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CBD soul livens up

By Jamie McKenzie

The Central Lane Hotel is being repurposed to incorporate ten-pin bowling, karaoke, fine dining, events gaming and hotel facilities.

The exciting mix of entertainment options under one roof is the vision of its owner, Rick Adams, who has been perfecting one of the most complete and idyllic venues in Gladstone's central business precinct.

It's currently in a state of disorder while it undergoes essential demolition works to make room for new bar areas, four lanes of ten-pin bowling along with multi-purpose events rooms and extended gaming facilities.

The multi-million-dollar transformation is being managed by Mr Adams, who has been paying close attention to every detail not just in the building itself, but the way he expects the people of Gladstone to interact with the entertainment selections and possibilities.

"The devil is in the detail and it's easy to miss something that could make a big difference if you are not on site working with the builder like they are one of the family," said Mr Adams.

Looking to create something more than just a refurbished bar, it inspired Mr Adams to take a risk and install four ten-pin bowling lanes on the on the first floor.

"I didn't want just another pub. I wanted to create a destination that gave something back to the people of Gladstone. Bowling creates



Construction works well underway for Central Lane Hotel

staying power in the premises. It's a great differentiator in our city and people have been saying they can't wait for it to be opened."

"Bowling has mass appeal so its not just for people looking to go to the pub or have a meal, but its also for families because of its very social nature, people stay for a lot longer".

Besides the bowling facilities, the fresh look Central Lane Hotel will also be a destination for fine dining, cuisine, the latest gaming machines and space for the competitive karaoke star.

"I couldn't be happier with the way things are progressing and the Gladstone Regional

Council has been supportive. I've owned this pub for several years and am investing a lot of time and resources into this venture, and the Council has been right behind me from the get-go," said Mr Adams.

Mr Adams also concluded that despite progress being on track, he wasn't giving anything away about when the doors would reopen.

"We're keeping a close eye on the weather and if we have a good run and get the outside works finished on time, that will help bring us closer to an opening date that's not too far off."



Citizen scientists have joined researchers to collect seagrass flowers in Gladstone Harbour, for the final harvest of the season.

Flowers from the seas

Passionate citizen scientists have joined researchers from CQUniversity's Coastal Marine Ecosystems Research Centre to collect seagrass flowers in Gladstone Harbour, for the final harvest of the season.

Led by CMERC Director Associate Professor Emma Jackson, the group sailed from Gladstone to Pelican Banks on Curtis Island for the research-vital work on Saturday 12 December.

The harvest supports research at CQUniversity's \$6.6 million CMERC facility, where A/Prof Jackson and her team have been is germinating seeds from the flowers, to re-plant and regenerate seagrass meadows.

Through citizen scientist initiatives, the researchers have been recruiting volunteers from the community to help harvest

seagrass flowers to collect seeds – with careful precautions to avoid resident crocodiles, and manage heat and mud challenges.

Local volunteers on Saturday included Josephine Sidhu, Penny Buckwell, Jason Gavin and Morgan Parker, and research assistant Elizabeth Andrews said it was a productive session.

"The flower collection went well and was successful, despite it being a bit windy and coming to the end of the flowering season," she said.

Seagrass meadows are an important coastal habitat which provide food for dugong and turtles, habitat for juvenile fish and shellfish, and act as the kidneys of our Great Barrier Reef, filtering out nutrients and sediments.

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The editor's desk

On 31 December 2019, Wuhan Municipal Health Commission, China, reported a cluster of cases of pneumonia in Wuhan, Hubei Province. They eventually identified a novel coronavirus.

Twelve months down the track, 1.77 million people have died because of the virus.

To put that figure in perspective, the number of dead is equivalent to the entire population of South Australia.

Quite a sobering fact.

So, as well as today being the last day of 2020 it's also exactly a year since the coronavirus came to our attention as a bit of a pesky flu.

Gladstone has been incredibly lucky when you consider these numbers and how widespread the pandemic has been.

For many of us, the yearly date change — adding one more year to life's tally — pushes us to focus on long-term goals. That's when we potentially fall into the trap of traditional New Year's resolutions, a measure of our progress on becoming the "ideal me" many hope to achieve by the end of their life.

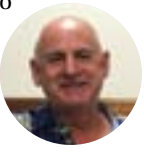
Here's a tip for what it's worth. I think resolutions for 2021 should be much more short term than usual.

It is probably challenging enough to figure out what's needed to make it through the months until everyone can access a vaccination and can start to make a way back into a more social domain.

Living through a year of pandemic ambiguity and contractions has likely given many people a pretty good idea of which personal susceptibilities this restrained life delivers. Some people may be struggling to keep their balance. For others, the dearth of friends and even casual colleagues may be driving them to madness.

These individual points of discomfort can give people some idea of what resolutions they should make. Tackling those points may help allow people to care for themselves well enough to arrive at the pandemic's closure with some degree of respectable physical and mental health.

- Jamie McKenzie





Capricorn Food and Wine Festival hopes to repeat the success of the Big Beer Festival earlier this year.

2020 is out with a bang

By Matthew Pearce

It's been a year like no other, but that won't stop Rockhampton from ringing in the New Year in a new way.

Rockhampton Regional Council and 101.5 Triple M Central Queensland's 9pm Light Up the Sky show will wow Rockhampton residents on New Year's Eve with a synchronised nine-minute pyrotechnic display simulcast on Triple M.

With safety a priority thanks to Covid-19, acting mayor Neil Fisher said the fireworks could be viewed by Rockhampton residents from their own homes or wherever they were enjoying their celebration.

"Rockhampton's fireworks show includes the largest pyrotechnic effects ever experienced in Central and Northern Queensland's history which we feel is only fitting to send off the challenging year that was 2020," he said.

Advance Rockhampton's manager of tourism and events, Annette Pearce, said the Covid-friendly fireworks allowed Rockhampton residents and visitors to celebrate the New Year in a safe way and at a family friendly time.

"We are encouraging residents and visitors to tune into 101.5 Triple M for the countdown starting at 9pm on New Year's Eve and look to the sky for the biggest fireworks show the region has ever experienced," she said.

While there will be no formal gathering or events associated with the fireworks displays

this year, Capricorn Food and Wine Festival will host a New Year's Eve Party at the Rockhampton Riverside Precinct from 6pm.

While still adhering to Covid-19 restrictions, event manager Callan Buchholz said the event could accommodate as many as 1500 people without special approval.

Local legends The Short Fall and DJ Blake Hamlyn will perform, with organisers promising a surprise in store.

The event will be followed by an Island Recovery Party at Great Keppel Island on January 1 and was preceded by Country Races at Callaghan Park on December 29 and Thirsty Merc at The Goat on December 30.

With attractions light this year, Mr Buchholz said the Capricorn Food and Wine Festival organisers had decided to step into the void with four days of events.

The New Years events are the latest this year under the Capricorn Food and Wine Festival banner, following the Big Beer Festival, the Capricorn Food and Wine Festival itself and Oktoberfest.

Pro rodeo will also return to the Central Queensland Livestock Exchange on New Year's Eve for the first time in 10 years with the DNB Agencies Beef City Rodeo.

Kicking off at 12.30pm, the event will be followed by the a Bucking Horse and Bull Futurity on January 1 and the DC Motors Xtreme Broncs and Steer Wrestling Mania on Saturday, January 2.

New Year's Eve party time

By Jamie McKenzie

Gladstone's New Year's Eve Party will be back with a bang in 2020 as the Priority Admission section of the event is a sold out.

This year's event has been so well expected that it has created a waitlist so as many people as possible can attend the event.

Supported by Gladstone Regional Council, the New Year's Eve Party will feature live music, licensed bars, mini golf, food vendors, a VIP Beer Garden Experience and spectacular fireworks at 8pm and midnight.

There will be more on offer for people of all ages with Gladstone's Memorial Park turning into a vibrant party space for activities, entertainment and everything in between from 5pm on Thursday, 31 December.

Gladstone Region Acting Mayor Kahn Goodluck said there will be something for everyone.

"We'll have live entertainment from cover band Funk n Stuff, who will be supported by local musicians Jayd McKenzie and Chris Bax, a mini golf course constructed by Gladstone Men's Shed and three different ticketing options – Priority Admission, General Admission and the VIP Beer Garden Experience," Councillor Goodluck said.

General Admission is free with no booking required but space is limited, Priority Admission is sold out, while the VIP Beer Garden Experience is at 70 percent capacity. VIP Beer Garden ticket sales end 23 December for catering.

"It was fantastic to see the community come together at last year's New Year's Eve Party—the first Council-run New Year's Eve event held since 1999—and I look forward to seeing that same level of community connectedness this year."

The General Admission area will operate on a first in first served basis with limited tables and chairs, but there will be access to food vendors and a licensed bar.

EVENT DETAILS

- WHEN: 5pm-late, Thursday 31 December (Gates open at 5pm and close at 12.30am)
- WHERE: Memorial Park, Gladstone City (near PCYC)

FURTHER INFORMATION

Direct questions relating to the NYE Party to the Community Events team via phone on 4970 0700 or email to info@gladstone.qld.gov.au



Gladstone New Year's Eve fireworks at 8.00pm and midnight

Instant millionaire in region

Christmas came early for a Central Highlands grandmother who discovered on Christmas Eve she had become a millionaire.

The regular lotto player held the only division one winning entry nationally in Monday & Wednesday Gold Lotto draw 4035, drawn Wednesday 16 December, winning \$1 million.

Amid the busy times in the lead up to Christmas, she confessed she had forgotten to check her ticket.

"I've settled down a bit now. It's unbelievable," she said.

"When I found out I had won a million dollars, I just had the shakes. I could barely talk. I just started crying. My family didn't know what was going on. When I told them the news, they started crying too. We were all crying. Everyone's just in shock.

"I used to say to my husband, 'I'll win Lotto one day'. He didn't believe me, but it's happened.



An Emerald grandmother has become an instant millionaire after her lotto win.

"It's a dream come true. Never in my wildest dreams would I think I would win so much money. I just don't think in figures that big!"

The CQ battler said she and her family were looking forward to a stress-free 2021.



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Your mayoral candidates

Leyland Barnett

Leyland Barnett has been in Rockhampton all his life - "Born and bred," he said in a telephone conversation with CQ Today.

Though he has been located within a single region throughout his life, his work experience is remarkably varied.

"I've worked in the rural industry, doing property developments with machinery and equipment. Working to turn arid land into productive, fertile land, and improving pastoral stock. Also land care. I've been really tied up in land care projects," he said.

In addition to work in the rural sector, Mr Barnett has also worked in quarrying and road construction.

"I've worked on crushing plants and front-end loaders, for different contractors. Also supplying road base for roadworks."

Mr Barnett believes in hard work and free enterprise and he embodies these values.

"I went into my own business, operating a driving school business for nearly 20 years



Leyland Barnett

now. I started that business up from scratch. I didn't buy into a business. I just bought a car and put dual controls in. Eventually, I built the business up and built my name up and built

the work up," he said.

Called Evolution in Training, the enterprise has been in operation for nearly 20 years and does a lot of work for road safety across Rockhampton.

"We've been pushing road safety, doing road safety meetings and road safety public meetings with different organizations. I've done a lot of work for charity with road safety. And also we help out the PCYC locally with the road safety initiatives as well."

Mr Barnett is a battler who knows about struggle in life, and this familiarity with struggle is a core motivation for his campaign and the policies that underpin it. Specifically, he proposes a freeze on rates to help out those doing it tough in uncertain economic times.

"Over the years, I have been a battler. We've struggled through the years trying to survive in the region. And one of the main things I want straightaway is to introduce a rates freeze. I remember years ago, when we had the recession we had to have, many local residents were throwing their keys over the

counter, because they could no longer afford to pay for their homes and their mortgages. So Lea Taylor, who was mayor at the time, he froze the rates for one year. If he hadn't done that we would have lost our home back then. And I believe with this pandemic, there's a lot of businesses that have been shut because of health regulations. This has created a lot of unemployment, people thrown onto the unemployment queue, and I believe that the Rockhampton people, the residents of this region, need that rates relief to get back on their feet," he said.

To help Rockhampton elevate itself out of economic despondency, Mr Barnett believes the region should bet on on its enviable location as a potential logistics hub for Queensland.

"The best thing about our region is that we have a road and rail network that extends North, South and West. So it would be very enticing for a large manufacturing firm or recycling plant, or some large industry to come in and set up, where we can actually supply North, South and West," he said.

Nyree Johnson

Nyree Johnson, a 35-year-old Mother of three, has deep ties to Rockhampton.

"My Dad's side of the family, my Mum's side of the family and my Husband's family are all Rocky people," she said in an interview with CQ Today.

Though born in Mackay, Ms Johnson grew up in Rockhampton and graduated from Central Queensland University with qualifications in business, business administration, leadership and management. She is presently employed as a workforce analyst with Energy Queensland.

Her expertise in the field of business is reflected in the recent release of her financial management policy.

In a media release, Ms Johnson stated:

"As a small business owner, I know how important it is to balance the books, spend responsibly, invest in the future and provide an excellent customer experience."

Specifically, Ms Johnson hopes to keep council rates as low as possible through responsible savings and more efficient spending.

Ms Johnson's financial management policy is as follows:

- Rates – seek Council's endorsement to not increase general rates issued by Council beyond the Consumer Price Index.
- Regional benchmarking – Council management will be asked to benchmark the Rockhampton budget against comparable regions, to ensure the organisation is spending responsibly in-line with Queensland Government guidance.
- Budget reporting - to enhance transparency, Council's Annual Budget will include a region-wide breakdown of expenditure, local content/ suppliers, employment and



Nyree Johnson

projects.

- Regional Resource Sharing Taskforce - set up with Central Queensland Regional Organisation of Councils (CQROC) Members. Taskforce to explore cost savings through resource sharing, cooperative procurement and contract management.
- Responsible leadership - a Reform and Savings Portfolio Councillor to be appointed, who will be tasked with working with the CEO, Chief Financial Officer and General Managers to pursue internal savings and efficiencies to improve service and project delivery as well as identify responsible savings.

Ms Johnson plans to release more policies following the Christmas break.

Asked about her vision for Rockhampton, Ms Johnson said she wanted to keep building on the work that has been done.

"I want to build a bright future for Rockhampton. That is definitely my vision and goal," she said.

Russell Claus

Though he is not a native of Rockhampton, Russell Claus' dedication to the city comes from his memories of the town as a young man in the 1980s.

"I lived here about 30-odd years ago," Mr Claus said in a telephone interview with CQ Today. "I was working for the National Park Service as a young man and I have very fond memories from my time here. It was one of the best years of my life. And I really enjoyed what Rockhampton had to offer. And even at that time, I could see that it had enormous potential."

Mr Claus made his name as an urban renewal and re-development specialist in the United States. He has a Master's degree in City Planning from the prestigious Massachusetts Institute of Technology and in the year 1996, he was contracted by Oklahoma City to work on city-wide renewal efforts following the trauma of the 1995 bombing of the Federal building in the downtown district. Oklahoma City has blossomed since the 1990s and Mr Claus was a part of that positive transformation, holding influential positions across local government and working closely with various key stakeholders involved in the city's regeneration.

In early 2014, Mr Claus returned to home Australia and settled in Rockhampton to apply the knowledge and experience he had gained from America to regional Queensland.

"I wanted to take on a regional city because I've done capital cities," he said.

"So I'm scaling down but I want to do it because I want to show what you can do with a regional city. I think the future of Australia depends on more regional development. You've got to support the regional cities. So



Russell Claus

that's my motivation, to create a model for a regional community that can then be replicated around the country, for the greater benefit of the entire country. I'm very much a futurist, you know, I don't do anything in small measures."

The initial stint in Rockhampton government was not successful and Mr Claus is running for mayor in part to gain more autonomy and freedom to pursue the changes he believes are necessary for Rockhampton's future prosperity.

"I'd have more autonomy and more authority to be able to, hopefully, take the Council in the right direction to be able to achieve those goals," he said.

Mr Claus does not talk in platitudes and it is clear from talking with him that he has thought deeply about how Rockhampton might amplify into a thriving and prosperous city.

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Dominic Doblo

Dominic Doblo's family have been in the fruit and vegetable selling business for over a century since Mr Doblo's great-grandfather moved to the Rockhampton area in the early 20th century.

CQ Today met with Mr Doblo on a weekday afternoon at the famous Doblo's farmer's market on Goodsall Street to discuss Mr Doblo's campaign for mayor, his third shot at the throne since 2012.

"I ran for mayor seriously in 2012, and then in 2016 I ran, not to win, but to keep someone out, and I succeeded in doing that. Michael McMillan, I succeeded in keeping him out. I succeeded in splitting the vote to keep him out. This time, it's a serious run to get some spotlight onto what people really believe is important in life. Are they worried about discrimination, anti-discrimination, human rights, or do they not really care about Chris Hooper?"

Chris "Pineapple" Hooper is Mr Doblo's fellow candidate for mayor and the man who was briefly in position to ascend the throne before he was taken down following an intervention from the state government. Mr Doblo believes that Mr Hooper should by rights be mayor, and that his defenestration was an act of discrimination and an abuse of power.

Mr Doblo admires Mr Hooper and sees him as a kind of kindred spirit, though Mr Doblo's



Dominic Doblo

policy views are radically different from those adopted by Mr Hooper. Indeed, Mr Doblo frames the race as one between himself and Mr Hooper on the one hand, and everybody else on the other.

"Anyone that sort of agrees with human rights and anti-discrimination, they should be voting for Chris Hooper," he said.

"So you got Chris Hooper here who doesn't

want coal, doesn't believe in dams, and all that sort of thing. Then you got all these other 15 candidates in the middle, who are wishy washy. And then you've got Dominic Doblo. Righto, I'm for dams. I don't care who I'm talking to. Whether I'm talking to Bill Shorten, or a greenie, or anyone. I'm for dams, I'm for coal, I'm for manufacturing, I'm for jobs. You've got to work for a living, not get paid to sit on your behind. So you got Chris Hooper here, and me here, and all these other people in the middle. So that's what people are going to choose. They're either going to choose for Chris Hooper, or they're going to choose Dominic Doblo. Everyone else are pretenders."

There are three signature policies that Mr Doblo hopes to pursue as mayor. Firstly, Mr Doblo wants to build dams to support the region's agricultural industry.

"We've got the biggest river system on the East Coast of Australia and we're not utilising it. The Rookwood Weir is completely and utterly useless. I'll build the Fitzroy Gap Dam. First stage – two million megalitres. That will double the capacity of the whole river system," he said.

Secondly, Mr Doblo wants to see a manufacturing base return to Rockhampton and promises to pressure state government officials to pursue this goal.

"You know the dairy factory shut down here in February? You know the only one who

spoke up against it? It was me. None of the others. No one. Post-covid, all the governments are talking about manufacturing, yet we let one of our major manufacturers close down. In the state election, Barry O'Rourke said we're going to get the railway going, we're going to create 500 jobs. You know what I'll do if I'm elected mayor? I'm going to hold Barry O'Rourke accountable to make sure he comes through with his 500 jobs promise. And I won't back down."

Thirdly, Mr Doblo is an unabashed supporter of the region's coal industry, and suggests building a coal-fired power plant in the area.

"We've got to building a big coal-fired power station right here ourselves. The coal's right here. Let's supply the whole of Australia with electricity. Get it on the national grid," he said.

Mr Doblo recommends Blackwater, a small town on the Capricorn highway between Rockhampton and Emerald, as an ideal location.

"It's the biggest coal field in Central Queensland. And you're not transporting the coal, it makes sense. There's water there, there's big electrical lines out there at Blackwater already, because we're sending the electricity back out there for them to power their draglines. Let's build a power-house out there. The power lines are already there and then let's send the power down. Save a fortune on transport costs," he said.

Rob Crow

Rob Crow's ties to Rockhampton go back to the 19th century.

"I'm a fourth-generation family member in the Rockhampton area. The whole family has grown up here and that goes back to the 1800s I believe," he said.

Mr Crow is confident that Rockhampton is the best place in the world.

"A lot of people had opportunities to move for employment, things like that. But I really never wanted to leave Rockhampton whatsoever. I just think it's the best place in the world. Not only to be raised, but to live and raise a family."

Mr Crow is deeply involved in Queensland's sporting industry and is presently employed by Queensland Rugby League (QRL) as the region manager for the QRL Central Division. He has been in this position for around 12 months, and has been with QRL for over 12 years.

Sports is a big part of Mr Crow's life. He's had a go at everything, and surf life-saving is something that is particularly important to him.

"I'm a life member of the Emu Park surf life saving club. I spent a lot of my youth there in the summer months. Then over to play for Brothers rugby league in the winter months."

His deep affection for the town he loves is fueling his run for mayor.

"I believe the city needs to take the next step. It's been a very, very solid city for a long, long time. And when you see the highs and lows throughout Australia, we don't have very big highs, but we don't have very low lows. We do need to take the next step, and



Rob Crow

I want to provide incentives to bring new industry to the Rockhampton region," he said.

"If you get national and state-based companies that are looking to set up anywhere, we need to promote that incentive to get them here, to get more people into the town, which really spikes our economy up."

Mr Crow's familiarity with the sporting world has also influenced his vision for the city. He believes sports tourism would be an effective way to expand Rockhampton's economic prospects.

"We need to get that money, get people coming through our town. There's a lot to offer, not only in Rockhampton, but also with our neighbours down the beach and up at Mount Morgan, the out-reaches around Rockhampton. There are so many things to do, but we need to get people here and get them spending money," he said.

Cherie Rutherford

Cherie Rutherford has deep ties to Rockhampton. She lived in the city from the age of four and her family have connections to the region going back seven generations.

Growing up, Ms Rutherford received support from the Rockhampton community as she pursued her sporting dreams. She is a world-class gymnast and continues to this day to support the ambitions of the region's aspiring gymnasts.

"I still coach. I'm registered as a high-performance gymnastics coach and I've coached at the PCYC for 40-odd years. That's what I do in my spare time," she said.

Ms Rutherford is also married and has two fully-grown sons.

"They're the light of my life," she said.

"I've had the good fortune to travel the world and I'm happy to call Rockhampton my home. We live here by choice. We love it, and this is where we raised our family."

Ms Rutherford has been deeply embedded in local government for many years, first being elected in 2004. She believes experience matters, particularly given the perilous and uncertain time the region finds itself in.

"I think the next three years are going to be tough, with the situation with Covid, with border closures, with Chinese sanctions. And the debt levels now of all levels of government because of adjusting to or responding to Covid. I think it will be a tough three years and I think they will need some experience there for sure. I also think that you know, too, there are some fantastic candidates running in the election. I'm certainly not knocking anyone. And I think it's fabulous that there are that many people wanting to put their



Cherie Rutherford

hand up. But we really can't afford to spend 12 months waiting for the mayor to get their feet under the table, learning the ropes. You know, local government has specific requirements. So I just think with this election, experience is going to matter," she said.

Ms Rutherford believes her extensive experience in local government, including stints as deputy mayor taking on mayoral responsibilities, positions her well to thrive and prosper in the role of mayor. If elected, she claims she can hit the ground running and deliver for the people of Rockhampton immediately.

"I was deputy mayor from 2016 to March 2020. As deputy mayor, I stepped into the acting mayor's role on numerous occasions while the mayor was away. So I've done the role for short periods of time and I believed I held a very steady, good course in the absence of the mayor," she said.

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How to fix the CBD: Claus

By Matthew Pearce

Rockhampton Regional Council mayoral candidates say something needs to be done about the state of the city's CBD following the shock news of the Kern Arcade's closure.

In a statement made by the Cooper Family on Facebook on Thursday, December 10, it was announced Kern Arcade stores Coopers, Propaganda and The Arcade Outlet would shut their doors.

That afternoon, other businesses at the centre were told by Kern Arcade co-owner Clarke Cooper that the arcade itself would close, although the date is still uncertain.

Just down the road in East St, the iconic Vizes City News is also closing its doors, although the Rocky Fresh Foods side of the business will continue to operate.

An urban strategist with a background in economic development and planning, mayoral candidate Russell Claus said the closure of the Kern Arcade was a sign of the 'severe distress' the town centre was going through.

"There needs to be a united vision for how the town centre can be revitalised and the council must work in lockstep with the local property owners and businesses so that the CBD is able to transition into a new lifeform that isn't entirely retail," he said.

"I know the owners of the Kern Arcade have done their best through the years to sustain their business operation and now it's just reached a point where they're unable to do that any longer and it's a tragedy for the community."

He said Rockhampton CBD businesses were dealing with forces they couldn't confront on their own, including retail moving online and outlying retail centres.

"The moment Stockland Rockhampton was approved was the death knell for the town centre. It's done well to survive as long as it has but there's a lot more empty storefronts than when I first arrived here," he said.

"It's going to take some effort to revitalise the area but there's a number of people who are very committed to investing in bringing the town centre back.

"You can't be perceived as a vibrant community if your town centre is dead. It's utter folly to think otherwise."

Mr Claus said revitalising the CBD would



A famous feature of the CBD, the Kern Arcade has seen better days and will close its doors soon.

require concessions on both sides.

"The area can no longer be focused primarily on retail, it has to be a mixed use precinct," he said.

"It needs to have people living in it, it has to have activation through different means, far more frequently than just big events like the River Festival.

"The fact that there hasn't been a real effort to work together to sustain and transition the town centre is a great tragedy."

Candidate Nyree Johnson said she felt for the owners of the Kern Arcade businesses and would greatly miss the centre when it closed.

"There were quite a few shops in the Arcade that I've enjoyed frequenting over the years and I visited Coopers in particular just the other day, it's my favourite shop," she said.

While it's too late to save the Kern Arcade, Ms Johnson said she'd spoken to CBD business owners who had given her some 'fantastic information' that would allow her to advocate on their behalf.

"The wisdom that comes from the people on the ground is invaluable, you just can't pay for that. They're the people that are directly impacted and they see the comings and the goings of the CBD day to day," she said.

"Being a business owner myself I couldn't imagine being in their shoes and dealing with what they've had to deal with."

Ms Johnson said concerns raised by CBD businesses included lack of traffic and parking concerns, as well as the general appearance of the area.

"Some of the shop fronts could really use a revamp or refresh because they're not very inviting," she said.

"Some of the business owners said that the redevelopment in Quay St should have been extended to East St to make the whole area more of an inclusive zone."

She described the CBD as "a gem with so many possibilities".

"There's many little things that we could tweak without spending a heck of a lot of money to really revitalise the area. Revitalising the CBD is something that's definitely on my priority list, East Street in particular."

Candidate Leyland Barnett said the state of the Rockhampton CBD reflected the region as a whole.

"You need economic growth and development. Rockhampton hasn't grown in the past 10 years, in fact 1700 full time jobs have been lost over the period," he said.

"I've lived all my life in Rockhampton and I've seen the town going backwards while other regions like Mackay and Gladstone go ahead in leaps and bounds."

He said Rockhampton needed to promote its status as a central hub with north, south

and west rail and road links as well as its location on the Fitzroy River.

"The region needs generational jobs to give youth opportunity and hope.

"We need to look at the strengths of our region and one of our strengths is tourism. What do visitors see when they look at our CBD?"

Mr Barnett he had brought up his concerns about shops and businesses shutting down in the CBD many years ago in a television interview.

"At the time the reporter said to 'shift your eyes from ground level upwards'. I asked why you would do that.

"He said, 'Look at all the dilapidated buildings, how unattractive does this look?'. And it does look so run down."

Mr Barnett said the CBD needed a "coat of paint and a tidy up", to ensure it didn't look like a derelict area.

"You also need shade in the East Street Mall area and there's always been a problem with parking.

"The closure of the Kern Arcade is going to cause additional problems in that regard, as that's a lot of parking spaces that will be gone and small businesses need that to survive.

"We need to look at how we can provide that parking in the future."

On his website, candidate Chris 'Pineapple' Hooper wrote about his long association with East St and the CBD.

"I have lived on East St for over eight years. I love East Street and the Rocky CBD. It pains me to see so many vacant shops. It also pains me that no one seems to have a plan on what to do about it," he said.

"I used to own shops on William St. My basic strategy was to always keep the rent low enough so the shops were always rented out."

Mr Hooper suggested forming a Community Voice Panel consisting of business owners, landlords and concerned members of the community to come up with ideas to revitalise East Street and the CBD.

Ideas include renting shops out to artists on nominal rent, factory outlets for fashion brands and taking inspiration from urban renewal in Brisbane.

"Some people have said that East Street could specialise in selling fashion wear made from hemp," he said.

Christmas Eve hit-and-run investigated

By Matthew Pearce

Rockhampton Police have thanked the community for their help following an alleged hit and run at Norman Gardens on Christmas Eve.

Police have charged a 17-year-old boy with unlawful use of a motor vehicle and dangerous operation of a motor vehicle causing grievous bodily harm.

On Monday, December 28, Detective Ser-

geant Jason Millner from the Rockhampton Criminal Investigation Branch said assistance from the media and the public had been invaluable to the investigation into the incident, leading to the boy being located at an address in Rockhampton.

It is alleged the boy was driving a stolen white Hilux ute when he hit an 18-year-old man on the corner of Yaamba Road and Moores Creek Road at around 1am on December 24.

The utility allegedly failed to stop and left the man seriously injured on the road.

Members of the public rendered first aid to the man prior to the arrival of emergency services. He was transported in a critical condition to Rockhampton Hospital.

Det Sgt Millner said it was an unknown if the two were known to each other.

The driver was remanded in custody and was expected to appear in the Mackay Children's Court.



Detective Sergeant Jason Millner from the Rockhampton Criminal Investigation Branch.

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Map of the Philip Street site as envisaged

Precinct has its benefits

By Jamie McKenzie

Activity on Philip Street, Gladstone, has been intense as work pushes forward for the Gladstone Regional Council to create community facilities to improve and enhance service delivery and community outcomes.

What has been named as the Philip Street Communities and Families precinct, is part of the vision provide a vibrant and developing space that supports and enhances community wellbeing for all.

At Lot 7 West Gladstone, it is part of an approved overall master plan that will contain community services, mixed density residential homes, an environmental precinct with a hillside residential area and mixed use precinct.

Expected to evolve until 2028, Stage 1a is complete and 1b continues with further earthworks.

In advance of upcoming projects to meet the 2028 deadline, Gladstone Regional Council has sort expressions of interest from community groups. It is seeking organisations with special interest in child and family support, mental health support, allied health, general welfare services, disability services, drugs and alcohol support and multicultural support services.

"It's fantastic to see Stage 1a of the Philip Street Communities and Families Precinct now complete, which moves our region another step closer to a dedicated Community Services Precinct," Gladstone Mayor Councilor Burnett said.

"The total expected costs for the entire Stage 1 works are \$17.9m and have been funded by Gladstone Regional Council, the Gladstone Foundation via funds granted to The Salvation Army and the Australian Government's

Regional Jobs and Investment Package.

"Stage 1b will involve the construction of four buildings, internal parkland and playground and landscaping within the Community Services Precinct and is forecast to be completed by June 2021.

"Works for Stage 1b are being undertaken by Paynters Pty Ltd, who have prior experience in Queensland's aged care, government and insurance sectors."

Cr Burnett said Stage 2 is proposed to include an internal service road, car parking and construction of five additional buildings, with occupants yet to be determined.

"The Philip Street Communities and Families Precinct has been designed to strengthen Gladstone's social service system by clustering facilities in order to enhance community outcomes, helping address current and future human and social services needs for the region," he said.

"Once complete, the Precinct will provide essential services for individuals, community groups and the wider Gladstone Region community."

Expressions of Interest will gauge the level of interest and to see how services, programs and activities align with the gap analysis for the region. This expression of interest does not commit any partner.

Cr Burnett said the EOI period comes as the Precinct reaches another construction milestone. "Work on the in-ground services milestone is expected to wrap up in the coming days," he said.

"This work involved the installation of power, telecommunications, storm water and sewer infrastructure and was undertaken using a range of excavation equipment including excavators, bobcats and rollers."



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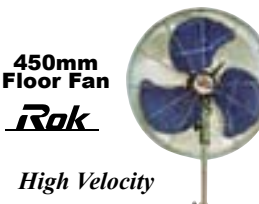


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A look back at big stories

It's hard to believe it's been more than four months already, but CQ Today has certainly covered a lot of big news since our first edition in August. As the year comes to a close, we're looking back at the front page stories from our Rockhampton edition.

27 August
In our first edition, we announced Central Queensland was about to get its own world-class dinosaur attraction at the Capricorn Coast's Cooberrie Park Wildlife Sanctuary.

Member for Keppel Brittany Lauga pledged \$796,398 to the project as part of the State Government's economic recovery package for the tourism industry. Capricorn Dinosaur Park will allow visitors to explore more than five acres of parkland with at least 35 life-size dinosaur recreations spread throughout various exhibits.

Attractions include a rainforest and bush walk, playground and picnic area, fossil dig area where visitors can excavate dinosaur bones and even dinosaur-themed mini-golf. The project will also feature a carpark extension, new entry and kiosk building and an 11-seater electric shuttle for those with limited mobility.

3 September 3
In Week 2, we reported that Central Queensland was head and shoulders above the rest when it came to Covid-19's impact on jobs, thanks to strong industries like resources and agriculture.

Payroll Jobs and Wages data released by the Australian Bureau of Statistics showed Rockhampton had Queensland's second-smallest deviation in jobs numbers since mid-March, with only Toowoomba faring better.

A two per cent reduction in the number of jobs in Central Queensland was reported, the 11th lowest of the 87 statistical regions around the country.

10 September
On Wednesday, September 9, the stunning Yeppoon Lagoon was broadcast live on national TV.

The Nine Network's Today show's weather presenter and journalist Tim Davies aired live from the lagoon where he interacted with our

locals. Mr Davies was joined by kids from St Brendan's College, St Ursula's College, the Keppel Bay Sailing Club and Nippers from the Yeppoon Surf Lifesaving Club.

There was also a snappy resident from the Koorana Crocodile Farm and handler Adam Lever. The scene was set early with a beautiful sunrise in the first live-cross of the day before Mr Davies chatted to our local people about our beautiful region. The Yeppoon residents even had a special moment of their own when Mr Davies finished his final live cross with a spectacular star dive into the pool.

17 September
After almost a decade of petitioning, applications and hard work the Rocky Sports Club stadium upgrade was officially announced on Monday, September 14, with the Federal Government providing \$23 million to the local sports club.

The grant was secured by One Nation Party leader Pauline Hanson and Capricorn MP Michelle Landry with support thrown in by Rockhampton City Council and Capricorn Enterprise. The upgrade will bring forward an economic boom in the town through construction, stadium jobs and sporting events.

It is projected that the site, on the Rocky Sports Club grounds, will provide \$42 million to the economy in the construction of the stadium alone. That will be complimented when the stadium is completed, in about 18 months, by about 80 jobs in which the club will aim to hire locals.

24 September
Covid-19 has been an unexpected boost for the Capricorn Coast property market according to Yeppoon real estate agent Claudia Coren.

Ms Coren, who is the director of Yeppoon Real Estate, said the coast had enjoyed a progressively strong sales market since September last year thanks to locals upgrading and downsizing. But an influx of southern investors post Covid-19 is what caused demand to truly skyrocket.

"People from the southern areas are moving away from bustling metropolitans and wanting to move towards a quieter lifestyle with lower populations as a safer health measure," she said. "Plus we now have the convenience of working online remotely in many professions which opens up the scope for lifestyle living preferences."

Ms Coren said while she was concerned the Covid-19 pandemic would have a negative impact on the real estate market, it had done the exact opposite.

1 October
Well-known businessman Dominic Doblo announced he was running for the seat of Rockhampton at the state election. Mr Doblo, who owns Doblo's Farmers Market, said he would push for a major infrastructure project to lead to job creation in the region.

"It's all about jobs, jobs, long-term jobs ... coal and water that's what we've got here in Central Queensland and that's what we've got to use," he said.

He said the price of electricity had to be brought down and questioned if we were "playing with the price of power" by running power stations under full capacity. Mr Doblo also said people had lost faith in the Labor Party.

8 October
On 8 October, it was announced construction would soon get underway on Rockhampton's \$14 million Alcohol and Drug Residential Rehabilitation Facility. With a contractor appointed, civil construction was due to start in December. Member for Keppel Brittany Lauga said while the state government had a tough line on drug dealers, they also wanted to provide help for people who become addicted to ice and other drugs.

A Ministerial Infrastructure Designation was completed in July, formally allowing the site to be used as an alcohol and drug treatment facility.

15 October
Prime Minister Scott Morrison said Central

Queensland would be a leading player in Australia's post-Covid recovery. Speaking at SMW Group at Parkhurst, Mr Morrison said he was in town to explain what the federal budget meant for Central Queensland, including \$23 million promised for a stadium at Rocky Sports Club.

"That's not just an important piece of sporting infrastructure, it's an important piece of community infrastructure, cultural infrastructure, tourism infrastructure," he said.

"It'll be important to the region alone for the jobs it creates on top of last year's budget which had so much invested in Central Queensland like the Ring Road and all of the many other projects that have been important to our future here."

Praising the budget, Mr Morrison said it had made Australians more upbeat after the hard times brought on by Covid-19.

22 October
Rockhampton Mayor Margaret Strelow welcomed the state government's plan to buy Aurizon's old rail workshops and its potential impact on local jobs.

Labor the previous week revealed it had entered negotiations to purchase land at the old Aurizon workshops in Rockhampton, and planned to use that land to support a rail maintenance, manufacturing and logistics centre.

Cr Strelow described the plan as a move in the right direction for the region and a great way to help create long-term jobs. Independent candidate for Rockhampton Dominic Doblo said while he backed Labor's plan to secure the land, he felt there should be conditions.

"I think it's a great idea. But before we purchase it Aurizon has to make it an uncontaminated site and we should only buy it at the market value of the land at Depot Hill."

29 October
Capricorn Enterprise CEO Mary Carroll said committed leadership was needed from the state government to see the Great Keppel Island Resort Revitalisation project come to fruition, following a suspected arson at the site.



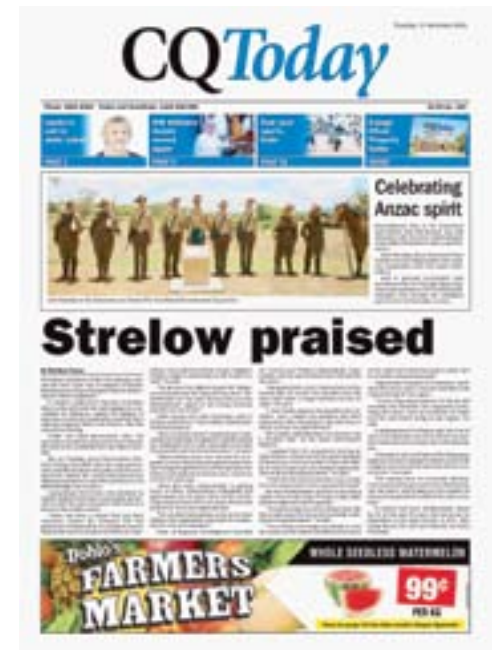
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10 December

On Saturday, 24 October, months of vandalism at GKI culminated in about 20 staff accommodation units earmarked for future refurbishment by Altum Property Group being set on fire.

"The Great Keppel Island Resort Revitalisation was approved by three levels of government in 2013, and was earmarked as a Project of State Significance," Ms Carroll said.

"As the land is owned by the state government, we need committed leadership to see this nation building project eventuate."

Ms Carroll said the \$1.5 billion development, \$500 million of which was to deliver common user infrastructure, was vital, not just for the resort but to connect with some 25 privately owned properties and leases on Fisherman's and Putney Beach on GKI.

5 November

The more things change the more they stay the same, with Labor easily retaining seats in Rockhampton and Keppel following the state election.

Gladstone's Glenn Butcher also kept his seat for Labor, with One Nation's Stephen Andrews retaining the seat of Mirani. Rockhampton MP Barry O'Rourke and Keppel MP Brittany Lauga both secured around 45 per cent of the vote in their electorates. This is Ms Lauga's third term, making her one of the longest serving politicians in Queensland, alongside Premier Anastacia Palaszczuk.

12 November

Prominent members of the CQ business community came out in support of former Rockhampton Mayor Margaret Strelow following her shock resignation.

Cr Strelow resigned on Monday 9 October after a tribunal found she had engaged in misconduct by failing to update her register of interests to include hospitality received from mining company Adani, now Bravus. She has refuted the finding. Under new local government rules, the mayoralty would have passed to Chris Hooper, the only other candidate from the March election.

But on Tuesday, Local Government Minister Stirling Hinchliffe said the state government would introduce and pass a bill to retrospectively amend the Local Government Act, allowing mayoral or councillor positions to be filled through a by-election.

19 November

An Australian-first university and hospital partnership will see CQ doctors trained in their own backyard for the first time.

Under the new Regional Medical Pathway, formalised last week between CQUniversity, The University of Queensland and the Central Queensland and Wide Bay Hospital and Health Services, up to 40 doctors will receive training in regional Queensland each year.

Rockhampton and Bundaberg will receive their first student intake in 2022. Member for Rockhampton Barry O'Rourke said the partnership would not only see more doctors trained locally, it would also mean locals who wanted to become doctors could obtain their qualifications right here in CQ, rather than having to move away.

26 November

Rockhampton's potential mayor accused Acting Mayor Neil Fisher of behaving like the US president but the councillor insisted he's "more of a Truman than a Trump".

"If you compared me to any of their presidents, I'd probably be more of a Harry Truman, where President Roosevelt dies and all of a sudden Truman, who never planned to be in that position, has to take on the role," he said.

Chris 'Pineapple' Hooper accused the state government and council of "stalling maneuvers" to prevent him being installed as mayor.

On Facebook, he said he arrived at Tuesday's council meeting but "did not get past the reception area".

3 December

Finlayson & McKenzie Funeral Directors manager Grant Perry accused Rockhampton Regional Council of forcing grieving families to wait more than two weeks to bury their loved ones. Perry described the situation at Grace-mere, North Rockhampton and the Memorial Gardens cemeteries as "disgusting".

"A person passed away on Friday and he's not allowed to be buried until 15 December, this is fine for them (the council) but the families don't want to be waiting two weeks," he said.

In reply, Rockhampton Regional Council CEO Evan Pardon said council's cemeteries team worked hard to accommodate the requests of family and friends wherever possible



17 December

and would be happy to work with Mr Perry to find an earlier date.

10 December

Acting Mayor Neil Fisher has announced he wouldn't be running in the 2021 Rockhampton Regional Council by-election due to family reasons. Cr Fisher said the decision not to run had been a mutual one made by his family.

In addition, CQ Today revealed that local business owner, author and workforce analyst in the electricity industry, Nyree Johnson was the first person to officially announce they were entering the mayoral race, following the resignation last month of Mayor Margaret Strelow.

17 December

Businesses at Rockhampton's iconic Kern Arcade were devastated following revelations the centre would close in the new year.

In a statement made by the Cooper Family on Facebook on Thursday, December 10, it was announced Kern Arcade stores Coopers, Propaganda and The Arcade Outlet would shut their doors, citing the impact of Covid-19



24 December

and online shopping.

That afternoon, other businesses at the East St centre were told by Kern Arcade co-owner Clarke Cooper that the centre itself would close down. Affected businesses include Arcade News and Casket, Blue Leaf Takeaway, Downtown Diva Hair Salon and Scoffins Clocks and Watches, all long term tenants.

24 December

Seventeen candidates, including former runner-up Chris Hooper, will run in Rockhampton Regional Council's mayoral by-election on January 23.

In ballot order, the final candidates are: Russell Claus, Tony Williams, Bronwyn Laverty-Young, Leyland Barnett, Shane Latcham, Christian Shepherd, Dominic Doblo, Remy McCamley, Donna Kirkland, Cherie Rutherford, Rob Crow, Christopher Davies, John Rewald, Brett Williams, Miranda Broadbent, Chris (Pineapple) Hooper and Nyree Johnson.

Just two candidates ran in the previous election, then mayor Margaret Strelow and local identity Chris 'Pineapple' Hooper.

RFDS meets Covid times

By Matthew Pearce

Navigating the hurdles posed by the Covid-19 pandemic, the Royal Flying Doctor Service's Rockhampton crews flew 2306 patients in the first 11 months of 2020.

RFDS's yearly patient and aviation statistics show patient transfers across the state were on par with 2019, with 10,678 patients being flown to emergency or specialist care between January 1 and December 1.

The top reasons for transfer in Rockhampton were medical conditions related to the heart, sepsis and appendicitis.

RFDS chief executive officer Meredith Staib said it had been a big year, with the organisation facing border closures, social distancing measures and increases in health care protocols.

"Despite a challenging year the organisation has managed to operate at nearly full capacity and I'm immensely proud of all the frontline staff and the whole of the organisation for the way they've responded," she said.

"Throughout what was a really rapidly changing situation we've really had two key focuses as an organisation, to protect the communities we serve and to look after our staff."

Ms Staib said services including primary health care, mental health services and dental remained at similar numbers to 2019 despite the RFDS making changes to its service delivery due to Covid-19.

"We continue to deliver all the services that we had previously although some of them look a little bit different," she said.

"Obviously we use a lot of telehealth, we had very committed staff that stayed in communities longer and obviously we had additional PPE to look after our staff."

Decontamination processes were also introduced for aircraft.

"In 2020 we remained true to our promise to deliver the finest care to the furthest corner



RFDS Rockhampton crews flew more than 2000 patients in 2020.

of the state," Ms Staib said.

More than 25,000 patients accessed RFDS services in the first 11 months of 2020 and

more than 15,000 patients accessed health care via the RFDS telehealth service.

Forty patients were transferred under Co-

vid-19 precautions in Queensland.

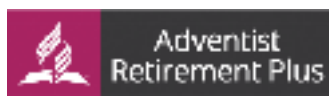
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Album for QLD songstress

By Duncan Evans

Emerging Bundaberg songstress Chelsea Stutchbury is set to release her debut album on December 31.

Entitled ‘Embers’, the album features eight tracks that Ms Stutchbury wrote and recorded as part of her honours degree in music. She studied at the University of Sydney but ended up recording the album in Bundaberg due to a remote-learning regime brought on by the pandemic.

“Coming home from Sydney and studying remotely for my honours year, I had to create an album to go along with my thesis. So I built a bit of a home studio. My grandad had a veterinary surgery for about 50 years or so, and he’s passed away and it was just sitting there. So we decided to do up a bit of a home studio in his x-ray room. Me and my Mum and my Grandma. It was on my birthday and we got some sound-reducing foam for the walls. And for the last eight months or so I’ve been recording songs for my album,” Ms Stutchbury said in a telephone interview with CQ Today.

She lists Florence and the Machine, Lana Del Ray and Fleetwood Mac as key influences alongside her deep love for and commitment to film soundtracks and cinematic music.

“I’m really interested in cinematic music and one of my career dreams is to go down the route of trying to make or be involved in music creation for film and television,” she said.

Her love for the music underpinning cinema and television has informed the sound of her album.

“It’s kind of cinematic, ethereal maybe. I try to search for sounds that aren’t heard so often on the radio. I like things like harpsichords and bagpipes, and more cinematic drums rather than electronic pop drums. So I guess it’s sort of like alternative cinematic pop, if that makes sense,” she said.

Originally scheduled to perform at the Cap-



Chelsea Stutchbury

ricorn Film Festival on January 14 as part of the Butterfly in a Cave event, the recent cancellation of the festival due to health concerns surrounding the pandemic means Ms Stutchbury will grace the Rockhampton region later on in the year, or perhaps even January 2022, to unveil her cinematic soundscape to music-lovers across the region.

Chelsea is a multi-instrumentalist, though her signature feature is her voice.

“My voice is my main instrument. That’s what I focus mainly on, doing lots of acapella, and harmonies and layers. But I do play a bit of piano and I used to play violin when I was in primary school and high school.”

Ms Stutchbury has also recorded a special single called ‘The Butterfly’ to be released sep-

arately from the album.

“Me and my Grandma were very close with my Granddad and we kind of associate butterflies with him and his spirit. That’s kind of where the butterfly that never flies away kind of thing comes from. I always feel like he’s watching over me. Kind of like a little guardian angel butterfly,” she said.

Asked about the overall theme of the album, Ms Stutchbury said:

“I love dramatising the little ideas I get, so I guess I’m inspired by a lot of the characters that I read about and watch in shows. It’s kind of a lot of different types of love stories,” she said.

Ms Stutchbury has deep ties to regional Queensland.

“My Great-Grandfather was the Federal Member for Capricornia so it is sort of special I’ll be singing in his old home ground. He lived on the hill at Yeppoon in the 1940s when the 42nd battalion were there training before they went to New Guinea, and my Mum was Miss Capricornia for the Miss Australia awards. There is nice family history in the Capricornia region for us,” Chelsea said in a media release.

A move to Los Angeles is the standard direction for all those who dream of making their way in the world of cinematic arts, and when asked if her next step was to book a flight to America’s seductive palm-tree metropolis, Chelsea laughed and said:

“It’s hard. Especially in the Australian film music industry. It’s quite small compared to America. Originally, I was looking at doing that late last year, but this year has just kind of taken a turn, throwing everything is out of whack. So I don’t really know. I’d love to be able to do my work remotely, and I’ve been contacting a few American producers in Canada, hoping to collaborate with them, so we’ll see where that goes. But hopefully, if Covid disappears not too long in the future, I would love to go overseas. And yes, especially America, where it’s all happening.”

Chelsea’s music is available on Spotify under the name of C H E L S E A, all caps with spaces in between. It is also available on Apple iTunes and Youtube.

Artist: Chelsea Stutchbury
Album: Embers
Track Listing:

1. Prelude
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A notable life on the land

By Matthew Pearce

There's plenty of well-known cattlemen in the Rockhampton region, but perhaps none more memorable than Sir Graham McCamley.

Sir Graham recorded his life story in his book, *Roads in the Sky*, written with Jenny and Nick Mountstephen, and this week CQ Today shares just some of the highlights from that book.

The McCamley family has a long history in the Rockhampton region, starting with John McCamley Jr, who arrived from Ireland in March, 1880, followed by other members of his family including his brother Andrew, Sir Graham's grandfather.

Graham Edward McCamley was born on 24 August, 1932, to parents Ted and Ivy, second generation Polled Hereford cattle breeders, who established a successful stud on their property Eulogie Park near Dululu.

Graham recalls the family property as a "safe and secure family environment filled with love and understanding".

Growing up at Eulogie, the McCamley children led an active life, swimming, fishing, lending a hand with the cattle, riding the horses and feeding the chooks.

Graham and his cousins also played a lot of tennis on the family's tennis courts at Eulogie and Playfields. Later, Graham would play at Wowan against teams from Rockhampton, with the Wowan residents unbeatable on the dirt courts.

When Graham was 10, he was sent to boarding school at Rockhampton Grammar. He wasn't impressed - there was no cattle, no horses and most importantly, no Eulogie.

Five years later, Graham was called home permanently after the death of his father's manager, Clarrie Summerfield. He spent the next six years droving and breaking in horses on his father's properties, Eulogie, Kaiuroo and The Don.

A turning point in Graham's life came in 1953 and 1954 when he and his sister Mavis, along with Clare Langmore, took a three and a half month study trip to the United States, sponsored by Oregon State University.

The tour of universities finished in the American South, where Graham was introduced to the Brahman breed for the first time.

While Graham was away in the US, Graham's future sister-in-law Ann Chevaux came to visit Eulogie, bringing along her friend Shirley Tindale.

Graham and Shirley would later marry and have three children, Jennifer, Russell and Jacqueline.

In 1954 Graham and his father inspected a property called Tartarus (later Tartrus), two hours from Rockhampton. He purchased the property for 28,000 pounds, financed by an overdraft at the Bank of New South Wales.

But there were plenty of challenges. The river country was overrun with brigalow and coolibah suckers and as the suckers increased, the country's capability to carry stock decreased.

Graham's cattle also faced Mackenzie River sickness and lantana poisoning.

After years of a long clearing program involving raking, plowing and chemicals, the brigalow country had been transformed into productive agricultural land.

Graham was heavily involved in the state government's brigalow scheme, launched in 1962 with a loan of \$23 million to develop 4.5 million acres of virgin brigalow scrub in Central Queensland for broad-acre clearing and cultivation.

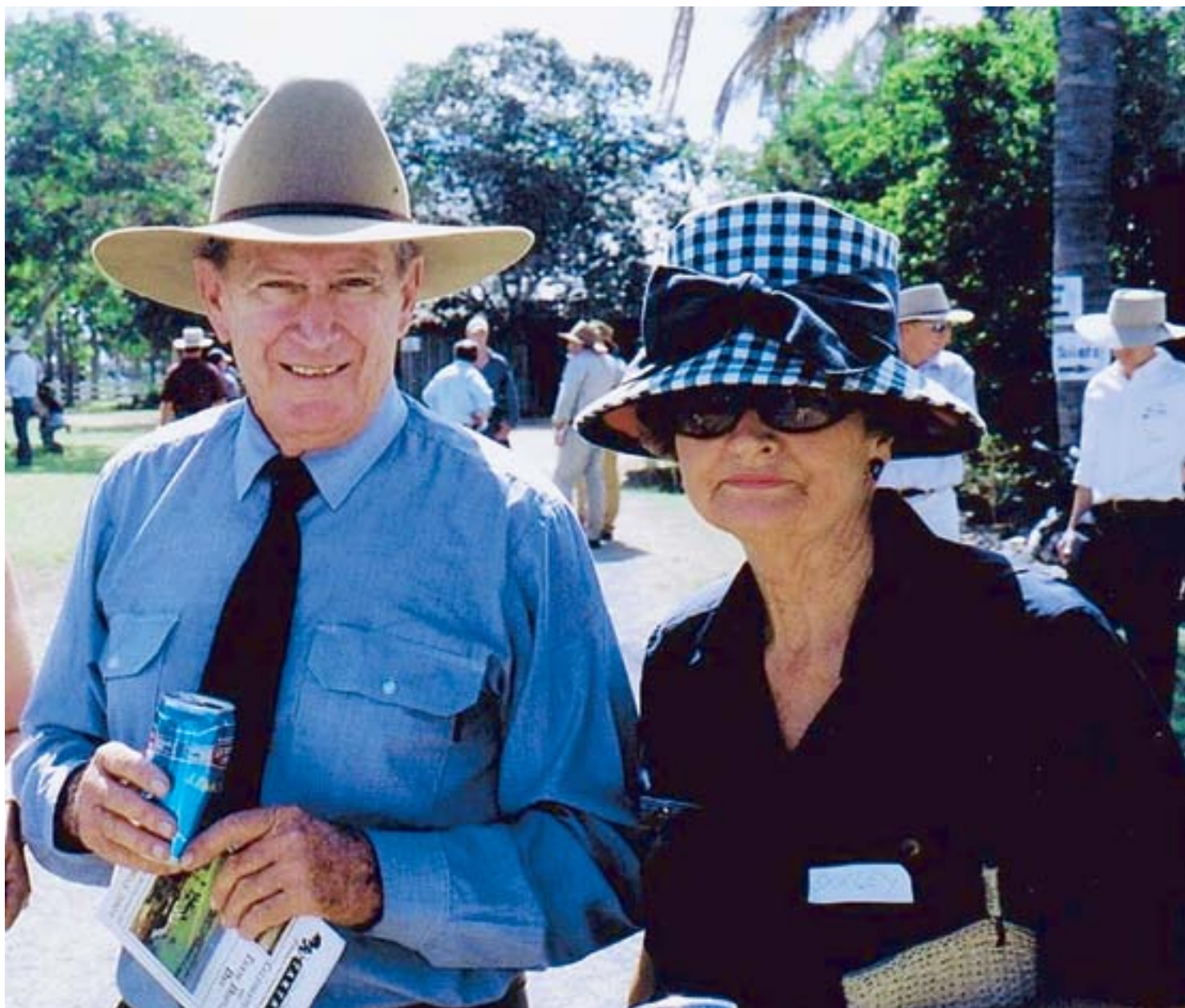
The achievements of the Country Air Service cemented Graham's belief in the importance of air travel in Australia's north and as early as 1959 he enrolled in a private pilot's course at the College of Civil Aviation in Brisbane.

That same year, the McCamley Aircraft Co bought their first Comanche plane.

It was the beginning of a lifelong love of flying. All up, Graham would fly more than 20,000 hours in helicopters and aeroplanes.

By the late 1960s, Brahmans had gained ground at Tartarus, but Graham and Shirley were still running Herefords and Brafordes (a cross between a Brahman bull and a Hereford cow).

Graham couldn't work out why the Hereford calves were so low in numbers compared to the Brahmans and Brahman-crosses. One



Sir Graham McCamley and his wife Shirley in their older years.



Graham on Flicka, his sure-footed camp draft mare.

day, saddling up his horse and riding down the riverbank, the answer came to him.

"I'd see a cow calve in the camp and I noticed that every half-breed and three-quarters bred cow left camp and went away to calve," he said.

"And they'd calve, and they wouldn't come back without that calf following. So I went back and watched the camp carefully. It was the feral pigs! They were grabbing the Hereford calves.

"The pigs didn't get the Brahman calves though, because the Brahman cows went away to calve and stayed with the calves - they wouldn't leave them."

From that day, Graham almost completely turned away from Herefords - with the breed also having problems with bogging, ticks, blight and eye cancer, compared to the hardier Brahmans.

In 1968, with great pride, Graham and Shirley showed Brahmans for the first time at Rockhampton and Brisbane where they were

a big success.

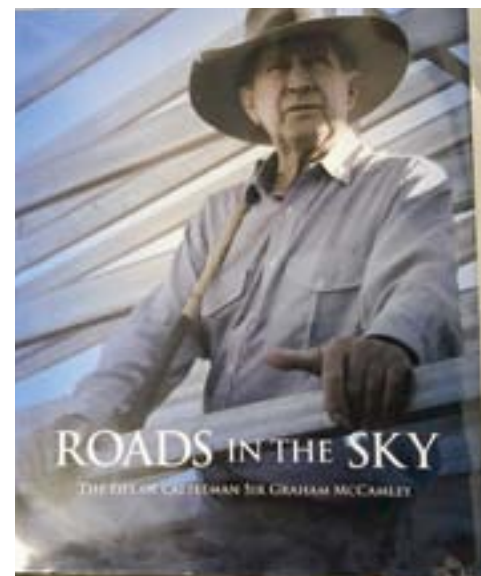
In 1966, Graham and Shirley purchased Minimbah at Marlborough as a feedlot, and the next year, they purchased the neighbouring property, Glenrock. Many more property purchases would be made over the years, including Royles, Glenprairie, Oakleigh, Stoodleigh and Tanderra.

But they were hit with a setback at their original property, Tartrus.

The land's carrying capacity had trebled and reclaiming of the country from the clutches of the brigalow was hailed a massive success.

But in 1968, 13,400 acres of the fully developed country was resumed by the Queensland government, with just \$37,000 allocated in compensation.

"When they resumed that part of Tartrus, I told Minister for Lands Alan Fletcher that I would buy the first adjoining land that became available, because we needed the full 43,000 acres if we were to make a decent living off Tartrus," he said.



Sir Graham McCamley's book, *Roads in the Sky*.

"In 1969, we purchased Royles, adjoining Tartrus, to help counteract this resumption."

In 1971, the first Tartrus field day was held, revealing the results of eight years of trials using Brahman cattle.

"Our trials were clearly demonstrating that the first-cross brahman and subsequent crosses back to brahman were continuing to outperform those crossed back to Hereford and the pure-bred Hereford."

Graham had become completely convinced that Herefords no longer had any place in the north of Australia.

"That field days was probably the first time I'd publicly admitted it," he said.

That same year, Graham was made president of the Australian Brahman Breeders' Association. He also served as president of the Central Coastal Graziers' Association, was a producer member of the Australian Meat and Livestock Corporation and, most significantly, was first president of the Cattlemen's Union of Australia.



Sir Graham McCamley piloting a helicopter



Tartus Rio 1272, the Grand Champion Brahman Bull and Grand Champion Interbreed Bull at 1989 Tamworth Show



In 1958, Graham McCamley moved into the air charter business



Grey heifers at Oakleigh



Graham and Shirley McCamley



Graham with Clare Langmore and his sister Mavis on their study trip to the United States in the 1950s.



Nick Stone, Graham McCamley and Jeff McCamley, winners of a Country B Grade Champions tennis trophy



Sir Graham McCamley revisited his family's original home at Corlea, near Ballybay, Ireland, in 2015

More than 1100 cattlemen attended the Union's first meeting at Rockhampton's Leichhardt Hotel, and it quickly established itself as a force to be reckoned with.

Meanwhile, Graham's love of flying continued and when decided to learn how to fly a helicopter, he could see this would change the way things were done on the cattle station.

"A helicopter and a road train came to be the two absolute essentials for our business when we went to muster," he said in his book. "You could muster and move cattle as the herds grew."

On many occasions in Graham's life he bore witness to the power of prayer - often when he was in the air.

During a bushfire in 1982, Graham lost anti-torque control and crashed his five-seat jet ranger not long after he bought it, after being hit from behind by a whirlwind. He saw this as a wake-up call.

"After that, I sought God's help to fight

droughts and floods. My approach was far more humble," he said.

In June 1986, Graham, now 53, was awarded a Knighthood and was described in The Morning Bulletin as "the saviour of Australia's modern beef industry".

In 2004, about 1800 people attended Graham and Shirley's Tartus 50th Anniversary display and sale, featuring cattle inspections, trade displays, presentations and the sharing of scientific data.

In April 2010, Easter Sunday, tragedy struck when Shirley was killed in an ultralight plane crash at Tartus.

Graeme Acton, of Acton Super Beef, described Shirley as the First Lady of the Australian Brahman Industry, "loved and respected by all who knew her".

Graham was heartbroken at the loss of the love of his life, especially not being able to say goodbye, but his strong Christian faith saw him through.

"God says those who humble themselves

shall be exalted, and Shirley showed the same humbleness to the man on the street as she did to the Mayor," Graham wrote in his book.

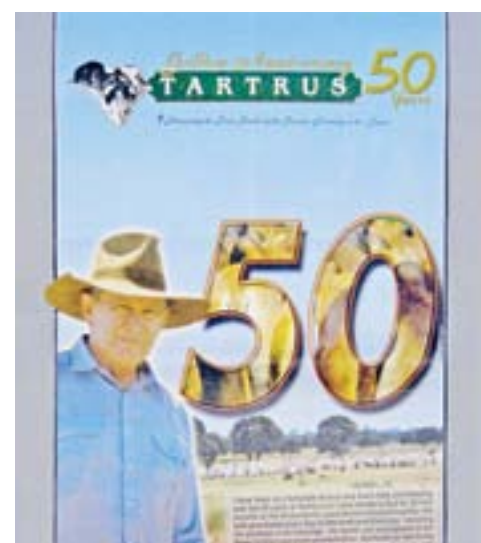
Later Graham battled a series of cancers, but has come out the other side thanks, once again, to his faith and the love of his family.

Now a grandfather and great-grandfather, Graham is retired from the cattle business but he still maintains his love of the land and his beloved Brahman.

Sir Graham's book Roads in the Sky, is available for a generous donation to The Lady McCamley Memorial Foundation from his office at 87 Bolsover Street, Rockhampton or Georges Menswear in William Street, Rockhampton.

The Lady McCamley Memorial Foundation is an ATO registered charity whose focus is on suicide prevention. Receipts are issued for all donations received.

The foundation is run by a diverse board of dedicated volunteers united in a desire to support rural Queensland families.



Graham held a grand 50th anniversary display at Tartus in 2004.



Former staff member Melissa Hutton in the '80s.



The Capricornia Credit Union's 25th anniversary celebration in 1984.

Pride of The Capricornian

By Matthew Pearce

Vince Griffin has seen Rockhampton Credit Union The Capricornian grow from its humble beginnings in Park Avenue to having multiple offices around Central Queensland and an asset base of \$380 million.

The credit union's first manager, Mr Griffin said the business had come a long way since it was established in 1959 as the Park Avenue Parish Credit Co-operative Society Ltd.

"Father John Leahy from the Catholic Church had a wonderful vision of helping people come together to meet their needs at a reasonable cost and this philosophy was based on a cooperative movement," he said.

"He was so convinced by this that he gathered a group around him; husbands, wives, railway workers, teachers and tradesmen and educated them on the philosophy of credit unions.

"This progressed and eventually they had their first annual meeting, registering the credit union in March 1959."

The Park Avenue Parish Credit Co-operative Society Ltd was only the second credit union to be registered in Queensland.

Members met under the presidency of the church and worked on a voluntary basis. By 1963, a board of directors was elected from members of the community.

As the credit union grew it changed its name to Park Avenue Community Credit Union Ltd in 1969 and in 1979 membership was opened up to all people in Central Queensland.

In 1981, the business amalgamated with North Rockhampton Credit Union Ltd to become Capricornia Credit Union Ltd.

Mr Griffin remembers his early days as manager when the credit union was based in a shack next to the Park Avenue picture theatre.

"As we expanded we needed respectable premises so I arranged to borrow \$180,000, which was a lot of money in those days, to finance the erection of the Park Avenue Mall where we had our own office," he said.

"I retired in 1994 when I turned 65 and at that stage we had a total capital of just under \$10 million.

"As of the last general meeting of The Capricornian, they now have a capital of \$380 million, and that was all brought about by the ordinary people getting together under the direction of Fr Leahy."

The business had its challenges in the early days but found ways to overcome them.

"A lot of people were under the impression that the Catholic Church had a vested interest in us because we were founded by a Catholic priest," Mr Griffin said.

"To combat this we invited people from the other churches in town to become members of the board and over the years I deliberately arranged to get people on the board who had the ability to handle development."

Board members included John Shaw from Swanwick Murray and Roche Lawyers, who was chairman for 20 years, Grant and Simpson Lawyers senior partner Hugh Grant and businessman Dick MacNevin.



The Rockhampton Credit Union Ltd building at 157 East St, which is still home to The Capricornian today.

"All of those men worked hard and none ever took a cent in directors' fees. Before I retired and when I was CEO of the credit union, I recommended that they should be acknowledged and paid a director's fee.

"These days the Capricornian is a major business with offices around Central Queensland and this is all thanks to people like them."

Capricornian chief executive officer Dale Grounds is proud of the businesses' history in Rockhampton.

"Last year was our 60th anniversary and we grew up in the late 1950s, as did many hundreds of credit unions around this country," he said.

"The credit union movement itself had been operating since the middle of the 1800s and grew out farmers not being able to get finances to plant their crops and having to pool their savings.

"A lot of visionary people were involved in the movement in Australia, and indeed locally in Rockhampton, who went overseas, did their research and came home to plant literally hundreds of credit unions all over Australia."

Mr Grounds said the original Park Avenue Parish Credit Co-operative Society was formed out of necessity as it was very difficult to get finance from banks at the time.

"From our humble beginnings at Park Avenue we've grown and our asset base is now sitting around the high \$380 million mark - how many other companies with assets like that are based in Central Queensland?"

The Capricornian is 100 per cent owned by its members and is the only local customer owned financial institution in Central Queensland.



The Capricornia Credit Union branch at Rockhampton Shopping Fair.

Q&A

What is the best advice you've ever received?

Told to me by a good friend - "don't take yourself so darn seriously".

What is something you do in your spare time?

As a member of the Diamantina Book Club I read a lot. I support the Sailing Club by helping on the Start Boat when they hold races. I serve on the committee for the Regional Arts Development Fund (RADF). I like to swim and travel. Most importantly I like to feel that I am a part of and can contribute to my community.

What is something most people don't know about you?

I don't know. I'm pretty much an open book.

What do you do for work and what do you enjoy about it?

I was a professional dancer and am now semi-retired, but still teach ballet. I am totally 'at home' in the dance studio and teaching brings me much joy. I love working with the children whether they are aspiring ballet dancers or not. I believe dance is for everyone.

What is your favourite spot in the Central Queensland region?

Where I live because I am surrounded by good people plus I have a wonderful view stretching across Auckland Creek to Mount Larcom. I also love to visit Heron Island where I can dive or snorkel on the Barrier Reef. It's some of the best diving in the world and I am a certified diver.

What would be your last meal if you could choose?

The most memorable meals I have had were simple. All in France. So take me to France and I will have fish, salad and vegetables followed by Brie cheese and peaches.

What is something you think CQ needs?

My thoughts on this are unrealistic because we do not have the population to support it. However, I would love to have easier access to large scale theatre productions like Grand Opera, the Ballet and Plays. This is what I miss the most living in Central Queensland.

What guests (dead or alive) would you invite to a dinner party?

I love animated conversation and lots of laughter. I would cook.

My first two guests - both legends from the world of dance - would be dancer and choreographer Agnes de Mille, and former dancer and artistic director, Harry Haythorne MBE.

When I was a member of the Royal Winnipeg Ballet, I had the great good fortune to be chosen by Agnes to dance the lead role in a new ballet she was choreographing. Working with her was totally inspiring. I admired her indomitable spirit, honesty and wit. Years later I found out that she was also a fan of mine!

Harry and I go back to my London ballet days in the late 1950s. He was my first ballet master. Harry mentored me throughout much of my life and we remained good friends until he passed away not so long ago. Both Harry and Agnes would bring wisdom, wit, charm and a wealth of knowledge to the table.

Then I would invite two from the world of journalism, my sister Lesley Brydon and friend Robert Milliken. Both have such probing minds and great intelligence. No end of conversation here.

To round out the party, I would invite my daughter Lesley and her partner Chris, my brother Brad and his wife Maryke because we always have a good time when we get together. The icing on the cake would be if my American daughter Bronwyn and her husband Matthew who is US Airforce could join us. Then and only then my party list would be complete.

Professional dancer Wendy Barker



with Wendy Barker - Royal Winnipeg ballerina





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Search on again for talent

The Green Brothers Country on Keppel Talent Search is already open for entries for its second year.

The competition kickstarted Country on Keppel 2020 in November with award winning artists James Blundell and Matt Cornell among the judges.

James Blundell headlined a huge line-up of artists at the festival on Great Keppel Island, including Louise James FX, Anna Farquhar, Ayres Rockettes, Jade Holland, Brad Butcher, Tony Cook, Caitlyn Shadbolt, SaltbushSix and Matt Cornell.

Mackay singer-songwriter Bella Mackenzie won the inaugural talent competition and wants others to share in her experience.

"I would really encourage other musos to enter next year's competition to not only have a goal to work towards but make friends with-in the music industry and take up the amazing opportunity to play at the beautiful Great Keppel Island," she said.

"The competition was so great, really well-organised and the people involved were super supportive.

"There was no clear winner and everyone did an amazing job so it was a great show to watch, let alone be a part of. Not to mention the amazing venue and scenery; it was beautiful - the perfect spot!"

Legendary country singer-songwriter James Blundell praised Bella's performance, and said great music in an idyllic spot was a recipe for success.

"Talent quests are an interesting and potentially complicated program; too many entrants and a judging panel becomes fatigued and desensitised, and poor production, and the entrants are both disadvantaged and frustrated - all in all getting one to run smoothly is quite an art," he said.

"This year's Green Brothers Country on Keppel Talent Search bypassed all those pitfalls, and delivered a short list of exceptionally talented artists. Judges Matt Cornell, Bec Gracie, and myself were similarly inclined to comment that each artist was perfectly capable of taking out the quest but Bella McKenzie's performance was a standout.

"What that means, is a well organised



Green Brothers representative Rod Green and Country on Keppel Talent Search 2020 winner Bella Mackenzie, with judges Matt Cornell, Rebecca Gracie, and James Blundell.
Picture: JACKIE FENLON

snapshot of what contemporary Australian country music has to offer. The future is solid, and strong performances, strong songs, and a healthy, courteous attitude to fellow participants made it a joy to be part of.

"A high bar has been set for next year's event, but as the festival gathers momentum, I've absolutely no doubt we'll be seeing more and more exceptional talent taking to the stage."

Singer-songwriter and instrumentalist Matt Cornell agreed Bella was a standout in this year's talent search.

"I think it's fair to say, country music is look-

ing as healthy as ever, after seeing the talent pool at the recent Green Brothers Country on Keppel Talent Search," he said.

"Every act was strong, but the eventual winner Bella Mackenzie really stood out! She has the star factor, she looked so confident on stage; this girl has a big future ahead of her."

Jeff Green from Green Brothers said the Rockhampton music store always wanted to support new talent coming through.

"It's the up-and-coming stars that keep the whole music industry going and we would like to see the talent quest and festival grow for the benefits of tourism," he said.

"It's great for the Central Queensland area."

Great Keppel Island Hideaway hosted the first Country on Keppel in July 2019, but 2020's festival was postponed to November due to Covid-19 restrictions on gatherings. The event is slated to return to July 16-18 in 2021.

Talent search entries are open now until April 19.

Prizes include opening the festival on Saturday, July 17, and a Takamine guitar and hard case from Green Brothers.

You can enter at greatkeppelislandhideaway.com.au/talent-search-entry/

Ilfracombe man is our 2020 RFDS Queensland Hero

By Duncan Evans

Bede Little, a police officer and first responder, has been announced as the 2020 Royal Flying Doctor Service (RFDS) Queensland Hero.

The prestigious accolade is the result of Mr Little's tireless and inspiring work in the small township of Ilfracombe, a close-knit community near Longreach on the outer edges of the Central Queensland region. The community has been suffering through a protracted drought and Mr Little has worked assiduously to support locals as they navigate through these difficult and pressing conditions.

"We're a close-knit community. It's a town that's being doing it tough. We've been in over seven years of serious drought in Ilfracombe. As a police officer, that's something you have to take into consideration when you're out meeting with people," he said in a video production released to coincide with the announcement.

Last year, Mr Little, along with a few key community members, organised a family fun day as a way to unite the community, boost morale and open up a conversation around mental health. Representatives of the RFDS Outback Mental Health team were invited to speak with attendees.

In addition to hosting stalls showcasing local wares, activities and competitions, the event raised \$4,000 for the RFDS.

Local resident Jarra Dolgner, who has struggled with mental health issues, expressed her happiness at the news of Mr Little's achievement.

"He's stepped up in his role, not only as a police officer but as a community member and made everyone feel welcomed and accepted and loved," she said.



RFDS 2020 Queensland Hero Bede Little

A sense of service and a sincere commitment to others runs deep in Mr Little.

"As part of being in the community, I'll get out and about. I do a lot of station visits here. I get to know a lot of the property managers and workers on the property. So I'll go out and ride a motorbike around and assist, muster up some sheep. I think that builds that rapport. They see you differently because you're out, you're having a go and you're working with them," he said.

RFDS (Queensland Section) CEO Meredith Staib congratulated Mr Little on being named the 2020 RFDS Queensland Hero.

"This year's RFDS Local Hero Award winners were an especially inspiring group of Queenslanders," she said.

"To be judged our Queensland Hero by way of public vote is a testament to the impact which Mr Little has no doubt had on his community."

Alongside the recognition and widespread

appreciation, Mr Little will receive a \$7,5000 grant from Ergon Energy Retail to be redistributed back into his community.

Asked how he would deploy the grant, Mr Little said: "I would like to use the grant to help organise another family fun day for the community next year. We had planned to stage another event this year but couldn't proceed due to Covid. Hopefully we will be able to bring everyone together again in 2021."

It's been a big year for CQ, with the community coming together to face the coronavirus pandemic and the economic uncertainty left in its wake. CQ Today asked some of our local community leaders to share their thoughts on the year that was and the future that could be as we head into the great unknown of the year 2021.

Looking forward to 2021

Livingstone Shire mayor

As 2020 draws to a close, many will be saying 'good riddance'. There's no doubt it has been a challenging year.

Many have suffered both locally and nationally, as well as internationally, and many have lost everything, including their lives.

In general terms, and I know there are always exceptions, we in Livingstone have been very fortunate. We live in one of the most enviable destinations in the world, and our region has been relatively Covid-19 free since the emergence of this insidious infection.

Our local economy is experiencing positive times, our real estate market is very busy, and projects including Stanage Bay Road upgrades, the Rockhampton Ring Road project, as well as the solid performance from the major industries sector in our region, which continues to provide jobs.

Since the local government election in March 2020, Council has been busy as well. We have delivered the 2020/21 Budget and the long term financial forecast featuring one of Council's largest capital works programs for 2020/21.

As we look forward to 2021, Council and the Shire's challenges will be around the Northern Suburbs Boundary Review, and the potential outcomes from that review, as well as the continued loss of revenue from the Australian



Livingstone Shire Mayor Andy Ireland.

Defence Force's acquisition of rural properties in the Shoalwater Bay area. I am confident though, that with the combined skills and experience of elected members and Council staff, we will achieve the best outcomes possible for the community.

I have no doubt that 2021 will bring its own unique challenges, and spending time with your family at Christmas is a very special way of preparing yourself for what's to come.

Merry Christmas, and may God keep you safe.

Acting Rockhampton mayor

This time last year when we were all reflecting on 2019, we had absolutely no idea what was in store for us in 2020. It's definitely been a year that I'll put on my anti-bucket list!

This year has certainly not been without significant challenges, but I really want to focus on the best of 2020. Through resilience, determination and unity, Council delivered some fantastic initiatives and projects for our Region.

Following the onset of Covid restrictions Council quickly announced a \$1.3 million relief package for businesses and community groups, we maintained a robust workforce of 925 full time equivalent employees, and we worked closely with community groups to develop and roll out a Covid-19 grant program.

Council invested \$96.1 million on capital works projects throughout the 2019/20 financial year, boosting our local economy and driving job creation. We spent \$10.7 million in our rural road network and thanks to our strong local preference policy we also spent \$113.3 million on goods and services from local businesses within the Rockhampton Regional Council boundaries this year.

We are seeing significant progress on the long-awaited Rockhampton Museum of Art which is on track for its 2021 completion date and were the first regional airport in the country



Acting Rockhampton Region Mayor Neil Fisher

to reveal the new state of the art body scanners and baggage screening equipment required by the Australian Government's Strengthening Aviation Security Initiative.

Recent upgrades to Mt Archer, the new Mt Morgan bike trail, our new meerkat additions and the announcement of another baby chimp for the zoo are set to bring even more visitors to our Region and we can begin to get excited about some major events returning in 2021.

On behalf of all councillors and staff I would like to wish everyone a happy, healthy and safe Christmas and New Year.



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OPINION

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Abolish unjust compulsory voting

I write this letter to your newspaper as an attempt to get the ball rolling and motivate the newly elected Queensland Labor government to not just consider but be the vanguard, the catalyst to the abolition of the grossly unjust and dangerous compulsory voting which is forced, by law, on every voting age Australian citizen.

Outlawing compulsory voting has been a passion of mine since the early to late 1960s and if you will be indulgent and grant me the necessary space, I will present compelling evidence for such such an electoral anomaly being crumbled up and thrown in the waste-paper basket where it should never had emerged from in the first place.

“Pin the tail on the donkey” is a fun and harmless children’s party game. However, because of compulsory voting, that game is played out in polling booths every election, but particularly in the federal arena.

The result can have catastrophic and long lasting consequences.

The Queensland federal seat of Moreton was won in the 1961 election by liberal candidate Jim (later Sir James) Killen by the narrow margin of about 130 votes after the distribution of second preferences, thereby giving the Bob (later Sir Robert) Menzies Liberal/Country Coalition the narrow margin of one seat to form government.

Who could have ever imagined in their wildest dreams or worst nightmares that those handful of second preference votes would write the forward to one of the darkest chapters in Australian history; a chapter written in blood and shame that unfortunately cannot be erased, altered or ever justified.

There were four contenders for the seat of Morton in 1961. John O’Donell (Australian Labor Party), Jim Killen (Australian Liberal Party), Max Julius (Australian Communist Party) and a candidate from the newly formed party calling themselves ‘Queensland Labor’.

Despite ALP John O’Donell leading the vote count with 48 per cent of primaries and Liberal Jim Killen with 43.3 per cent, the Queensland Labor Party and unbelievably, Communist Party second preference votes was enough to push Jim Killen over the line.

That the second preference votes to the Liberal Party came from voters for a party calling itself ‘Queensland Labor Party’ and the other called the ‘Communist Party’ is the most tragic example of ‘donkey votes’ I have encountered in more than 50 years of political observation and it is damning testament and an indictment of the compulsory voting system.

It is obvious that without those ‘donkey votes’ the ALP would have formed government and Australia would never have been involved in the unwinnable Vietnam War.

Unfortunately that was not to be the case and subsequently the Menzies Government, aided by the ‘right wing’ Australian media, embarked on the most untruthful fear campaign, unprecedented in Australian history.

Those that lived through the 1960s and early 70s will remember the warning of the ‘Red Tide of Communism’ flooding South East Asia and if Vietnam falls, other countries will fall like ‘dominos’ and the US President Linden B Johnson in a Sydney speech reinforcing this outrageous claim, warning that, and I ‘quote’, “Just remember, Hanoi is closer to Sydney than it is to Washington.”

A question from a man in the crowd, “and just how in the bloody hell are they going to get here, swim?” naturally went unanswered but the seed of a Commie invasion was well and truly planted and Prime Minister Harold Holt’s famous “All the way with LBJ” was received with great applause and cheering from the crowd.

However, after being lied to and duped for over six years the Australian people finally had had enough and on December 2, 1972, they “went all the way with the LNP” and elected Gough Whitlam as the Prime Minister of Australia.



Reader Malcolm Wells sent in this photo of a very alert sand goanna. Malcolm loves the fact that these creatures live and give birth in his garden and on adjacent state land that he has been allowed by Livingstone Shire Council to regenerate with native plants.

The election promise by the Gough Whitlam ALP to withdraw our troops from the Vietnam quagmire and have them home for Christmas was honoured and they were shipped out safely and with dignity, thus saving the Australian forces the humiliation suffered by the Americans three years later when they were unceremoniously booted 12,000 miles across the vast expanse of the Pacific Ocean back to the USA on the other side of the globe by the patriots of this small country that only wanted their independence and to be allowed to freely elect their own government of choice.

I am sure the Vietnamese people were inspired by their three decade struggle (1946 to 1975) for a future without foreign rule or interference by the words of their great leader, Ho Chi Minh: “It is better to die a free man a free man then to live as a slave.”

I am not a member of any political party and I must stress that not a thread of shame should be worn by any Australian who served in Vietnam or by those who were duped into voting their support.

**Don Fraser
Allenstown**

Culture rules over written word

The Anglican church again allows culture to over rule the written word.

Weekend Australian, Saturday, 19 December, reported of an Anglican parish priest, Steve, who had recently changed gender and was now Selina, she had found her true self.

This certainly highlights the comment made by Jesus that he had doubts about whether he would find any faith on his return.

Luke 18:8. Well if he waits much longer and the Anglican Church is allowed to follow this style of leadership faith will be long gone. Christians make up only 30% of religious followers yet they make up 80% of victims of



A goanna on the solar light.

religious killings, Christians the world over are prepared to die for their faith but it seems here in Australia, at least with the Anglicans, of which I must add I am one of, anything goes.

The Anglicans now have three such ministers who are now declared transgender, the Queensland head of the Anglican church Philip Aspinall is reported to have stated “it was deeply personal and difficult decision” for the priest Steve. The Sydney Archbishop Glen Davies states that she should go from a leadership position

I agree with Glen.
**Doug Belot
Cooee Bay**



Lynch’s joke of the week

A young fella named Bazza bought a horse from a farmer for \$250.

The farmer agreed to deliver the horse the next day. The next day, the farmer drove up to Bazza’s house and said, “Sorry son, but I have some bad news, the horse died.”

Bazza replied, “Well, then just give me my money back.”

The farmer said, “Can’t do that. I went and spent it already.”

Bazza said, “Ok, then, just bring me the dead horse.”

The farmer asked, “What ya gonna do with him?”

Bazza said, “I’m going to raffle him off.”

The farmer said, “You can’t raffle off a dead horse!”

Bazza said, “Sure I can, Watch me. I just won’t tell any body he’s dead.”

A month later, the farmer met up with Bazza and asked, “What happened with that dead horse?”

Bazza said, “I raffled him off. I sold 500 tickets at five dollars a piece and made a profit of \$2495.”

The farmer said, “Didn’t anyone complain?”

Bazza said, “Just the guy who won. So I gave him his five dollars back.”

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Time for hot colours

There's something about the hot weather that just screams for colour in our outfits.

Even if you are normally a person who prefers to wear neutrals, it's natural to want to wear colour and be as vivid as the lovely flowering trees we see all over CQ at this time of year.

Chris McMurtrie from Emu Park is eye-catching in her gorgeous mini dress.

Chris is a fan of bold and bright colours and this dress combines them all!

With its cute 1960s vibe, this dress is cool, unique and a real statement piece.

The dress is actually made up of two different coordinating fabrics, and although the cut of the dress is a classic simple shift, the combination of the two fabrics is quirky and also very clever.

Having three panels vertically down the front of the dress is very slimming as the eye is drawn to the middle panel and not so much to the sides.

The lovely yoke at the neckline of the dress removes the necessity for any type of necklace, so Chris has just accessorised with some coordinating bright orange earrings.

She's chosen flat black sandals to complete the look, which is a smart move as it lets the lovely colours of the dress do all the talking.

Karissa Soboll from Rockhampton is also looking lovely in her chosen colour of lavender.

Karissa also enjoys wearing colours in the summertime and she says she loves to wear relaxed flowing styles like dresses. This choice ticks the boxes very nicely.

The lavender and white polka dots is a very flattering colour on her, and the design of the dress is also very figure flattering.

The dress is cut so that the bodice has a little bit of gathering at the bustline, which is particularly flattering for ladies who are not very big busted.

Then the middle of the dress is fitted at the slimmest part of the torso which makes the waist look lovely and small.

Finally, the skirt of the dress is just slightly gathered to the waistband, it's not so full that it adds extra bulk to the hips, but roomy enough that it allows for airflow and comfort.

Karissa is letting her dress be the statement, with her choice of small pearl stud earrings and simple neutral coloured flat slides to complete her look.

If you'd like to know more about the colours that are going to look best on you, or some help with expressing your own style, contact me at Imagine You or on 0438 005 276.



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Karissa Soboll enjoys wearing colours in the Summertime.

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Eventful time on the coast

Coast Guard update with Arthur Hunt

It's been an eventful Christmas period for the Yeppoon Coast Guard.

On Monday 21 December at 2.52pm Yeppoon Rescue One (skipper Barry Semple) set out to assist an 8m Leisure Cat with seven people on board that had suffered engine trouble east of Flat Island.

One engine had stopped and the boat was limping back to Rosslyn Bay Harbour at about 10 knots.

Then the Coast Guard radio operator received a call from the vessel that they had lost the other engine. Yeppoon Rescue One intercepted the vessel at 4.43pm and towed them back to Rosslyn Bay Harbour arriving 7.50pm.

While that operation was in progress, a call was received at 4.20pm to assist another boat with three people on board that had broken down south-east of Barren Island.

Marine Assist Rescue (skipper Kingsley Bartle) set out to retrieve the vessel. The Water Police vessel, Lyle M Hoey, had come across the stricken vessel whilst on manoeuvres in that area so took it in tow and rendezvoused with Marine Assist Rescue which took over the tow about 15nm east of Barren Island, arriving back in Rosslyn Bay Harbour at 7.20pm.

On Thursday 23 December, at 11.16am Marine Assist Rescue (skipper Merv Studt) went to the assistance of a boat that had run out of fuel returning from an overnight trip to Douglas Shoals and was anchored out from Miall Island. Forty litres of fuel was transferred for the trip back to Rosslyn Bay Harbour. Both boats returned to harbour at 12.16pm.

On Sunday 27 December, Marine Assist Rescue (skipper Merv Studt) responded to a call at 7.41am to a 5.6m runabout which was stranded at Middle Island having lost all power. The vessel, with five people on board (four adults and one child), was towed back to Rosslyn Bay Harbour, arriving at 9.20am.

Before that operation concluded, a call was received at 9.15am from the owner of a vessel



The Yeppoon Coast have had a memorable Christmas period and even gave Santa a lift.


that had been swamped by a large wave while they were loading camping gear off the beach at Middle Island.

Marine Assist Rescue (skipper: Merv Studt) responded but the party elected to stay and attempt to dry out and pack the boat before a towing operation was attempted.


Marine Assist Rescue returned to Rosslyn Bay Harbour at 10.40am. As no further request for assistance was received, it is presumed that the boat was restarted successfully for the return trip to Rosslyn Bay Harbour.

Earlier in December, Coast Guard Yeppoon received a call from Santa Claus as his normal transport was unavailable and he had to meet the children at Capricornia Cruising Yacht Club Christmas party.




Flotilla members interrupted preparations for their own party to meet Santa at Keppel Bay Marina and transport him across the harbour to CCYC, much to the delight of the children.



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One a-Maisie-ing lady

North Rockhampton Pensioners and Superannuants League update

On Wednesday December 16, the North Rockhampton Branch of the Australian Pensioners and Superannuants held their annual Christmas function at the Frenchville.

Because of Covid-19, the branch held a smaller Christmas party than usual after such a challenging year. A year which found us not being able to organise our indoor bowls days because of all the conditions laid down because of the effects of the virus.

During the function president Dell Waite presented vice-president Maisie Hammond with a Certificate of Merit signed by the state president, Joyce Macdonald.

Maisie was honoured for her long time service to the branch in a number of fields.

This amazing lady celebrated her 100th birthday on Saturday and Sunday with December 20, 1920 being her year of birth.



North Rockhampton Pensioners and Superannuants vice-president Maisie Hammond is pictured with branch secretary Cherith Weis.



North Rockhampton branch members celebrate at the Christmas function.



President Dell Waite presents vice-president Maisie Hammond with an APSL Certificate of Merit. The league believes Maisie takes the prize for the most senior position holder in any branch of APSL.

Fleeting display: The elusive yellow robin

While staying at my son's home for a week's holiday, the variety of calls I could hear every day enticed me to spend more and more time down in his forest area.

One morning I had a quick glimpse of a yellow robin through the trees.

There were many thin branches, leaves and other foliage in between which didn't give me any chance for a photo. I tried to follow him as he moved quickly from one perch to the next but when I did raise the camera to try for a shot, by the time I found the place through the lens where he had landed, he had already gone.

This was repeated a number of times until I finally lost sight of him altogether.

Other days proved unsuccessful as well.

On the final afternoon before we were to leave, I could hear a whipbird's call with its



unmistakable whip cracking noise so I went down to an open grove among the trees and sat quietly to wait in the hope it may come my way.

After some time, I heard the call again from a different position and was watching that area closely. I couldn't see anything and the call seemed a long way away. When I turned back to check out the trees in front of

me again, I could hardly believe it.

Less than 10 metres in front of me, on a branch that was hanging down from one of the trees, was the beautiful yellow robin pictured. He stayed there looking this way and that, almost as if he was posing for the camera.

However the arrival of his mate landing on a branch even closer to me, really topped off a great photo session.

The eastern yellow robin poses for the camera.





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The Guide

TOP PICKS OF THE WEEK



FRIDAY NIGELLA'S COOK, EAT, REPEAT

ABC TV, 7.30pm

What better year for the queen of comfort food to launch a new TV series than 2020, a year which many of us have survived with a wholehearted commitment to eating our feelings. Nigella definitely knows how to indulge, that food is far more than just fuel and how to bring good hearty food to every home cook's weekly repertoire. This new series, premiering tonight, sees Nigella reveal the vintage cookbooks and social media posts that have served as inspiration for her recipes.



TUESDAY TRAVEL MAN'S GREATEST TRIPS

SBS, 9.30pm

In his nine seasons as the Travel Man, Richard Ayoade (above) has been on more than 40 mini-breaks, travelling to cities near and far with celebrity companions for a 48-hour stay. Before Ayoade hands the reins over to incoming host Joe Lycett for season 10, the enigmatic presenter looks back at some of his greatest trips, as well as those he would rather have avoided. From a miniature hot rod adventure in Vienna with Ayoade's *The IT Crowd* co-star Chris O'Dowd to scaling the Burj Khalifa with comedian Johnny Vegas in Dubai and rafting in Florence with Rebel Wilson, it's a reminder of how much fun international travel can be.

SUNDAY I'M A CELEBRITY... GET ME OUT OF HERE!

WIN, 7.30pm

In case you missed one of last year's catchiest ad campaigns, Dr Chris Brown, Julia Morris (below) and their cast of celebrities are staying home this year. Unable to film in South Africa's Kruger National Park due to the pandemic, production is instead heading to the camp in rural New South Wales where international versions of the show are recorded. While the celebrities involved have saved themselves a 13-hour flight

and a few travel immunisations, they're not the only ones who still call Australia home – redback spiders, bull sharks, cane toads and 21 out of the world's 25 most dangerous snakes are just some of the locals set to join them in the series' trademark tucker trials.

Julia Morris hosts *I'm A Celebrity Get Me Out Of Here*



SATURDAY DOCTOR WHO

ABC TV PLUS, 7.30pm

There are certain things that are just a given at this time of the year: chocolate indulging followed closely by reviewed resolutions, long lazy afternoons, mozzie bites and the *Doctor Who* festive special. This year, the dreaded Daleks return and wreak havoc while The Doctor (Jodie Whittaker) remains locked away in a high-security alien prison, leaving Yaz (Mandip Gill), Ryan (Tosin Cole) and Graham (Bradley Walsh) to save the day. Captain Jack (John Barrowman) is on hand to assist, but it soon becomes one of the most frightening challenges the gang have faced. Sex and the City's Chris Noth also appears as the disgraced Jack Robertson.



Friday, January 1

ABC TV (2)

6.00 The Cook And The Chef. (R)
6.25 Short Cuts To Glory: Matt Okine Vs Food. (R)
7.00 ABC News.
10.00 Can We Save The Reef? (R)
11.00 Gardening Australia. (R)
12.00 ABC News.
12.30 New Year's Eve 2020. (PG, R)
4.00 Death In Paradise. (PG, R)
5.00 Escape From The City. (R)

6.00 Julia Zemiro's Home Delivery. (PG, R)
6.30 Anh's Brush With Fame. (PG, R)
7.00 ABC News.
7.30 Nigella's Cook, Eat, Repeat. (Premiere) Nigella reveals her inspiration for her recipes.
8.00 The Vicar Of Dibley... In Lockdown. (Return, PG) Part 1 of 3.
8.35 Royal Edinburgh Military Tattoo Sydney 2019. (R) From ANZ Stadium, Sydney.
10.40 Mystery Road. (Mal, R)
11.30 ABC Late News.
11.50 The Yearly With Charlie Pickering 2020. (PG, R) **12.50** Rage In Memoriam. (MA15+adhl) **5.00** Rage. (PG)

ABC TV PLUS (22) **6am** Children's Programs. **6.10pm** Dog Loves Books. **6.20** Bluey. **6.30** Fireman Sam Special. **7.30** Spicks And Specks. **8.00** Doctor Who. **8.45** **MOVIE:** Strictly Ballroom. (1992, PG) **10.25** Anh's Brush With Fame. **10.55** The Catherine Tate Show. **11.25** Detectorists. **11.50** Alan Partridge's Mid-Morning Matters. **12.25am** The Thick Of It. (Final) **12.55** Dead Boss. **1.25** Russell Howard's Stand-Up Central. **1.45** The IT Crowd. **2.15** News Update. **2.20** Close. **5.00** Five Minutes More. **5.05** Guess How Much I Love You. **5.20** Lily's Driftwood Bay. **5.25** Patchwork Pals. **5.30** Postman Pat Special Delivery Service. **5.45** Late Programs.

NITV (34) **6am** Morning Programs. **8.45** Wapos Bay. **9.05** Kagagi. **9.30** Bushwhacked! **10.00** On The Road. **11.00** NITV News Year In Review. **Noon** Music Voyager. **12.25** Skindigenous. **12.55** **MOVIE:** Coal Miner's Daughter. (1980, PG) **3.00** Cities Of Gold. **3.25** Bushwhacked! **3.55** Raven's Quest. **4.00** Musomagic. **4.30** The Storyteller. **5.00** Music Voyager. **5.30** Skindigenous. **6.00** Foreign Flavours. **6.30** Kriol Kitchen. **7.00** Road Open. **7.10** Lil Bois. **7.30** **MOVIE:** The Flintstones. (1994, PG) **9.00** Bedtime Stories. **9.10** Island Paradise: Living In The Torres Straits. **10.10** Sunny And The Dark Horse. **11.40** Late Programs.

SBS (3)

6.00 WorldWatch. **7.30** Italian News. **8.10** Filipino News. **8.40** French News. **9.30** Greek News. **10.30** German News. **11.00** Spanish News. **11.30** Turkish News. **12.00** Arabic News F24. **12.30** ABC America: World News Tonight. **1.00** PBS NewsHour. **2.00** Story Of Europe. (PGav, R) **3.00** Great British Railway Journeys. (PG, R) **3.30** Who Do You Think You Are? (PGa, R) **4.35** Inside Windsor Castle. (PGa, R) **5.30** Letters And Numbers. (R)

6.00 Going Places With Ernie Dingo. (R)
6.30 SBS World News.
7.35 A World Of Calm: The Glassmaker. (PG)
7.55 Planet Of Treasures: Middle East. (PG) Presented by Sir Christopher Clark.
8.55 Kevin McCloud: Rough Guide To The Future: Food, Waste And Robots. Part 1 of 3.
9.50 8 Out Of 10 Cats Does Countdown. (Mals, R)
10.45 Country Music. (PG, R)
11.45 The Name Of The Rose. (MA15+s, R)
3.50 Great British Railway Journeys. (R) **5.00** CGTN English News. **5.15** NHK World English News. **5.30** Deutsche Welle English News.

VICELAND (31) **6am** WorldWatch. **11.35** Hindi News. **Noon** Basketball. NBA. Miami Heat v Milwaukee Bucks. Replay. **2.00** Rex In Rome. **3.50** Life After Food. **4.20** PBS News. **5.20** ABC America: World News Tonight. **5.45** Only Connect. **6.20** Megafactories. **7.10** Jeopardy! **7.35** 8 Out Of 10 Cats Does Countdown. **8.30** Hoarders. **9.20** Alcohol: The Magic Potion. **10.20** Housos. **11.20** Adam Looking For Eve VIP. **12.15am** **MOVIE:** Midnight Cowboy. (1969) **2.20** NHK World English News. **3.00** Thai News. **3.30** Bangla News. **4.00** Punjabi News. **4.30** Sri Lankan Sinhalese News. **5.00** Korean News. **5.30** Indonesian News.

SBS MOVIES (32) **6am** The Cup. Continued. (1999, PG, Tibetan) **6.20** Hotel Salvation. (2016, PG, Hindi) **8.15** Amazonia. (2013, No dialogue) **9.45** My Neighbour Totoro. (1988, PG) **11.25** Buggy Malone. (1976, PG) **1.05pm** Asterix: The Mansions Of The Gods. (2014, PG, French) **2.40** The Red Turtle. (2016, PG, No dialogue) **4.10** The White Balloon. (1995, Farsi) **5.45** Cheerful Weather For The Wedding. (2012, PG) **7.35** Intolerable Cruelty. (2003, M) **9.30** The King's Speech. (2010, M) **11.40** The Hairdresser's Husband. (1990, M, French) **1.10am** Kokowaah 2. (2013, M, German) **3.25** Project A Part II. (1987, M, Cantonese) **5.25** Late Programs.

SEVEN (7)

6.00 Sunrise. **10.00** The Morning Show Summer Series. (PG)
11.30 Seven Morning News.
12.00 **MOVIE:** Singin' In The Rain. (1952, G, R)
2.00 Dogs Behaving (Very) Badly. (PG, R)
3.00 The Chase. (R)
4.00 Seven News At 4.
5.00 The Chase Australia. (R)

6.00 Seven News.
7.00 Better Homes And Gardens Summer. Johanna takes a tour of Jungle House.
8.30 **MOVIE:** Inception. (2010, Mv, R)
In a world where it is possible to enter the human mind by invading a person's dreams, a thief is offered a chance at redemption by executing his toughest job to date, to plant an idea into the mind of a CEO. Leonardo DiCaprio, Elliot Page, Joseph Gordon-Levitt.
11.30 **MOVIE:** The Corruptor. (1999, MA15+sv, R) A Chinese detective infiltrates a gang. Chow Yun-Fat.
2.00 Home Shopping. (R)
4.00 My Greek Odyssey. (PG, R)
5.00 NBC Today.

7TWO (72) **6am** Home Shopping. **6.30** Travel Oz. **8.00** Harry's Practice. **8.30** Million Dollar Minute. **9.30** NBC Today. **Noon** Weekender. **12.30** Last Chance Learners. **1.00** My Greek Odyssey. **2.00** Harry's Practice. **2.30** Million Dollar Minute. **3.30** Australia: The Story Of Us. **4.30** The Real Seachange. **5.00** Under The Hammer. **5.30** Escape To The Country. **6.30** Bargain Hunt. **7.30** Dog Patrol. **8.30** Escape To The Country. **9.30** Selling Houses Australia. **10.30** Property Ladder UK. **1am** The Fine Art Auction. **4.00** Under The Hammer. **4.30** Escape To The Country. **5.30** Home Shopping.

7MATE (73) **6am** Fishing And Adventure. **6.30** Mark Berg's Fishing Addiction. **7.30** Creek To Coast. **8.00** Pawn Stars. **8.30** Storage Wars: Texas. **9.00** American Pickers. **10.00** America's Game: The Super Bowl Champions. **11.00** A Football Life. **Noon** Highway Thru Hell. **1.00** Swamp People. **2.00** Gold Fever. **3.00** Bottom Feeders. **3.30** The Grade Cricketer. **4.00** Timbersports. **4.30** Ice Road Truckers. **5.30** Storage Wars: Texas. **6.00** American Pickers. **7.00** Pawn Stars. **7.30** **MOVIE:** Kickboxer. (1989, M) **9.35** **MOVIE:** Kickboxer: Vengeance. (2016, MA15+) **11.35** American Dad! **12.05am** Ice Road Truckers. **1.00** Late Programs.

NINE (5)

6.00 Today.
9.00 Today Extra Summer. (PG)
11.30 Morning News.
12.00 **MOVIE:** Drop Dead Gorgeous. (1999, PGIs, R)
2.00 Desert Vet: Whale Shark. (PGa, R)
3.00 Tipping Point. (PG)
4.00 Afternoon News.
4.30 Millionaire Hot Seat.
5.30 Nine News Local.

6.00 Nine News.
7.00 A Current Affair.
7.30 Country House Hunters Australia. Hosted by Catriona Rowntree.
8.30 **MOVIE:** Clear And Present Danger. (1994, Mv, R) A CIA agent investigating the drug trade uncovers corruption at the highest level of US government. Harrison Ford, Willem Dafoe, Anne Archer.
11.20 **MOVIE:** Triple 9. (2016, MA15+lv) An unsuspecting rookie foils a heist. Casey Affleck.
1.30 TV Shop: Home Shopping. (R)
4.00 Global Shop.
4.30 TV Shop: Home Shopping. (R)
5.30 A Current Affair. (R)

9GEM (52) **6am** TV Shop: Home Shopping. **7.00** Creflo Dollar Ministries. **7.30** TV Shop: Home Shopping. **10.30** The Ellen DeGeneres Show. **11.30** My Favorite Martian. **Noon** Australia's Top Ten Of Everything. **1.00** Days Of Our Lives. **1.55** The Young And The Restless. **3.00** **MOVIE:** Champions. (1984, PG) **5.20** Heartbeat. **6.30** Antiques Roadshow. **7.30** Planet Earth II. **8.40** **MOVIE:** Jerry Maguire. (1996, M) Tom Cruise. **11.30** Holidays From Hell: Caught On Camera. (Premiere) **12.30am** Antiques Roadshow. **1.00** TV Shop: Home Shopping.

9GO! (53) **6am** Children's Programs. **11.00** Dance Moms. **Noon** American Ninja Warrior. **1.45** Clarence. **2.00** Malcolm. **2.30** The Six Million Dollar Man. **3.30** Quantum Leap. **4.30** Knight Rider. **5.30** **MOVIE:** Short Circuit. (1986, PG) **7.30** **MOVIE:** Astro Boy. (2009, PG) **9.20** **MOVIE:** Death Race. (2008, MA15+) **11.20** The Top 100 Video Games Of All Time. **12.15am** Urbex: Enter At Your Own Risk. **1.15** Rivals. **2.10** Dance Moms. **3.00** Beyblade Burst Turbo. **3.30** Lego Jurassic World: Legend Of Isla Nublar. **4.00** Pokémon. **4.30** Pokémon Journeys. **4.50** Mega Man: Fully Charged. **5.10** Bakugan: Battle Planet. **5.30** Yu-Gi-Oh! Classic.

WIN (8)

6.00 Left Off The Map. (R) **6.30** Everyday Gourmet. (R) **7.00** Ent. Tonight. (R) **7.30** Judge Judy. (PG, R) **8.00** Bold. (PG, R) **8.30** Studio 10. (PG) **11.00** GCBC. (R) **11.30** My Market Kitchen. (R) **12.00** Dr Phil. (PGal, R) **1.00** John Foreman's Pops Orchestra NYE Gala. (R) **2.30** Everyday Gourmet. (R) **3.00** Judge Judy. (PG) **3.30** Left Off The Map. **4.00** Farm To Fork. (PG) **4.30** The Bold And The Beautiful. (PG, R) **5.00** 10 News First.

6.30 The Project. A look at the day's news.
7.30 **MOVIE:** Book Club. (2018, MIs)
Four women have their lives changed after reading *Fifty Shades of Grey* in their book club. Jane Fonda, Diane Keaton.
9.30 **MOVIE:** Monster-In-Law. (2005, Ms, R) After years of looking for Mr Right, a woman finally finds the man of her dreams only to discover that his mother is determined to scare off any possible partner and ruin their blossoming relationship. Jennifer Lopez, Jane Fonda, Michael Vartan.
11.30 The Project. (R) A look at the day's news.
12.30 The Late Show With Stephen Colbert. (PG) Hosted by Stephen Colbert.
1.30 Home Shopping. (R)

BOLD (81) **6am** Home Shopping. **8.00** Mission: Impossible. **9.00** Diagnosis Murder. **10.00** Star Trek: The Next Generation. **11.00** Star Trek: Voyager. **Noon** Star Trek. **1.00** WIN's All Australian News. **2.00** Mission: Impossible. **3.00** Bondi Rescue. **3.30** Diagnosis Murder. **4.30** Star Trek: The Next Generation. **5.30** Star Trek: Voyager. **6.30** Bondi Rescue. **7.30** NCIS. **8.30** Law & Order: SVU. **10.30** **MOVIE:** Forced Vengeance. (1982, MA15+) **12.30am** Home Shopping. **2.00** Diagnosis Murder. **3.00** Star Trek: The Next Generation. **4.00** Star Trek: Voyager. **5.00** Mission: Impossible.

PEACH (82) **6am** Charmed. **7.00** Dr Quinn, Medicine Woman. **8.00** Murphy Brown. **8.30** Rules Of Engagement. **9.00** The King Of Queens. **10.00** Everybody Loves Raymond. **11.00** Frasier. **Noon** WIN's All Australian News. **1.00** Dr Quinn, Medicine Woman. **2.00** Seinfeld. **2.30** Rules Of Engagement. **3.00** The King Of Queens. **4.00** Everybody Loves Raymond. **5.00** Frasier. **6.00** Friends. **8.00** The Big Bang Theory. **9.30** **MOVIE:** Embrace. (2016, M) **11.20** Friends. **11.50** Home Shopping. **1.20am** Charmed. **2.25** Dr Quinn, Medicine Woman. **3.30** Frasier. **4.30** Home Shopping.

ABC TV (2) 6.00 Rage. (PG) 7.00 Weekend Breakfast. 10.00 Rage. (PG) 11.00 Ragercise. (PG) 12.00 ABC News. 12.30 Re-Frame. (MIs, R) 1.30 The Royal Edinburgh Military Tattoo 2018. (R) 3.00 Nigella's Cook, Eat, Repeat. (R) 3.35 Dream Gardens. (R) 4.00 Soccer. A-League. Round 2. Wellington Phoenix v Sydney FC.	SBS (3) 6.00 WorldWatch. 11.00 Spanish News. 11.30 Turkish News. 12.00 Arabic News F24. 12.30 ABC America: World News Tonight. 1.00 PBS NewsHour. 2.00 Destination Flavour China Bitesize. (PG, R) 2.05 The Last B-24. (PG, R) 3.05 Motor Racing. Baja Hail Toyota Rally. Highlights. 4.05 Gourmet Farmer. (w, R) 4.35 Tony Robinson's Hidden Britain By Drone. (PG, R) 5.35 Nazi Megastructures. (PGav, R)	SEVEN (7) 6.00 NBC Today. 7.00 Weekend Sunrise. 10.00 The Morning Show Summer Series. (PG) 12.00 The Chase. (R) 1.00 Surf Patrol. (R) 1.45 MOVIE: Casablanca. (1942, PGa, R) 4.00 Better Homes And Gardens. (R) 5.00 Seven News At 5. 5.30 Creek To Coast.	NINE (5) 6.00 Easy Eats. 7.00 Weekend Today. 10.00 Today Extra Summer. (PG) 12.00 Award Winning Tasmania. (R) 12.30 World's Greatest Animal Encounters. (R) 1.30 Animal Embassy. (R) 2.00 MOVIE: Waiting For The Light. (1990, PGal, R) Shirley MacLaine, Louis Guzzo, Teri Garr. 3.50 Serengeti. (PG, R) 5.00 News: First At Five. 5.30 RBT. (PG, R)	WIN (8) 6am Morning Programs. 7.30 My Market Kitchen. (R) 8.00 All 4 Adventure. (PG, R) 9.00 4x4 Adventures. (R) 10.00 Food Fight Club. (PG, R) 11.00 The Dog House. (PG, R) 12.00 Beyond The Fire. (Premiere, PGa) 12.30 Taste Of Australia. (R) 1.00 MOVIE: Ocean's Thirteen. (2007, PGLsv, R) 3.30 Roads Less Travelled. 4.00 Left Off The Map. (R) 4.30 Farm To Fork. (PG, R) 5.00 News.
6.00 Ask The Doctor: Alcohol. (PG, R) The doctors look at alcohol. 6.30 Landline Summer. (R) Presented by Pip Courtney. 7.00 ABC News. Takes a look at today's top stories. 7.30 Doctor Who. (PG) The Doctor's companions Yaz, Ryan and Graham uncover a disturbing plot involving the Daleks. 8.40 Endeavour. (Mv, R) A photoshoot on an army base turns sinister when one of the models is found dead. 10.10 Call The Midwife. (PG, R) Sister Frances and Sister Hilda go to Nonnatus House. 11.10 Deep Water. (MIns, R) Three women each make life-changing mistakes. 12.00 Ragercise. (PG) 5.00 Rage. (PG)	6.30 SBS World News. 7.35 A World Of Calm: The Coral City. (PG) Explores the Coral Triangle, a picturesque underwater wonderland that is rich in biodiversity. 7.55 Robson Green's Australian Adventure: South Australia. (Mlw, R) Part 1 of 4. Robson Green sets out to meet the people who live in some of the more remote regions of Australia. 8.50 MOVIE: The Godfather. (1972, R) The youngest son of a Mafia don becomes involved in the family business after his father is wounded. Marlon Brando, Al Pacino, James Caan. 12.05 Human. (PGa, R) 2.35 North To South: The Full Journey. (R) 4.55 Food Safari Fire: Bitesize. (R) 5.00 CGTN English News. 5.15 NHK World English News. 5.30 Deutsche Welle English News.	6.00 Seven News. 7.00 MOVIE: The Sound Of Music. (1965, G, R) On the eve of World War II, a novice nun becomes a governess to a large Austrian family. Julie Andrews, Christopher Plummer, Eleanor Parker. 10.30 MOVIE: Victor Frankenstein. (2015, Mah) A former circus hunchback goes to work for a medical student seeking to create life. Daniel Radcliffe, James McAvoy, Jessica Brown Findlay. 12.50 How To Get Away With Murder. (Ma, R) As Annalise's class-action case hangs in the balance, a meeting with Olivia Pope proves to be crucial. 2.00 Home Shopping. (R) 4.00 My Greek Odyssey. (PG, R) Hosted by Peter Maneas. 5.00 Funniest Ever Toddler Tantrums. (PG, R) A compilation of clips of naughty toddlers.	6.00 Nine News Saturday. 7.00 A Current Affair. 7.30 Tipping Point. (PG) Hosted by Ben Shephard. 8.30 MOVIE: The Imitation Game. (2014, Ma, R) Based on a true story. During World War II, with England's fate hanging in the balance, a mathematician is forced to hide his sexuality as he tries to unravel a code used by the Nazis to encrypt their communications. Benedict Cumberbatch, Keira Knightley, Matthew Goode. 10.45 MOVIE: School Ties. (1992, PGLv, R) A Jewish university student faces prejudice. Brendan Fraser. 12.40 Tipping Point. (PG, R) 1.35 The Garden Gurus. (R) 2.00 TV Shop: Home Shopping. (R) 4.30 Global Shop. 5.00 TV Shop: Home Shopping. (R) 5.30 Wesley Impact. (R)	6.00 The Dog House. (PG, R) Follows a team of devoted matchmakers as they pair homeless dogs with hopeful companions. 7.00 MOVIE: Shrek The Third. (2007, PGv, R) After King Harold falls ill, Shrek must find an acceptable heir to the throne or face the burden himself. Mike Myers, Eddie Murphy. 8.45 MOVIE: Runaway Bride. (1999, PGIs, R) A journalist hopes to get his ailing career back on track by writing an article about a woman famed for her deep-seated fear of commitment. However, complications arise when he begins to sympathise with her. Julia Roberts, Richard Gere, Joan Cusack. 11.10 MOVIE: Ocean's Eleven. (2001, MI, R) A team of thieves tries to rob three casinos. George Clooney, Brad Pitt. 1.30 Home Shopping. (R) 5.00 Hour Of Power.
ABC TV PLUS (22) 6am Children's Programs. 7.05pm The Deep. 7.30 Doctor Who. 8.45 Melbourne Comedy Festival: The Gala. 10.45 Would I Lie To You? 11.20 Whose Line Is It Anyway? 11.40 Hard Quiz Celebrity Special. 12.15am Demetri Martin: Stand Up Comedian. 12.55 Romesh Ranganathan: Irrational Live. 1.50 Bridget Christie: Stand Up For Her. 2.40 News Update. 2.45 Close. 5.00 Five Minutes More. 5.05 Late Programs.	VICELAND (31) 6am WorldWatch. Noon Insight. 1.00 SBS Courtside. 1.30 Basketball. NBA. Golden State Warriors v Portland Trail Blazers. 4.00 New Girl. 5.00 Lee Lin Chin's Fashionista. 5.15 WorldWatch. 5.40 Monty Python's Flying Circus. 6.50 Dynamo: Revealed. 7.40 8 Out Of 10 Cats. 8.30 The X-Files. 11.00 Takeshi's Castle Indonesia. 12.20am MOVIE: Fishing Without Nets. (2014, MA15+) 2.20 France 24. 3.00 Late Programs.	7TWO (72) 6am Home Shopping. 8.30 Travel Oz. 10.00 NBC Today. 12.30pm Dog Patrol. 1.00 Reno Rookie. 1.30 Sydney Weekender. 2.00 Creek To Coast. 2.30 Weekender. 3.00 Property Ladder UK. 5.30 Greatest Outdoors. 6.30 The Yorkshire Vet In Spring. 8.30 Escape To The Country. 11.30 Peter Andre's 60 Minute Makeover. 12.30am The Fine Art Auction. 3.30 Sydney Weekender. 4.00 Late Programs.	9GEM (52) 6am Newstyle Direct. 6.30 TV Shop: Home Shopping. 10.00 My Favorite Martian. 10.30 MOVIE: Scott Of The Antarctic. (1948) 12.45pm MOVIE: The Syndicate. (1968, PG) 2.40 MOVIE: Comanche. (1956, PG) 4.30 MOVIE: The Hallelujah Trail. (1965) 7.30 MOVIE: A Fistful Of Dynamite. (1971, M) 10.40 MOVIE: Return Of The Seven. (1966, M) 12.35am My Favorite Martian. 1.00 TV Shop: Home Shopping.	BOLD (81) 6am Home Shopping. 9.00 The Doctors. 10.00 Diagnosis Murder. 11.00 Star Trek: The Next Generation. Noon Star Trek: Voyager. 1.00 Mission: Impossible. 2.00 iFish Summer Series. 2.30 Pat Callinan's 4x4 Adventures. 3.30 All 4 Adventure. 4.30 Mighty Machines. 5.00 Roads Less Travelled. 5.30 Scorpion. 7.30 NCIS. 8.30 NCIS: New Orleans. 10.20 Hawaii Five-0. 11.20 Late Programs.
NITV (34) 6am Morning Programs. 1.30pm Sisters In League. 2.30 Baseball. Super League. From Adelaide. 4.00 Koori Knockout. U-17's Boys Final. Kempsey Sharks v Western Koori Eels. Replay. 5.00 Best Of Barunga. 6.30 Going Places. 7.00 Red Earth Uncovered. 7.30 Dark Science. 7.35 Through The Wormhole. 8.25 Brass Against The Odds. 8.35 MOVIE: Teddy Pendergrass – If You Don't Know Me. (2018, M) 10.25 Late Programs.	SBS MOVIES (32) 6am Morning Programs. 10.15 The War Of The Buttons. (2011, PG, French) 12.15pm Amazonia. (2013, No dialogue) 1.45 Cheerful Weather For The Wedding. (2012, PG) 3.35 My Neighbour Totoro. (1988, PG) 5.15 Buggy Malone. (1976, PG) 6.55 The White Balloon. (1995, Farsi) 8.30 O Brother, Where Art Thou? (2000, M) 10.30 Destroyer. (2018, MA15+) 12.45am Late Programs.	7MATE (73) 6am Morning Programs. 10.00 Fishing Addiction. 11.00 Ice Road Truckers. Noon Jabba's School Holiday Movies. 12.30 Timbersports. 1.00 Blokesworld. 1.30 Pawn Stars. 2.00 American Pickers. 3.00 Ice Road Truckers. 4.00 Desert Collectors. 6.00 Ultimate Factories. 7.00 Building Giants. 8.00 Mighty Cruise Ships. 9.00 Air Crash Investigation: Special Report. 10.00 Air Crash Investigation. 11.00 Late Programs.	9GO! (53) 6am Children's Programs. 2.15pm Karl Meltzer: Made To Be Broken. 3.15 Xtreme Collxtion. 4.15 MOVIE: Pokemon The Movie: Diancie And The Cocoon Of Destruction. (2014) 5.45 MOVIE: Jimmy Neutron: Boy Genius. (2001) 7.30 MOVIE: Power Rangers. (2017, M) 9.50 MOVIE: Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles. (2014, M) 11.50 Stunt Science. 12.50am Fresh Eggs. 1.50 Xtreme Collxtion. 2.50 Late Programs.	PEACH (82) 6am Charmed. 7.00 Dr Quinn, Medicine Woman. 8.00 Murphy Brown. 8.30 Rules Of Engagement. 9.00 The King Of Queens. 10.00 Everybody Loves Raymond. 11.00 Frasier. Noon Charmed. 1.00 Dr Quinn, Medicine Woman. 2.00 Everybody Loves Raymond. 3.30 Friends. 6.00 Columbo. 8.00 Kojak. 9.00 Spyforce. 10.00 The Big Bang Theory. 10.30 The Middle. 11.00 Late Programs.

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ABC TV (2) 6.00 Rage. (PG) 7.00 Weekend Breakfast. 11.00 Compass. (PG, R) 11.30 Songs Of Praise. (R) 12.00 ABC News. 12.30 Landline Summer. 1.00 Namatjira Project. (MI, R) 2.30 Everyone's A Critic. (PG, R) 3.00 Soccer. W-League. Round 2. Canberra United v Sydney FC. 5.00 War On Waste. (PG, R)	SBS (3) 6.00 France 24 English News First Edition. (R) 6.30 Al Jazeera News. 7.30 Italian News. 8.10 Filipino News. 8.40 French News. 9.30 Greek News. 10.30 German News. 11.00 Spanish News. 11.30 Turkish News. 12.00 Arabic News F24. 12.30 ABC America: World News Tonight. 1.00 Speedweek. 3.00 Figure Skating. ISU Grand Prix. Round 4. 2020 NHK Trophy. 5.05 Travel Man. (PG, R) 5.30 Paradise Soldiers.	SEVEN (7) 6.00 NBC Today. 7.00 Weekend Sunrise. 10.00 The Morning Show Summer Series. (PG) 12.00 MOVIE: Bugs Bunny's 1001 Rabbit Tales. (1982, G, R) 1.40 MOVIE: Descendants. (2015, PGa, R) 4.00 Better Homes And Gardens. (R) 5.00 Seven News At 5. 5.30 Weekender.	NINE (5) 6.00 Easy Eats. 7.00 Weekend Today. 10.00 Ultimate Rush. (PGL, R) 10.30 The Xtreme Collxtion. (PG, R) 11.00 Peaking. (PGL, R) 11.20 Visions Of Greatness. (PGa, R) 12.30 Race Across The World. (PGL, R) 1.50 MOVIE: Pontiac Moon. (1994, PGL, R) Ted Danson, Mary Steenbergen, Ryan Todd. 4.00 Endangered. (PG) 5.00 News: First At Five. 5.30 Territory Cops. (PGdlnv, R)	WIN (8) 6am Morning Programs. 10.30 Bondi Rescue Red Centre Adventure. (R) 11.30 10 Travlr Northern Territory. (R) 12.00 Left Off The Map. (R) 12.30 Roads Less Travelled. (R) 1.00 Freshly Picked With Simon Toohey. (R) 1.30 RV Daily Foodie Trails. (PG, R) 2.00 4x4 Adventures. 3.00 Farm To Fork. (PG, R) 3.30 Taste Of Australia. (R) 4.00 All 4 Adventure. (PGL) 5.00 News.
6.00 Antiques Roadshow. 7.00 ABC News. Takes a look at today's top stories. 7.30 Fight For Planet A: Our Climate Challenge. (PG, R) Part 2 of 3. 8.30 Miniseries: The Cry. (Mal, R) Part 3 of 4. Recounts the events of Joanna and Alistair's journey from Melbourne to Wilde Bay. 9.35 Stateless. (Mal, R) Four strangers' lives collide at an immigration detention centre in the Australian desert. 10.30 Killing Eve. (Final, MA15+v, R) 11.15 Silent Witness. (Madnsv, R) 12.15 Endeavour. (Mv, R) 1.45 Rage. (MA15+adhlnsv) 3.00 Silent Witness. (Madnsv, R) 4.00 Call The Midwife. (Mav, R) 5.00 Poh's Kitchen. (R) 5.30 Compass. (PG, R)	6.30 SBS World News. 7.35 A World Of Calm: The Great Beyond. (Final, PG) Narrated by Idris Elba. 7.55 Life Of Earth From Space. (R) Part 1 of 2. 9.40 Pluto: Back From The Dead. Takes a look at surprising revelations made by the <i>New Horizons</i> space probe about the dwarf planet Pluto. 10.50 Marry Me, Marry My Family. (PGal, R) 11.50 Police Custody: Black Balaclava. (Mal, R) 12.45 The Diet Testers. (PGa, R) 3.30 Great British Railway Journeys. (R) 4.35 Full Frontal With Samantha Bee. (MA15+als, R) 5.00 CGTN English News. 5.15 NHK World English News. 5.30 Deutsche Welle English News.	6.00 Seven News. 7.00 Cricket. Big Bash League. Game 26. Adelaide Strikers v Sydney Sixers. 10.00 MOVIE: Kangaroo Jack. (2003, PGLv, R) Two New Yorkers are unwittingly hired by gangsters to make a delivery in the Australian outback. Jerry O'Connell, Anthony Anderson, Estella Warren. 12.00 Medical Emergency. (PG, R) A man suffers severe chemical burns. 1.00 The Real Seachange. (PG, R) Hosted by John Howard. 1.30 Harry's Practice. (R) Information about pet care. 2.00 Home Shopping. (R) 3.30 RSPCA Animal Rescue. (R) 4.00 NBC Today. (R) 5.00 Seven Early News. 5.30 Sunrise.	6.00 Nine News. 7.00 60 Minutes. 8.00 RBT. (PGd) Follows police units that operate random breath-test patrols around Australia. 8.30 MOVIE: The Negotiator. (1998, Malv, R) A police negotiator takes a government office hostage after being falsely accused of murder. Samuel L Jackson, Kevin Spacey, David Morse. 11.15 Killer On The Line: Julie Dixon. (Mav, R) Takes a look at the death of David Twigg. 12.05 Young, Dumb And Banged Up In The Sun. (MA15+av) 1.00 Award Winning Tasmania. (R) 1.30 TV Shop: Home Shopping. 4.00 Take Two. (R) 5.00 News Early Edition. 5.30 Today.	6.30 The Sunday Project. Panellists dissect, digest and reconstitute the daily news, events and hottest topics. 7.30 I'm A Celebrity... Get Me Out Of Here! (Return) Aussie celebrities compete in a test of survival in the Australian outback. 9.30 The Graham Norton Show. (PGs) Comedian Graham Norton is joined on the couch by Emily Blunt, Hugh Fearnley-Whittingstall, Tom Hanks, Jamie Dornan, Nish Kumar, Jessica Chastain and Sophie Ellis-Bextor to celebrate New Year's Eve. 10.50 The Sunday Project. (R) A look at the day's news. 12.00 Home Shopping. (R) 3.30 CBS This Morning. Morning news and talk show. 5.00 Headline News Early.
ABC TV PLUS (22) 6am Children's Programs. 7.05pm The Deep. 7.30 Spicks And Specks. 8.00 Compass. 8.30 Louis Theroux: Life On The Edge. 9.20 The Misadventures Of Romesh Ranganathan. 10.20 Catalyz. 11.20 Would I Lie To You? Midnight MOVIE: The Trip To Spain. (2017, M) 1.35 Comedy Up Late. 2.10 News Update. 2.15 Close. 5.00 The Day Henry Met. 5.05 Little Princess. 5.20 Sarah & Duck. 5.25 Late Programs.	VICELAND (31) 6am WorldWatch. Noon Brooklyn Nine-Nine. 4.25 Meet The Polygamists. 7.10 Abandoned Places. (Premiere) 7.40 8 Out Of 10 Cats. 8.30 Why Women Kill. (Premiere) 9.25 Unlabeled Shades Of America. 10.15 Stacey Dooley: Spy Cams And Creep Catchers. 11.10 Sexplora. 11.35 Hernán. 12.30am MOVIE: Brazilian Western. (2013, MA15+) 2.25 France 24. 3.00 Late Programs.	7TWO (72) 6am Mums At The Table. 6.30 It Is Written. 7.00 Tomorrow's World. 7.30 Leading The Way. 8.00 David Jeremiah. 8.30 Home Shopping. 9.00 The Surgery Ship: Director's Cut. 11.00 NBC Today. Noon The Yorkshire Vet In Spring. 2.00 All The Things. 2.30 Greatest Outdoors. 3.30 Escape To The Country. 6.30 M*A*S*H. 8.30 MOVIE: Body Of Lies. (2008, MA15+) 11.15 Late Programs.	9GEM (52) 6am Morning Programs. 7.30 In Touch. 8.00 Beyond Today. 8.30 The Incredible Journey. 9.00 TV Shop. 10.00 Avengers. 11.00 MOVIE: Spring And Port Wine. (1970, PG) 1.05pm MOVIE: The Courtneys Of Curzon Street. (1947) 3.20 MOVIE: The Indian Fighter. (1955, PG) 5.15 MOVIE: Tobruk. (1967, PG) 7.30 Death In Paradise. 8.40 Chicago P.D. 9.40 Chicago Fire. 10.40 Late Programs.	BOLD (81) 6am Home Shopping. 7.30 Key Of David. 8.00 Bondi Rescue: Road Boss Rally. 9.00 Mega Mechanics. 10.00 One Strange Rock. 11.00 Scorpion. 1pm The Doctors. 2.00 Family Feud. 3.00 The Offroad Adventure Show. 4.00 Reel Action. 5.00 iFish Summer Series. 5.30 Star Trek: Voyager. 6.30 Bondi Rescue. 7.30 NCIS. 9.25 NCIS: Los Angeles. 10.20 48 Hours. 11.20 NCIS: LA. 12.15am SEAL Team. 1.15 Late Programs.
NITV (34) 6am Morning Programs. 2.10pm Rugby Union. Ella 7s. Replay. 2.30 Motor Racing. Dakar Rally. Chicleito to San Juan. H'lights. 3.00 Motor Racing. Dakar Rally. Final stage. H'lights. 3.30 Bowls. SA Super League. 4.00 Footy in Paradise. 5.45 African News. 6.00 APTN National News. 6.30 Art + Soul. 7.30 Dark Science. 7.35 Hip Hop Evolution. 8.35 Rumble: The Indians Who Rocked The World. 10.20 Late Programs.	SBS MOVIES (32) 6am Morning Programs. 9.30 Sissi: The Young Empress. (1956, PG, German) 11.30 The White Balloon. (1995, Farsi) 1.05pm The Red Turtle. (2016, PG, No dialogue) 2.35 The Little Witch. (2018, PG, German) 4.30 The War Of The Buttons. (2011, PG, French) 6.30 The Man Who Knew Infinity. (2015, PG) 8.30 Rojo. (2018, MA15+, Spanish) 10.30 Gomorrah. 11.30 Late Programs.	7MATE (73) 6am Morning Programs. 1pm Al McGlashan's Fish'n With Mates. 1.30 The Hunt For Monster Bass. 2.30 Storage Wars Canada. 3.00 Mighty Cruise Ships. 4.00 Bushfire Wars. 4.30 Graveyard Carz. 5.30 Counting Cars. 6.00 Cricket. Big Bash League. Game 26. Adelaide Strikers v Sydney Sixers. 7.00 Border Security. 8.30 MOVIE: The November Man. (2014, MA15+) 10.45 Late Programs.	9GO! (53) 6am Children's Programs. 1.30pm Dance Moms. 3.30 MOVIE: Batteries Not Included. (1987, PG) 5.40 MOVIE: Paddington. (2014) 7.30 MOVIE: Mr & Mrs Smith. (2005, M) 10.00 MOVIE: Exit Wounds. (2001, M) Midnight One Night With My Ex. 2.00 Dance Moms. 2.50 Mike Tyson Mysteries. 3.00 Power Rangers Beast Morphers. 3.30 Thunderbirds. 4.30 Late Programs.	PEACH (82) 6am Murphy Brown. 8.00 The Middle. 9.30 Neighbours. 11.30 Everybody Loves Raymond. 1pm Friends. 2.30 The Neighborhood. 3.30 Man With A Plan. 4.30 The Middle. 6.00 The Big Bang Theory. 9.00 Friends. 10.00 MOVIE: Magic Mike. (2012, MA15+) 12.10am Home Shopping. 1.40 Mom. 3.30 The Neighborhood. 4.30 Home Shopping. 5.30 The Brady Bunch.

Monday, January 4

ABC TV (2) 6.00 The Cook And The Chef. (R) 6.30 Short Cuts To Glory: Matt Okine Vs Food. (R) 7.00 News Breakfast. 10.00 Antiques Roadshow. (R) 11.00 Gardening Australia. (R) 12.00 ABC News At Noon. 1.00 The Great Acceleration. (PG, R) 1.55 Call The Midwife. (Mav, R) 3.00 Death In Paradise. (PG, R) 4.00 The Heights. (PG, R) 4.30 Back Roads. (PG, R) 5.00 Escape From The City. (R)	SBS (3) 6.00 WorldWatch. 6.30 This Week. 7.30 WorldWatch. 12.00 Arabic News F24. 12.30 ABC America: World News Tonight. 1.00 PBS NewsHour. 2.00 Destination Flavour China Bitesize. (R) 2.05 Story Of Europe. (PGa, R) 3.10 Restaurant SOS. (PG, R) 4.00 The Supervet: Noel Fitzpatrick. (PGa, R) 5.00 Letters And Numbers. (R) 5.30 Motor Racing. Dakar Rally. Stage 1. Highlights.	SEVEN (7) 6.00 Sunrise. 9.00 The Morning Show Summer Series. (PG) 11.30 Seven Morning News. 12.00 MOVIE: The Ballad Of Lucy Whipple. (2001, PGaln, R) Glenn Close, Jena Malone, Bruce McGill. 2.00 Inside The Crown: Secrets Of The Royals. (PG, R) 3.00 The Chase. (R) 4.00 Seven News At 4. 5.00 The Chase Australia. (R)	NINE (5) 6.00 Today. 9.00 Today Extra Summer. (PG) 11.30 Morning News. 12.00 Outback. (R) 1.10 MOVIE: The Brady Bunch Movie. (1995, PGsl, R) 3.00 Tipping Point. (PG) 4.00 Afternoon News. 4.30 Millionaire Hot Seat. (R) 5.30 Nine News Local.	WIN (8) 6.00 Headline News. 7.30 Entertainment Tonight. (PG, R) 8.00 Studio 10. (PG) 12.00 Dr Phil. (PGals, R) 1.00 To Be Advised. 3.00 Judge Judy. (PG) 3.30 Left Off The Map. 4.00 Farm To Fork. (PG) 4.30 The Bold And The Beautiful. (PG) 5.00 10 News First.
6.00 Julia Zemiro's Home Delivery. (PG, R) 6.30 Anh's Brush With Fame. (PG, R) 7.00 ABC News. 7.30 7.30. 8.00 Stan Grant's One Plus One. Stan Grant chats with Sir Peter Cosgrove. 8.30 Australia Remastered: Red Centre. A look at Uluru and the Red Centre. 9.25 Griff's Great Australian Rail Trip: Darwin To Alice Springs Make Sure You Drink Water! (PG, R) Griff Rhys Jones heads to Darwin. 10.15 Tomorrow Tonight. (PG, R) 10.50 ABC Late News. 11.05 Harrow. (Mav, R) 12.00 Silent Witness. (Madv, R) 1.00 Rage Vault Special. (MA15+adhlnsv) 3.00 Silent Witness. (Madv, R) 4.00 Call The Midwife. (Ma, R) 5.00 Poh's Kitchen. (R) 5.30 7.30. (R)	6.00 Mastermind Australia. (R) Presented by Jennifer Byrne. 6.30 SBS World News. 7.35 The Architecture The Railways Built: Down Street. (Premiere) Presented by Tim Dunn. 8.30 24 Hours In Emergency: Endless Love. (Ma, R) Charts the experiences of staff and patients at St George's Hospital in Tooting, London. 10.15 SBS World News Late. 10.45 Agent Hamilton. (Malv, R) 11.35 Outlander. (MA15+al, R) 1.35 Matthew Evans' For The Love Of Meat. (PG, R) 2.35 The Wine Show. (PGa) 3.30 Great British Railway Journeys. (R) 5.00 CGTN English News. 5.15 NHK World English News. 5.30 Deutsche Welle English News.	6.00 Seven Local News. 6.30 Seven News. 7.00 Cricket. Big Bash League. Game 28. Brisbane Heat v Sydney Thunder. 10.00 Motorway Patrol. (PG) Follows the work of a police unit dedicated to patrolling the motorways of Auckland, New Zealand. 10.30 Station 19. (Ma) Captain Pruitt continues his treatment. 11.30 Criminal Confessions: Midland, Texas. (Mav, R) A look at the case of Kathy Lujan. 12.30 Robbie Coltrane's Critical Evidence: The Perfect Murder – Roger And David. (Ma, R) A look at the case of Sameena Imam. 1.30 Black-ish. (PGs, R) 2.00 Home Shopping. (R) 4.00 NBC Today. (R) 5.00 Seven Early News. 5.30 Sunrise.	6.00 Nine News. 7.00 A Current Affair. 7.30 Gold Coast Cops. (Mdlv, R) A constable deals with vandalism. 8.00 Driving Test. (PG) A look at people learning to drive in Darwin. 8.30 MOVIE: Top Gun. (1986, PGslv, R) Students at an elite US flying school for advanced fighter pilots compete against each other to be the best in the class. Tom Cruise, Kelly McGillis, Val Kilmer. 10.40 The First 48: Abandoned By The Bayou. (Mav, R) 11.35 Generation X: Family Reimagined. (Malv) 12.30 Tipping Point. (PG, R) 1.30 TV Shop: Home Shopping. (R) 2.30 Global Shop. 3.00 TV Shop: Home Shopping. (R) 4.00 Take Two. (R) 5.00 News Early Edition. 5.30 Today.	6.00 WIN News. 6.30 The Project. A look at the day's news. 7.30 I'm A Celebrity... Get Me Out Of Here! Celebrities are introduced to a series of trials that will determine who in the camp will score the best meal on the menu. 9.30 MOVIE: Adrift. (2018, Ma) Based on a true story. A young couple are left adrift in the Pacific Ocean on a badly damaged yacht after they encounter one of the most catastrophic hurricanes in recorded history. Shailene Woodley, Jeffrey Thomas, Sam Claflin. 11.30 WIN's All Australian News. 12.30 The Project. (R) A look at the day's news. 1.30 The Late Show With Stephen Colbert. (PG) Hosted by Stephen Colbert. 2.30 Home Shopping. (R) 3.30 CBS This Morning. 5.00 Headline News Early.
ABC TV PLUS (22) 6am Children's Programs. 7.15pm Odd Squad. 7.30 Spicks And Specks. 8.00 Doctor Who. 8.45 David Attenborough's Galapagos. 9.40 George Clarke's Amazing Spaces. 10.30 Escape From The City. 11.30 Would I Lie To You? Midnight The Catherine Tate Show. 12.30 Detectorists. 1.00 Alan Partridge's Mid-Morning Matters. 1.25 Dead Boss. 2.00 Bridget Christie: Stand Up For Her. 2.50 Late Programs.	VICELAND (31) 6am WorldWatch. Noon Brooklyn Nine-Nine. 4.20 This Week. 5.15 WorldWatch. 5.40 Only Connect. 6.15 Megafactories. 7.05 Jeopardy! 7.35 8 Out Of 10 Cats Does Countdown. 8.30 Taskmaster. 9.25 Nude. 10.15 Seconds From Disaster. 11.10 Kolchak: The Night Stalker. 11.00am Intervention. 2.05 The Trixie & Katya Show. 2.30 CGTN English News. 3.00 Late Programs.	7TWO (72) 6am Home Shopping. 6.30 Travel Oz. 8.00 Harry's Practice. 8.30 Million Dollar Minute. 9.30 NBC Today. 10.30 Better Homes And Gardens Summer. Noon Last Chance Learners. 1.00 My Greek Odyssey. 2.00 Harry's Practice. 2.30 Million Dollar Minute. 3.30 M*A*S*H. 5.30 Escape To The Country. 6.30 Bargain Hunt. 7.30 Doc Martin. 8.30 Foyle's War. 10.40 Dr Death. 11.50 Late Programs.	9GEM (52) 6am TV Shop. 7.00 Creflo Dollar Ministries. 7.30 TV Shop: Home Shopping. 9.30 Danoz Direct. 10.30 The Ellen DeGeneres Show. 11.30 My Favorite Martian. Noon Death In Paradise. 1.10 Days Of Our Lives. 2.05 The Young And The Restless. 3.10 MOVIE: The Truth About Women. (1957, PG) 5.20 Heartbeat. 6.30 Antiques Roadshow. 7.30 Grantchester. 8.40 DCI Banks. 10.40 See No Evil. 11.40 Late Programs.	BOLD (81) 6am Home Shopping. 8.00 To Be Advised. 10.00 Rocky Mountain Railroad. 11.00 Star Trek: Voyager. Noon Star Trek. 2.00 Mission: Impossible. 3.00 Bondi Rescue. 3.30 Diagnosis Murder. 4.30 Star Trek: The Next Generation. 5.30 Star Trek: Voyager. 6.30 Bondi Rescue. 7.30 NCIS. 10.20 Law & Order: SVU. 11.15 NCIS: New Orleans. 12.10am Shopping. 2.10 48 Hours. 3.10 Diagnosis Murder. 4.05 ST: Next Gen. 5.00 ST: Voyager.
NITV (34) 6am Morning Programs. 2pm Art + Soul. 3.00 Jarjums. 3.55 Raven's Quest. 4.00 Musomagic. 4.30 The Storyteller. 5.00 Music Voyager. 5.30 Skindigenous. 6.00 Foreign Flavours. 6.30 Kriol Kitchen. 7.00 Our Stories. 7.20 News. 7.30 Two Cars, One Night. 7.40 Through The Wormhole With Morgan Freeman. 8.30 Living Black. 9.00 Big Name, No Blanket. 10.00 News. 10.10 Footprints On Our Land. 11.00 Late Programs.	SBS MOVIES (32) 6am Morning Programs. 6.55 The War Of The Buttons. (2011, PG, French) 8.55 Belle. (2013, PG) 10.50 The Man Who Knew Infinity. (2015, PG) 12.50pm Asterix And Obelix: Mission Cleopatra. (2002, PG, French) 2.45 Sissi: The Young Empress. (1956, PG, German) 4.45 All Quiet On The Western Front. (1979, PG) 7.35 It's Only The End Of The World. (2016, M, French) 9.30 Still Alice. (2014, M) 11.25 Late Programs.	7MATE (73) 6am Morning Programs. 11.30 Bushfire Wars. Noon Leepu And Pitbull. 1.00 Swamp People. 2.00 Bottom Feeders. 3.00 Counting Cars. 3.30 Blokesworld. 4.00 Storage Wars Canada. 4.30 Ice Road Truckers. 5.30 Storage Wars. 6.00 Cricket. Big Bash League. Game 28. Brisbane Heat v Sydney Thunder. 7.00 Pawn Stars. 7.30 SAS UK. 8.30 MOVIE: Unbroken. (2014, M) 11.20 Late Programs.	9GO! (53) 6am Children's Programs. 11.00 Dance Moms. Noon American Ninja Warrior. 1.45 Children's Programs. 2.00 The A-Team. 3.00 The Six Million Dollar Man. 4.00 Quantum Leap. 5.00 Knight Rider. 6.00 Malcolm. 7.00 The Nanny. 7.30 MOVIE: Kicking & Screaming. (2005, PG) 9.30 MOVIE: Semi-Pro. (2008, M) 11.20 Paranormal Caught On Camera. 12.20am After The Raves. 12.50 The Nanny. 1.20 Late Programs.	PEACH (82) 6am Charmed. 7.00 Dr Quinn, Medicine Woman. 8.00 Friends. 10.00 The Big Bang Theory. 11.00 Cheers. Noon Charmed. 1.00 Dr Quinn, Medicine Woman. 2.00 Rules Of Engagement. 3.00 To Be Advised. 5.00 Frasier. 6.00 Friends. 6.30 Neighbours. 7.00 Friends. 8.00 The Big Bang Theory. 9.30 Seinfeld. 10.00 Two And A Half Men. 11.00 The Middle. Midnight Shopping. 1.30 Charmed. 2.30 Late Programs.



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Tuesday, January 5

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6.00 Julia Zemiro's Home Delivery. (PG, R) 6.30 Anh's Brush With Fame. (PG, R) 7.00 ABC News. 7.30 7.30. 8.00 You Can't Ask That: Blind People. (PG, R) Vision-impaired people answer viewer queries. 8.30 Shaun Micallef's On The Sauce. (Mal, R) Part 1 of 3. 9.30 Big Weather (And How To Survive It) Summer Is Coming. (R) Part 1 of 3. 10.35 ABC Late News. 10.50 Glitch. (Mlv, R) 11.50 Silent Witness. (Mav, R) 12.50 Rage. (MA15+adhlnsv) 3.00 Silent Witness. (Mav, R) 4.00 Call The Midwife. (Ma, R) 5.00 Poh's Kitchen. (R) 5.30 7.30. (R)	6.00 Mastermind Australia. (R) 6.30 SBS World News. 7.35 The Architecture The Railways Built: Ffestiniog. Presented by Tim Dunn. 8.30 Stutter School: Untold Australia. Follows four Australians affected by stuttering as they embark on a journey to find their voice. 9.30 Travel Man's Greatest Trips: Out And About. Part 1 of 4. 10.30 SBS World News Late. 11.00 The A Word. (Return, Mals) 12.05 The Pier. (MA15+ans, R) 1.05 Deep State. (Mlsv, R) 3.55 Great British Railway Journeys. (R) 5.00 CGTN English News. 5.15 NHK World English News. 5.30 Deutsche Welle English News.	6.00 Seven Local News. 6.30 Seven News. 7.00 Cricket. Big Bash League. Game 29. Melbourne Renegades v Adelaide Strikers. 10.00 Chicago Fire. (Mav) Severide teams up with Seager and the OFI when a motel structure fire turns suspicious. 11.00 Beat The Chasers UK. Contestants take on the chasers for the chance to lay claim to the prize pool. 12.00 Funniest Dogs Behaving Badly. (PG, R) Clips of dogs doing naughty things. 1.00 Black-ish. (PGs, R) Pops' older sister arrives for Thanksgiving. 2.00 Home Shopping. (R) 4.00 NBC Today. (R) News and current affairs. 5.00 Seven Early News. 5.30 Sunrise.	6.00 Nine News. 7.00 A Current Affair. 7.30 20 To One. (Mls, R) Hosted by Erin Molan and Nick Cody. 8.40 Kath & Kim. (PGls, R) Kath plans a lunch with Barb Cousins, but due to a missed message thinks she has been stood up. 9.50 Hamish & Andy's Euro Gap Year. (Final, PG, R) Hamish and Andy travel across Europe. 10.50 Hamish & Andy's Gap Year Asia. (PG, R) 11.45 Law & Order: Criminal Intent. (Mav, R) 12.35 Tipping Point. (PG, R) 1.30 TV Shop: Home Shopping. (R) 4.00 Take Two. (R) 5.00 News Early Edition. 5.30 Today.	6.00 WIN News. 6.30 The Project. A look at the day's news. 7.30 I'm A Celebrity... Get Me Out Of Here! The Hungry Games continues with celebrities pitted against each other to win the best meal of the day. 9.30 MOVIE: Swinging Safari. (2018, Mals, R) In '70s Australia, a 14-year-old boy experiences a coming-of-age in his coastal hometown. Guy Pearce, Kylie Minogue, Radha Mitchell. 11.30 The Project. (R) A look at the day's news. 12.30 WIN's All Australian News. 1.30 The Late Show With Stephen Colbert. (PG) 2.30 Home Shopping. (R) 3.30 CBS This Morning. 5.00 Headline News Early.
ABC TV PLUS (22) 6am Children's Programs. 7.15pm Odd Squad. 7.30 Spicks And Specks. 8.00 Doctor Who. 8.45 Whose Line Is It Anyway? 9.10 To Be Advised. 9.40 Rosehaven. 10.10 The IT Crowd. 10.35 Frontline. 11.30 Melbourne Comedy Festival: The Gala. 1.35am The Catherine Tate Show. 2.00 Detectorists. 2.35 Alan Partridge's Mid-Morning Matters. 2.55 News Update. 3.00 Close. 5.00 Late Programs.	VICELAND (31) 6am WorldWatch. Noon Basketball. NBA. Golden State Warriors v Portland Trail Blazers. Replay. 2.00 Rex In Rome. 3.50 WorldWatch. 5.15 The Pizza Show. 5.40 Only Connect. 6.15 Megafactories. 7.05 Jeopardy! 7.35 8 Out Of 10 Cats Does Countdown. 8.30 Escaping Polygamy. (Final) 9.20 The 2000s. 10.10 Locked Up Abroad. 11.05 Escorts. 11.30 Witch Hunt. 12.25am Late Programs.	7TWO (72) 6am Morning Programs. 8.30 Million Dollar Minute. 9.30 NBC Today. Noon Sydney Weekender. 4.00 Fish'n With Mates. 4.30 Road Hawks. 5.30 Storage Wars. 6.00 Cricket. Big Bash League. Game 29. Melbourne Renegades v Adelaide Strikers. 7.00 Pawn Stars. 7.30 Highway Patrol. 8.00 Motorway Patrol. 8.30 Outback Opal Hunters. 9.30 Yukon Gold. 10.30 Jade Fever. 11.00 Late Programs.	9GEM (52) 6am TV Shop. 7.00 Creflo Dollar Ministries. 7.30 TV Shop: Home Shopping. 9.30 Danoz Direct. 10.30 The Ellen DeGeneres Show. 11.30 My Favorite Martian. Noon The Baron. 1.10 Days Of Our Lives. 2.05 The Young And The Restless. 3.00 Antiques Roadshow. 3.30 MOVIE: The Captain's Paradise. (1953) 5.20 Heartbeat. 6.30 Antiques Roadshow. 7.30 New Tricks. 8.40 MOVIE: Munich. (2005, MA15+) 11.50 Late Programs.	BOLD (81) 6am Home Shopping. 8.00 To Be Advised. 10.00 Diagnosis Murder. 11.00 Star Trek: Voyager. Noon Star Trek. 1.00 WIN's All Australian News. 2.00 Mission: Impossible. 3.00 Bondi Rescue. 3.30 Diagnosis Murder. 4.30 Star Trek: The Next Generation. 5.30 Star Trek: Voyager. 6.30 Bondi Rescue. 7.30 NCIS. 8.30 CSI: Crime Scene Investigation. 10.25 CSI: Miami. 12.15am Shopping. 2.15 Late Programs.
NITV (34) 6am Morning Programs. 1.30pm Skindigenous. 2.00 Game Of Bros. 3.00 Cities Of Gold. 3.25 Bushwhacked! 3.55 Raven's Quest. 4.00 Musomagic. 4.30 The Storyteller. 5.00 Music Voyager. 5.30 Skindigenous. 6.00 Foreign Flavours. 6.30 Kriol Kitchen. 7.00 Our Stories. 7.20 News. 7.30 Boxing For Palm Island. 8.00 The Casketeers. 8.30 Superstition. 9.30 Hunting Aotearoa. 10.00 Football. Monsoon AFL. 11.45 Late Programs.	SBS MOVIES (32) 6am Morning Programs. 7.10 Sissi: The Young Empress. (1956, PG, German) 9.10 All Quiet On The Western Front. (1979, PG) Noon The Little Witch. (2018, PG, German) 1.55 Belle. (2013, PG) 3.50 Mary And The Witch's Flower. (2017, PG) 5.45 Asterix And Obelix: Mission Cleopatra. (2002, PG, French) 7.40 The Fireflies Are Gone. (2018, M, French) 9.30 Whiplash. (2014, MA15+) 11.30 Late Programs.	7MATE (73) 6am Morning Programs. 1pm Swamp People. 2.00 Bottom Feeders. 3.00 American Pickers. 4.00 Fish'n With Mates. 4.30 Road Hawks. 5.30 Storage Wars. 6.00 Cricket. Big Bash League. Game 29. Melbourne Renegades v Adelaide Strikers. 7.00 Pawn Stars. 7.30 Highway Patrol. 8.00 Motorway Patrol. 8.30 Outback Opal Hunters. 9.30 Yukon Gold. 10.30 Jade Fever. 11.00 Late Programs.	9GO! (53) 6am Children's Programs. 11.00 Dance Moms. Noon American Ninja Warrior. 1.45 Children's Programs. 2.00 Malcolm. 3.00 The Six Million Dollar Man. 4.00 Quantum Leap. 5.00 Knight Rider. 6.00 Malcolm. 7.00 The Nanny. 7.30 MOVIE: Naked Gun 33 1/3: The Final Insult. (1994, PG) 9.10 MOVIE: National Lampoon's Animal House. (1978, M) 11.30 The Nanny. Midnight Baywatch. 1.00 Late Programs.	PEACH (82) 6am Charmed. 7.00 Dr Quinn. 8.00 Rules Of Engagement. 9.00 The King Of Queens. 10.00 Everybody Loves Raymond. 11.00 Frasier. Noon WIN's All Australian News. 1.00 Dr Quinn, Medicine Woman. 2.00 Seinfeld. 2.30 Rules Of Engagement. 3.00 To Be Advised. 5.00 Frasier. 6.00 Friends. 6.30 Neighbours. 7.00 Friends. 8.00 The Big Bang Theory. 9.30 Seinfeld. 10.00 Mom. 11.00 Late Programs.

Wednesday, January 6

ABC TV (2) 6.00 The Cook And The Chef. (R) 6.25 Short Cuts To Glory: Matt Okine Vs Food. (R) 7.00 News Breakfast. 10.00 Glenn Murcutt: Spirit Of Place. (R) 11.00 Gardening Australia. (R) 12.00 ABC News At Noon. 1.00 Road To Now. (PG, R) 1.55 Call The Midwife. (Ma, R) 3.00 Death In Paradise. (Final, PG, R) 4.00 The Heights. (PG, R) 4.30 Back Roads. (PG, R) 5.00 Escape From The City. (R)	SBS (3) 6.00 WorldWatch. 9.30 Greek News. 10.30 German News. 11.00 Spanish News. 11.30 Turkish News. 12.00 Arabic News F24. 12.30 ABC America: World News Tonight. 1.00 PBS NewsHour. 2.00 Destination Flavour China Bitesize. (R) 2.15 First Civilisations. (PG, R) 3.20 The Vikings Uncovered. (PG, R) 5.00 Letters And Numbers. (R) 5.30 Motor Racing. Dakar Rally. Stage 3. Highlights.	SEVEN (7) 6.00 Sunrise. 9.00 The Morning Show Summer Series. (PG) 11.30 Seven Morning News. 12.00 MOVIE: Beaches. (2017, PGa, R) 2.00 Inside The Crown: Secrets Of The Royals. (PGa, R) 3.00 The Chase. (R) 4.00 Seven News At 4. 5.00 The Chase Australia. (R)	NINE (5) 6.00 Today. 9.00 Today Extra Summer. (PG) 11.30 Morning News. 12.00 The Ellen DeGeneres Show. (PG) 1.10 MOVIE: Yours, Mine And Ours. (2005, PGI, R) 3.00 Tipping Point. (PG) 4.00 Afternoon News. 4.30 Millionaire Hot Seat. (R) 5.30 Nine News Local.	WIN (8) 6.00 Headline News. 7.30 Entertainment Tonight. (R) 8.00 Studio 10. (PG) 12.00 Dr Phil. (PGdlv, R) 1.00 To Be Advised. 3.00 Judge Judy. (PG) 3.30 Left Off The Map. 4.00 Farm To Fork. (PG) 4.30 The Bold And The Beautiful. (PG) 5.00 10 News First.
6.00 Julia Zemiro's Home Delivery. (PG, R) 6.30 Anh's Brush With Fame. (PG, R) 7.00 ABC News. 7.30 7.30 . Presented by Leigh Sales. 8.00 Hard Quiz. (PG, R) Presented by Tom Gleeson. 8.30 Spicks And Specks: AusMusic Special. (PG, R) Music game show, with guests Missy Higgins, Brian Mannix, Rove and Nina Oyama. 9.30 QI. (MIs, R) Hosted by Sandi Toksvig. 10.00 Would I Lie To You? (PG, R) 10.35 ABC Late News. 10.50 Stop Laughing... This Is Serious. (Mals, R) 11.50 Silent Witness. (MA15+av, R) 12.50 Rage. (MA15+adhlnsv) 2.15 Father Brown. (PG, R) 3.00 Silent Witness. (MA15+av, R) 4.00 Call The Midwife. (Ma, R) 5.00 Poh's Kitchen. (R) 5.30 7.30. (R)	6.00 Mastermind Australia. (R) Presented by Jennifer Byrne. 6.30 SBS World News. 7.35 Britain's Most Historic Towns: Medieval Lincoln. (Return) Professor Alice Roberts tells the story of Lincoln. 8.30 Vikings. (Return, MA15+) Ubbe learns the truth about Kjetill. Back in Norway, the battle against the Rus' has had grave consequences. 10.15 SBS World News Late. 10.45 24 Hours In Emergency: The Underdogs. (Ma, R) 11.40 MOVIE: The Untamed. (2016, MA15+as, R, Mexico) Ruth Ramos. 1.30 War And Peace. (MA15+av, R) 3.15 Is America In Retreat? (PGa, R) 4.25 Great British Railway Journeys. (PG, R) 5.00 CGTN English News. 5.15 NHK World English News. 5.30 Deutsche Welle English News.	6.00 Seven Local News. 6.30 Seven News. 7.00 Cricket. Big Bash League. Game 30. Perth Scorchers v Sydney Sixers. From Optus Stadium, Perth. 10.00 MOVIE: Prisoners. (2013, MA15+av, R) After his young daughter and her friend go missing, a father takes matters into his own hands, with the only clue being a dilapidated mobile home that had earlier been seen parked on their street. Hugh Jackman, Jake Gyllenhaal, Paul Dano. 1.00 Travel Oz. (PG, R) A look at a variety of holiday destinations here and abroad. Hosted by Greg Grainger. 1.30 Harry's Practice. (R) Information about pet care. 2.00 Home Shopping. (R) 4.00 NBC Today. News and current affairs. 5.00 Seven Early News. 5.30 Sunrise. News, sport and weather.	6.00 Nine News. 7.00 A Current Affair. 7.30 Paramedics. (M, R) A man is choking to death. 8.30 The InBetween. (Mav) When a serial killer strikes again, Cassie uses her visions to guide Tom and Damien to the killer, leading to an unexpected twist in the investigation. She also helps an old friend search for peace. 9.30 Chicago Med. (MA15+am) Two brothers in critical condition are rushed into the hospital by their parents. 11.20 New Amsterdam. (Mam, R) Max orders a hospital-wide census. 12.10 Tipping Point. (PG, R) 1.00 A Current Affair. (R) 1.30 TV Shop: Home Shopping. (R) 2.30 Global Shop. 3.00 TV Shop: Home Shopping. (R) 5.00 News Early Edition. 5.30 Today.	6.00 WIN News. 6.30 The Project. A look at the day's news. 7.30 I'm A Celebrity... Get Me Out Of Here! As the celebrities settle into camp life in the jungle, niceties appear to be going out the window. 9.30 MOVIE: I, Tonya. (2018, MA15+Is, R) Based on a true story. After rising from obscurity to become a champion figure skater, two-time Olympian Tonya Harding falls from grace when her ex-husband orchestrates an attack on her rival. Margot Robbie, Allison Janney, Sebastian Stan. 11.55 WIN's All Australian News. 12.55 The Project. (R) A look at the day's news. 1.55 The Late Show With Stephen Colbert. (PG) 3.00 Home Shopping. (R) 3.30 CBS This Morning. 5.00 Headline News Early.

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ABC TV (2) 6.00 Cook And The Chef. (R) 6.30 Short Cuts To Glory. (R) 7.00 News. 10.00 Stan Grant's One Plus One. (R) 10.30 Scottish Vets Down Under. (PG, R) 11.00 Gardening Australia. (R) 12.00 ABC News At Noon. 1.00 Road To Now. (PG, R) 1.55 Call The Midwife. (Ma, R) 3.00 Father Brown. (PG, R) 4.00 The Heights. (PG, R) 4.30 Back Roads. (R) 5.00 Escape From The City. (R)	SBS (3) 6.00 WorldWatch. 9.30 Greek News. 10.30 German News. 11.00 Spanish News. 11.30 Turkish News. 12.00 Arabic News F24. 12.30 ABC America: World News Tonight. 1.00 PBS NewsHour. 1.55 First Civilisations. (PG, R) 2.55 Great British Railway Journeys. (R) 3.55 Who Do You Think You Are? (PGas, R) 5.00 Letters And Numbers. (R) 5.30 Motor Racing. Dakar Rally. Stage 4. Highlights.	SEVEN (7) 6.00 Sunrise. 9.00 Pre-Game Show. 9.30 Cricket. Third Test. Australia v India. Day 1. Morning session. 11.30 The Lunch Break. 12.10 Cricket. Third Test. Australia v India. Day 1. Afternoon session. 2.10 Test Cricket: Tea Break. 2.30 Cricket. Third Test. Australia v India. Day 1. Late afternoon session. 5.00 Cricket. Big Bash League. Game 31. Hobart Hurricanes v Sydney Thunder.	NINE (5) 6.00 Today. 9.00 Today Extra Summer. (PG) 11.30 Morning News. 12.00 The Ellen DeGeneres Show. (PG) 1.00 Explore. (R) 1.10 MOVIE: Big Fat Liar. (2002, G, R) 3.00 Tipping Point. (PG) 4.00 Afternoon News. 4.30 Millionaire Hot Seat. (R) 5.30 Nine News Local.	WIN (8) 6.00 Headline News. 7.30 Entertainment Tonight. (R) 8.00 Studio 10. (PG) 12.00 Dr Phil. (PGal, R) 1.00 To Be Advised. 3.00 Judge Judy. (PG) 3.30 Left Off The Map. 4.00 Farm To Fork. (PG) 4.30 The Bold And The Beautiful. (PG) 5.00 10 News First.
6.00 Julia Zemiro's Home Delivery. (PG, R) 6.30 Anh's Brush With Fame. (PG, R) 7.00 ABC News. 7.30 7.30 . 8.00 Scottish Vets Down Under. (PG) Mike and Sarah treat a newborn foal. 8.30 Rick Stein's Secret France. (PG) Rick Stein explores Burgundy. 9.30 How Australia Got Its Mojo. (PG, R) A look at two of Australia's greatest admen. 10.35 ABC Late News. 10.50 Australia's Ocean Odyssey: A Journey Down The East Australian Current. (R) 11.50 Silent Witness. (Mav, R) 12.55 Rage. (MA15+adhlnsv) 2.15 Father Brown. (PG, R) 3.00 Silent Witness. (Mav, R) 4.00 Call The Midwife. (Ma, R) 5.00 Poh's Kitchen. (R) 5.30 7.30. (R)	6.00 Mastermind Australia. (R) Presented by Jennifer Byrne. 6.30 SBS World News. 7.35 The World's Greatest Palaces: Schönbrunn Palace. (Premiere) Takes a look at 10 royal residences. 8.30 World On Fire. (Premiere, M) The story of World War II told through the experiences of people from across Europe and the US. 10.40 SBS World News Late. 11.10 24 Hours In Police Custody: Living Among Us. (Mal, R) Police confront the sexual exploitation of children. 12.10 Tin Star. (MA15+lv, R) 4.30 Great British Railway Journeys. (R) 5.00 CGTN English News. 5.15 NHK World English News. 5.30 Deutsche Welle English News.	6.00 Seven Local News. 6.30 Seven News. 7.00 Cricket. Big Bash League. Game 31. Hobart Hurricanes v Sydney Thunder. From Optus Stadium, Perth. 8.20 Cricket. Big Bash League. Game 32. Brisbane Heat v Melbourne Stars. From Metricon Stadium, Queensland. 12.00 Dr. Ken. (PGs, R) When a job opportunity opens up at Welltopia, Pat thinks Allison would be perfect for it. 1.00 Travel Oz. (PG, R) Hosted by Greg Grainger. 1.30 Harry's Practice. (R) Information about pet care. 2.00 Home Shopping. (R) 4.00 NBC Today. News and current affairs. 5.00 Seven Early News. 5.30 Sunrise. News, sport and weather.	6.00 Nine News. 7.00 A Current Affair. 7.30 Great Getaways. (PG) Takes a look at holiday destinations. 8.30 Race Across The World. (MI) The four teams compete not just with each other but with the extreme altitudes of Peru. 9.50 Inside Phuket Airport: Love Is In The Air. (MI) Trainees put on a performance. 10.50 World's Worst Flights: Pilot Error. (MI, R) 11.45 The Horn: The Crevasse. (Mam, R) 12.40 Tipping Point. (PG, R) 1.30 TV Shop: Home Shopping. (R) 2.30 Global Shop. 3.00 TV Shop: Home Shopping. (R) 5.00 News Early Edition. 5.30 Today.	6.00 WIN News. 6.30 The Project. A look at the day's news. 7.30 I'm A Celebrity... Get Me Out Of Here! Aussie celebrities compete in a test of survival in the Australian outback. 9.00 Law & Order: SVU. (Masv, R) The SVU detectives join an undercover task force in busting a human trafficking ring that has been forcing undocumented immigrants into slavery as a way of repaying their family's debts. 10.00 This Is Us. 11.00 WIN's All Australian News. 12.00 The Project. (R) 1.00 The Late Show With Stephen Colbert. (PG) 2.00 Home Shopping. (R) 3.30 CBS This Morning. 5.00 Headline News Early.

ABC TV PLUS (22) 6am Children's Programs. 7.15pm Odd Squad. 7.30 Spicks And Specks. 8.00 Doctor Who. 8.45 Mock The Week. 9.20 Would I Lie To You? 9.50 Penn & Teller: Fool Us. 10.30 Hard Quiz. 11.00 You Can't Ask That. 11.20 David Attenborough's Galapagos. 12.15am The Catherine Tate Show. 12.45 Detectorists. 1.15 Alan Partridge's Mid-Morning Matters. 1.45 Dead Boss. 2.15 Late Programs.	VICELAND (31) 6am WorldWatch. Noon Figure Skating. ISU Grand Prix. Skate America. Replay. 2.05 Rex In Rome. 3.50 WorldWatch. 5.15 The Pizza Show. 5.40 Only Connect. 6.15 Megafactories. 7.05 Jeopardy! 7.35 8 Out Of 10 Cats Does Countdown. 8.30 The Curse Of Oak Island. 9.20 Football, Prince William & Mental Health. 10.20 The Clinton Affair. 11.55 Late Programs.
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PUZZLES

SUDOKU No.009

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

easy

			9		2			
	9	4	7	6			2	3
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			5		1			

medium

5								6
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	6			5		1		9
	7							6

hard

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	7		8					1

easy medium hard

9	4	2	1	8	5	6	8	7
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4	1	7	2	3	9	6	8	4
9	7	3	1	4	7	1	3	7
5	4	6	2	8	7	1	1	3

QUICK CROSSWORD No.009

ACROSS

1 Conduct (9)
6 Cuts (wood) (5)
9 Explorer Columbus (10)
10 Long fish (3)
11 Retention (7)
12 Ban (7)
13 Actor, – Flynn (5)
15 Courier; herald (9)
16 Related to government (9)
18 Reason (5)
20 Hold (7)
21 Establish truth (7)
24 Much - About Nothing (3)
25 Liquid present beneath the Earth's surface (10)
26 Loose garment (5)
27 Impediment (9)

DOWN

1 Dollars (colloq) (5)
2 Port (7)

3 View; panorama (5)
4 Layer that absorbs most of the sun's UV radiation (5)
5 Theatre practice (9)
6 Relating to the body (9)
7 Unwrapping (7)
8 Strong variety of acid (9)
13 Eager; anticipatory (9)
14 Sluggish (9)
15 Early Apple computer model (9)
17 16th US president (7)
19 Sparkle (7)
21 Principle; tenet (5)
22 More recent (5)
23 Amalgamate (5)

DECODER No.009

24	10	15	7	15	3	24		16	2	20	17	16
Y		2		13		20		24		3		11
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											Q	Y

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V	L	R	I	G	X	W	T	F	K	D	J	M	

9-LETTER WORD

Using the nine letters in the grid, how many words of four letters or more can you list? The centre letter must be included and each letter may only be used once. No colloquial or foreign words. No capitalised nouns, apostrophes or plural words ending in "s".

Today's Aim:
15 words: **Good**
22 words: **Very good**
30 words: **Excellent**

		G		
C			N	
	H	I	E	
		R		

chin, chine, cine, cringe, enrich, ENRICHING, geni, grin, heir, hinge, hire, hiring, icier, icing, inch, inching, inhering, inner, neigh, nice, nicer, niche, nigh, nine, reign, rein, reining, rice, rich, ring

WORDFIT No.009

3 LETTERS

AIM
ARE
ASH
ASS
ATE
BUN
COO
DEN
EEL
ERA
GEE
GOP
HAD
LSD
MRS
PIG
RAN
RAW
REV
RIM
SAC
SEA
TAN
TAR
TEN
WET

5 LETTERS

ABBOT
ADAPT
AGILE
ARENA
ARISE
AROMA
AROSE
ATOMS
BLARE
LAVA
RIPS
SENT
SPAN
SPAR
STEW
SWIM

4 LETTERS

ACNE
AGED
DASH
EAST
EDIT
GETS
IDLE
ITCH
LAVA
RIPS
SENT
SPAN
SPAR
STEW
SWIM

6 LETTERS

SEWAGE
TESTIS

7 LETTERS

DISEASE
ESTATES

8 LETTERS

ADDITION
NOTIONAL
PANORAMA
PARTISAN

10 LETTERS

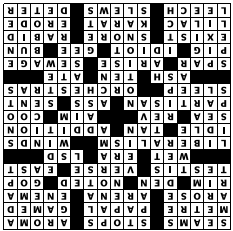
LIBERALISM
ORCHESTRAS

TEAR
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VEIN

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MEMOS
METRE
NICER
NOTED
OMEGA
PAPAL
PIXIE
RABID
RISKS
SEAMS
SLATS
SLEEP
SLEWS

SMART
SNORE
SNOTS
SPELL
STOPS
VERSE
WINDS

OPENERS
RESTORE
SEEDIER
STEERED



5x5 No.009

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

NOTE: more than one solution may be possible

J		T		Y
	E		I	
D		A		A
	I		E	
D		E		S

S	D	E	E	D
R	E	D	I	E
A	R	A	M	A
E	R	I	E	A
Y	T	I	E	J

QUICK QUIZ



- What is the capital city of Chile?
- Which chemical element has the symbol K?
- Where on the body would you wear a bicorné?
- In what country did the modern game of golf originate?
- In what year did the Eureka Rebellion take place in Ballarat, Victoria?
- Which dystopian novel features the motto 'Community, Identity, Stability'?
- What is the art of stuffing and mounting animals in lifelike form?
- Which character does Bruce Willis (pictured) play in the Die Hard movie series?
- Beginning with 'c', what is divination by tarot cards?
- What fruit is used in the French dessert clafoutis?

holiday challenge

HOLIDAY GIANT

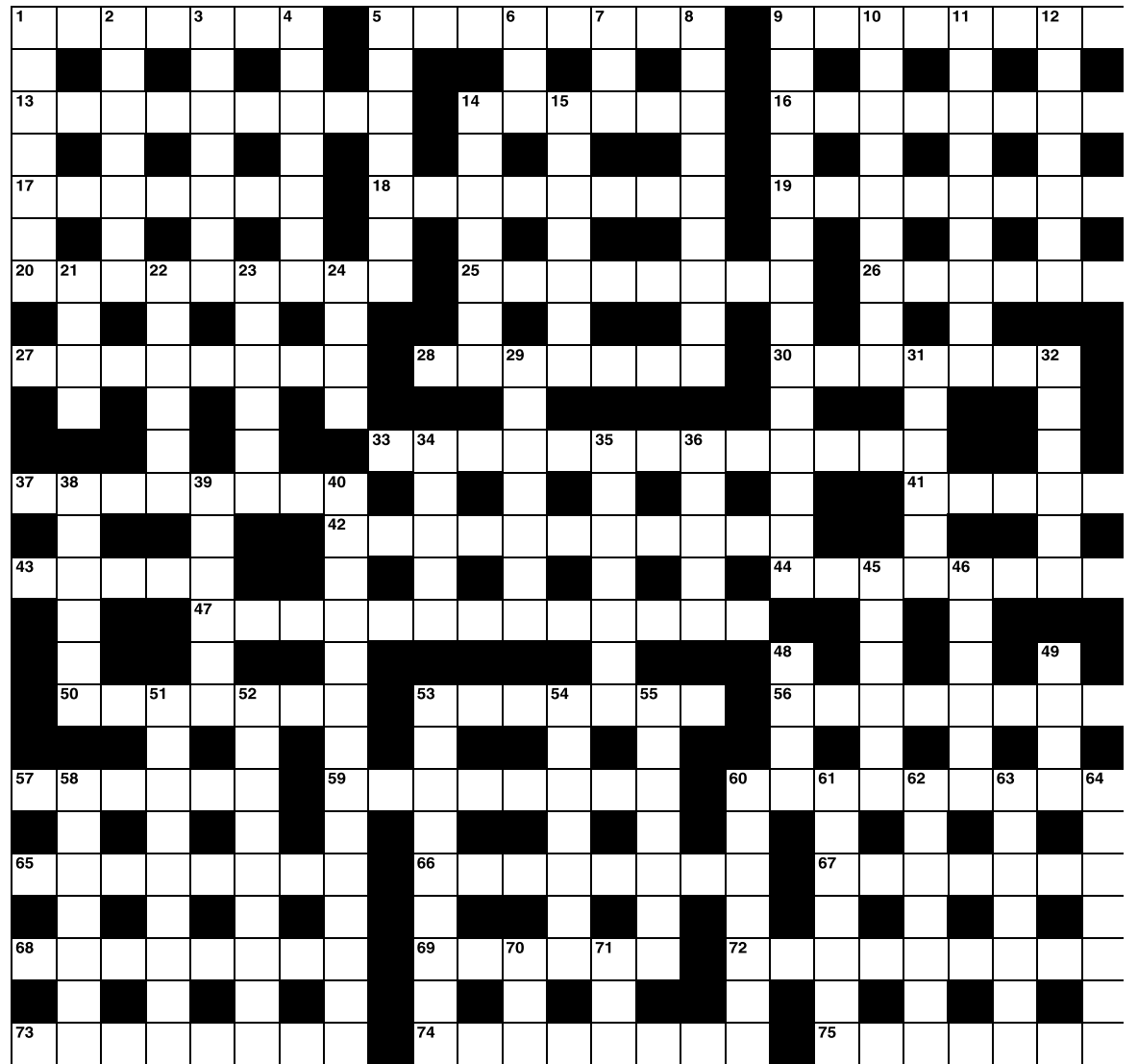
ACROSS

- 1 City in northern France (7)
5 Needle (8)
9 Ovine insecticide (5,3)
13 Feeling a strong affection (9)
14 Pass (6)
16 Apparently contradictory figure of speech (8)
17 Start of day (7)
18 US state, North - (8)
19 Ban (8)
20 Adored (US) (9)
25 The action of setting something on fire (8)
26 Egg dish (US) (6)
27 A type of shot in cue sports (8)
28 Act of disloyalty (7)
30 Difficult to understand (7)
33 Agreeing in amount (13)
37 Data about data (8)
41 Reason (5)
42 Magazine writer (11)
43 Brouhaha (5)
44 Edible snail (Fr.) (8)
47 Exhibition (13)
50 Former name of Telstra (7)
53 Window shopper (7)
56 African republic containing Kilimanjaro and the Serengeti (8)
57 Joins (6)
59 Representative (8)

- 60 Diocese (9)
65 Person who plays the organ (8)
66 Accused (8)
67 Book of the Old Testament (7)
68 Australian animal (8)
69 Carry to excess (6)
72 Banishment (9)
73 German car brand (8)
74 High praise (Medieval Lat.) (8)
75 Obviously (7)

DOWN

- 1 Managed (7)
2 Novice (7)
3 Formally put an end to (7)
4 Distribute (food) (5,2)
5 Persuaded (7)
6 Sick (3)
7 Phone program (3)
8 Exaltation (9)
9 Mall (8,6)
10 Study of word history (9)
11 Outstanding (9)
12 Venerate (7)
14 Sooner (7)
15 Georgian state capital (7)
21 Bypass (4)
22 Plant family that includes sage (6)
23 Roma is its capital (6)
24 Concludes (4)
29 Ruler (7)
31 Spanish rice dish (6)
32 Gambling house (6)

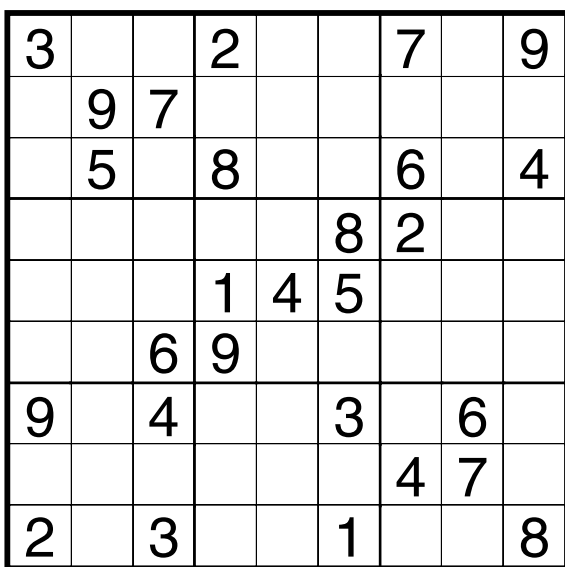


- 34 Jewellery items (5)
35 Discounts (7)
36 Opening (5)
38 Bar (6)
39 Clear riverbed (6)
40 Rooms (14)
45 Abdominal exercise (6)
46 Overhaul (6)
48 Small case for needles (4)

- 49 Melanesian island state (4)
51 Sluggish (9)
52 Dismissed (9)
53 Maryland city (9)
54 More tired (7)
55 Dance musical genre (7)
58 Tell a story (7)
60 Room for sleeping (7)
61 Doubter (7)

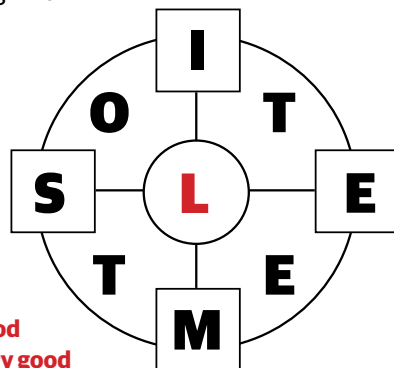
- 62 Work (7)
63 Wetter in terms of weather (7)
64 False and defamatory statement (7)
70 Slippery fish (3)
71 Excavate (3)

HARD SUDOKU



9-LETTER WORD

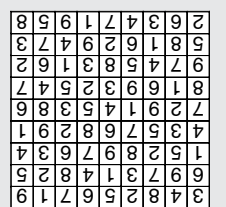
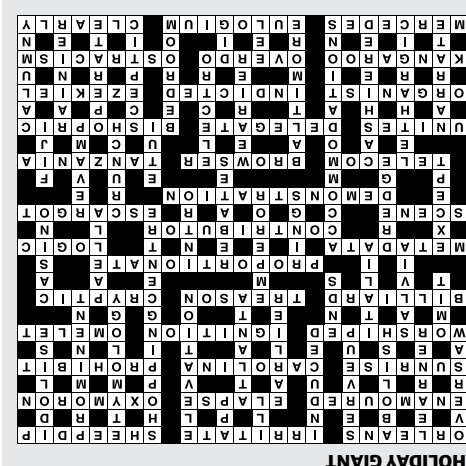
Using the nine letters in the grid, how many words of four letters or more can you list? The centre letter must be included, and each letter may only be used once. No colloquial or foreign words. No capitalised nouns, apostrophes or plural words ending in "s".



26 words: **Good**
39 words: **Very good**
52 words: **Excellent**

SOLUTIONS

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HARD SUDOKU

9-LETTER WORD
elite, else, isle, islet, leet, lest, lime, limo, list, lite, lites, lose, lost, melt, mettie, milo, mole, mill, MISTLETOE, moll, mottle, mottles, settle, silo, slit, sleet, slim, slime, slit, slot, smelt, smile, soil, sole, stilt, steel, steele, stilt, stilt, stilt, toilet

- 1 True or false: Namibia shares a border with South Africa?
2 Which of the Brontë sisters wrote *Jane Eyre*?
3 Which of these countries was not once part of Yugoslavia: Macedonia, Serbia or Albania?
4 In 1961 Yuri Gagarin became the first human to do what?
5 David Bowie (pictured) gained fame in the 1970s with his flamboyant alter ego named what?

QUIZ



ANSWERS: 1. True. 2. Charlotte Brontë. 3. Albania. 4. Travel into outer space. 5. Ziggy Stardust.

WORDSTEP

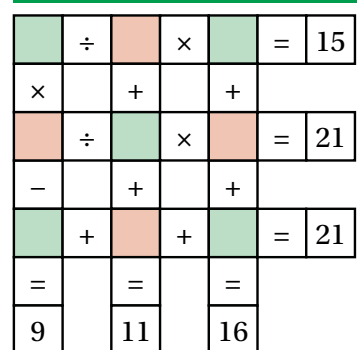
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Complete the list by changing one letter at a time to create a new word at each step.

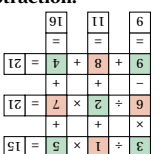
There may be more than one possible word step answer.

PLAYS

CROSS MATH



Insert each number from 1 to 9 in the shaded squares to solve all the horizontal and vertical equations. **Multiplication and division are performed before addition and subtraction.**

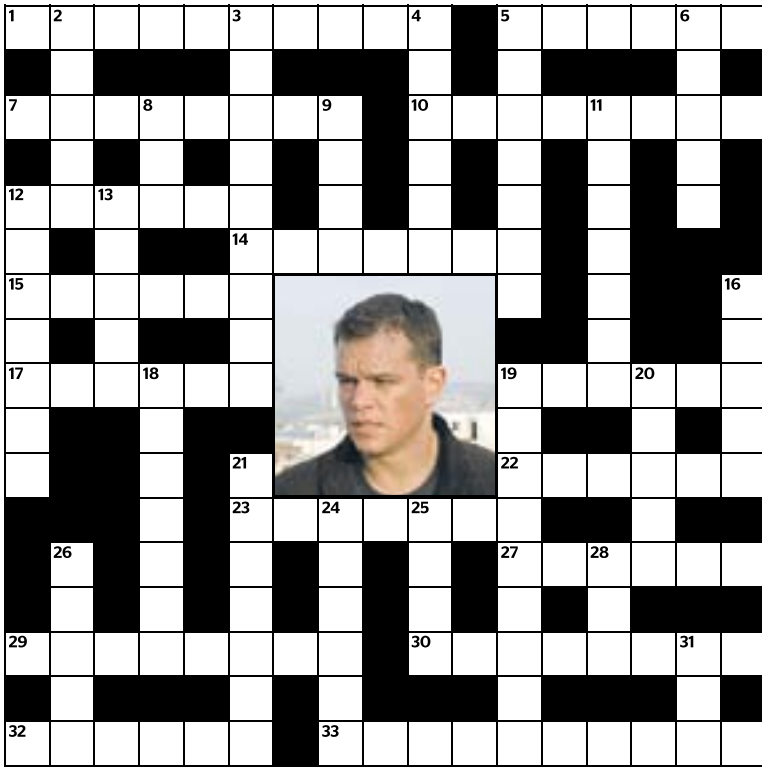


ANSWERS



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ACROSS

- 1 Colourful entertainers (3,7)
5 Matt Damon's (pictured) amnesiac assassin (6)
7 Quiz show where contestants answer with a question (8)
10 Creator of Bridget Jones, Helen - (8)
12 Couples look to - to the Country (6)
14 Home town of North Norfolk Digital radio DJ Alan Partridge (7)
15 Ben Kingsley's 1982 bio-pic (6)
17 London's famous film studio (6)
19 Kim's "second best friend" (6)
22 Steve Martin, Chevy Chase and Martin Short played the Three - (6)
23 Eric Bana's 2000 Australian movie (7)
27 Featured guest stars Kate Winslet and Samuel L. Jackson (6)
29 Harrison Ford's 2006 American-Australian crime thriller (8)
30 1979 horror film remade in 2006, *When a - Calls* (8)

- 32 The third Mad Max movie, - *Thunderdome* (6)
33 What are Embry, Quil and Leah in the *Twilight Saga*? (10)

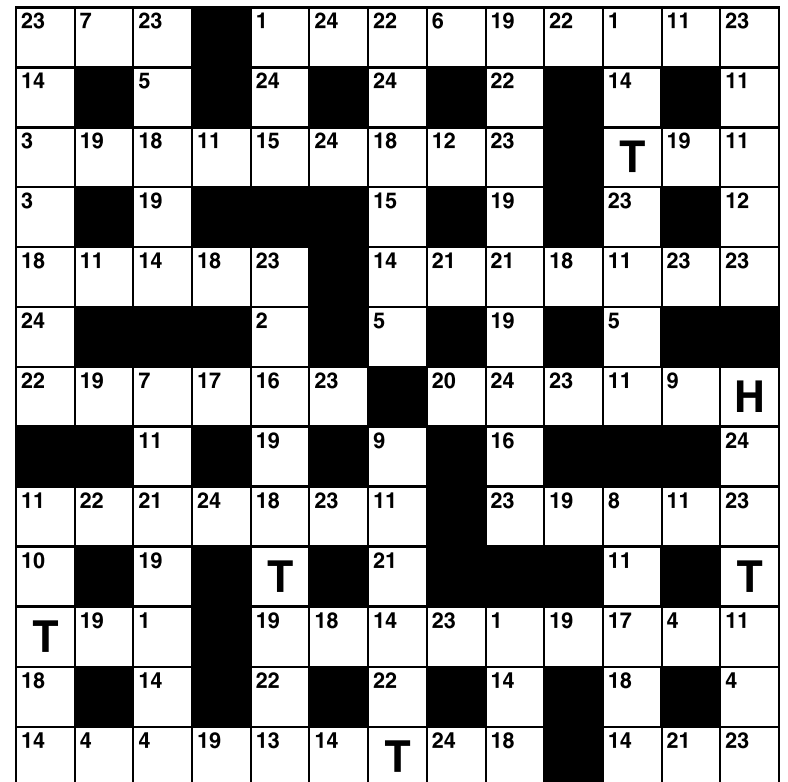
DOWN

- 2 US reality series, *Blood, Sweat & -* (5)
3 Originally presented by Peter Cundall, - *Australia* (9)
4 Maeve O'Meara's *Food -* (6)
5 2017 Claire Foy film, the directorial debut of Andy Serkis (7)
6 The voice of Bart Simpson, - Cartwright (5)
8 Recurring character in *Riverdale*, Sweet - (3)
9 Jack Black and Michael Cera's 2009 comedy movie, - *One* (4)
11 Character played by Gerard Butler and Klaus Kinski (7)
12 Dome-headed super-villain in *The Lego Batman Movie* (7)
13 This French premium TV channel is a plus (5)
16 An upcoming British-American action TV series, - *of London* (5)

- 18 *Gimme Some Truth* is a doco about the making of which famous album? (7)
19 He's off to see the Wizard, if he can remember (9)
20 Animated US TV comedy series that first ran in 1965, - *Ramjet* (6)
21 Cold country in which *Trapped* is set (6)
24 2010 US legal drama starring Jimmy Smits (6)
25 Louis C.K. animated comedy, *The Secret Life of -* (4)
26 Erik Thomson's 2005 Aussie drama series, *The -* (5)
28 Kevin Costner golf comedy, - *Cup* (3)
31 Crime series starring Jodie Comer and Sandra Oh, *Killing -* (3)

CODEWORD

Each number corresponds to a letter. Can you crack the code?



1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26

WORD FIND

The leftover letters will spell out a secret message.

O	R	A	N	G	E	J	U	I	C	E
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S	F	Y	K	E	G	G	S	F	F	F
L	F	N	O	C	A	B	O	F	L	F
I	U	A	K	G	A	L	U	O	A	U
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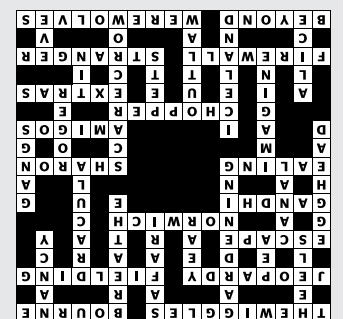
Secret message:

BACON BRAN BUFFET COFFEE CORNFLAKES CREPE CROISSANT EAT EGGS HAM LOX MILK MUESLI MUFFIN OATMEAL ORANGE JUICE PORRIDGE SNACK SOUP TEA WAFFLE YOGHURT

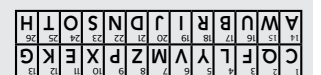


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CODEWORD

WORD FIND
Secret message: wake up

HOW WELL DO YOU KNOW...

GEORGE CLOONEY

1. How many times has Clooney won 'Sexiest Man Alive' title?
A. One
B. Two
C. Three
D. Four
2. What was the name of Clooney's character in *ER*?
A. Ross Dean
B. Dave Reid
C. Ryan Douglas
D. Doug Ross

3. What are the names of Clooney's twins?
A. Elthan and Alexandra
B. Anna and Edward
C. Ella and Alexander
D. Evan and Ally
4. In which war is *Catch-22* set?
A. Gulf War
B. Vietnam War
C. World War I
D. World War II



ANSWER: 1B, 2D, 3C, 4C

4x4

1	2	3	4
5			
6			
7			

ACROSS

- 1 Adolescent
5 Suffix with soft or hard
6 Egyptian god
7 Chap

DOWN

- 1 Stick
2 Simplicity
3 Irish girl's name
4 Bird's home

ANSWER: ACROSS: 1. Teen, 5. Ware, 6. Isis, 7. Gent.
DOWN: 1. Twig, 2. Ease, 3. Erin, 4. Nest.

Current Affairs

Matt Canavan



Doug a 'true statesman'

The nation's longest serving Deputy Prime Minister, Doug Anthony, died last week. Doug was a true statesman in the Aussie larrikin spirit.

During a late session of Parliament, Doug and some other MPs began kicking a football - indoors! The football hit a painting shattering the glass inside. Doug described the aftermath, "There was a huge noise, it echoed all through King's Hall. We swept up the broken glass and picked all the bits out of the frame and straightened the painting. It stayed like that for years before anyone noticed there was no glass in the frame!"

Doug's laidback country charm belied a tough leader that brought the Country Party into the modern political era, and he pioneered new trade relationships during a difficult period for the Australian economy.

When Doug became leader of the Country Party in 1971 he had a tough act to follow. His predecessor as leader, John "Black Jack" McEwen, had dominated Australian politics for two decades. The future of the Country Party was in question as the number of Australians employed in farming declined.

Doug dealt with this challenge front on and in his first press conference as leader said that his party's special role was to look after people that live outside capital cities, not just farmers. And he said "I think we service that responsibility well."

His definition lasts to this day - 50 years on - in the logo of the Nationals party which says below it "for Regional Australia".

Doug oversaw the change of the Country Party's name to the Nationals Party and broadened the base of the party to include small businessman, miners and families living in country towns.

As Trade Minister during the 1970s Doug had to respond to the challenge of Britain joining the European Union and locking Australian farmers out of its markets. In the late 1960s, the UK imported almost 80 per cent of Australia's butter. That ended overnight, and our dairy herd fell from four million head to 2.4 million. Fruit exports crashed too and many trees had to be pulled. Doug responded by focusing on new markets.

On a trip to New Zealand, after reading his papers, Doug commented why am I even going over? There is nothing here to talk about. So Doug just changed the agenda and included discussion a free trade agreement. Australia's first trade agreement with New Zealand was born.

Doug also established new trading links with the Middle East and built on the relationships we were then building with Asian countries.

As Resources Minister, Anthony pursued tough negotiations with Japanese steel mills for a better price for iron ore. He also pushed for Australia to export uranium and we are now the world's largest exporter of uranium. He removed ceilings on petrol prices, which was unpopular, but it helped encourage a surge in Australian oil and gas exploration. Australia is now the world's largest exporter of liquified natural gas.

Doug worked productively with Liberal leaders but he was always willing to fight for the interests of his own. Doug vigorously opposed the revaluing of the Australian dollar in the early 1970s, which would have hurt Australian farmers. He and other Country Party cabinet colleagues walked out of cabinet three times over three dramatic days, and he ultimately succeeded.

Doug's vision for a broader Nationals party that represented all provincial towns was successful. Despite many writing obituaries for it, the Nationals party is alive and kicking. Like the Doug's party in the 1970s, it has been the success of the Nationals party over the past decade that has kept the Coalition Government in power.

We have been rewarded with support because we have fought for regional areas by supporting dams, live cattle exports and the construction of the Adani mine. We have opposed new carbon or mining taxes that would have cost regional Australians their jobs.

Doug was a fighter but he never talk himself to seriously, especially while running the country in his thongs from his caravan.

The biggest lesson from Doug's life is that to succeed as a country politician you have to be a fighter but do it with a smile on your face.



Doug Anthony was Deputy Prime Minister under John Gorton, William McMahon and Malcolm Fraser.

What is a pre-nuptial agreement?

Often known as 'pre-nups', pre-nuptial agreements are contracts entered into by a couple prior to marriage dealing with how the parties propose to divide the assets and property of the marriage in the event of a separation.

There are very strict guidelines dealing with the making of these contracts. If they are not followed, the pre-nups can be challenged and overturned at a later date.

Today, we will look at the application of these guidelines in the case of *Thorne v Kennedy*.

Here, the High Court struck down both pre and post nuptial agreements on the basis of undue influence and unconscionable conduct.

The agreements were entered into between a financially challenged 36-year-old woman from overseas and a 67-year-old wealthy Australian property developer.

Before the marriage, an agreement was signed to the effect that the wife would have very little claim on his assets in the event of a separation.

Ms Thorne's English was poor, she had no

**FAMILY
LAW**

WITH PAULA PHELAN



assets and she had been persuaded to come to Australia by the property developer. Her Australian Visa was about to expire.

She had been asked to sign the 'pre-nup' four days before the wedding. All of her family were already in Australia, having flown from their country of origin. She was told that if she didn't sign the agreement, the marriage wouldn't go ahead.

The independent solicitor who advised her in relation to both agreements strongly recommended that she didn't sign. The couple were divorced just under four years later.

At what point does the concept of undue influence come into play with these agreements?

The court held that it arose where a person has no free will. Ms Thorn had been unduly influenced by her future husband to the extent that she could not make clear, calm or rational decisions.

The grossly unreasonable nature of the agreement on its own also indicated undue influence.

The second basis on which the agreement was struck down was unconscionable conduct.

This occurs where one party takes advantage of another's special disadvantage to induce them into entering an agreement which is unfair and harsh. The other party must be aware of the special disadvantage and unconsciously take advantage of it.

Both agreements were overturned and the wife was free to bring a property settlement claim.

If one party to a marriage wishes to enter into a 'prenup', they should not introduce it just before the wedding, when all the guests have arrived, nor should they make it extremely disadvantageous to the other party.



A pre-nuptial agreement could be to your benefit in the event of divorce.

Secondly, the mere presence of independent legal advice may not be enough on its own to negative either undue influence or unconscionable conduct. This is particularly so where the independent legal adviser has advised the person not to enter into the agreement.

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Give some business love

Happy New Year! I'm not a big believer in New Year resolutions, however if I were to make one, it would be, "for everyone to be kinder to the poor crazy (for want of a better word) people who own their own businesses".

I include myself in that group as well. Why? Well, how much easier would it be to work for someone else - to have a pay packet each week without questions, no need to worry about how much did the company/business make this week, or think about how am I going to drive my business forward in 2021?

When a small business doesn't get it right, people go on social media to tell the world of how they have been treated poorly.

And yes, even if that might have been the case no one seems to stop and think about the small business owner and why some mishap occurred.

That business might be suffering for a number of reasons, but I'm sure so many small business owners tried and they certainly cared! But when customers send business owners messages saying how this mistake has ruined their lives (and it's all relative I know), the business owner is already feeling bad, it doesn't help the situation or fix the mistake. Communication plus empathy is the key!

DEAR GLADSTONE

LYNDAL HANSEN



People seriously, give the small businesses a break. On top of normal stresses, the little business owner has the added burden of Covid-19, not only financially and but also the stress of trying to obey the rules in relation to Covid-19 and just trying to keep the doors open.

Nowadays online shopping is really big business, making it that much harder for the small businesses to compete. In addition, very few small business owners have holidays, staff get paid before they do, their technological world is moving faster than they can keep up with, there is a never-ending battle with cash flows and oh by the way, managing staff would have to be one of the biggest challenges ever.

Yet small business provides the threads which weave a place into a community! So,



Help keep our local small businesses open.

what sort of person would want to owner a small business? Well, a slightly crazy, passionate person who wants to create something useful or great to have in our community.

In 2021, let your local businesses know you

appreciate them, give them feedback in a supportive way so they can grow and say thank you to the small business owner for their contribution to a great Gladstone community where you choose to live.

Nature at its finest: Reader shares wildlife snaps



Little egret with lunch.



CQ Today reader Noel Sawtell shared some of his favourite photos of local wildlife, including this snap of a large python in a lemon tree.



Eastern yellow robin.

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Noel Pearson at home.

Picture: ROB MACCOLL

Star News Group associate editor and author **PHIL JARRATT** sits down with controversial social reform advocate and lawyer Noel Pearson.

The light on the hill

Lawyer, academic, historian, land rights activist, advocate for social reform, provocateur ... Noel Pearson, now 55, has worn many hats over his illustrious and frequently controversial career. Perhaps the one that fits him best now is philosopher, and he can be seen wearing it as he walks or kayaks along the Noosa River, not far from his home outside Tewantin, lost in his many thoughts.

Pearson keeps a low profile in his adopted community, preferring the anonymity of his family's neighbourhood bubble after more than 30 years as an often-divisive figure at the forefront of Indigenous reforms. "I'm a FIFO fixer these days," he chuckles. "Fly in, fly out, get home to my bubble."

He grew up on the Lutheran Aboriginal Mission at Hope Vale on Cape York, became the first of his extended family to graduate with double degrees (history and law) from university and became the "poster child" for the Aboriginal land rights movement in the early 1990s. But it was his branching out into the even more provocative issues of social welfare reform in Aboriginal communities that made him a national figure in the new century, lionised and criticised in about equal measure by his people and by the media.

Pearson has his detractors, but not even his fiercest critics can deny the power of his ideas and his delivery of them. Through his voluminous writings and the magnificent oratory of "The Light On The Hill", his Ben Chifley Memorial speech in 2000, and his eulogy for Gough Whitlam in 2014, he has become the most passionate and eloquent voice for social justice, black or white, since Charles Perkins.

In this two-part interview, the cancer survivor reflects on a life full of challenge, opportunity and continued hope.

What did you learn from your mum and dad, growing up in Hope Vale?

My father grew up there as his father did, after being brought in as a child. My grandmother was brought in by the police as part of the removals policy, born in the bush and then taken to the mission. So I grew up as a Guugu Yimidjirr person, but also as a Lutheran, heavily influenced by the missionaries. The missionary allowed our language to be taught and the culture to be maintained, but he didn't allow us to practice our traditional religion. It remained our unofficial religion, but it wasn't part of formal mission life.

How did the young people feel about being denied that part of your culture?

Well, I later went to Sydney University and wrote a thesis about that. People of my generation were critical of mission history, whereas my father and grandfather who had grown up in it could see the truth of it, which is that if the missionaries had not come in at that point in our history, we would have been wiped out, literally. We were on the frontier. Cooktown was a frontier town, the Palmer River gold rush brought 60,000 people, thousands upon thousands of Chinese, opium, massacres ... In 1886, 13 years after the white people arrived in Cooktown, the missionaries found us and they found a wreckage. The tribes of the district were pretty much wasted, and the missionaries set up a refuge from the frontier.

My grandfather was 10 years old when he was brought to the mission, stripped away from his parents who were still walking around wild in the bush. My father used to tell me he'd see my great-grandfather - his grandfather - still walking around in the bush, hunting and living the nomadic life, increasingly being squeezed by the pastoral and mining takeover of the land. My father would see him when he came and hung around the edges of the mis-

sion. The wild blackfellas, as the missionaries called them, weren't allowed inside, so he'd give my father whatever he'd caught, wallaby or pig, and then go.

Pre-war there were still a lot of people in the bush on Cape York, and a few in other places. But if there were children in those camps, the police were onto them immediately, so increasingly the camps were just groups of old people, and you can imagine how lonely that was. One of my most vivid memories that I construct when I go to the old camps near Hope Vale, is of the last days of that life, with no children, no future, knowing that when they died out, that life would die with them. They would have been the saddest days. In 1942, when the mission was moved to Woorabinda near Rockhampton during the war, almost a third of them died of influenza in the cooler climate.

Why were they moved?

The Australian Army believed that if there was a Japanese invasion the Torres Strait Islanders and the Aborigines would turn against the Australians because they'd been so ill-treated. The policy was to move Aboriginal missions down south or into the interior. The German missionary from Hope Vale, Mr Muni our people called him, Georg H. Schwarz was his name, was interned in Toowoomba for the war.

When you were a young bloke being brought up by the Lutherans, a Lutheran had just become the premier of Queensland. Did Joh Bjelke-Petersen's rise to power have any impact on the Lutheran missions?

His history with us preceded his political career. He actually helped relocate the mission back to Hope Vale in 1949. Our people were like the children of Israel - we'd been in exile in a strange land and we needed to go back to our homeland, to the promised land. That was the way the elders saw it, in a religious context. But the problem was to get the land back, and this was where Joh played a pivotal role.

He flew over it, surveyed it, then organised the money to purchase the land and helped set up the process of re-establishing the mission on it. He was chairman of the Hope Valley Mission Board for 10 years until the late 1950s, when he got into Country Party politics. Our people had fond memories of Joh as a churchman who had supported us.

Was Bjelke-Petersen a formative influence on you?

On my generation, yes, because the church was such a big part of our lives, but running alongside of it was this growing resentment of the paternalism, and the church never really learnt to stop being paternalistic. They didn't realise that times were changing, and the way they related to our people needed to change. My father couldn't leave the mission without getting the permission of the superintendent, he couldn't own a car. When he worked as a drover, his money was managed by the state, and was stolen by the state. All the money that our people made was put into a big fund, whatever money they earned was not theirs, it was held by the state.

This was happening before my time, but the big eye-opener for me was when I went to high school in Brisbane. The church opened up high school access before the state, and from 1964 some Hope Vale kids were able to go to boarding school at St Peter's Lutheran College. My father's generation was only allowed to go to school to grade three, then they had to start working at 14. When I went to St Peter's it was the first time I'd been in the white man's world. My whole life to that point had been at a remote mission where the only white people were the ones running the place. I'd never known racism, although I had a sense of it when I went into Cooktown as a child, just watching the interaction between our people and white people. We had a certain place in their little town.

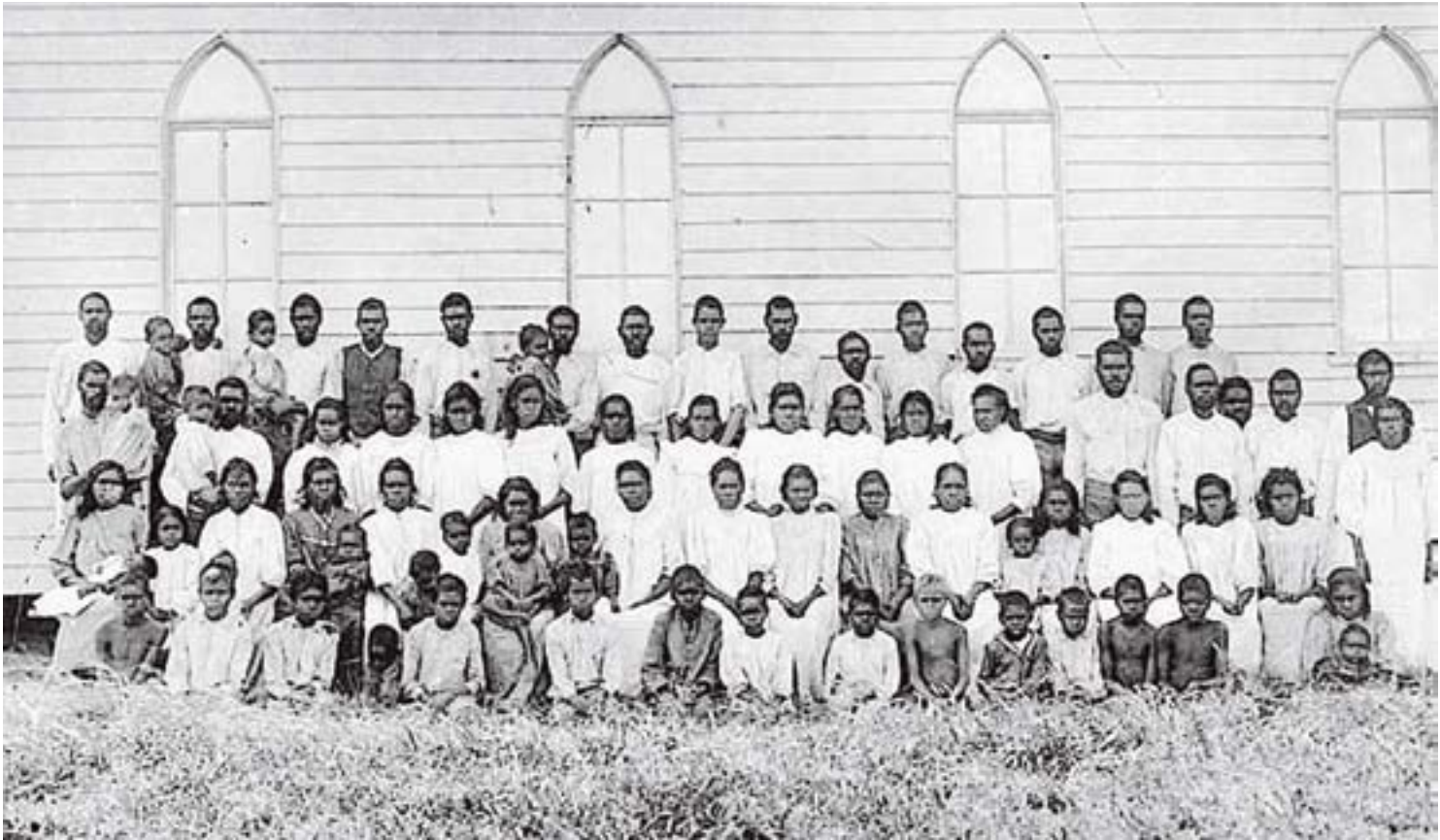


The mission.

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Noel Pearson at home



Hope Vale Lutheran Mission, 1950s.

Picture: HOPE VALE

If you walked past the old Sovereign Hotel in Cooktown you wouldn't hear words like that?
Well, we wouldn't do that! (Laughs). We had our place. We arrived on the back of the mission truck, we'd go up to the hospital for check-ups, we'd go to the cafe and then go and sit in the park. We had a strict routine and where we could go was very limited. So my awareness of racism was very dim until high school, and then I was exposed to it not just within the school but outside as well. The other day I was with my son in Brisbane and we drove past Brisbane Boys College, and I told him I played rugby there, and I've never forgotten it. It was a Wednesday afternoon and half the school was on the sidelines calling us abos. Our whole backline was made up of PNG and Aboriginal kids. But we gave as good as we got, and if you were good at sport, you survived. I was good at rugby, basketball and athletics, so I survived. In fact I loved it.

Why did you go to Sydney University?
To get out of jail. To escape what was now the National Party. Joh was now ascendant, and he had cottoned onto the fact that kicking the blackfellas wasn't a bad move politically. That tore me up, knowing the good he'd done for us through the mission, but I realised that he had to be viewed from two angles. There was Joh the right-wing politician and Joh the dutiful churchman. To be honest I was stunned every time I came across media reports of Joh casting aspersions on Aboriginal people or land rights. It pained me that "our church friend", as we used to call him, got mileage out of doing that.
Did you ever get the opportunity to confront him about it?
No, I didn't, but many years later I was told that Joh had said how disappointed he was in me for being ungrateful for the opportunity he'd given me. (Laughs) But we forget that in the early '80s, Brisbane was still a big country

town, very insular, so I decided to go to Sydney to study.
Were you inspired to write your 1986 thesis about the history of Hope Vale Mission by bad memories or good?
I was even-handed in my treatment. I could see both sides, and my father and grandfather would never have let me get away with just focusing on the bad. By and large, they would agree with my criticisms, and the main one is that the Lutherans should have changed with the times. I was around at the time when they resisted change, and when they were forced out, and I thought that we had thrown the baby out with the bath water, that we didn't work out how to keep the good things the missionaries had given us and discard the bad things. The mission had set us up strongly as a community, and had the doors of opportunity been opened at that point, we would have been in a much better place now. I'm part of the generation that benefited. I had strong

parents who set me up well. The generation that came along next had too much welfare, too much family breakdown.
Did your generation have an advantage in the isolation that has now turned into a disadvantage?
That's part of it, yes. One of the strengths of the mission was its isolation, away from the bad influences that would eventually corrupt the social fabric of the community. Isolation had been a factor for 120 years. It was the way the missionary stopped the exploitation of our people, stopped the opium, the prostitution, the exploitation of labour.
For my thesis I had to do a lot of oral history interviews, and I was able to catch the old guys of my grandfather's generation just before they died, the last of the bush-born people. And from that, I developed a sense of what had gone before, and that helped me consider the future.
NEXT EDITION: Noel Pearson sees the light on the hill.

Photo club favourites

By Rex Boggs

To finish off this rather interesting year, members of the Rockhampton Photography Club have been asked to share one of their favourite photos that they took in 2020.

So, here are some of the favourite photos shared by members.

Since we can't fit the fave photos of all of the members onto this single page, we will share more favourite photos taken by other club members in the 14 January 2021 edition of CQ Today.

Have a joyful Christmas, and here's to a wonderful 2021!



Fran McFadzen - Emerald Swallowtail



Kerrie Wall - Alligator Point



Glenda Worley - Rain Approaching



Peter Ilott - Mama Grebe in Black and White



Greg Tungate - Offshore Storm



Kevin Langford - Symmetry at Sea



Joan Tomkins - Mischief by Two



Rex Boggs - Ba(by)boon



Jan Whatman - This Is How You Do It



Kate Lacy - Kookaburra



Mark Collins - Pink Eared Ducks



Sue Kraatz - The Clown



Seniors' Christmas lunch

The North Rockhampton Senior Citizens Club had a great time at their Christmas lunch at the Frenchville Sports Club on December 19.

President Joyce Messer said while the club had previously met once a week at Bauhinia House, their last three luncheons had been at the sports club because of Covid-19 restrictions.

While the club members are hoping to get back to Bauhinia House next year social distancing will make that impossible for the time being, and their Australia Day function will also be at the Frenchville, on January 22.

Joyce said the Christmas event had been well attended and members understood that Covid precautions were necessary to protect people like them who were in the most vulnerable age group.

"It's lovely at the Frenchville, we've had three good events here with good people and good entertainment and the members look forward to coming in once a month to see their friends," she said.



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Downstairs has a huge rumpus area with a bar and private spa/jacuzzi. There is also an office or extra storage room and an abundance of storage throughout the house.

It's the little things that make this home stand out like being able to turn the front light out from the comfort of your



bed, gardens and lawns fitted with pop up sprinklers and the insulation and tinted windows make for a pleasant temperature year round. The ceiling void has a light fitted for tradie convenience should you be getting work done and if there is ever a power shortage, the house is wired and approved to be run by a generator.

You need to see this great property for yourself but be quick before someone else snaps it up and starts their summer pool parties. ●



HOME ESSENTIALS

Address: 6 Boonah Street, WANDAL **Description:** 4 bedrooms, 3 bathrooms, 2 garage **Price:** \$620,000 - \$660,000 **Inspect:** By appointment

Contact: Brit Wheeler, 0407 228 860, LJ HOOKER, ROCKHAMPTON, 4922 2122



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Contact

Gavin Jenkins 0419 761 300

Positioned in a complex of five units it is a stone throw to heaps of conveniences. Unit features are:

* 2 bedrooms with built ins & air conditioning

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* Fans throughout and security screened

* Sizeable lawn locker/Complex inground pool

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The Range

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Positioned conveniently across from our Base Hospital and only minutes to the CBD and major schools, this weatherboard gable offers all the qualities with its standard high ceilings, hardwood and hoop pine flooring plus tongue & groove walls. There is a quality kitchen which compliments the breakfast area and main dining room plus two main bedrooms with BIR's as well as two smaller bedrooms located on the sleep outs, main bathroom plus ensuite, split system A/C & a large storage area under.

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Trent Neven 0407 597 303

Positioned behind the 6 foot picket fence with double electric gates this home has so much to offer. The home offers a nice size sunroom and large lounge room, open plan dining and kitchen space. There are three great size bedrooms with the two larger bedrooms offering BIR's. There is a revamped bathroom and quality, spacious kitchen. Downstairs offers a large lockable storage area under as well as car accommodation for one vehicle under the house and two more under the side carport. All located on a large 809m2 allotment.

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This is family living at its finest, as you enter the home you will be greeted by the fourth bedroom which can be easily utilised as an office. Following through from there brings you to a great size, open plan, lounge kitchen and dining area which effortlessly flows to the blacked out theatre room or the rear entertaining area. The bedrooms are all good size and all offer BIR's. The master suite also offers a WIR and ensuite. The backyard is just as impressive as the front with a nice size powered shed, gazebo and side access.

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356 Denham Ext Street
West Rockhampton

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Situated directly across the road from the Rockhampton Golf Club and only a short distance to schools, shops and hospitals. Built to last this double storey brick home is sure to impress with its open plan lounge, kitchen, dining and sunroom all complimented by rich, polished timber floors throughout. The kitchen and bathroom have both been renovated and the home also offers good size bedrooms. There is also a large deck to be enjoyed and a nice size backyard. Descend the stairs to a large lockable storage area and car accommodation.

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This beautifully renovated home offers a large galley kitchen equipped with stone bench tops and stainless steel appliances. The open plan design allows the lounge, kitchen and dining areas to effortlessly flow together. There are four generous size bedrooms, the main bedroom also offers an ensuite and WIR. Descend the stairs to a great size rumpus room and bar area. The lower level also boasts a kitchenette and a third bathroom. Enjoy the outside with a entertaining area which overlooks the inground concrete pool and spa.

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The home is conveniently located next to shops, schools, hospitals and the airport and boasts city views in a quiet and private setting. With four A/C bedrooms upstairs, large A/C living/dining area and a stunning designer kitchen, it is a great home for the family but then you step out onto the tiled patio overlooking a large manicured backyard with sparkling inground pool and see a true entertainer's paradise. Downstairs has a huge rumpus area with bar and private Spa/Jacuzzi. There is also an office or extra storage room.

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Norman Gardens

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Located in a quite cul-e-sac is where you'll find this lowset gem. With a minimum of work this four bedroom home can become your ideal family home or form part of your investment portfolio. Features include -
* Security screens and ceiling fans throughout
* Airon in Master bedroom
* All bedrooms with built ins
* Colourbond fence/large backyard/Shed
Backing onto parklands and within close proximity to child care this home has heaps of potential.

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BLUFF BEAUTY

AVAILABLE for sale in the quiet town of Bluff is this well presented four bedroom home, which is a pleasure to present to the market.

The open lounge is a good size and has split system air-conditioning, ceiling fan, easy to maintain vinyl plank flooring and features a fireplace for cosy nights and standout timber beams highlighted by streams of sunlight through the timber Venetian covered windows. A super size walk in pantry compliments the modern stylish kitchen accessorized with stainless steel appliances.

Bedrooms one and two are carpeted while bedrooms three and four have floorboards.

All bedrooms have built in robes and the main bedroom boasts a walk in robe and user friendly ensuite. Bedrooms one, two and three have air conditioning. There is also a workable office area with shelving.

The bathroom is a real family size room with fresh nautical colours and a big corner shower over bath, featuring white tiles for all walls and a practical shelf around shower.

Outside is a two bay powered shed plus awning and a practical garden shed for storage. There is a carport to the front with plenty of lighting and the yard is fully fenced.

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HOME ESSENTIALS

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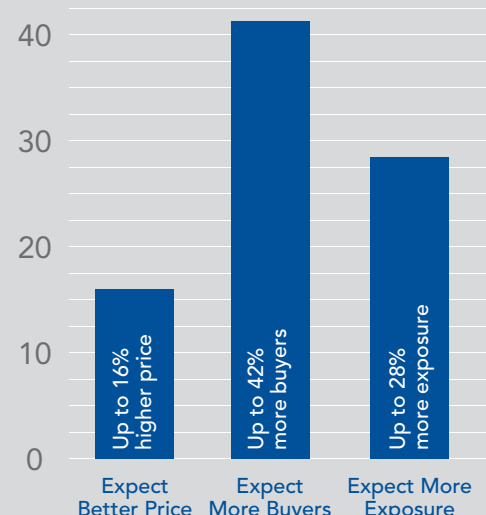
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Gardening

Neil Fisher



Phil Fisher checking irrigation during summer



Scadoxus multiflorus is a beautiful flowering bulb that is native to Africa and the Arabian Peninsula.



When in flower the Blood Lily can make quite a conversation piece in the garden.

Lily shares viewing space

Over the next few weeks I would suggest a visit to the Rockhampton Botanic Gardens and Zoo. This month the Rockhampton Zoo opened a new exhibit with the cutest of all animals, the meerkats.

The meerkat enclosure is really well landscaped both inside and outside. And it is a patch of bright red flowering bulbs in this outside landscape that will catch the eye of many plant enthusiasts.

These bulbs are the Blood Lily or Scadoxus multiflorus a beautiful flowering bulb that is native to Africa and the Arabian Peninsula. When in flower the Blood Lily can make quite a conversation piece in the garden. During summer clusters of up to 200 tiny flowers forms huge bright red spherical balls. These flowers will only last for a couple of weeks at the most. Each plant will produce only one of these magnificent flower-heads in a season.

Blood Lilies are a useful plant for shady gardens and like at the Botanic Gardens grow well in large groups beneath trees and are not worried by competition from tree roots. Ideally a well-drained garden loam rich in vegetable matter is all the Blood Lily requires.

Sadly an irresponsible parent allowed their child to jump and trample these beautiful flowering bulbs last Tuesday. But these bulbs will be back in flower this time next year.

HANDY HINTS FOR THE CHRISTMAS BREAK

If you are going away for more than two weeks and do not have anyone to look after your indoor plants? Place a row of clay bricks in the bottom of your bath, cover with water to just above the top of the bricks, then sit your plants on the bricks.

To keep your lawn at its best during the



The meerkats are the newest and cutest animals at the Rockhampton Zoo.

Christmas holidays, I would suggest a good fertilising with a nitrogenous lawn food as soon as possible and water in very well. Keep the water up to your lawn right to your day of departure.

CHRISTMAS WATER HINT

With the warm days that we usually expect over Christmas it is very important that we do not over water our trees and shrubs, or even our pot

plants as too much water will wash nutrients from around the root system of our plants.

Did you know that a heavy watering once a week is perfect for about 90% of the plants in your garden? A good indication that a plant needs water is a slight droopiness in its overall appearance.

If its leaves are crisp and firm, the plant has adequate moisture for the moment.

IMPORTANT NOTE

Remember that watering in early morning is best so as little water as possible is lost through evaporation.

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Rural Matters

A wish list for agriculture

By AgForce CEO Michael Guerin

More than a few of us will be glad to see the back of 2020.

Covid's impact in terms of loss of life, business closures, lockdowns, social isolation, and border closures cannot be denied.

For agriculture it was largely business as usual, except that the focus on food security and supply was at an all-time high.

AgForce helped achieve many wins for agriculture when it came to Covid: having agriculture declared an essential service, working with government to secure the Agricultural Class Exemption, successfully advocating to digitise the exemption pass -removing doubt and uncertainty around movement of agricultural workers across the Queensland border.

Our wins weren't confined to Covid though, with drought continuing into its ninth year. For many we didn't take our eyes off this devastating issue either, successfully delaying the impact of state government drought reform, identifying that drought affected farmers could access JobKeeper, and securing re-funding of the Emergency Water Infrastructure Scheme.

We also had a significant win on live exports, accomplishing through advocacy with other state farming organisations a reduction in additional costs of approximately \$30 million within the Australian Standards for the



AgForce CEO Michael Guerin is looking forward to a bright new year for agriculture.

Export of Livestock. Our efforts have also seen further state funding for predator fencing.

But with 2020 ending, now seems like the perfect time to look to what our wish list for 2021 might be.

Rain and plenty of it is right at the top. Not so much that it causes flooding of course, but several years of good weather seasons that allow the crops to grow and the livestock to prosper is definitely number one.

Hand in hand with that is our wish for en-

during drought policies and programs that all Queensland producers can engage with and access with ease.

Wins within transport also feature prominently, including more funding for upgrades for country rail lines, delivering on the requested 'inland Bruce Highway', strategic spending on maintenance and infrastructure for key rural and regional freight routes, and a well-funded stock route management system with modern regulation.

Covid has brought home the reality of just how easily diseases and organisms can spread, so in 2021 we'd been hoping for no new biosecurity pest and weed incursions into Queensland, the successful eradication of red imported fire ants, and the eradication of red witchweed and khapra beetle, to save the grains industry.

Mobile and digital connectivity is always a hot issue for those in the bush and improvements to benefit business, safety, education, as well as recreational use, are definitely on our list.

There are many more issues of significance that I couldn't squeeze into this column due to publication word limits, but you can check out more on our website: agforceqld.org.au.

However, I couldn't finish up without mentioning the reef. On any agricultural wish list, not only AgForce's, is establishing a trusted, quality assurance process for reef science and regulations affecting farmers. It's abundantly clear the current process isn't working.

The beauty of a list like this one is that if the items on it bear fruit, if agriculture wins, if our regions win, we all win through our continued ability to enjoy the kind of world-class food and fibre we've come to depend on - this year more than most.

So Happy New Year everyone. We look forward to working for all Queenslanders in 2021.

The lay of the land: Have your say on reef regulations

AgForce is urging everyone who works in or has an interest in protecting Queensland's agriculture industry and the Great Barrier Reef, to have their say on draft reef regulations for new or expanded cropping and horticulture during the Government's public consultation period.

AgForce CEO Michael Guerin said it was important that as many people as possible write to the Queensland Government between now and 17 February to make their voice heard.

"This latest Standard up for public consultation follows others that have already been implemented and continues a worrying trend of levelling complete responsibility for maintaining the water quality of the Reef with agriculture," Mr Guerin said.

"The facts are agriculture's role couldn't be smaller.

"Industry groups and many independent Reef scientists are now challenging general scientific opinion that farm runoff affects Reef health.



Have your say on reef regulations.

"Of much greater significance are the effects from rising sea temperatures on the Reef.

"Pollution from manufacturing and transport - the kinds of greenhouse gases that remain in the atmosphere for hundreds of years and cause real damage, much longer and far worse than anything that can be directed at agriculture.

"What is true, however, is that the continued implementation of Reef regulations and

standards by the Queensland Government will decimate agriculture, many farming families, entire communities, and the industries reliant on primary production.

"It seems to me, and to many others that I have spoken to during this time of Covid, that this is the last thing we should be doing.

"Instead, we need to focus on strengthening agriculture and our regions, not binding farmers up in unnecessary actions on land and record-keeping that do not address the major issues of increasing ocean temperatures and coral predation on the Reef.

"The Reef and agriculture can co-exist. But it will take genuine consultation from all sides to make any changes.

AgForce estimates that producers managing approximately 2.7 million hectares of undeveloped or unused cropping land across six Reef catchments will need to apply for a permit prior to commencing any soil cultivation after 1 June 2021.

Mr Guerin said this latest Reef Standard

would apply to all crops grown and sold off-farm for a fee or reward.

"That's going to come at a cost, and that, along with the expense from other Reef Standards that have already been implemented, is going to drive people away from the industry and restrict greatly, if not completely halt, any thought of a northern expansion," Mr Guerin said.

"AgForce supports the position of the Federal Government and other industry groups who have been calling for the establishment of an Office of Science Integrity to ensure quality assurance of science used to inform Reef policy.

"We will continue to offer constructive feedback on industry's behalf if the Queensland Government wants to listen."

To have your say, contact the State Government's Office of Great Barrier Reef before 17 February 2021 on 07 3330 5154, or visit their website www.qld.gov.au/ReefRegulations.

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New Year will be wet

By weather forecaster Mike Griffin

What a great day was had by all across CQ at Christmas.

People who read the weather forecast from the CQ News and listened to fine tuning on 4RO were well and truly prepared for the light rain. Plus the forecast of 28C during Christmas afternoon.

Kids were able to play in the backyard pools and enjoy the 25C Apparent Temperature in the afternoon.

Most reports from Parkhurst to the Range were around 5-6mm, with North Rocky recording 3mm.

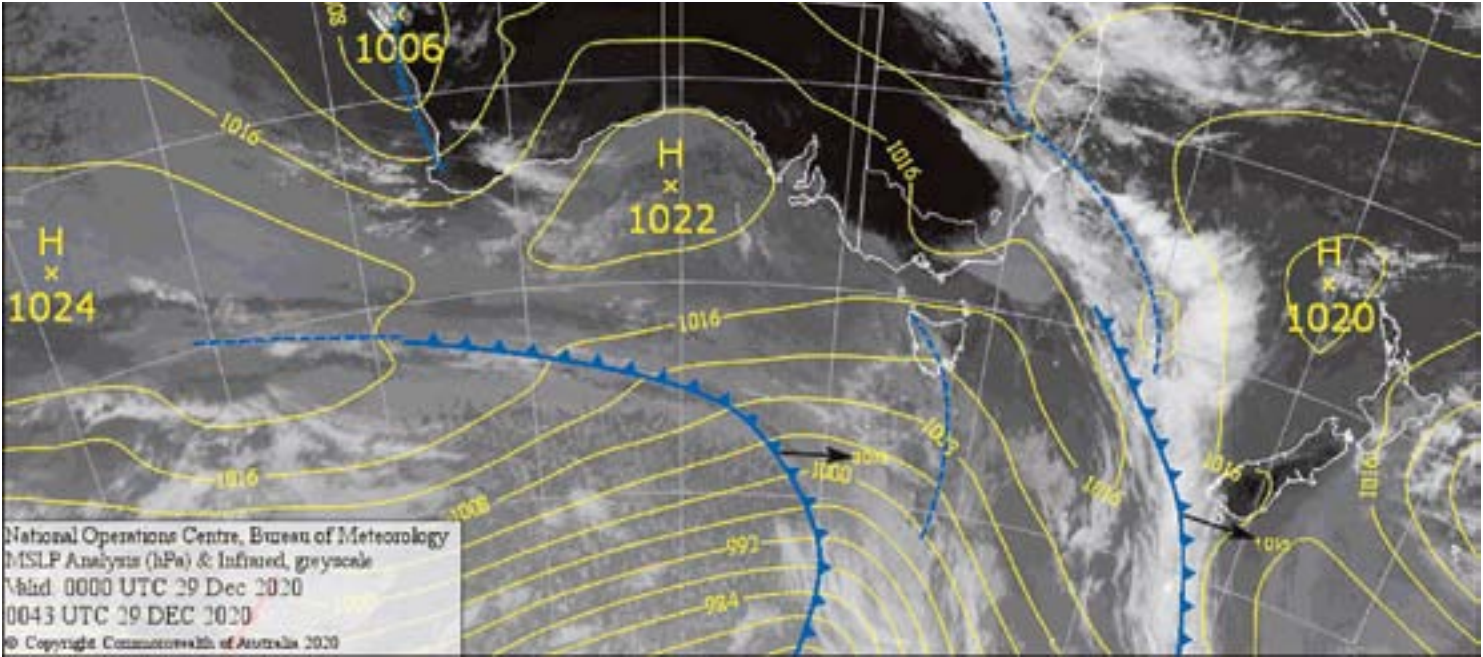
Some of our friends around Proserpine got over 200mm and Mt Isa 150mm plus Twin Hills 130mm over the break.

This was welcome rain for the inland areas. Other monsoon rainfalls (mm) in the last seven days to 9am Monday were: Rollingstone 392, Gairloch 248, Gregory Springs 216, Low Isles 215, Frankfield 175, Ulcanbah 178, Cardwell 140, Mackay 136, Collinsville 131, Muttaborra 124, Cooktown 112, Bramwell 104, Barcaldine 102, Clermont 88, Moranbah 72, Winton 55, Wallen 49, Thangool 39, Emerald 22, Yaamba 19, Yeppoon 13.

Just before going to print, Ronny called from Green Hill (230km north of Rocky). After watching the cricket on TV he went to bed with light drizzle then woke on Tuesday morning, had breakfast, wandered over to the rain gauge and poured out 101mm in 12 hours. Next stop Capricornia?

If the Boxing Day Sydney to Hobart went ahead there was a chance of a record with a fresh to strong north to north easterly Saturday and Sunday and a strong SW change gusting over 70km/h Monday.

Victorians during the Boxing Day test copped the warm 32.5C Sunday followed by a cold south westerly which dropped the temperatures by 12C inside an hour.



It arrived around 5.45pm just as Travis Head fumbled a catch before the close of play against India. If the wind was not swirling as much he may have caught out the Indian Captain Rahane and saved the match.

FORECAST

At the time of writing, the monsoonal cloud is covering most of Queensland with an unusual small low expected to develop off the Cap Coast Wednesday, December 30. An isolated morning storm was possible around south eastern Capricornia, about Gladstone to Bustard Head.

One model has it near Rocky. (Not preferred!) This monsoonal cloud prediction is very tough. Even the models differ greatly!

My best understanding is it may translate north to Emu Park and the Keppels. And ex-

tend to the Rocky/Yeppoon road then Hedlow and Mt Archer.

This was expected to cause some rain in the double figures (20-30mm) for Rocky and a six degree temperature fall. Plus falls of around 50mm plus for the eastern parts of Capricornia.

The very moist onshore ENE breeze veers SE as the small Capricorn monsoonal low moves east. (This could be a trap for boaties! As most winds from the ENE back or tend anti-clockwise towards the north). Making Thursday 2-3 degrees cooler than average and a light shower for the coast reaching west. Just a sprinkle for the Thursday evening.

Should not affect the fireworks and festivities - just carry an umbrella. On New Year's Day the moist semi-monsoonal conditions

continue with an afternoon sticky maximum of 31/32C. A mid-afternoon thundery shower (1-5mm) round Gracemere may reach Rocky.

The moderate easterlies tending NE harbour a coastal shower Saturday which may reach Mt Archer.

Chance of a late thundery around Duaringa to Wowan. A moist northerly Sunday could develop storms north of Yamba which may reach Rocky and Bajool.

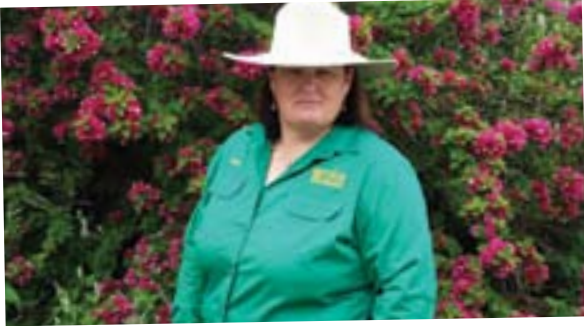
Very warm sticky northerlies should trigger afternoon storms to the west around Raglan to Westwood and drift east Monday and Tuesday which may travel to the River City. Then the crescendo may arrive Wednesday.

In the north the monsoon is gearing up for more activity. One of the models is keen to develop 'Cyclone Imogen'.

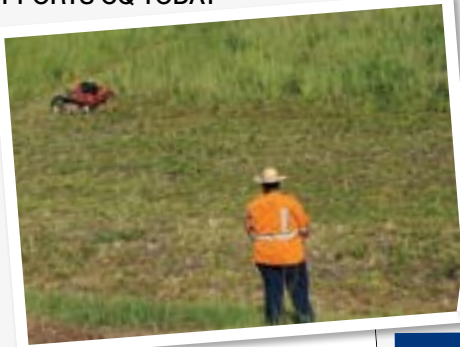
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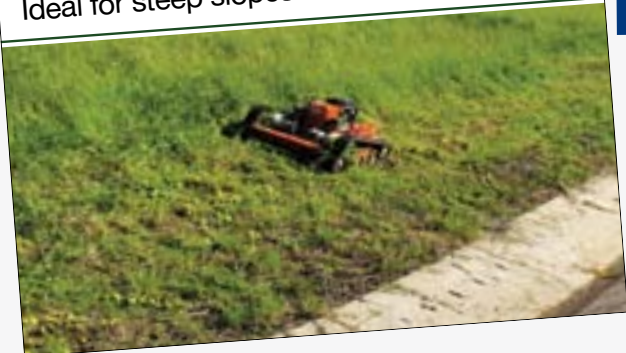


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INSLAY Betty Audrey Edith (nee Burrows)

Resident of Mount Morgan Hospital and formerly
Of Walterhall Mount Morgan

Passed away peacefully

On Thursday 24th December 2020

Aged 95 years.

Beloved Wife of Tom (Dec).

Loving Mother and Mother-in-law to Richard and Margaret, Sandra and Alan, Janelle and Lou.

Much loved adored Nana to Darren and Naomi, Tanya and Wade, Karen and Peter, Denise and Steve, Trudi and Rob, Rachael, Troy, Kylie, Caitlin and Joshua, Liam and Sarah.

Very much loved great Nana to 21 Great grandchildren and 1 Great Great Grandchild.

Much loved Sister, Sister-in-law and Aunt to the Burrows and Inslay Families.

Relatives and friends are respectfully invited to attend a Celebration of Betty's Life to be held in South Rockhampton Uniting Church Campbell Street On Thursday 31st December 2020 commencing at 11am.

Special thanks to the wonderful staff of Mount Morgan Hospital for their love and care given to Betty.



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INSLAY Leonard Robert (Len)

Of Bouldercombe

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On Thursday 24th December 2020

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Loved Brother, Brother-in-law and Uncle
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Bluebirds United player Nash Johnson has adapted to new ways of playing soccer thanks to the National Disability Insurance Scheme.



Vision for the bigger goals

For Nash Johnson losing his vision hasn't stopped him playing the sport he loves, as he adapts to new ways of playing soccer thanks to the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS).

The Rockhampton 12-year-old works with a support worker to attend soccer training twice a week and Saturday game days, helping him gain more independence along the way.

Nash's mum, Cresta, said when he began to lose vision two years ago and was eventually diagnosed with Leber's Hereditary Optic Neuropathy (LHON), Nash felt he lost a part of himself and his social network.

"Then a senior team player at his club took him under his wing to help him in the team to keep him positive and give him confidence that he can do this, and now he's his support worker through the NDIS," she said.

His club, the Bluebirds United Football Club, has introduced inclusive practises to enable Nash to continue to play competitively.

"The Bluebirds completely jumped on board straight away. They now have yellow soccer balls and yellow markers, where Nash has to figure out where the markers are and the ball coming towards him," she said.

"He has also had to map the area he plays in; two fields, then up a hill and steps. It is at least a familiar place to him and everyone knows he is there."

When he isn't playing soccer, Nash's support worker, Harry, also helps him at home and out and about, readying him for high school.

"He comes in to help Nash organise himself," she said.

"He's good at adapting to what we ask him to do, such as getting Nash confident to get on the bus for school and skills in the home, like cooking in the kitchen to be more independent."

"He looks up to Harry, seeing he is a male teaching independence skills at his home."

Nash utilises technology to be able to confi-

dently complete his homework.

"We have achieved a lot this year. Technology is so expensive but it helps him access everything a sighted person can," she said.

"Everything has been adapted for him at school and at home. Nash uses an Apple pen to write his homework; his iPad has allowed him to integrate himself into the class so he can better participate and can easily email his homework through to his teacher.

"Noise-cancelling earphones are used so he can use his audiobooks and do his school work.

"He also has shoulder earphones to listen to things, like a recipe for his cooking, and they can link into google maps, so he will be able to hear orientation mobility to map and walk himself to soccer club with a support worker in the future.

"Nash also uses his iPad confidently to take photos of the restaurant menu using the app Office Lens, where you take the photo

and can zoom in."

Cresta said at home Nash had plenty of lights in his room as well as centre lights in his wardrobe enabling him more independence when choosing clothing.

Nash received assistance to apply for and implement his NDIS funding from Carers Queensland's NDIS Local Area Coordination Partner in the Community Program for the Rockhampton region.

Cresta said accessing the NDIS had been brilliant for Nash and the family as it was helping him grow with confidence to function in the community by himself.

"We thought we'd be carers for the rest of our life, but we also saw our child was missing out on being himself," she said.

"We couldn't have given Nash the ability to grow into independence without the NDIS. He would have been left behind otherwise; now we have hope."

SPORTS QUIZ

1. What is the highest score you can get in a single round of darts?

2. What team will NBA star Kevin Durant play with in the 2020-21 season?

3. Which Australian state is launching an official bid for the 2032 Olympic Games?

4. In what sport do teams compete for the Stanley Cup?

5. A penalty in soccer is taken from how many yards away from the net?

6. Which location hosted the 1994 Winter Olympics?

7. How many teams compete in the AFL Women's competition?

8. What sport originated as a game played by Native American communities in the 12th century?

9. What Big Bash League team did Ash Barty play for in 2015-16?

10. Which Super Netball team was penalised in December 2020 for salary cap breaches?

11. Stephanie Talbot won the 2020 WNBL Most Valuable Player award playing for which team?

12. Which professional men's rugby union team won all three of the 2017, 2018 and 2019 Super Rugby titles?

13. Which former NRL player won the Dally M Medal a record four times?

14. Which AFL team selected Maurice Rioli Junior with pick number 51 at the 2020 AFL Draft?

15. In which event did a 19-year-old Tim Forsyth win a 1992 Olympic bronze medal?

16. Which boxer recently defended his WBO, IBF, WBA and IBO heavyweight titles with a ninth-round knockout of Kubrat Pulev?

17. Sam Kerr plays for which English FA Women's Super League team?

18. Which team selected Patty Mills with the 55th overall pick in the 2009 NBA draft?

19. How many times has Australia hosted the Commonwealth Games?
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Kubrat Pulev



20. Which horse won the 1990 Melbourne Cup in a record time of 3:16:30 that still stands today?

21. Which former professional motorcycle racer was known as The Wollongong Whiz?

22. Which Super Netball team has won the most titles?

23. For which sport did Dylan Alcott win a gold medal at the 2008 Summer Paralympic Games?

24. Which former cricketer finished his Sheffield Shield career with the most total runs scored?

25. Which Super Rugby team is based in the ACT?

26. Stephanie Gilmore, Sally Fitzgibbons and Nikki Van Dijk are in the top ten of which rankings?

27. Which team selected Australian shooting guard Josh Green with the 18th overall pick in the 2020 NBA draft?

28. Who won the gold medal in the men's short track 1000 metres event at the 2002 Winter Olympic Games?

29. The Brisbane Lions were formed in late 1996 from the merger of Fitzroy and which other VFL/AFL club?

30. What sport do the AIHL's Perth Thunder play?

Sharkies looking fresh

By Liam Emerton

Recently CQ Today featured an article about the Fitzroy Gracemere Sharks and their revitalisation as a club heading into the 2020 local Rugby League season.

The club has had its ups and downs recently but Bruce Bryner, who is the current secretary and has been a life member of the club since 1996, is confident that the club is back on the right track.

For Bryner his focus with the Sharks for 2021 has been about bringing back the family atmosphere around the club, securing younger players that want to stay with the Sharks, and bring back a positive attitude to the community.

A key component of that rebuild is mending relationships between the Fitzroy Gracemere Sharks and their junior feeder clubs - Fitzroy Junior Rugby League, Gracemere Junior Rugby League, and Mt Morgan Junior Rugby League clubs.

Bryner said so far the rebuild has been a success but the club still has a fair way to travel before those relationships are as strong as they once were.

"We've still got a lot of work to do," he said.

"There are a lot of bridges we have to rebuild.

"We've got back on good terms with our junior club which is Fitzroy Junior Rugby League and we've got another junior club in Gracemere.

"That relationship hasn't gone that well in recent years but we're hoping to reignite that.



Fitzroy Gracemere Sharks enjoy their final pre-season training session before entering a break for the holidays.

"We want to play rugby league at Salesyard Park, Gracemere, and Mt Morgan."

Bryner told CQ Today that the junior players are crucial to the success of the senior rugby league sides.

"We've also got some great connections with Rocky High and Gracemere Under 18s so hopefully we will get a good following there this year," he said.

"Fitzroy Under 19s are great and Mt Morgan has a really good group of school kids up there

that won the C Division last year so we're really keen to see them play here in Under 19s.

"For our Reserve Grade and A Grade, we probably haven't had an Under-20 player come through for quite some time.

"So we're a little weak in the senior ranks as well.

"But with Lee Bob coming across from Norths, we think that will bring and attract some players as well.

"And getting the club's credibility back to

what it should be we think that'll help in attracting players as well."

Cyclone Marcia devastated the clubhouse at Salesyard Park - The Fitzroy Gracemere Sharks home ground - back in 2015.

It appears that the clubhouse will be back to its former glory with members of the Sharks working hard to renovate it for the 2021 season.

"The clubhouse was in a state of ruin after the cyclone in 2015," said Bryner.

"The air conditioner had been blown off the roof, the club didn't have any insurance to get it fixed.

"Water has been able to get into the roof.

"But we're working on that and now everything is starting to look normal again."

An important factor in the restructuring of the club is the new committee which includes Bryner and others that have worked within the club for years.

"Having a good and strong committee and a committee that'll work together is really important," said Bryner.

"That's one of the things we worked on, we wanted to be positive about everything we do.

"Knowing our players is really important as well, we've got four teams now and that's a lot of people that we will get to know.

"We want to know everyone by name so that's really important to know."

The club is looking forward to a positive 2021 season and has welcomed new sponsors on board which is a great pickup for the Sharks.

Fishing with Hooked Fishing Charters

Land of plenty: Fishing grounds our natural advantage

By Darryl Branthwaite

Hands up who is looking forward to seeing the back end of 2020?

It's actually been good in some ways though with being forced to stay home and clean up around the property and sort through all those lures and tackle boxes which have gathered dust.

We were also blessed to be able to enact our hunting and gathering here in Queensland by being allowed to go fishing when all the rest of the states were in lockdown.

Those right across the rest of the Australia could only sit and drool as we were able to access probably the best fishery in Australia.

This year has been amazing with the quality of fish caught with some amazing Trout, Reds, and Lipper caught right across the SGBR.

Pelagics have been prolific with enormous Spanish, bill fish, Cobia, and tuna caught, and let's not forget the monster GT's which have been landed in Keppel Bay, right along the Curtis, and Discovery Coasts.

The inshore fish has been dynamite too with plenty of metre long salt and impoundment barra being caught with probably the biggest trophy this year to Callide Dam. Lake Awoonga has a plethora of 900mm long fish at the moment keeping in mind that they will grow up to 300mm per annum. What does that make you think about this incredible fishery?

The systems such as Port Alma, and the Fitzroy are also firing, when the season allows, but the likes of King or Threadfin Salmon are monstrous and such an under rated table fish. It should be served more often in our eateries.

This week we have seen how good the water quality in within Gladstone Harbour is with a really nice quality Coral Trout being caught in the Marina by Shannon Read while fishing from his kayak using a soft plastic.

This isn't the first time we have seen reef species being caught in the marina neither as we have seen juvenile Red Emperor being caught beneath the fuel or service wharf in the marina.

Last Monday Gladstone Drafting owner Anthony Buenen and his father in law and expat



Chris Fisher with an excellent cobia

Pictures: JUSTIN NYE

Gladstone Resident Mike Brady slipped over to Facing Island and fished between middle ledge and Sable Chief bringing home 7 decent keepers.

You don't have to go too far to get a feed.

If you are ever short of skills or maybe short of a boat our region has some amazing guides and day charter boats from Gladstone down to 1770 and all the way up to Keppel Bay and Rocky.

There is even now a chap who will guide you on your boat operating out of 1770. This has to make the experience so much better if you are new to the region.

Packages which Justin Nye from Gladstone Fly and Sportfishing Charters can put together

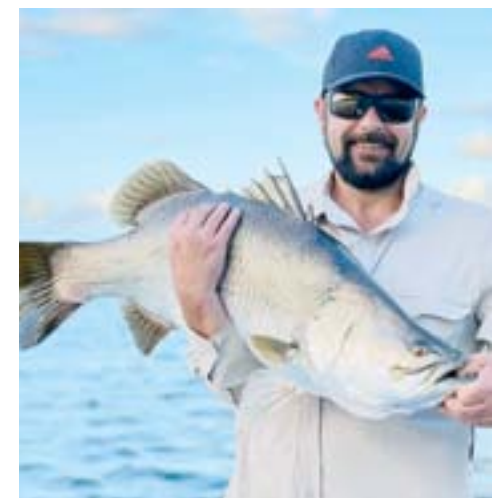
in partnership with others in his network can also deliver and experience like no other across Australia.

It all depends on your budget. Daniel McBey with his Barra along with Chris Fisher with his Cobia have both reaped the rewards of engaging with one of our guides Justin Nye. Envious?

There are plenty of others and for more information slip onto sites like gladstoneregion.info and visitagnes1770.com.au and visioncapricorn.com.au

Tomorrow 2021 commences and it's up to use to make the best of it. I'd like to take this opportunity to wish you all a happy healthy and prosperous new year.

Hooroo, Dags



Daniel McBey with a nice Awoonga barra

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Best snaps from sports

By Liam Emerton

Sport throughout the region was able to adapt and cope with all the challenges that were thrown at it throughout the pandemic era and we are glad to share our favourite pictures

from the toughest year that sport has seen in recent memory.

In a year that has taken its toll on sport like no other, CQ Today invites its readers to look back on the best snaps from across the region.



Frenchville Falcons win the T20 grand final to end the year on a high.



CQ Today's first ever back page: Rockhampton Mallet Club members Cheryl Kele, Steve Kele and Margaret Gall with their Queensland Gateball State Championship trophy.



Frenchville Roos retain the title in the CQ Premier League.



Brothers Rugby Club's Treymaine Brown was inch-perfect with the boot in the Rugby Capricornia season.



A second consecutive title for the Bluebirds!



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Another grand final win for Central FC.

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An all-Clinton grand final action shot.

Picture: JOHN TODD

Best of the best pics

In a year that has plagued sport like no other CQ Today thought it would be a good idea to look back on the best action shots captured by our photographers and local contributors from around the grounds (and pools).

The sport captured is from between July and the end of December when Covid 19 restrictions were eased and sport was allowed to play on.

We hope you enjoy them all!



Ready for battle - Gladstone Goats captain Alex Clark and vice-captain David West size up for their grand final.



The Gladstone Gladiators' Shianne Plunkett swimming at the Liquid Energy event. Plunkett is breaking all sorts of records in the butterfly.

Picture: REBECCA DEVINE



Central FC's Garth Lowrie facing off against Frenchville in the Frenchville Sports Club Premier Division.



From the final big sporting event of the year - the Tannum Sands Triathlon hosted by the Fitzroy Frogs.



The Port Curtis Cavaliers in their debut season.



The Central Queensland Capras will be looking forward to the 2021 season.

CEO ready for 2021

By Liam Emerton

Our Central Queensland Capras are back and hungrier than ever for the 2021 season.

After the disappointing cancellation of the 2020 Intrust Super Cup, The Central Queensland-based club is ready for a big step up to rattle the competition.

The A Grade Men's Capras team had a tough 2019 season finishing on the bottom of the ladder securing one win and one draw.

With a year off to rest, recover and sign new players, the Capras could be looking as deadly as ever when they step up into the 2021 season.

The Ladies' squad are looking just as fresh, ready with strong turnouts at all preseason training.

It's more than just the game however, with spectators likely to be able to attend from the beginning of Round 1.

Rugby League is huge in the Central Queensland region and many of our local people have missed the Saturday afternoon's filled with live action from the grounds around Central Queensland and beyond.

CQ Capras CEO Peter White said that the 2021 season will be a great one for the club.

"There's a great feel within the club," he said.

"Obviously we're rebounding from the Covid period over the last eight months.

"That's presented challenges but we've come through it.

"We're looking forward to 2021 and playing some footy."

White said that the 2020 cancellation was bad timing for the Capras as it has interrupted a multiple-season rebuild.

"For us it's probably stalled our momentum as it has done for a lot of businesses," said White.

"And we're no different from others who have been heavily affected by Covid.

"For us we'd rather be on the field, we'd rather be giving young men and women the opportunity to play football.

"And we want our supporters, stakeholders and commercial partners to be part of and enjoy football."

White said it will be great to welcome fans and supporters back into Browne Park and other stadiums which the Capras will play out of in the new year.

"It's exciting for us, it's what we're there for, it's our purpose and we're really looking forward to it," he said.

"We're looking forward to seeing the new players coming through.

"And the ones who have been there previously to show their wear and their best foot forward for all of Central Queensland."

The Capras' draw was released recently and projects a tough opening couple of games with the first game at home scheduled for March 27.

CQ Capras' draw schedule as of print:

- Round 1, March 20 : Tweed Seagulls - away.
- Round 2, March 27: Northern Pride at Browne Park
- Round 3, April 10: Redcliffe Dolphins - away
- Round 4, April 17: Mackay Cutters at Browne Park
- Round 5, April 24: Ipswich Jets - away.
- Round 6, May 8: Wynnum Manly - away.
- Round 7, May 15: Norths Devils at McIndoe Park - Emerald.
- Round 8, May 23: South Logan Magpies at Browne Park.
- Round 9, June 5: Burleigh Bears - away.
- Round 10, June 12: Townsville Blackhawks - away.
- Round 11, June 19: Ipswich Jets at Browne Park.
- Round 12, July 3: Redcliffe Dolphins at Browne Park.
- Round 13, July 10: Mackay Cutters - away.
- Round 14, July 17: Brisbane Tigers - away (TBA)
- Round 15, July 31: Tweedy Seagulls at Browne Park.
- Round 16, August 7: Papua New Guinea Hunters at Browne Park.
- Round 17, August 15: Sunshine Coast Falcons - away.
- Round 18, August 21: WM Seagulls at Browne Park.
- Round 19, August 29: Norths Devils - away.



CQ Capras CEO Peter White.