing a pathway for Longreach juniors to play.

Lawn Bowls continued to sell out their events and probably racked up more representative tours than any other sport.
Basketball started at the State School with return matches against Barcaldine, Park Run clocked up its 100th event, and this is all without mentioning the various Horse and Motorsports around the West.
Is that all... Cricket!
I almost forgot Cricket!
With the new nets in operation, we put in a new turf pitch, continued to get great junior numbers and the seniors played their first away game against Barcy in at least five years.
WOW!
Congratulations to all that took part in the

above and much much more.
Thanks to local organisations that sponsored events, individuals and organisations.
To the parents who work hard to allow their kids to take part locally, or travel hundreds and thousands of kilometres, we say thanks.
And to the wonderful volunteers who coach, sell raffle tickets, take minutes, fill in grants, or the myriad of other jobs that are needed for all of the above, we say a huge thank you.
Bring on 2023, it's going to be a great year for sports in the Central West, with many more opportunities for kids and adults to take part in a great variety of sports.



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Ilfracombe Clay Target Club Team, back from left: Seamus Murphy, Pat Saunders, Martin Hoolihan, Joe Taylor, Alex Sparrow, Robert Hoolihan, Adrian Brown, David Back. Front: Xavier Brown and Maria Pallotta.



Western Queensland 100T Handicap Challenge Overall High Gun Martin Hoolihan from Ilfracombe Clay Target Club with Davo Back who presented the prize.

Club shooters celebrated

By Maria Pallota, Ilfracombe Clay Target Club

The Western Queensland 100 Target Handicap Challenge finished in Ilfracombe/ Barcaldine on the 17 and 18 December.

The four separate days showed four different winners for each day.

Congratulations go to: Jack Brandt Tambo for O/A Tambo 96/100, Murray Allan Blackall for O/A Blackall 98/100, Richard Back Ilfracombe for O/A Ilfracombe 91/100, and Ronald Lumby Barcaldine for O/A Barcaldine 88/100

Winners are grinners and the general consensus is that Team Ilfracombe certainly do a lot of both.

Congratulations to Ilfracombe shooter Martin Hoolihan for taking out Overall for the series on 350/400.

"Marto" snatched up the impressive trophy that hallmarks this year's 100T Handicap Challenge.

Ilfracombe Clay Target Club also swept up the Team Challenge aspect of the series with a total of 1729/2000.

Thank you to the shooters who travelled to all/any of the event days.

Your dedication to Ilfracombe as a team and to the sport has cultivated a great 2022 finisher for the Ilfracombe CTC.

Please watch out for an AGM date early this year.

As always, all are welcome.

For now, I would like to thank the Ilfracombe members particularly but also our Zone members for your support throughout 2022—I look forward to 2023!

Centwest Engineering crafted the prize for the Western Queensland 100T Handicap Challenge, sponsored by J Klements Concreting



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