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The Port of Gladstone.

Port exports up

By Jamie McKenzie

Gladstone Ports Corporation had a successful year of exports, even in the face of a worldwide pandemic that has left many other countries floundering.

November coal trade results were positive with a return to forecast and plan for coal ex-

At the Port of Gladstone, 70 per cent of coal exports are metallurgical coal used for the manufacture of steel. Metallurgical coal is an integral part of the steel making supply chain and the long-term outlook for steel is positive.

Over recent weeks, coal prices have improved with demand and this has in turn reflected in strong shipping exports in November and December.

As the facilitator for trade, Gladstone Ports Corporation (GPC) works closely with a number of customers who export coal domestically and internationally.

India, Japan and the Republic of Korea were the top three destinations for coal from the Port of Gladstone in November of both years, with export to China historically dropping at this time of year.

GPC exported more than 10 million tonnes in November alone through their three ports in Rockhampton, Gladstone and Bundaberg with coal and LNG the most in demand commodi-

Acting CEO Craig Walker said the GPC team

showed care and resilience in the face of adversity, with the month of November a standout for exports in 2020.

"Our ports have maintained their service levels throughout the year, managing the aspects of essential services of trade with the health and wellbeing of our employees," Mr Walker said.

"Our team at GPC showed their resilience, adaptability and focus throughout the year, ensuring we achieved stable strong results for the people of Queensland - delivering a strong dividend for a second year in a row," he said.

GPC records ship destinations for all cargo exported from its three ports. However it is the cargo owner, for example GPC's coal company, whom customers arrange the sales and desti-

GPC continues to work with its customers on delivering practical and efficient operations to ensure coal exports remain strong.

Coal figures for December are yet to be finalised but figures are expected to match GPC's coal forecast.

The port plays a vital role in the continuation of global trade, with approximately 92 per cent of the world's trade transported by shipping, consequently to and from ports such as Gladstone Ports Corporation.

Gladstone Ports Corporation continues to invest in important infrastructure projects to power operations for the next 50 years.



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New walking trails for Gladstone

By Jamie McKenzie

There'll be no excuses to get out and stretch your legs in 2021 after a year of lockdowns and hesitation heading outdoors.

Gladstone Ports Corporation (GPC) is making a significant effort to pave the way for unique waterfront pathways around our port

The most recent 500 metre extension of pathways at the back of CQUniversity is nearing completion and is part of a project to link walking trails with East Shores on one side and Spinnaker Park on the other.

Once complete, the trail will stretch a kilometre from Matthew Flinders Bridge up Bryan Jordan Drive and connect to the roundabout at Alf O'Rourke Drive, creating five kilometres of uninterrupted waterfront views.

Shovels hit the ground late last year and since then works have been carving a trail that not only involves a concrete path for cyclists and walkers but will also include significant tree planting and turf works to add to the scenic journey.

The project has created half a dozen jobs with local suppliers also providing materials.

It's part of the second stage of GPC's walking trail project to connect locals with nature and provide more walking trails around the Gladstone Marina.

Acting CEO Craig Walker said GPC is deeply embedded in the community and is focused on facilitating its values of growth, prosperity and community for this region.



Cycling one of the new paths at the Marina.

"We have a 50-year vision to continue to empower our community with the right support and leadership," he said.

"It's fantastic to see people outdoors and sharing some wonderful areas to view our dynamic port that brings so much opportunity.

"Parents with prams, kids, our elderly and everyone in between, they just love the walking trails at Spinnaker Park and around the marina and they use them in their weekly walking routines to get active.

"It's important to provide space for our community to exercise, and these trails are the perfect place to stretch your legs and soak up the stunning waterfront surrounds," he said.

"There's always a demand for new pathways from our community, and at GPC we're excited to be providing them with the latest marina trail that will offer even more access to Auckland Creek than we have now.'

There will be no road interruptions during the completion of the works.

A challenging upgrade

The boating and fishing community along the Central Queensland coast will enjoy enhanced weather forecasting and greater reliability of information this holiday period thanks to one of the more challenging upgrades undertaken by the Bureau of Meteorology (BOM).

A remote automatic weather station perched on steep rocky terrain on Rundle Island (between Gladstone and Rockhampton) has been fully refurbished and is now safely accessible via a new walkway, stairway and platform thanks to a two-month operation requiring helicopters, boats and safety line access.

Rundle Island's station collects critical wind, barometric pressure and temperature data for the area and has previously been inaccessible by land, making maintenance during unplanned outages a major challenge, particularly during severe weather events.

Minister for the Environment Sussan Ley said that the work reflects an ongoing commitment from the federal government to ensure that people are receiving the best possible weather information.

"The BOM has a vast information gathering network, from radars to automatic weather stations like Rundle Island, and it is backed by one of the world's leading meteorological science teams," Minister Ley said.

"The remote nature of Rundle underlines the lengths that the team goes to ensure these systems can be fully maintained, and upgraded as necessary to ensure greater safety and reliability and the new access platform ensures it can be accessed by land for the first time."

Member for Capricornia Michelle Landry said that with the busy Gladstone Port and some of the country's major reef systems nearby, this particular stretch of coast sees many boaters and anglers pass through daily.

"Anyone who has sailed these waters knows it is prone to some interesting sea breezes. Keeping our waterways safe is critical," Ms Landry said.

"By ensuring that technology is both upgraded and for the first time readily accessible, we will ensure a more reliable forecast service for Queenslanders."

"Data from the Rundle Island automatic weather station can be found here and time lapse footage of the work can be accessed

CQToday The editor's desk

Is it hard for you to do nothing? I know it is for me.

Nothing is harder to do these days than nothing. But in a world where our value is determined by our data and output, doing nothing may be our most important form of defiance.

How could it happen that even not within a generation lots of us humans have been transformed into smartphone zombies (smombies). What would happen if that all stopped? Could it be stopped?

Even people who know that newspapers, TV news channels, etc, aren´t really trustworthy, they tend to believe their personalised newsfeed. It comes from friends, family and is related to hobbies and all such feelgood stuff, so it can´t be that bad. Except for turning one in a permanent passive, easy to manipulate recipient of permanent mind spam that eats away a

Instead of providing hard and fast strategies to disengage from work and social media, it is time to reflect on separating ourselves from feeling like we have to work, feeling like we have to broadcast our lives on social media 24/7.

While our lives stew in the panic brought about by the Coronavirus pandemic, I find it incredibly frustrating that people are more concerned about their loss of productivity than the idea of death. Especially in a country like India or America, where the sheer population makes everything competitive, productivity is a term connoting quantity rather than quality.

Amid this literal scramble to market everything, including one's self, for money, all I want to do is nothing.

- Jamie McKenzie



Doblo wants drug tests

By Matthew Pearce

Rockhampton mayoral candidate Dominic Doblo has called for all 17 candidates in the January 23 by-election to be tested for drugs to show their commitment to tackling the issue.

The Doblo's Farmers Market owner said drugs were a big problem in Rockhampton, as well as regional Australia in general.

"Eighty to 90 per cent of crime that goes through the Rockhampton court house every day is related to drugs," he said.

"How can we have a civic leader with an addiction if we're trying to get that problem under control?

"I want all 17 candidates drug tested and the results published so people will know what they're voting for. A civic leader has to set an example and I'll be the first in line to be tested."

Mr Doblo said Rockhampton had to get youth crime under control and while tackling crime was a state government job, the mayor had to set an example.

Candidate Donna Kirkland, who's currently councillor for Division 7, said she'd be happy to be tested, but said the root of the issue needed to be tackled to make a real difference when it came to drugs in the community.

"People turning to substance abuse is a sad thing but it's always a coping mechanism," she

"A person may have lost their job and find themselves at home in the midst of a really dark place.



Drug abuse is a huge problem in regional Australian communities including Rockhampton

"They may have always been a very casual drinker but now it just accelerates and before they know it, they've got a really serious drinking problem, which can become a drug problem when the alcohol is lo longer providing the relief they originally got from it.

"It is a snowball effect that happens. It's not always substance abuse that's the trigger for crime but there's no denying it's related to it."

Cr Kirkland said the greater issue that triggered crime was dysfunctionality at its 'very core root'.

"This occurs when people do not feel valued, do not feel loved and do not feel accepted" she said

"The first 1000 days of life is a really important space where foundational belief systems are established in a person's life and if you have a dysfunctional family growing up children will miss out on that.

"You can't blame the families themselves as often they're not getting the help they need with raising children and dealing with domestic violence."

If elected mayor, Cr Kirkland said she would prioritise the delivery of a community/neighbourhood centre which she has been discussing with community groups for almost 12 months.

"We are at the coal face and we need to show our community that we are in this with them and are ready to be a part of the solutions," she said.

Candidate John Rewald, a Pentecostal pastor, said he believed alcohol was the biggest problem for Rockhampton youth as it was the most easily accessible drug.

But he said he believed cocaine usage was also rising in the region among different demographics of people.

"Dealing with young people is no easy fix, they have nothing to do, they're bored out of their brain and need an outlet," he said.

"Sport is a huge winner but then there's those who aren't into sport, so we need to focus on arts and creativity as well."

He said engagement opportunities could help young people gain a sense of belonging.

"From my travels I have noticed that there are cities that have little youth crime, no gang violence, no littering, and no graffiti. We can learn from these cities and develop social constructs to tackle the issues we face".



Mayoral candidate Dominic Doblo.

Mr Rewald said a Queensland Rugby League presentation was the best one he'd when he came to young people and drugs.

"At the presentation, a representative from the Federal Police said there were 70 federal officers dealing with the drugs coming into Australia

"He said I'm not here to tell you not to take drugs, but this is what you're supporting if you do start, and showed photos of Mexico's Sinaloa Cartel and the piles of dead bodies of their victims."

Call to show rates policies

Nyree Johnson has called on her fellow candidates in the Rockhampton mayoral race to release their rates policies.

"I released my financial management policy on 14 December 2020 where I committed to no increase in rates above CPI if I'm elected as mayor," she said.

"It's important that the people of Rockhampton know what each candidate will do to their rates if elected."

Mrs Johnson said that any increase in rates, fees or charges would hurt Rockhampton residents and if increasing rates was proposed by any of the other candidates they needed to be transparent about their plan ahead of the election on January 23

"We've heard grandiose plans by some of the candidates with absolutely no plan on how to pay for them," she said.

"Without increasing rates, the only way they can pay for these plans is by cutting services, sacking council staff or selling council assets like the Rockhampton air-

"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."



Nyree Johnson.

Promising to be a strategic leader if elected, Mrs Johnson committed to working with fellow councillors and the CEO to identify responsible savings to keep rates low.

Kirkland releases plan

Rockhampton mayoral candidate Donna Kirkland has announced the four major pillars of her plan for the Rockhampton region if elected

Councillor for Division 7 and holding portfolios for Water and Environment, Cr Kirkland said there was no doubt 2020 was a demanding year.

"The positive I have drawn from the year is that it was the perfect grounding for accelerated development as a councillor and preparation for mayor," she said.

"I am determined to ensure the future sustainability of our region by implementing, and sticking to, sound planning and positioning with state and federal government, to prevent Rockhampton from being left behind as it has been in the recent past."

Cr Kirland's 'Four Pillars for Sound Policy'

- Growth Strong sensible fiscal management and growing the residential, business, industry and services bases.
- "This can be achieved through targeted cutting of unnecessary red tape and removal of obstacles for potential investors and settlers."
- Security Strategic enabling of infrastructure security across the entire region including but not limited to water supply for Mt Morgan, Gracemere, rural agribusiness areas and preparation for the region's growing residential base



Cr Donna Kirkland.

- Safety Filling the gaps between community issues and solutions by rebuilding and growing relationships with community organisations, surrounding councils and state institutions including Queensland Police Service.
- Community Restoring community pride through transparent connectivity and effective consultation.

"I am excited to see relationships with CQROC (Central Queensland Regional Organisation of Councils) built upon and strengthened. I look forward to building on and adding to other key organisational relationships throughout the region," she said.







Long wait for show venue

By Matthew Pearce

Yeppoon Show Society president Ken Landsberg says he hopes he lives long enough to see the show move to its new premises.

It's a joke, but the move has already been in the works for more than 10 years.

The Yeppoon Show Society wants to move from the existing showgrounds at Park St, Yeppoon, to land at the corner of Millroy Drive and Stanley Ave.

"We've outgrown the current site and parking's become a big problem. A lot of people can't get their horse floats in and people coming to watch the show have the same problem with parking," Mr Landsberg said.

"The block of land on the corner of Millroy Drive and Stanley Ave has already been leased from the council and was designated for future showgrounds use years ago.

"We'd have the pony club and music club next door and the racetrack down the other end, as well as plenty of room to expand."

Mr Landsberg says he'd been "mucking about with council for the last couple of years" to get permission to clear the block, which can't happen without certain conditions being met

Former Yeppoon Show Society president Brian Doey first had plans drawn up in 2007.

"When we go to apply for government grants we're told you have to prove you're doing something with the land, it's like a dog chasing its tail at the moment."

While 'bureaucrats behind the scenes' had drawn the process out, he said he had a good relationship with the new council under Mayor Andy Ireland, as well as the previous council under Bill Ludwig.

"We've organised an engineer and a town planner and they're working on it, hopefully in the next couple of months they'll have something done to satisfy council," he said.

At Livingstone Shire Council's Decem-



Getting ready for the grand parade at a previous Yeppoon Show.

ber meeting, Cr Adam Belot said the council should ensure the the transition to the new site happened "in the soonest possible timeframe".

A report is due to be presented at an upcoming council briefing session.

Mr Landsberg said the show society had recently scored a \$70,000 Covid recovery grant from the federal government, which would help with last year's expenses of \$80,000.

"Because of Covid we had no show last year, just a virtual event. So you've got no show, no income, but you've still got your your rates, your rents, your insurances, maintenance and all the other costs that go on throughout the year," he said.

"So the grant was a big plus for us as we didn't have to draw on our reserves."

At the moment, the 2021 show is set to be

held on June 5 and 6 at Park St, the Covid situation permitting.

"We had an industry plan finalised in mid-December, so we're all set to go, but we we will have to record people's names and contact numbers as they come in the gate and there'll be other requirements like one way traffic, social distancing and hand sanitiser," he said.

"But we've had a market at the showgrounds in Park St every Saturday morning and that's run quite well all last year with those conditions."

After being cancelled last year, the Central Queensland Showgirl and Rural Ambassador finals will also be held in Yeppoon on 26 June.

Mr Landsberg said quests like these, which had faced difficulty in attracting entrants in recent years, were integral to the future of agricultural shows



Yeppoon Show Society president Ken Landsberg.

"We've changed the rules now so that it's open to people from 18 to 28 years old. You can be married, have a partner or baby. It's just 'Showgirl' now, not 'Miss Showgirl'.

"We've got to try and get the younger ones to come into the agricultural show movement or it'll die."

Mr Landsberg said along with mining, agriculture was one of Australia's major industries, something often forgotten by people in the state capitals.

"We're lucky in Rockhampton, all the schools have ag classes and a lot of kids have rural backgrounds," he said.

"But when you get down to these bigger cities, half of the kids don't know where their milk or meat comes from, how things are grown.

"This is what we try and teach people with the agricultural movement."

More travel options as Virgin offers morning flight

By Duncan Evans

Residents across the Rockhampton region have begun to enjoy more flexibility in their travel following the addition of an extra morning flight to Brisbane leaving daily, except Sundays, at 7am.

Introduced by Virgin Australia on December 14, the added flight gives residents the option of a single day 'fly-in fly-out' to Brisbane, leaving before the work day begins and returning home on the 7.45pm flight.

In a media statement, Acting Mayor Neil Fisher said it would make living in regional Queensland a more attractive prospect.

"Having this 737 overnight in Rockhampton is a huge win for travellers but especially those doing business in the southeast corner of the state. It offers yet another reason why living in regional Queensland is becoming

more attractive." he said.

"By being able to get to Brisbane and do a full day of business before flying home, it will cut down the cost of accommodation while giving business people more flexibility to fly in and out of Rockhampton.

"With the plane parking here overnight, it also means more staff in Rockhampton to maintain the aircraft which has flow on benefits for our local economy."

The expanded offering comes as Rock-hampton airport undergoes a process of transformation.

Just last month, the federal government committed \$10.2 million to upgrade the airport's security infrastructure, set to be completed throughout 2021.

The capacity of the airport makes Rock-hampton an essential transportation hub

for the Central Queensland region and its success is a crucial factor in determining the city's economic performance.

Mayoral candidate Councillor Shane Latcham has made improving and expanding the airport's operations a centrepiece of his campaign. Specifically, he hopes to see the airport take on international travel in addition to expanded routes to Sydney and Melbourne.

"I've always wanted us to have the capacity to have international travel," Cr Latcham told CQ Today.

"And I think it'll be getting very close to it. And obviously, it requires the federal government to sign off on it, but at least it's at the capacity, because the airport itself to me is one of the things that will drive jobs in this region." Remy McCamley, Cr Latcham's fellow candidate for mayor and the grandson of beef baron Sir Graham McCamley, has also made the airport a vital issue in his campaign and has expressed dissatisfaction about its current operations.

"Why don't we have flights coming in?" he asked rhetorically in an interview with CQ Today.

"I know there's a pandemic happening, but I'm not expecting flights from Sydney and Melbourne instantly. But why don't we have flights coming in from Longreach and Emerald? You know, they'd love to come to Central Queensland for the weekend, to go and see the beach. I mean, we're operating with a sort of cobb and co twitch mentality. Like a stagecoach mentality, which is so historic and outdated. It's becoming a joke," he







Emu Park Discount Chemist pharmacy manager Adam Vardy is pleased with the chemist's two awards.

Emu Park chemist is a shining star

By Matthew Pearce

Last year was a challenging one for many in the health field, but Star Discount Chemist Emu Park has come out the other side with not one but two national awards.

In December, the Emu St chemist was named Star Pharmacy Group's 2020 Pharmacy of the Year and pharmacy manager Adam Vardy was honoured with an award for Preceptor of the Year.

Mr Vardy said he was "stoked" the pharmacy had won the Pharmacy of the Year award, which is judged on performance, budget, retail excellence, innovation and customer satisfaction.

"We have an amazing team who work really hard and we've been gunning for this award for a while," he said.

"As manager, I wanted to be able to have something to say to the team, 'you are excellent, you guys are as good as we say you are'."

Mr Vardy said the award was particularly impressive considering there were 56 pharmacies nationwide and Star Discount Chemist Emu Park was one of only two branches in the area.

"Since the Rockhampton site opened it's given us a bit more of an ability to share re-

sources, but prior to that sharing staff and stock wasn't practical," he said.

"A lot of our performance up to that point was just us, this little store doing it's own thing in the middle of nowhere. The closest store was Maleny."

Star Discount Chemist Emu Park has a close-knit team of 10 staff, including many long-termers.

Mr Vardy first worked at the chemist as a high school student in 2008, rising through the ranks to become a partner in the business in 2018.

"The chemist has been in town a long time, it used to be located down the street where the newsagency is now," he said.

"I actually proposed to my wife while we were doing the move."

Mr Vardy's award for Preceptor of the Year is for his work training intern Tim Kenny.

"Since starting in January, Tim has done fantastically in what's been a bit of a rough year," he said.

"Obviously Covid makes things a bit more difficult but he was also in a car accident earlier this year which put him out of action for a while," he said.

"He's been a great addition to the team and

honestly he's made me look good. We're hoping he'll register as a fully fledged pharmacist in March."

Mr Vardy said Emu Park was a fantastic place to live and work.

"The community here has been amazing, I grew up here and I've known a lot of my clients since I was a kid," he said.

"It's the perfect place to raise a child and we're so blessed and thankful to the community for their contribution to us getting this award. A huge part of it comes from their loyalty to us and their support through the year."

He said the Emu Park community had the staff member's backs, even with the inconvenience caused by coronavirus regulations.

"Last year we had to implement a lot of changes because of Covid such as screens and infection protocols. There's been a lot of extra steps involved and the community has had to have a bit more patience with us.

"We'd also be lost without Star Pharmacy Group's head office who gave us guidance on how to implement the protocols, particularly back in February and March when the government was changing their advice on a daily, and sometimes twice daily basis.

"I'm just grateful for all the people around us that have helped us achieve these results."

Lucky CQ lotto win

A Gladstone woman is in the money after bagging \$1,578,947 from the January 2 \$30 million Gold Lotto mega-draw.

The Central Queenslander was one of 19 division one winners.

"It's completely life-changing for us," the woman exclaimed when an official from the Lott confirmed her win.

"My family called out the numbers and I started circling the numbers on my ticket. Then another. Then another. Then I had all six. We've been pinching ourselves for two days. I probably only buy three Lotto tickets a year," she said.

"I was in quiet disbelief at first, but it's really sinking in today."

With more than a million bucks in the bank, the woman said working less was on the cards.

"We'll certainly share with our family. It will make a lot of people happy."

The woman, who wishes to remain anonymous, purchased her winning entry at Gladstone Central News & Gifts, Shop 7-8, Gladstone Central Shopping Centre, West Gladstone.

Gladstone Central News & Gifts owner Alison Moodie said it was great to see another division one win land in her outlet.

"My first thought was, 'Wow, my team and I have just made someone's dreams come true'. I had goosebumps," she said.

"This is our second division one winning ticket in the outlet since we opened in October 2018. Our last was in March 2019

"We have decorated with balloons and streamers and we are telling every customer who comes through the door."

The winning numbers in draw 4117 on January 2 were 7, 5, 16, 44, 14 and 17, while the supplementary numbers were 26 and 31.



Alexandra Moodie of the Gladstone Central Newsagency.





Getting arty on the coast

By Matthew Pearce

Keppel Coast Arts are more than happy with their new workshop space at Yeppoon's Fig Tree Galleries Precinct and to celebrate they're launching a new series of workshops.

Workshop coordinator Catherine Stubenrauch said the newly renovated Fig Tree Arts workshop space in the old Yeppoon Post office building was "gorgeous".

"It's been beautifully done, we love the air conditioning and they've held onto the heritage feel of the building nicely."

Kicking off on Saturday, January 9 with Peta Lloyd's For the Love of Nature - A Unique Botanical Journal, the new series of workshops will include topics as diverse as glass fusing, basket weaving, upcycling, leather belt making, watercolour painting and wildflower painting with cold wax.

While the workshops will mostly feature local artists, Keppel Coast Arts has also begun to reach out to neighbouring regions.

"We have Melissa Peacock (botanical paper) coming from Gladstone, we have Shelly Engwirda (glass fusing) coming from Mackay and Tracey Hewitt (art journaling) coming in from Theodore," she said.

"We're trying to make our neighbouring regional artists aware of the degree of interest in Yeppoon for these sorts of workshops and that the space is there for them to use moving forward as well."

Ms Stubenrauch said at least three workshops had already sold out, which she attributed to pent-up demand following a year of Covid-19 restrictions.



Peta Lloyd will present For the Love of Nature -A Unique Botanical Journal.

"People have been locked up not doing anything for long enough now and are looking for something to do and we're glad to be able to provide that.'

She said after being quite complex at first, the Covid restrictions had ultimately simplified things 'in a different way', forcing the

"The Covid shutdown was actually a good time for the group to think outside of the box about how we can put things together, including the Fig Tree Creek Markets and Keppel Coast Flix. How does it shape what we do for



Keppel Coast Arts member Cath Stubenrauch and president Leanne Smith, former Yeppoon Postmaster Ernie O'Sullivan, Livingstone Shire Council Principal Infrastructure Projects engineer Rob Ritchie, Mayor Andy Ireland, Member for Keppel Brittany Lauga, Design+Architecture director Colin Strydom, Councillor Pat Eastwood, and Griffin Builders director Brian Griffin, at the Fig Tree Galleries construction site.

the community in way that's going to work?

"We're embracing technology, including using QR codes on most of our advertising and posters - now that everybody knows what a QR

Ms Stubenrauch said Covid restrictions al-

lowed up to 15 people in the workshop space, "a nice comfortable number for a workshop".

The last workshop will be on June 13 to tie in with the Capricorn Coast Writers Festival.

For more information, visit /www.keppelcoastarts.org.au/artworkshops.html

Busy start to the new year for Coast Guard Yeppoon

Coast Guard update with Arthur Hunt

Coast Guard Yeppoon assisted three visitors from Brisbane and two local boats during the

On Tuesday, December 29, there was an early morning call at 6am from the owner of a 46-foot flybridge cruiser with three people on board which had a gearbox overheating.

He had spare oil for the gearbox, but it was leaking quite badly. He found that if he cruised at about three knots the leakage was minimal. He placed a bucket under the gearbox and recycled the oil. Yeppoon Rescue One (skipper Jim Warren) left the harbour at 11.27am, met the vessel one mile south of Rosslyn Bay Harbour and towed it into the harbour and placed it on the red arm in the marina at noon.

Soon after the first call, at 6.15am, a call was received from a lady at Putney Beach as the family jet ski would not start. It had been working well for several days, but when they tried to return, it would not run. A crew to man for Marine Assist Rescue (skipper Kingsley Bartle) was called in. They left Rosslyn Bay Harbour at 7.30am and towed the jet ski back to Rosslyn Bay Harbour, arriving at



Tow from Humpy Island.

10.05am. A nice donation was received.

At 9.30am on Wednesday, December 30, a phone call was received from a local vachtsman who was towing an unoccupied 4.5m RIB tender behind his yacht from Great Keppel Island. The towline snapped when they were about a mile east of Iron Pot and they could not recover it because the vacht motor

was not operational. Marine Assist Rescue (skipper Jim Warren) went to the given coordinates but could not see the vessels in the very limited visibility. The disabled vessel was found with the aid of the radar and was towed into Rosslyn Bay Harbour at 11.30am

Later on the Wednesday, a call was received from a family from Mooloolaba camp-

ing on Humpy Island because their vessel would not start. Arrangements were made to assist them on Thursday morning at high tide although the weather forecast was not favourable. On Thursday morning, Yeppoon Rescue One (skipper James Fleming) departed Rosslyn Bay Harbour at 7.30am and headed to Humpy Island at 12 knots in very rough conditions.

The rescue vessel initially headed towards Middle Island to avoid heading directly into the 3m seas. After arriving at Humpy Island, the crew nosed the rescue vessel up on to the beach and loaded a lot of camping gear on

The disabled boat was taken in tow at 8.35am, returning to the harbour at 10.10am.

Later that day, a call was received from a jet ski rider to report that his friend's jet ski had taken on water and was partially submerged 1nm north of Rosslyn Bay Harbour while returning from Great Keppel Island.

Marine Assist Rescue (skipper Kingsley Bartle) responded, leaving the harbour at 1.05pm. The jet ski was taken in tow, returning to the harbour at 1.35pm.







The Gladstone Harbour Festival will return in 2021

Harbour fun set to return

Last year certainly delivered some challenges to the event industry, and Gladstone's very own iconic Gladstone Harbour Festival was one of many events cancelled due to Covid-19.

However, after last year's hiatus, the Gladstone Festivals and Events committee has confirmed that 2021's event is back on Gladstone's event calendar and planning is well underway.

"The community can expect things to look and feel a little different in 2021," president Raymond Lewis said.

"But we are committed to bringing the fun of the festival at Easter time back to the Gladstone region and are moving forward with planning what we think is a fantastic and achievable program, given the restrictions we need to work within.

He said festival-goers could expect to enjoy many highlights in 2021, such as the main stage entertainment, fireworks displays, food vendors and of course the rides and Mardi

Also in the program for this year will be the festival's collaboration with the Boyne Tannum Hook Up - Sculptures by Gladstone Harbour, where the community is encouraged to get involved to help bring awareness to the global issue of marine debris by

creating original and inspiring sculptures.

Events such as the Raft Regatta and Street Parade will not be appearing in 2021's program, festival coordinator Jemma Tangohau confirmed.

"Unfortunately due to the magnitude of managing a Covid safe environment in the festival site itself, these events were not possible to include in our program for 2021, however we know that the community will be really excited to have the festival back on the calendar next year and our team is working really hard to ensure the program delivers plenty of fun and entertainment," she said.

After much consideration the team have decided to reduce the festival by one night, with opening night now being held on Thursday, April 1 and still inclusive of three full days and nights on Good Friday, Easter Saturday and Easter Sunday.

"This decision predominantly came down to the huge amount of volunteer manpower the festival will need for Covid marshals on site, counting people in and out of the festival site to ensure we are complying with approved crowd numbers.'

Community members are encouraged to keep an eye on the Gladstone Harbour Festival Facebook page to stay up to date with what's on offer for the 2021 event.

Lucky win for customer

By Matthew Pearce

One Thomo's Betta Home Living customer has had all his Christmases come at once after taking home \$30,000.

Manager Chris Thomasson said customer Ash Bolt was guaranteed a \$1000 shopping package to spend in the iconic Rockhampton store after his name was drawn on December 31, the last day of Thomo's 30 Days of Christmas promotion.

"We invited him back on Saturday, January 2 for the chance to win \$30,000, and believe it or not he picked the right number and won, which was incredible.

Extremely happy and shocked, Ash told Chris that the prize came at a really good time for himself and said he had a few

things he might buy at Betta.

As part of the 30 Days of Christmas promotion, customers received an entry form for every \$200 they spent at the store, with one prize drawn each day.

Over the month of December, Thomo's Betta Home Living gave away \$30,000 in prizes, including everything from lounge suites to bed frames, TVs, refrigerators, vacuums and steam mops.

This culminated with \$30,000 in cash up for grabs at the end of the month.

"The month of December was busy at Thomo's, retail trade was really good and Christmas was great for us," Chris said.

"The promotion was a great success but the best part of it was those 30 very happy customers who won the prizes."

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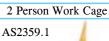
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Property market heats up

By Matthew Pearce

Infrastructure projects, a rising resources sector and flights from the south-east are driving strong growth in the CQ property market according to Hotspotting.com.au's Price Predictor Index.

Hotspotting founder, real estate analyst Terry Ryder, said the Price Predictor Index was a quarterly report based on sales volumes rather than prices.

"Most of the information you get from property research companies tells you what happened in the past 12 months which is interesting but people want to know where prices are going to rise because that might inform where they buy," he said.

"This is a forward indicator, if you've got a pattern of strongly rising sales activity, prices are likely to follow, especially when you combine that with other factors such as low vacancy rates.'

Rockhampton

Out of nine suburbs and towns listed under the Rockhampton municipality in the Summer 2020/21 report, Mr Ryder said five were rising markets (Berserker, Gracemere, Lammermoor, Norman Gardens, Yeppoon).

One is a consistency market where the number of sales are steady quarter by quarter (Kawana) and three are plateau markets which have plateaued off from a previous peak (Frenchville, Park Avenue, The Range).

'This pattern of a number of suburbs with rising activity is significant in Rockhampton, but perhaps even more significant is the fact that vacancies are so incredibly low," Mr Ryder

"It's a pattern across the country but Rockhampton is about as low as you can go with vacancies. In four postcodes, one's at 0, one's at 0.2 per cent and the other two are at 0.4 per

"When your vacancy rate is closer to 0 than 1 per cent that means there's almost nothing available and what we're seeing in Rockhampton is that when anything becomes available for rent there's queues of people competing for

"More competition means rents are going to be rising and in those circumstances prices would typically follow suit."

Mr Rvder said Rockhampton had experienced some "pretty solid growth" in the past 12 months, with CoreLogic figures showing Allenstown up 14 per cent, Berserker and West Rockhampton both up 21 per cent and Parkhurst up a massive 41 per cent.

'These are just the suburbs in double digits but pretty much every suburb in the Rockhampton local government area has had some level of price growth in the last 12 months," he

Gladstone

Mr Ryder said Gladstone had shown strong signs of recovery in the latest survey after being in the doldrums for many years.

In terms of sales activity rising we're starting to see the first signs of price growth and vacancies are now down to low levels," he said.

"That's a key factor for Gladstone because they were above 10 per cent for vacancies at one point when the market was at its worst, because developers just built too many houses expecting a huge boom.

in vacancies going very high and when you get that rents and prices fall.

Gracemere

Mr Ryder said Gracemere had made the report's national top 50 'supercharged suburbs' because of its strong pattern of rising sales.

"Eighteen months ago Gracemere was doing about 40 sales per quarter, now it's doing about 75 to 80 sales per quarter so it's almost

Like Gladstone, Mr Ryder said Gracemere had suffered from an oversupply of homes, leading to a fall in property values.

"The steady pattern of rises over the past 18 months indicates there is recovery happening and Gracemere's median house prices have also started to respond - just a three percent increase in the last 12 months but we'd expect it to improve in the coming year."

Yeppoon

Mr Ryder said one of the places that stood out as a rising market was Yeppoon, with median



Real estate agent Rory Wex sold this property at 1 Chrisney Street, Lammermoor, for more than \$2 million last year.

prices of \$370,000 for houses and \$290,000 for

"The biggest single trend Australia-wide is what I call the 'exodus to an affordable lifestyle' where people are leaving the big cities and moving to places with that lifestyle factor, places that are affordable.

"It's a trend that's been underway for a number of years but the pandemic year has exacerbated the trend with more people making the realisation that they can work remotely."

Mr Ryder called it the 'biggest trend in Australian real estate this century.

"Why not sell your home in the city and move to somewhere like Yeppoon, a place of comparable standard at a fraction of the price and you get this lovely lifestyle by the water?'

Emerald

Coming in at number five in the Price Predictor Index's five star growth markets, Mr Ryder said Emerald was on the comeback trail.

"Emerald's median prices have risen 6.5 per cent in the last 12 months up to \$340,000 now and part of the reason is that the CQ resources sector is just getting stronger and stronger," he

"Eighteen months ago Emerald was typically selling 50 or 55 homes a quarter and now

Mr Ryder said the pattern of increases for "But they just overdid it and that resulted Emerald's last seven quarters showed 'pretty dramatic' growth.

result of the see Emerald prices rising. If prices have risen 6.5 per cent in the last 12 months I would expect next year to be significantly higher than

He said rental vacancies at Emerald were at less than 1 per cent, down from 8 per cent as recently as 2016.

Resources and infrastructure

Mr Ryder said resources and infrastructure were significant drivers of the improved real estate market in Central Queensland.

"The resources sector in CQ is reviving and that's creating jobs in places like Gladstone and Rockhampton, but it's also creating demand for real estate for people who fly in and fly out or drive in and drive out," he said.

"There's also quite a bit of infrastructure spending going on and that's always a big generator of demand for real estate."

Mr Ryder highlighted projects including the



Hotspotting founder Terry Ryder.

Rockhampton Northern Access Upgrade, the Ring Road project, Rockhampton Airport terminal upgrade, North Coast rail line upgrade from Rockhampton to Townsville, Rookwood Weir and the Rockhampton Museum of Art.

"Most of these projects are already underway and they're generating economic activity and jobs.

"This all bodes very very well for the Rockhampton market in terms of prices rising in 2021 and I expect Rockhampton will have a double digit increase on average, especially with the low vacancies not just low but ridiculously low."

Region in demand

Mr Ryder said it was a "wonderful time to be a landlord in Rockhampton".

"If you're an investor and you pick a good solid place in the \$200,000s, you're getting a rental return that might be 6 per cent or more and rising and lots of demand for your property," he said.

"For anyone thinking of buying an investment property in Rockhampton, it's not a bad place to consider for those reasons."

Mr Ryder said he was expecting a nationwide property boom in 2021, with Rockhampton, Gladstone and Emerald playing a major

"The most important thing for the property market is what's happening locally and the local activity in the Rockhampton market makes it certain we'll have significant price rises in

National Medal for ambo

By Jamie McKenzie

In a world where freelancing and the gig economy are now second nature to many people, sometimes just one year in the same job is an achievement.

That's kind of okay in some jobs, but where work involves saving lives daily, you would prefer someone who's taking care of you to have a track record in their field.

Maybe someone like ambulance officer John McKean.

After three decades of saving lives, bringing newborns into the world and generally caring for the people of the community, Mr McKean is hanging up his stethoscope and moving into retirement.

Mr McKean said his 32 years in the Queensland Ambulance Service has been immensely rewarding.

"No one day is ever the same. You go to work every day, never knowing what's going to happen. That's just the nature of the job," he said.

"You don't become an ambo if you want consistency and repetition. You become and ambo if you want to help people, and any job that involves taking care of people is going to be different because every person's needs are different."In recognition for his exemplary career and length of service to the community, Mr McKean was awarded the National Medal.

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John McKean (centre) with his awards and medals for service to the Queensland Ambulance Service.



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Ron's Olympics secrets

By Matthew Pearce

When Cathy Freeman lit the Olympic flame at the Sydney 2000 Olympics opening ceremony, the iconic moment could easily have been a disaster.

Rockhampton man Ron Jenkins, who was regional manager for the Australian Communications and Media Authority (ACMA) at the time, knows just how close things came, from his time working behind the scenes at the event.

"I've heard all sorts of stories about what happened and I thought, if only you knew," he said

"In 2001, 12 months after this all happened, a journo from The Australian wrote an article titled, 'Did the Americans ruin our Olympics?' and he was so close.

"It was only recently, when they showed the footage for the 20th anniversary, that I realised just how long the cauldron sat there, it was about three minutes."

Ron said a group of ACMA (then ACA) employees from around Australia had volunteered to go to Sydney to deal with any technical problems that arose due to radio and communications interference.

"On the night of the opening ceremony we had two teams of two people each operating in the stadium, as well as what we called a floater, someone who could be summoned with all the technical gear to any place we wanted in a hurry," he said.

"At about 8pm we got a call that there was a request for assistance coming in and could we all get there right away. We knew that it must be something important."

The centrepiece of the opening ceremony would be the lighting of the Olympic flame.

Athlete Cathy Freeman would walk up four flights of stairs carrying the Olympic torch before walking across a shallow pond to an island in the centre. There, she would use the torch to ignite a ring of fire and a submerged sing-shaped cauldron would rise around her.

But things didn't go off without a hitch.

With Freeman's big moment fast approaching, the Sydney Organising Committee told Ron and the crew that there was a problem with the cauldron.

"The cauldron was controlled by cables and it had a backup wireless system. They said they'd tested the backup system and it didn't work and could we please do something.

"We went around there and it turned out a remote controlled camera had been smuggled in by a sports photojournalist from the US. He'd clamped it to the gantry halfway between where the cauldron was at the bottom to where the control point was further up."

Using a handheld device, the journalist could sit anywhere within 40 to 50 metres amongst the crowd and control the camera.

"The problem was the receiver. These generate radio frequency signals and that was knocking out the link and preventing it from being operated," Ron said.

"This meant if something went wrong there was no back-up at all."

But after finding the camera, the next problem was finding the operator.

"We were faced with the dilemma that, here's the camera, but where's the bloke who's controlling it? He'll have the transmitter.

"Money was no object to these blokes, so it was a pretty expensive camera setup, about \$25,000 worth. We thought, he'll be around here somewhere with his eye on it, so we'll take it, that'll flush him out."

The remote camera was dismantled and, as if on cue, the photographer arrived, enraged.

"We just said we'll talk to you about all this later and we're sorry for the inconvenience but we need that transmitter," he said.

"The photojournalist said he was 'absolutely appalled with this behaviour' and that he was going to lodge a complaint.

"I said apart from being appalled you'll also be arrested if you don't settle down."

As the group was taking the remote camera apart, the worst happened. Cathy Freeman lit the flame, the cauldron rose and stalled in place above her.

"What we were told later was that, when the waterfall started it had washed the control cable into the locking mechanism so when the



Ron Jenkins' photo from behind the scenes of the Sydney Olympics shows just how close he was to the action.



The 2000 Summer Olympics cauldron today.

Picture: DANIJEL-JAMES WYNYARD

cauldron came out of the water and clicked into the locking mechanism it interfered with the cable," Ron said.

"After the control guys swapped across to the back-up, there was no signal, initially because of the interference and then because the system had to go through all its verification processes. They were trying to reset it repeatedly without allowing sufficient time for the system to complete the processes."

Cathy Freeman stood completely still, holding her pose with the torch raised for about three minutes until the cauldron was successfully restarted, reaching its destination at the top of the Olympic stadium.

Ron remembers standing in freezing water, feeling like his hair was about to be burnt off from the heat of the flame.

"The cauldron had a self contained gas module and when it finally got to the top it only had 17 seconds of gas left."

Working behind the scenes, he said the team had no idea how long the delay actually was at the time.

"The soundtrack had been around two or three times while Cathy waited but not many people noticed that, they believed it was all part of the show.

"They were playing it round and round hoping for a miracle."

Ron said the photojournalist wasn't prosecuted, but received a 'threatened loss of Olympic accreditation, stern warning and a lecture', eventually getting his camera back.

"It came out that one of the security guards had been paid to get the unauthorised camera into the stadium," he said.

"We also found out later that there was another unauthorised remote camera, belonging to another photojournalist from the US. It was far enough away not to cause any interference to the cauldron mechanism.

"That story in the Sydney newspaper in 2001 was pretty close." $\,$

Ron returned to Sydney for the 2000 Paralympics and says he preferred the more laid-back event.



Ron Jenkins (front) and his team at the 2000

"I preferred the Paralympics because these people had come from such a long way back to achieve what they were achieving on the world stage, compared to the others who were professional athletes," he said.

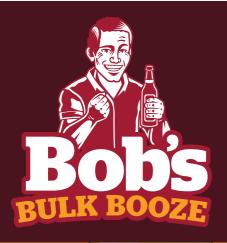
Ron recalls staying at a six or seven-story hotel in Parramatta that guests could abseil down the side of.

"I wasn't doing that but there was a young girl staying there, a disabled athlete, who did it no worries at all," he said.

"She was known as 'the Cat' and I think she ended up winning six gold medals, she was an amazing person and so relaxed. It was a completely different atmosphere there."

Twenty years later, Ron looks back on his Olympics experience fondly, even if he didn't get to see all that much of the opening ceremony from behind the scenes.

"The whole exercise down there was like something out of a dream, it was surreal, especially after going back to relatively sleepy old Bocky"



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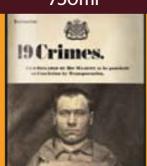
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Meet the candidates in

Chris Davies

Local businessman Chris Davies is the youngest candidate for mayor at the age of just 32. He moved to Rockhampton in 2014 to work in the media sector. Following the economic uncertainty brought on by the Covid-19 pandemic, Mr Davies transitioned to a new line of work and is presently employed at Fitzroy Funerals.

Mr Davies is running for mayor to inject some fresh blood and a community-based perspective into local council.

"Look, I'm not politically minded, to be honest. But I'm a member of the community, and who better than having a member of the community to sit in the chair?" he said in a telephone interview with CQ Today.

"One of my main focuses is to bring the community back to the table of the council. I am young, but I can bring that young blood back into the council, that focus for our future," he said.

Mr Davies said his policy platform had been built up from listening to the needs of the community.

"From hitting the ground running and listening to the community, there are a number of issues around our region. But I have got a couple of main focuses," he said.

"One is safety. I want to work on what the Rockhampton Regional Council can do to work with community groups to make Rockhampton a safer place to live. People should be able to walk the streets at night and feel safe, you know, go out at night and enjoy the atmosphere, the Rockhampton region without feeling unsafe. So crime and safety is a concern of mine."

Mr Davies is also keenly interested in attracting long-term industry to the region and hopes to offer financial breaks for companies to relocate to Rockhampton.

Another issue of concern is delivering greater support to the region's teenage community.

"Between the ages of 15 and 18, there isn't anything in our area. Look, we've got fantastic parks, water parks and gardens that can accommodate people up to like 15 years. But between 15 and 18, there really isn't anything in our area. So we really need to target that age bracket and work with them to provide the resources and opportunities in town for them to stay. We don't want them to go to Brisbane. We want them to stay here, go to university here. You know, buy a house here, raise a family here," he said.

"East Street is another major concern. We need to spend some time and get this CBD precinct right, so we don't lose any more businesses down there. Parking is an issue there. We need to look at that."

Mr Davies offers voters the option of an independent and regular member of the community campaigning to serve as a link between the community and the council.

"Look, I work full-time. I don't have a million dollars for a campaign. All I can be is honest about my issues and situations and what I think should happen. And that's all I can bring to the table," he said.



Chris Davies.

Shane Latcham

Councillor Shane Latcham represents Division 1, encompassing Norman Gardens, Parkhurst and Limestone Creek, and is responsible for the waste and waste-to-resource implementation portfolio.

Raised on a property outside Theodore, Cr Latcham moved to Rockhampton in 1988 to further his education at Central Queensland University, completing a diploma in Teaching and then a graduate diploma in Applied Computing. He continued his studies with a Master's degree in Education through the University of New England in Armidale, NSW.

In a telephone interview with CQ Today, Cr Latcham said he had the energy, passion and resilience to take on the top job.

"Rockhampton is going to need a community leader who can listen and make tough decisions, to re-focus spending back to basics. We've got to focus back on water, waste and road infrastructure. As the Rockhampton region heads to a population of 100,000, it's going to be very important to upgrade our infrastructure," he said.

"And because I'm within the system, I understand what happens within council and how it operates. I think that is a great advantage. And especially with the relationships, the really good relationships, respectful relationships I have with other councillors. We all get along very well. We're a great team, and it's just one of the team is stepping up to to continue the good work that council is doing," he said.

If elected mayor, Cr Latcham would like to pursue two major infrastructure upgrades to the region.

Firstly, in line with his expertise in the area of waste management, Cr Latcham wants to see Rockhampton's waste management regime take up the latest technological developments in the field.

"It's a really exciting time to be in the waste and recycling space. We're looking down the track at having unmanned waste transfer stations. It's something that Banana Shire is just starting. It's a great step forward for our community," he said.

Secondly, Cr Latcham is keenly interested in working to protect the region's water security, particularly for hard-hit rural areas struggling under level five restrictions.

"Water is such an important asset for our region. It pretty much covers all of our boundaries. If it's not mountains, it's water. And water is so critical to the success of a



Shane Latcham.

region. And I know that the council's obviously got plans to raise the barrage and things like that, but we've got to look at how can we make water go further than where it is. So I've been doing a lot of consultation with the residents out in the outlying areas, in the rural areas. And it's pretty clear to me they, especially like Mount Morgan, they really want water. They want a waterline up to Mount Morgan. And I know it's been looked at several years ago, and people who know me, they know I'm very tenacious, I'm very keen on looking for solutions," he said.

"I really have a very keen interest in trying to look for a real affordable solution for the residents of our rural areas."

Altogether, in Cr Latcham voters have the option of a fresh-faced insider committed to consultative government.

"The message I want to get over is that I'm going to be a mayor who would care and a mayor who actually listens. I'm there to listen to the community. I'm consultative, collaborative and inclusive. So I want to be there for the community."

Christian Shepherd

Christian Shepherd works in procurement and logistics for the local government and he is one of the younger candidates in the race, having graduated high school in 2005. Speaking with CQ Today, it is clear he cares deeply about the future of Rockhampton and wants to see the town modernise into a bright and prosperous future.

"Under Margaret Strelow's leadership, she was fairly committed to modernising Rockhampton, but some of the things, some of the steps that were taken, while well intended, haven't necessarily provided much benefit," he said when asked why he had decided to run for mayor.

To push along his project of modernisation, Mr Shepherd will work to embed technology more deeply within council departments and use technology to facilitate a sharper level of communication between the council and the community. However, Mr Shepherd's dream of a more modern Rockhampton goes beyond integrating technology into local government.

"It's not always necessarily about technology, it's just about recognising that as a society, we've sort of evolved. You know, it's now 2020 and our town isn't that much different from when it was in 2000, or even 1990. Aside from a few sort of infrastructure upgrades. So it's not just about technology, but it's also about making sure that we are progressing as a city."

Rapid growth, in people and construction, is the backbone of Mr Shepherd's vision for the region. He believes Rockhampton did not properly exploit Central Queensland's mining boom to lock in long-term growth and worries that the same opportunity for securing sustainable long-term growth may be passing by once again in the era of Covid-19.

"Lowering fees and rates, especially residential subdivision fees, and building approval fees, I'd like to see those certain residential development fees given a holiday, essentially, to boost residential growth because we are facing a rental shortage and if we're not careful, then that can simply turn from a rental shortage to just people not moving here. And then we're, as we have many times in the past, simply passing up on opportunity to actually have rapid growth in the town. And it's my view that through the mining boom we didn't appropriately capitalise on that."

"And what seems to be a bit of a Covid



Christian Shepherd.

boom, with people wanting to move to regional areas, it definitely won't last for as many years as the mining boom has. So I think it's really important that we capitalise on it while we can and ensure that we do sort of reach some rapid growth, because for the past 20 years, from 1996 to 2016 anyway, the growth of our town has been less than 1000 people a year, which is pretty low."

Aside from his policies to trigger growth across the region, Mr Shepherd, a member of Katter's Australia Party, pledges to:

- Invest in local sports clubs
- Investigate a possible third bridge across the Fitzroy River
- Modernise the CBD to attract white-collar businesses to the district as opposed to simply retail
- Maximise the use of public land for recreational use

When asked how he would win over voters, Mr Shepherd said: "By showing them that I've got a comprehensive and holistic plan. I'm not cornered into any one section, not just focusing hard on sports or not just focusing hard on community initiatives or anything like that. I'm hitting a lot of different aspects of it."

Rocky's mayoral race



Diett Williams.

Brett Williams

Brett Williams is an expert in financial management and has spent the last 20-odd years assisting various local councils across Queensland's vast landscape organise their financial affairs. From Hervey Bay to Burketown, Mr Williams has accumulated the kind of experience in local government he believes will help him thrive in the position of mayor.

"Because I've got 20 years of local government experience, I've seen what councils can and can't do and what they need to do. What most councils forget to do is the basics. They love building big monuments or big, flashy stuff. I like to get back to the basics. You know, people love having their potholes filled in, their garbage collected, their water insurance working. They're the things I'm looking at. Go back to the basics. You know, people are happy with the basics, and then look at the other things," he told CQ Today.

In addition to his experience, Mr Williams offers voters his unwavering honesty about the possibilities and limits of local government.

"I know what councils can and can't do. You know, people will make promises and say 'I'm going to do this and do that.' Well, there are some things that local government can't do. Only the state or the federal levels can do. I'm not going to make promises I can't keep. I believe in honesty. I was brought up with honesty, ethics and integrity. And that's what I've been known for in my local government work. For 20 years

plus, I just will not waver from my ethics and my integrity and honesty," he said.

The spirit of service is present in Mr Williams' background. He is a former service member, trained as a combat medic in the Medical Corp, having served in both the regular and reservist branches of the Army.

When asked about Rockhampton's management of its finances, he said that while it hadn't been terrible, there was room for improvement, and he was the man to do it.

"You know, Rockhampton is not in really bad shape. It just needs a bit of fine-tuning. And I can do that. I've seen councils a lot worse," he said.

"I've seen comments about the debt. Debt is okay if it's managed correctly because if you build a big water plant, it's over 30 years. So you take out that over 30 years, that's fine. And you know, at the moment, when rates are two per cent, that's fine. So again, you've got to be able to look at what you're carrying, what debts. You've got to look at your finances."

Crime in the Rockhampton region is also a concern for Mr Williams. If elected mayor, he hopes to talk with state government officials to increase the police presence in Rockhampton to reduce crime.

Finally, Mr Williams is committed to running a consultative local government.

"You know, the mayor is only one person. You've got to work with the others. And hopefully, I can work with the others because I'm truly independent. I don't have any party alignments or anything like that," he said



Remy McCamley.

Remy McCamley

Remy McCamley is one of the younger candidates in the race at just 33 years of age. In addition to his relative youth, his surname is an immediately striking feature. Mr McCamley is the grandson of esteemed beef baron Sir Graham McCamley.

Mr McCamley did not follow his grandfather into the beef business and has pursued instead a wide variety of jobs throughout his life. The diversity of his work experience has brought him into contact with a diversity of personality types and backgrounds, which Mr McCamley believes is an asset in his tilt for the job of mayor.

"I've worked in hospitality, retail, education, fitness and obviously the agricultural industry. Not just beef, I've been fruit picking and also crop harvesting. So I can relate to a good portion of people," Mr McCamley said in a telephone interview with CQ Today.

Mr McCamley claims he is not especially political, but his keen interest in sociology pushes him to consider social problems and how they might be corrected. He is campaigning for mayor because he believes the city has not been adequately served by its political representation these last few years.

"I'm concerned for the region. Rockhampton is my home, and I don't want to see it get the rough end of the pineapple, to be honest," he said.

"I mean, without sort of finger pointing or anything, I think we've had a very long time of a lack of solid leadership. I don't think the community's had a strong direction as to where we're heading. I think there's been a lot of band-aid solutions applied, which just aren't cutting it."

He mentions the reconstruction of Quay Street as one example of Rockhampton's penchant to pursue band-aid solutions. "I'm glad the work has been done, it looks a lot better. But I don't think it was done to the best standards possible. I mean, people often bring up the tiles but I think sort of more broadly than that. I would have liked to have seen a few more shells, shopfronts constructed along the way, just small places, nothing fancy, just to get small businesses happening in Rocky, and a bit of confidence in that sector. I mean, small business is the backbone of Australia. I'm a strong believer in supporting small business," he said.

To improve local government, Mr Mc-Camley promises an 'open-door' policy if elected mayor.

"I've got an open-door policy. And I mean, that's sort of got two pillars, as it were. It applies not just to council, with getting sort of a little bit more accessibility and transparency and accountability happening in council. But also, Rockhampton's view to the rest of the world. I think Rockhampton does need to open up. And we need to get people coming here for weekends and holidays," he said.

Mr McCamley believes the airport is a crucial factor in helping Rockhampton to open up. He said if commercial airlines, or rural-based airline services, cannot be persuaded to bring in more flights to Rockhampton, the council should consider running its own airline service.

"I mean, there's a lot of grounded planes at the moment. A lot of pilots out of work. What's wrong with council taking a bit of initiative? Leasing a couple of planes for three years, employing a few pilots, seeing if we can actually do it ourselves. Just to get things happening. We need to get Rocky moving," he said.

Mr McCamley believes people are sick of politics, and if elected mayor, will endeavour to change people's view of politicians by "under-promising and over-delivering".

Bronwyn Laverty-Young

Bronwyn Laverty-Young is something of a wildcard candidate in this campaign. She's a dump truck operator and emergency mines rescuer who works 12-and-a-half hour shifts and her reasons for running are simple: she loves the Rockhampton region and wants to help its people prosper.

She grew up in Gracemere and has lived in the region all her life. She lives at present in the Alton Downs area with her husband and grown children. Prior to working in the mines, Ms Laverty-Young trained as an apprentice motor mechanic and worked as a primary school teacher.

In a campaign document released to CQ Today, Ms Laverty-Young pledged to:

- Build Rockhampton: Promote Rockhampton as a great tourist destination and place to live is something I would like to further develop.
- Back Businesses: Create job opportunities by collaborating with industries, small businesses, and our farming community in our region while working with different agencies and engaging and collaborat-

- ing with our multicultural and indigenous communities to help our unemployed and young job seekers return to and start their working journeys.
- Support Jobs: Rockhampton is uniquely positioned to take advantage of and promote, remote workers (working from home) with this way of working having become a viable and cost effective way for companies to operate and diversify their working environment.
- Grow our Region: Approximately a onehour flight from Brisbane, where going to meetings or for leisure is achievable, not far from great beaches, surrounding historical towns to explore and being a more affordable place to live compared to the big cities.

Ms Laverty-Young is committed to collaborative working relationships across all sectors of the community.

"I know as a community we could work together to achieve great outcomes for the region," she said.

Voters have a choice with Ms Laverty-Young to elect a long-shot candidate whose work experience suggests a tough and resilient character.



Bronwyn Laverty-Young.



Tony Williams.

Tony Williams

Councillor Tony Williams is an established member of the council, first elected to his position in 2004. He represents Lakes Creek, Nerimbera, Koongal, Berserker and The Common, and is presently in charge of Infrastructure and Assistant Tourism for the region.

Over his 16 years in local government, Cr Williams has taken on a number of different responsibilities and has built up a substantial track-record in the process.

Speaking with CQ Today, Cr Williams highlights his work on the North Rockhampton Flood Mitigation Project as one of his finest achievements in local government.

"My portfolio area of infrastructure has a lot to do with storm water and flood management, and we were able to implement temporary barriers and valves on our stormwater network, which came to the fore in 2017 when we had a nine-metre flood and 400-odd homes and businesses were protected from the flood in the Berserker suburb. It was the first time those residents have been able to experience a flood-free event during a major flood in the river," he said.

"And that was just stage one. We've since rolled out stage two, which protects another 90-odd homes. It's something I'm very proud of. I managed to garnish community support by collecting 800 signatures within a fortnight to lobby the state government at the time to allocate disaster recovery money for mitigation works, to allocate towards the project. It wasn't solely myself, but it was something that I was very passionate about, and it came from the community asking the council, 'can something be done to resolve the flooding?'"

Cr Williams has also built up extensive experience and expertise in the area of disaster management.

"I chair the local Disaster Management

Group, and I've been in that role since 2012, when we've experienced a number of natural disasters over that time, from bushfires, floods, cyclones and now a global pandemic. And I believe my experience in that role holds me in good stead as well, just being able to work with emergency services agencies, and knowing the people that sit around the table and being able to make those cool and calm decisions in times of need is something where I've had that experience previously and understand what's required in those roles."

Cr Williams believes his long experience in local government and his detailed vision for Rockhampton's economic future would make him an effective mayor and leader for the region.

He believes Rockhampton finds itself at a nexus point. For the time being, the region's economy will be kept afloat by various infrastructure projects, such as the Capricorn highway duplication project and the Rockhampton ring-road project, scheduled to run over the next few years. But in order for the city to secure a prosperous future, long-term and sustainable jobs need to be created. To this end, Cr Williams wants to rezone parts of the region into special industrial zones to attract investment.

Specifically, Cr Williams highlights land around the Gracemere industrial area, Stanwell and Parkhurst as potential zones for new industry.

"Having that overlay over the top of it cuts a lot of the red tape and helps develop the land into industrial sites that are prime for investors to come into," he said.

Asked why he had decided to run for the top job, Cr Williams said:

"I really do love working with the community and helping to bring projects to fruition and helping our community during times of need. The job of mayor is not a one-option job. You need to be very broad in your understanding of local government."



Chris "Pineapple" Hooper.

Chris 'Pineapple' Hooper

The colourful Chris 'Pineapple' Hooper has already written his name into the region's political history with his near ascension to the mayoral throne following former mayor Margaret Strelow's resignation.

His thwarted ascension has implications for how local democratic government is arranged in Queensland and, in an interview with CQ Today at his renowned arts collective on 20 East Street, Mr Hooper claimed democracy itself was on the ballot in this election.

"A lot of people come in here saying that the principle of this, is democracy doesn't work anymore. Because they voted, I got in, and then they changed democracy, so what's democracy all about when someone can change that. So it's not a democracy anymore."

Whether or not the people of Rock-hampton approve of Mr Hooper's unconventional policies and lifestyle, he hopes that the deeper issue of how power is transferred in the region will put him over the top on January 23.

"A lot of people understand that. But whether they're going to hang onto that as the thing, or whether they're going to vote for someone else. But there's a lot of people really upset about that. Now I hope they do, and stick to their guns and say listen, 'this shouldn't happen'. And the only way they can do it is to vote me in really, and say 'well, there, Annastacia, cop that.' And then they wouldn't be game to do it anymore," Mr Hooper said.

"There's a lot at stake in this little game." Mr Hooper acknowledged he had considered legal action.

"We thought about it. We had a yarn to a couple of pro bono people, that sort of half-offered. There was an interview on the ABC, and he was a lawyer at the university or somewhere, and he said you might win. you'll win your discrimination case. But apparently they can change the legislation to change that back again. So it's a no-win situation there. But we might consider it later on."

Mr Hooper does not have much faith in the legal system, however, or the integrity of the region's power structure.

"I sort of know how it all operates in there and I don't like that system. That system now, why aren't the lawyers spewing that the legislation was changed? See they go by the law as it stands. And the law as it stands says I was supposed to go in but then what happened was, they all worked together you know, Annastacia Palaszczuk, the Electoral Commission, the Local Government Association had a fair bit to do with it, and the council, and they all decided to drag it right out until the legislation changed. That's what they done. They dragged it out for a couple of weeks so they didn't have to swear me in."

The radical nature of Mr Hooper's vision for life should not be underestimated. In effect, he wants human civilisation to dramatically de-scale and return to a more simplistic, agrarian form of life, or what he calls getting back to the basics.

"Covid is a dress rehearsal for man-made climate change," he said.

"It's simple. The planet has had enough of humans. We're destroying the planet. When are people going to wake up to that?

"The business people in Rocky are really scared if I got in, they think I'll destroy the local economy. One bloke, I know him, he said I'm a communist. Well I'm not a communist. But they did talk in the American election about socialism, bringing back a bit of socialism. It's not all about money. One per cent of the people in the world own everything and then we got, you might as well say peasants. Even the middle class is getting destroyed. So you got to get people around to that."



MP Barry O'Rourke

A New Year message from O'Rourke

I'm sure most people in our community would rather forget 2020 – and that's fair enough, we've faced a ounce in a century (we hope) pandemic and a major economic crisis, as well as a troubling trade dispute with China.

But I hope that we don't forget the positive things that came out of the year as we put it behind us.

If anything, I think our community has come out of it stronger than before – we rallied around our small businesses, we started

looking out more for our neighbours, especially those who were older and more vulnerable and we pulled together to fight the virus. It hasn't been easy, but it has shown what we are capable of when we work together as a community – and I hope that is a lesson we carry with us into 2021 and beyond.

I think 2021 is shaping up as an exciting year for us in CQ. Our local economy is already in relatively good shape, thanks in part to the number of government funded construction projects going on in our region and that will continue this year, with work starting on

Rookwood Weir, the upgrade of Lawrie Street and hopefully Browne Park, among others

We'll also see the opening of the upgraded

Capricornia Correctional Centre, which will create more than 230 local additional full-time jobs

We've also got plenty of great local events to look forward to this year, especially after Covid forced many to be cancelled in 2020. But the highlight of the year will certainly be Beef Week, which promises to be bigger and better than ever, with visitors from all over descending on Rocky for our signature event. I can't wait

I'd like to wish you all a very happy new year and look forward to meeting with or talking to many of you as the year goes on.

Dangers of wild weeds

By Matthew Pearce

Having run Wetzler Weed Management and Site Maintenance for almost 20 years, Marmor's James Wetzler knows the dangers that weeds can cause when spreading unchecked.

In addition to weed control, Wetzler performs vehicle and machinery wash downs and certification as a preventative measure to avoid the spread of weeds, unwanted flora and other foreign matter.

Mr Wetzler said self-certification, where agencies certify their own vehicles, was one of the biggest problems facing the agricultural sector.

"If you're going onto a property you can come to us and we'll inspect your vehicle. We'll wash it down if necessary as it has to be absolutely clean," he said.

"But legally we could write our own certificate for our own vehicles. We don't do that, we get the council to do ours because we think it's a conflict of interest."

Mr Wetzler said the damage that could be done by weeds spreading into a new area was immeasurable.

"It was reported in the media about a year ago where a contractor turned up on site with a dirty and muddy truck and left fountain grass behind, a weed that should have been 300km to 400km away.

"All because he wrote his own certificate to certify that his vehicle and machine was clean and it wasn't.

Mr Wetzler said Wetzler Weed Management and Site Maintenance was trying to put something back into the industry.

"We do some tutoring for indigenous groups, we've had special needs kids working with us over the years and now we're trying to educate the landholders out there about self-certification and what can be done about it."

Mr Wetzler said people visiting properties needed to respect the rights of property owners.



A Wetzler vehicle is washed down and certified by council.

"A lot of people think that just because someone has 30,000 acres that anyone can go on their property without permission, but that's that property owner's backyard.

"How would you like it if somebody decided to drive around or walk around the back of your property without notification?"

Mr Wetzler said most people he spoke to in the industry believed that self-certification shouldn't be allowed.

"Wetzler will only self-certify on the request of two or three landholders that request it specifically," he said.

"Even then, when we go on their property we'll go up on a ramp and the landholder, after accepting our certification, will walk under the vehicle like a mechanic to ensure there's no mud, dirt or grass seed."

While Mr Wetzler doesn't believe in self-certifications, he said nothing could be done without a change of legislation.

"The only way to get around it is if the property owner writes it into their biosecurity plan and stipulates that outside vehicles can only be certified by someone else."

He said Wetzler Weed Management and Site Maintenance took their responsibilities seriously



James Wetzler from Wetzler Weed Management and Site Maintenance inspects a vehicle.

"We get a lot of companies asking us to do a weed and seed certification, and we'll tell them right away that we're going to do it properly, we're going to crawl under their vehicle and check around the engine bay.

"Sometimes we don't hear from them ever

again, because they just want someone to give it a quick once over and write the certificate.

"Having been in the weed control business for nearly 20 years, we will not not pass a vehicle if they're not clean, we don't care who you are."



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Jeannine's love for Legally Blonde

By Jamie McKenzie

Who are you and what is your role?

My name is Jeannine Butler and I'm honoured to be the producer and director of Legally Blonde The Musical.

Tell us a bit about your love for the arts and how you came to be involved in what some critics have affectionately named 'the pink

The arts have played such a major part of my entire life from stage and television performances, teacher, lecturer and adjudicator to director and stage manager of community and combined schools musicals.

What excites you the most about this production?

Legally Blonde The Musical has been an exciting fun-filled experience full of high energy, laughter and a cast of talented locals like no

What is the most challenging thing about this production?

The challenge always in rehearsal is to improvise with limited set and props until bump-in week. Although we have been extremely fortunate to have had some access to the GECC stage as many scenes involve the entire cast.

The other most challenging feat is the constant scene changes that need to be seamless for the audience. My backstage crew will work like clockwork 'Ninjas' to achieve this.

Given the recent 'Me Too' movement, why do you believe the message of this show is so important?

Legally Blonde tackles subjects that are the forefront of many contemporary films and musicals today such as the 'Me Too' movement, gender discrimination, sexism and the most important lesson the audience should take away from the show is that we should not judge a book by its cover.

How are you approaching such a cultural icon of a story?

Elle Woods is one of the icons of the 'Me Too' movement and a perfect story to be telling to-

Can audiences expect the musical to resemble the film?

There are plenty of differences between the movie and the musical, but the inspiring message is still as strong as ever.

What number has been your favourite to work on?

It is difficult for me to choose a favourite musical number as each song encompasses so much emotion from the characters, but the song 'Legally Blonde' sung by Elle is directly after Professor Callahan hits on her then fires her. It ends in a duet with Emmett declaring his love and begging her to stay.

"Some girls fight hard, some face the trial, some girls were just meant to smile.

What do you most hope audiences take away from this show?

It really has everything, but I think the thing I am most excited about is this show's message of finding one's worth not in material things, or looks, or the perfect guy, but within yourself.

Audiences will come to laugh, think and cry but, 'Keeping true to oneself is ALWAYS IN

What other musicals have you produced and directed and which is your favourite so far?

Where do I start? I've been working in theatre for years and I'm very privileged to have worked on a number of musicals including the Pirates of Penzance, Peter Pan, The Addams Family, Anything Goes, Honk and Oliver to name just a few. I've also stage managed Beauty and the Beast, Les Miserables, The Mikado as well as four consecutive years of Carols by Candlelight.

My favourite is always the production I'm working on at the time so I'd have to say that Legally Blonde currently tops the list and it will be interesting to see how the audience participate after all the hard work the cast and crew have put in. I'm expecting big things from Legally Blonde and I'm especially curious about putting on a major performance now we're through the worst of Covid-19 and people are



Jeannine Butler.

looking to reunite with others and share an experience like a really upbeat musical with a message for just about everyone in the audi-





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Blues and roots to rock

By Jamie McKenzie

The Agnes Blues, Roots & Rock Festival will rock out on 19-21 February.

Organised by Discovery Coast Tourism & Commerce, the festival is held annually across one weekend in February in the stunning destination of Agnes Water and 1770 on the sensational Southern Great Barrier Reef.

Live music, licensed bar, a variety of food vendors and markets to suit all tastes, plus an intimate vibe, are highlight features of this all-weather event, with plenty of undercover space to chill out or dance your socks off.

Brought to life and power-housed each year behind the scenes and front of house by a dedicated and passionate team of volunteers from across a vibrant local community, the Agnes Blues, Roots & Rock Festival experience is unforgettably intimate while showcasing high calibre performers in a beautiful coastal destination

It's a very special opportunity to discover new music, rock out to festival favourites and get up close and personal learning new skills in one of the unique and inspiring performer-led festival workshops.

The Agnes Blues, Roots & Rock Festival is supported by Gladstone Regional Council.

- Three-Day General Admission Ticket (from 1 Jan 2020) \$160
- One-Day Ticket Friday and Sunday \$70
- One-Day Ticket Saturday \$115



Agnes Blues & Roots Festival is an opportunity to rock your socks off.

Carvings for community

By Jamie McKenzie

Gladstone Ports Corporation (GPC) has commissioned a prominent Queensland artist to create seven unique sculptures for the community, celebrating some of the region's unique animals through art.

Sunshine Coast artist Shane Christensen is carving tallowwood to replicate a dolphin, turtle, whale, dugong, shorebird, crab and a barramundi which will stand over two metres high, once complete.

Shovels have hit the ground on foundation work, with the dolphin and whale sculpture the first to be unveiled just prior to Christmas

The dolphin is on display at the East Shores 1A water Play Park, while the new home for the whale carving will be at the Marina Bridge.

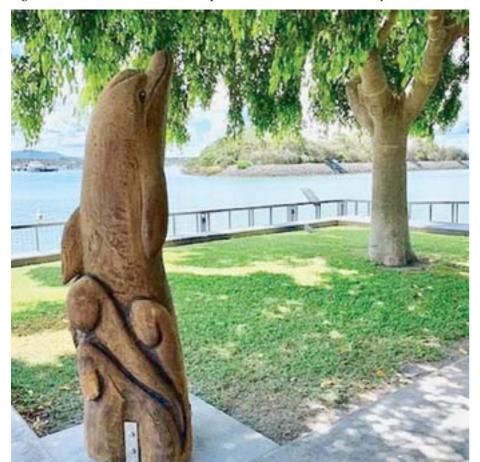
The artwork is all part of Gladstone's Big6, a GPC education and awareness program, which recognises iconic species of the bioregion and their habitats.

Acting CEO Craig Walker said GPC was proud to be delivering more unique artwork to the community.

"We're so fortunate that our port is home to such a diverse range of wildlife, including turtles which are regulars on our local beaches and dolphins which play in the harbour inlet and can even be seen from the parklands," Mr Walker said.

"Our core values at GPC include protecting our environment - we recognise that our port facilities and services are located in estuarine environments and we pride ourselves on operating sustainably.

"These beautiful carvings are a wonderful way to showcase our diverse wildlife and our commitment to them around the port, and I'm sure all seven will become a special addition to the community.



The dolphin carving at East Shores.



Councillor Williams (left) stands on the new Gavial Creek Bridge.

New Gavial Creek Bridge finished ahead of schedule

the Rockhampton region.

After six months and nearly 2000 tonnes of concrete, a brand new 65m bridge now spans Gavial Creek in Port Curtis, south of Rockhampton.

The bridge was completed just before the Christmas break, well ahead of the original plan for a February or March 2021 completion

The old Gavial Creek Bridge, which was floated up to site in the 1930s from the Boyne River, had come to the end of its life after being damaged in floods and cyclones.

The bridge will serve as a key access point into Port Curtis.

Councillor Tony Williams, a candidate for mavor and the councillor responsible for the crucial infrastructure portfolio, said the new bridge could accommodate more types of ve-

"This new concrete bridge is a great improvement on the old one," he said.

"It's wider and stronger and has the abil-

Infrastructure upgrades continue apace across ity to accommodate loaded B Double trucks, which the old bridge was not able to.

"Building a bridge isn't just about the obvious span you can see, but also the superstructure. This includes things like the reinforced concrete bridge deck, traffic barriers, guard rails, signs, and storm water drain and pipes. We also had to lay new approach roads on either side of the creek.

Cr Williams said the old bridge would be demolished next year.

"We explored lots of options for the old bridge, but none worked out," he said.

"It can't stay in place as it could be displaced in a future flood and damage the new bridge, and turning it into a fishing platform was going to cost three times the price of other new fishing platforms, so it just wasn't a good use of rate payers' money."

We have taken photos and part of the trusses will be saved for the historic record. It will also get a new lease of life thanks to our excellent project at Dale Park. The concrete will be recycled and used in future civil operations works throughout the region."



AnglicareCQ CEO Carol Godwin and chairperson Elizabeth Homer have had a challenging and rewarding year.

Anglicare's big year

For most people, 2020 was difficult year full of challenges.

For Anglicare Central Queensland, it helped them strengthen and grow as an organisation while extending essential support and housing to people across Central Queensland.

CEO Carol Godwin said that a few of AnglicareCQ's other positives had been their everimproving financial position which finished 173.45 per cent stronger than last financial year.

"Further to this, the organisation has grown to include new vital projects in areas such as mental health and housing. AnglicareCQ was awarded funding to build four new units for women and children moving from domestic and family violence situations."

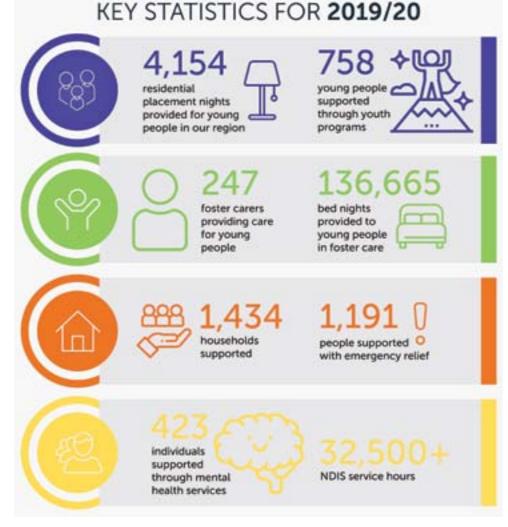
Ms Godwin said the AnglicareCQ team responded well during Covid-19, and it highlighted the team's efficiencies and connectedness with improved communication.

"AnglicareCQ did what we do best during difficult times - we supported the people in our communities who were doing it tough to 'make the best of their lives'."

The annual report (see key statistics graphic pictured) highlights the key roles of AnglicareCQ in the communities; individualised support for those with mental health challenges or disability as well as family support, residential care, youth, counselling, homelessness, financial support foster and kinship care programs.

"The key statistics for the year reveal how important AnglicareCQ's work is in the community," Ms Godwin said.

She said these positive outcomes and improvements have been made possible by a team "who have put in the hard yards by focusing on strengthening our work, our team and our finances"



Graduates guaranteed CQU place

By Jamie McKenzie

Over a dozen Gladstone Year 12 graduates can breathe a sigh of relief thanks to CQUniversity's Principal's Recommendation Scheme (PRS), which has provided 14 students guaranteed entry into university rather than be prescribed their choice of course by the ATAR system.

The PRS is a program that provides an alternate entry pathway to CQU based on the recommendation of a school principal, rather than ATAR.

Most of CQUniversity's undergraduate courses are included in the scheme, so there was no need for students to wait for Year 12 results to be released or to receive an ATAR to submit applications for a course.

Shara Watson, 18, was thrilled to receive guaranteed entry into a Bachelor of Accounting/Bachelor of Business and start planning her future before even graduating from high school.

"With 2020 being such a turbulent year, I looked at alternate pathways into university," Shara said.

"The PRS gave me sense of the security knowing I have guaranteed entry into my dream course and future career as a data analyst."

Associate Vice-President (AVP) for Gladstone Luke Sinclair believed the program was a great option for students to help take the stress out of school and final exams during a disruptive schooling year.

"At CQUniversity, we believe senior schooling results are an important factor leading to student success. We also recognise that other factors and attributes such as motivation, talent, and passion have a key role to play as well."



Shara Watson was recommended by her principal.

Capricorn Writers Festival recieves grant from RADF

By Duncan Evans

The Capricorn Writers Festival, scheduled to run from June 11 to June 13, received \$5,666 in the latest round of grant funding from the Regional Arts Development Fund (RADF).

The money is part of some \$33,000 in grants funnelled to various artistic enterprises across the Central Queensland region and comes as the festival continues to organise its winter literary extravaganza.

The RADF is a partnership between state and local governments to support quality arts and cultural experiences across Queensland.

Councillor Tanya Lynch, Portfolio Holder of Vibrant Community (Tourism, Events and Culture) for the Livingstone Shire Council, said RADF investments in local arts and cultural priorities were determined by local communities

"We support activities that provide public value, build cultural capacity, cultural innovation, and community well-being," Cr Lynch said.

Other recipients of funding support included the recently delayed Capricorn Film Festival, the Yeppoon Little Theatre, Latitude

23 Arts, Capricornia Catchments and local singer-songwriter Kate Mahood.

Speaking with CQ Today, festival director Nene Davies said she and her colleagues would use the funding to pay for three presenters to visit the region.

The first presenter is established author T.M. Clark, set to visit Yeppoon on February 20 to talk with emerging writers about how they can best pursue publication of their work.

"They've written something but now they don't know what to do with it. How to submit, and how get it all ready to put it to publishers.

It's a really good one for new writers," Ms Davies said.

The other two presenters cannot yet be confirmed, but will likely attend the event in June.

Ms Davies expressed gratitude for the support from the RADF.

"It's fantastic. We're really excited to get the grant because it helps enormously. All our presenters get paid by ASA rates. ASA is the Australian Society of Authors. It has sort of industry standard rates for workshops and presenting and panels. We pay everybody according to those rates, and so that's what we based our grant application on," she said.

Current Affairs Matt Canavan



We're still young and free

When my Italian grandmother moved to North Queensland in the 1950s, a German family lived across the road from her.

According to family lore, my Nonna refused to even talk to this family for some time. Her reluctance explained by the presence of German troops in her Italian hometown just a few years prior. At some point, however, Nonna overcame that terrible history, introduced herself and her German neighbours became her best friends in town.

I find it a great Australian story. People come here from all over the world. Sometimes they bring baggage with them of war and conflict. But new Australians eventually leave that baggage behind and we all become one people.

I don't find the insertion of the words 'one and free' to our national anthem objectionable then. We are one people and it is a fine thing to express that in our national anthem.

Yet all countries view themselves as 'one' nation so this sentiment hardly distinguishes Australia from other countries.

So for whatever the new words add, we have lost more from removing the word 'young' from our national anthem. We are a young nation. We are made up of old civilisations, including Aboriginal people who trace their history back tens of thousands of years. But as a nation we are young and that is what makes us a little different and special from many others.

Expressing that we are a young nation does not detract from any of the history of indigenous peoples. Their history is a rich one that



Senator Matt Canavan says Australia is a young nation, made up of old civilisations.

should be celebrated. But prior to 1788, there was no notion that Aboriginal peoples were part of one polity or one nation living in the Southern Land (Australia is Latin for Southern Land)

That concept came much more recently. Indeed, it was not until the latter half of the 1800s that people began to think of themselves as Australians, rather than British or members of the different Australian colonies.

The composer of our national anthem, Peter Dodds McCormick, was inspired by this newfound national pride. One night he attended a concert where "all the National Anthems of the world were to be sung". As Peter later explained "I felt very aggravated that there was not one note for Australia. On the way home in a bus, I concocted the first verse of my song and when I got home I set it to music."

Some complain that our national anthem

lacks the gravitas of other nations' songs. But I think our anthem is quintessentially Australian, written by a school teacher on a bus ride home from a concert. The story encapsulates our egalitarian nature even if the tune itself is hardly Beethoven.

So we should understand this history before we tinker with the words. Peter Dodds McCormick was expressing the newfound optimism of a new, young nation being founded. His anthem was sung by 10,000 people at the inauguration of Australia in 1901 and his obituary in the Sydney Morning Herald in 1916 noted that his song "has come to be recognised as something of an Australian National Anthem".

There are at least nine references to Australia being "young" in the Federation debates of the 1890s. West Australian representative William Marmion expressed the feeling most eloquently while (unsuccessfully) arguing against adopting the word 'Commonwealth' to describe Australia: "I say it is our duty here as statesmen, supposed to represent the intelligence, rising genius, and talents of this young country, to beware of those old associations and ideas which may cause discord in the minds of those who are endeavouring to form this great nation."

Even as the years pass we should not easily let go of that young spirit that provides a new beginning and new hope to so many around the world. That is why I will continue to sing "young and free" in our national anthem and do so proudly!



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Current Affairs Robert Schwarten



Where is our Joe Biden?

In a couple of weeks, the United States will have a new president who has promised a new direction for that nation. Coincidentally Rockhampton will have a new mayor.

Whether we have a new direction is up to us, the voters. Unlike last time there are many choices. Equally, it is up to each candidate to tell us what they are offering. It is a pretty rare exercise for me, but as the Labor Party unfortunately vacated the field at local government two decades ago I do not have the luxury of just voting Labor.

Like you, I get only one vote but here are a few things I will be looking for from the candidates

For a start I am looking for someone who actually likes people. Being a political leader is a bit like driving a school bus.

If the driver only focusses on the road they invite trouble from behind as kids with no oversight tend to do as they please. If they only look in the rear vision mirror they run off the road

So it requires keeping an ear on what's going on and a regular check on who's doing what while steering ahead mindful of all the risks and unknown challenges. To do that you must have some pretty well honed interpersonal skills, have dealt with lots of different situations, have empathy for others and not be frightened to be candid about shortcomings, your own included.

The rear vision is appealing to some. Let's do things like they did in 1970. For example, no town planning, fill in creeks and gullies create flood areas and build homes in them. That's what happened in Wackford St where I grew up. This has cost today's ratepayers untold millions to fix and destroyed the amenity of those original homes built before the creek was filled in.

No one knows the cost, but if you listen to some of the workers it is well in the order of 30 per cent. Such lack of accountability comes from complacency knowing that the elected people either don't care or are too weak to do anything.

Another symptom of the past. See what I mean about ignoring the behaviour in the back seats of the school bus?

To my knowledge, no current councillor has ever visited the site including the incumbent Ms Kirkland.

Now that's something that we did in the past. As a member of the works committee, we jumped into a bus with the mayor and city engineer and looked at every project.

Jim Webber was mayor but Rex Pilbeam started the practice. It kept everyone on their toes. Certainly no elected person has ever explained why the project took so long not to mention the stuff-ups that saw the footpaths dug up multiple times.

Someone who lays out how they will tear off the veil of secrecy on where our rate dollars go has a big start in the votes stake.

The odds increase for any hopeful who comes up with a sensible plan to put in plain English how our money is spent.

Creating a special budget item outlining all travel costs and full public reporting on any travel by elected people is a must. It was something introduced at state and federal level over 30 years ago. This should also apply to officer travel given there is no public scrutiny of such expenditure the way we see via the estimates process at the other levels.

Now I do not have an accountancy degree but I have had a lot of experience with delivering projects on time and budget.

Also framing, publicly presenting and having televised parliamentary scrutiny of every dollar via the above estimates process.

I am willing to bet that less than one per cent of ratepayers, including me, know what we owe, what we own, what our recurrent liabilities are and moreover how any of this is tracking during the pandemic.



Rockhampton needs a leader like Joe Biden, according to Robert Schwarten.

We get drip fed some titbits from mostly behind closed doors council meetings so I would like to see a candidate emerge with a plan on how to open up the council budget to more public scrutiny.

I had a lot to do with creating some of the best sporting infrastructure in this city.

Most of it was funded by state Labor governments. But where is the leadership in council to maximise the return from these publicly owned assets?

Now I do not mean that council should be jackbooting around our sports fields telling the extremely competent administrations directing these organisations, but a little leadership and a lot of support in helping, plan, coordinate and promote events would not go astray.

From where I sit I see little interest in promoting sport events coming from the council table. It would be nice to see what our candidates think about that a vision statement to that effect I am sure would be welcomed by our sporting community.

The same applies to our cultural assets. What is the plan to maximise the mostly state and federally funded art gallery's potential? What do we want our Pilbeam Theatre to be in the next decade? How do we better support the wealth of cultural mainstays like the Eisteddfod, Little Theatre and so on. Could we perhaps make better use of our university to enhance the quality we already have?

Only a mayor who understands that a well rounded community depends on a breadth of cultural experiences and views these as fundamentals in driving our economy.

We also need a mayor who can get on with other mayors and elected people.

It is no secret that demalgamation, fuelled by now two departed mayors and a visionless LNP minister who now props up the opposition office in Brisbane, created a headache for both councils.

The meat in the sandwich are the people in the northern suburbs that against their will are in Livingstone.

I am not going to rehash the argument, everyone knows the problem but the sandpit antics of the two irresponsible mayors have done nothing to resolve the issue.

The new Livingstone Mayor, I believe, is easy to get along with. We need a mayor that can show some sensitivity and common sense in developing a forward plan to get some meaningful dialogue started. It would be great for example, if there could be a start made in building a motorsport precinct in the obvious place, somewhere between Rocky and Yeppoon rather than the unworkable idea to put one in rural land at Bouldercombe.

Similarly, we need a mayor who can respect, appreciate and work with other levels of government. We need someone who is not eyeing off their jobs but rather accepts that meaningful relationships with other levels of government representatives can only be a good thing. It would be helpful to see a candidate put their mind to that and outline some plan on how to make it happen.

We need the door open to the senior levels of other governments and to do that a working relationship has to be forged between our state, federal and local leaders.

The responsibility for that rests primarily with the mayor.

I could go on but I suspect many have al-

ready stopped reading. I am not worried about the past as nothing can change that. But we must learn from it.

The graduates from Rocky High and all our other fine educational facilities will be just shy of 40 by 2040.

We need a mayor who understands that we must offer these smart young people a chance to be a part of that future. Both our sons left Rocky to pursue careers after the options dried up here.

Most families I know can tell a similar story. We have one of the greatest regional universities/TAFEs in Australia producing high quality professionals so we have a big start.

We need a mayor that can break into that world and cooperate with that institution to make sure we as a community are included in the forward planning which I know the vice-chancellor is spearheading. We need a mayor who can embrace everyone from the council worker toiling on the roads in 40 degree heat to the movers and shakers at the top of the tree.

As I have written previously Rocky is kicking ahead. This is in spite of a apparently tired looking council. I am not pointing fingers, just stating realty as I hear it and see it. It is a proven fact that the longer an administration lasts the more difficult it finds it to embrace new directions.

I witnessed that first hand in the Beattie Bligh governments.

Former federal treasurer Peter Costello said the same thing about the Howard government this week. We need a new mayor with the energy, drive, focus and commitment to make us the most liveable, visited, dynamic region in Australia by 2040.

OPINION

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Yes, the meerkats are cute, but letter writer Steven J Finch wants a new zoo built spotlighting Australian native animals.

Ideas for by-election candidates

I would like to give the candidates of the upcoming by-election some of my ideas about what can be done to bring this city out of this rut they have been stuck in for decades:

Sack or don't renew the contract for the CEO (whichever is quicker and legal) and use the money from his salary to employ apprentices to build a high school at Gracemere.

Use same apprentices to build a new zoo at the Botanic gardens (where the current emu enclosure is) that will only house Australia's native animals. You could have a museum on one side that has skeletons of prehistoric Australian native animals, and convert the current zoo to a large bird aviary.

Build a retaining wall from the old Yeppen bridge all the way around to the other side of the golf course to keep flood waters out.

Build a bridge over the lagoon to the small island opposite the current emu enclosure and build a new kiosk on it.

Redesign the rest of the gardens to house new and interesting species with a special section that has only local plants and you can have a QR code that people can scan to give cultural details about each plant.

Develop land at Gracemere and do a land swap with the home owners at Depot Hill, they can get a small bank loan to move their homes and renovate them which will increase the value of their properties and reduce their premiums, create work for local building trades, move business at Depot Hill out to Gracemere.

Dredge Depot Hill and build a mariner that the council can rent out, remove any rocks in the Fitzroy.

As there are more different nationalities living in Rocky, they could be encouraged to bring new ideas for a business into the mall.

Use the money for the levee to build a concrete wall on both sides of the river from the barrage down to the start of the mariner.

Elevate and concrete all the little creeks that run through the city - you can landscape and recirculate water behind Kershaw Gardens, finish off the improvements at Kershaw Gardens. All this work can and should be done by true Queenslanders.

If people from other cities see that we actually want to go forward then they may be encouraged to invest in the area. It might also make it a bit easier to get funding from the government for future projects.

Steven J Finch Frenchville

Where were they last time?

Re: Rockhampton mayoral election:

What a load of garbage, 17 candidates! I challenge the 'new' (16) nominees to answer this question in 100 per cent all honesty: "What has changed that much now to make you put your name down when you didn't put your hands up last election?"

In my opinion this smells like a conspiracy to keep another person from possibly winning. Over to you.

G. Townsend

Emu Park

Put party politics aside

It is pleasing to see such a large number of people within our community who are passionate enough to put their hand up to run for mayor in the upcoming by-election for the

This region has a wonderful future ahead of it and is vitally important that we have a council with good leadership to make the best of all industry development within the region and nationally for that matter.

As an ex-councillor and mayor my only advice to all candidates is to put party politics aside and that you're elected to represent the whole of council ie: rural and regional areas as well as Rockhampton not just the City of Rockhampton. Having said that I wish all candidates the best of luck in the upcoming election.

Gary Howard Gracemere

Text to the editor

PM YEPPOON: Sad to see the old Yeppoon railway station painted in NSW colours. Shift the station to better use the building and also solve flooding and traffic problems.

Come clean on rates

With the election for the Rockhampton Region Mayor only a matter of weeks away, I think it's important that all the candidates come clean about what they're going to do about our rates.

Are the candidates going to increase our rates? Are they going to reduce rates? And if so, what are they going to cut in order to pay for that reduction in rates?

Council employs 925 workers, has a revenue of \$246 million each year and has an annual capital works budget of \$96 million so what our future mayor does with the workforce, income and capital works is really important to

I note that Nyree Johnson released her financial management policy in December last year where she committed to no rate increase above CPI if she's elected as mayor.

It's important that the people of Rockhamp-

ton know what each candidate will do to their rates if elected as mayor.

Any increase in rates, fees or charges will hurt Rockhampton residents and if decreasing rates was proposed by any of the other candidates they need to be transparent about their plan ahead of the election.

A Nolan

Park Avenue

Correction

The letter from Alan Bambrick printed on 24 December 2020, 'Canavan Should Take Lessons From Fenton', should read "He (Canavan) suggests that reduction in land clearing has helped the beef industry reduce its carbon emissions is rubbish", not "he suggests that reduction in land clearing has helped the beef industry reduce its carbon emissions".

Alan Bambrick, North Rockhampton



Lynchy's jokes of the week

My sister sent me a text last week saying to me that she is concerned that hardly anything is made in Australia anymore.

She said she had visited an electrical appliance outlet in Toowoomba the other day, looking for a TV and she came across one where stated on the box was, 'Built in Antenna' and to date she still doesn't know where on earth this place is.

I was driving out to Woorabinda sometime

With me was a mate of mine, Barry Boland, commonly known as Rainman, a well

 $known\ local\ indigenous\ artist.$

As we were driving out to our destination, Barry would point out different trees on the side of the road and gave me their indigenous names and what the Aboriginal people made from the trees eg. boomerangs, digeridos nulla nullas, etc.

Coming up to a tree in the distance he pointed and told me that this particular tree was called a dead dog tree.

Not being an indigenous name, my curiosity brought me to ask the question why was that particular tree called a dead dog

His reply was, no bark!

Tricky snap is well worth the effort



A friend of mine from Rockhampton who also has a property at Byfield rang me from there one lunch time to tell me he had just found a wompoo fruit dove sitting on a nest. It was not far from his place, about four metres up in a mango tree.

The wompoo, as it is commonly called, is one of the beautifully coloured members of the pigeon family that lives in the more tropical rainforest areas along the eastern coastline, from the top of Cape York in our state and down the New South Wales coast as well.

They usually inhabit the tree-tops where they can feed on fruit and berries, as well as be camouflaged among the foliage.

This was too good a chance to miss, so I told him I would drive up there straight away.

He met me at the gate and we went to some shelter behind a bushy shrub.

He directed my attention to where the nest was but, for some time, I couldn't find the bird at all. After using the zoom on my camera and going over the area, I finally spotted the bird's head through the leaves.

We then moved further around which gave me a better view but was more front on. These photos were okay but then I saw what looked to be a bigger gap between the leaves.

That meant moving further away from the nest and around to that position.

Probably because of the greater distance between us, the wompoo watched me all the time but didn't fly away even though I was out in the open. It was also well hidden amongst



The wompoo fruit dove stands up to turn its single egg.

the leaves so it may have felt quite safe where it was, even standing up at one stage to turn its single egg, which is shown in the illustration here, before sitting again.

It was well worth travelling the distance to



The wedge-tailed eagle has been around the Tungamull area for at least 15 years.

Eagles dare at Tungamull

Local photographer Noel Sawtell says both a sea eagle and wedge-tailed eagle have nests in his local area and he's snapped some photos to prove it.

"By the size and colour of both these majestic birds are fairly old," he said.

"The wedge-tail has been around the Tungamull area for at least 15 years."



Noel Sawtell took this photo of a majestic sea eagle.

Rain brings water birds



Photographer Noel Sawtell says some species of water birds have returned to his local area of Tungamull since the recent rain, such as the black-winged stilt pictured.



The black-winged stilt take to the sky.



Entertainment what's on in co

What's happening in CQ

Every Saturday

Yeppoon Community Markets, 6am to 10am, Park Street Yeppoon

The Yeppoon Community Market is held each Saturday morning at the Yeppoon Showgrounds from 6am to 10am.

Arrive early for your choice the freshest local fruit and vegetables the Capricorn Coast has to offer.

Every Sunday

Tram Rides at Archer Park Rail Museum

Sundays are made for rest and relaxation, so come into Archer Park Rail Museum for a relaxing ride on the Purrey Tram between 10am and 1pm.

From Sunday, 10 January

Festival of Summer

A week-long festival for 11-17 year olds in the Gladstone region kicks off on Sunday, incorporating three signature youth inspired events - the Opening Festival, Days of Summer & Festival of Summer Sounds.

The Summer Festival opening starts at the Gladstone Aquatic Centre which will come alive with live music, inflatables and food options to suit the entire family. The opening festival will be free to attend and open to all ages.

Also, as part of the Festival is Days of Summer, you can get out of the house and make the most of the holidays by spending your days at the beach or getting your adrenaline racing with action packed activities.

If music, art and fashion is more your thing, you're also covered with a variety of unique events and bookings can be made at the GECC.

Then, if you are looking for some of the regions best live music, there is something for all tastes. The weeklong Festival of Summer will conclude with Festival of Summer Sounds (FOSS), on Friday January 15 from 5pm-10pm.

FOSS is an indoor concert, featuring a line up of unearthed performers, along with national headline acts Jack Botts and The Dreggs. The event is just for festivalgoers aged 13-17 years old.

For more information, visit https://glad-stoneentertainment.com/fos/

Sunday, January 24

Callaghan Park Markets launch day

The Arcade Car Park Markets are moving to exciting new premises at Callaghan Park, North Rockhampton, with the first markets at the new venue on January 24. Watch this space for more details of the big opening day.

Tuesday, 26 January

Australia Day at Kershaw Gardens

Relax at Kershaw Gardens with the family this Australia Day with a free sausage sizzle, rides and kids face painting. From 10am to 12.30pm



The Big Beer Festival was a big success last year and will make its return in Feburary.

Sunday, 24 January

Causeway Lake Markets, Causeway Lake

The Causeway Lake Markets are held on the fourth Sunday of every month from 10am to 12pm at Causeway Lake, at the northern end of the causeway. The stalls have a variety of fresh fruit and vegetables and other homemade products.

Sunday, February 7

Fig Tree Creek Markets, Ross Creek Roundabout, Yeppoon

Fig Tree Creek Markets are organised by Keppel Coast Arts and held on the first Sunday each month, adjacent to the Capricorn Coast Tourist Information Centre at Ross Creek Roundabout, Yeppoon.

Fig Tree Creek Markets stallholders display, demonstrate and sell unique, handmade, locally designed, home baked and home grown products. Celebrate the local creativity and enjoy live entertainment each month.

Proceeds from the stallholders fees collected also help KCA in other arts related activities within the community.

February 19-21

Agnes Blues, Roots & Rock Festival, Agnes

Water and 1770

There will be live music, licensed bar, a variety of food vendors and markets to suit all tastes, plus an intimate vibe, are highlight features of this all-weather event, with plenty of undercover space to chill out or dance your socks off.

It's a very special opportunity to discover new music, rock out to festival favourites and get up close and personal learning new skills in one of the unique and inspiring performer-led festival workshops.

February 25 to March 6 Legally Blonde The Musical, Gladstone Entertainment and Convention Centre

CQ Today presents a Gladstone Regional Council production of Legally Blonde The Musical.

Legally Blonde is a fabulously fun, awardwinning musical based on the adored movie that follows the transformation of Elle Woods as she tackles stereotypes and scandal in pursuit of her dreams.

Action-packed and exploding with memorable songs and dynamic dances - this musical is so much fun, it should be illegal!

Elle Woods appears to have it all. Her life is turned upside down when her boyfriend



The Car Park Markets will move from the Kern Arcade to their new venue on January 24.

Warner dumps her so he can attend Harvard Law. Determined to get him back, Elle generously charms her way into the prestigious law school. While there, she struggles with peers, professors and her ex. With the support of some new friends, though, Elle quickly realises her potential and sets out to prove herself to the world.

Saturday, February 27 Big Beer Festival 2021, Rockhampton Riverside Precinct Quay Street, Rockhampton

A celebration of all things Beer! On the frothy line-up there'll be 30 locally brewed and craft beers to sample, food stalls, live music and more



McCamleys get to Rocky

Following the positive response to last week's feature on cattleman Sir Graham McCamley, this week CQ Today is launching a new column featuring Sir Graham's recollections from his book, Roads in the Sky.

This week, we feature an excerpt from the early chapters of the book, detailing the McCamley family's life in Ireland and Sir Graham's grandfather, Andrew McCamely's arrival in Australia.

Graham McCamley's great-grandfather John McCamley was born in Ireland, christened in 1830.

It was an extraordinary time to be born. Ireland's birth rate had exploded, doubling in the 50 years prior to 1841 and British conservative politician Benjamin Disraeli declared it to be the most densely-populated country on Earth

By now, the textile industry had fallen into decline and the country was becoming more rural again, more dependent upon agriculture.

Diet worsened, milk was a luxury. The Irish peasantry were the poorest in Europe.

In the 1840s the potato blight inundated the country and crops failed. Over the next few years, the Great Hunger eclipsed all previous famines. Men and beasts starved. Much of the land was owned by absentee English landlords and tenants had few rights.

John McCamley saw all this.

Between 1846 and 1850, when John was in his late teens, it is estimated that Ireland's population dropped by two million - one quarter of its people. One million Irish died of starvation and disease and another million emigrated.

In 1849, John McCamley was 20, in the prime of his life. That year he wed 18-year-old Letitia Rock. Both were from Country Monaghan in the north of the country. She was from Clontibret and he was from Tonyscallan, closer to Ballybay, a centre for the production of flax and linen.



The McCamleys moved to the townland of Corlea, in Tullycorbet, to the north of Ballybay, in the 1860s. Here theIr dwelling was built of grey stone and topped with thatched roof. They grew flax, which was cut by hand.

It was just as well that their home was, in relative terms, large, for John and Letitia had four sons. All were named after disciples: Thomas, John, James and, finally, Andrew, the last, born in 1867.

In the late 1870s, a return of bad harvests led to fears of another famine. The McCamleys began to talk of migrating. They had heard mixed stories from those who had already left, but the consensus was that the future was brighter across the seas.

The first to leave Ireland was John Jr. He sailed away just before Christmas in 1879 on the Sir William Wallace and, with hope in his heart and little else, arrived in Rockhampton in March 1880.

Less than a year later, John Jr's parents, with his brother Thomas and Thomas's new wife Margaret McCrory, set sail from Plymouth on the barque Zamora. Arriving at Cape Moreton, the McCamleys

would put down roots in sunny Queensland, joining John Jr in the Rockhampton region.

Andrew, the youngest McCamley son,

Andrew, the youngest McCamley son, would soon join them as well, arriving in Rockhampton on 15 July, 1884. He was just a month shy of his 17th birthday.

Andrew McCamley had loved every minute of his long journey across the sea to the other



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

side of the world, with new sights and smells, and always, the promise of adventure.

Arriving in Rockhampton was the highlight. Here, by the grace of God, his new life would open up before him.

Sir Graham's, book Roads in the Sky, is available for a generous donation to The Lady Mc-Camley 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 McCamley reads the article on his life in last week's CQ Today.



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Big bash for New Year's Eve

Revellers welcomed in the new year at Capricorn Food and Wine Festival's New Year's Eve Party at the Rockhampton Riverside Precinct on December 31. More than 1000 people attended the event, which is only expected to get bigger in future years.















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TOP PICKS OF THE WEEK



KEVIN MCCLOUD: ROUGH GUIDE TO THE FUTURE

SBS 830pm

In this new series, *Grand Designs* guru Kevin McCloud (pictured) sends comedians Jon Richardson, Phil Wang and Alice Levine around the world on missions aiming to discover what lies in store for humankind. The trio share McCloud's concerns for the future and are keen to find solutions to our greatest problems. In tonight's second instalment, Richardson visits Babcock Ranch, Florida.

SUNDAY WHY WOMEN KILL

SBS VICELAND, 8.30pm

Desperate Housewives creator Marc Cherry is behind this deliciously dark dramedy. Set across three different decades, the series follows three women – 1960s housewife Beth Ann (Ginnifer Goodwin), 1980s socialite Simone (Lucy Liu, pictured) and modern-day lawyer Taylor (Kirby Howell-Baptiste) – who have lived in the same Pasadena mansion and are all cheated on by their respective husbands. In last week's premiere, Beth Ann and Simone learnt about their husbands' infidelity, while Taylor's open marriage was tested. Tonight, Beth Ann tries to spice up her relationship, Simone turns to a friend for solace and Eli (Reid Scott, Veep) grows suspicious about Taylor.



MONDAY

THE MAN FROM U.N.C.L.E.

7MATE, 8.30pm

Having enjoyed wild success with his fresh take on the classic detective novels of Sherlock Holmes, director Guy Ritchie tries his hand at rebooting this popular 1960s TV series about two spies. Set at the height of the Cold War, CIA agent Napoleon Solo (Henry Cavill) is forced to put aside his hostility towards KGB operative Illya Kuryakin (Armie Hammer) as the pair join forces to take down a mysterious criminal organisation. Their only lead is the daughter of a missing German scientist, with Alicia Vikander adding the requisite romance to an engrossing story that's the perfect blend of comedy, action and drama.

TUESDAY ALL THE MONEY IN THE WORLD

GEM, 8.40pm

This crime thriller depicts the true story of the 1973 kidnapping of billionaire J. Paul Getty's grandson (Charlie Plummer) in Italy. The stubborn self-made patriarch (Christopher Plummer) refuses to cooperate with the extortion demands of an organised crime group, causing great distress to the boy's agonised mother

(Michelle Williams, pictured). Fletcher Chace (Mark Wahlberg) is hired by Getty to secure his grandson's release, but the stakes become greater as time passes and negotiations stall. The film is visually impressive, and the era is captured beautifully. Director Ridley Scott brings a sure hand to proceedings, and is able to create palpable tension as the thrilling conclusion looms.

> Alicia Vikander in The Man from U.N.C.L.E.

Friday, January 8

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 Rick Stein's Secret France. (PG, R) 11.00 Gardening Australia. (R) 12.00 ABC News At Noon. 1.00 Road To Now. (Malv, 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)

6.00 Julia Zemiro's Home
Delivery: Bill Bryson. (R)
6.30 Anh's Brush With Fame:
Archie Roach. (PG, R)
7.00 ABC News. Takes a look
at today's top stories.
7.30 Nigella's Cook, Eat, Repeat.
Nigella Lawson shares her recipes.
8.05 Vera. (PG, R) The son of a
prominent family is murdered.
9.35 Mystery Road. (Mal, R) Two unannounced visitors arrive in town.
10.35 ABC Late News.
10.50 Barracuda. (Mals, R)
11.45 Rage Best Music Videos
Of 2020. (MA15+adhlnsv)
5.00 Rage. (PG)

ABC TV PLUS (22) 6am Children's Programs. 6.10pm Dog Loves Books. 6.20 Bluey. 6.25 Hey Duggee. 6.35 Zog. 7.00 Dino Dana. 7.15 Odd Squad. 7.30 Spicks And Specks. 8.00 Doctor Who. 8.45 MOVIE: Proof. (1991, M) 10.15 Anh's Brush With Fame. 10.45 George Clarke's Amazing Spaces. 11.35 The Catherine Tate Show. 12.05am Detectorists. 12.35 Alan Partridge's Mid-Morning Matters. 1.05 Dead Boss. 1.35 The IT Crowd. 2.00 Romesh Ranganathan: Irrational Live. 2.55 News Update. 3.00 Close. 5.00 The Day Henry Met. 5.05 Little Princess. 5.20 Sarah & Duck. 5.25 Hoot Hoot Go! 5.35 Late Programs.

NITV (34) 6am Morning Programs. 8.45
Wapos Bay. 9.05 Kagagi. 9.30 Bushwhacked!
10.00 Vote Yes For Aborigines. 11.00 Make It
Right. 11.25 MoVIE: Bedevil. (1993, PG) 1pm
Music Voyager. 1.30 Skindigenous. 2.00 On The
Road. 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 Pete & Pio's Kai Safari.
7.00 Our Stories. 7.20 Two Cars, One Night. 7.30
MOVIE: Jetsons: The Movie. (1990) 9.00 Bedtime
Stories. 9.10 Take Our Voices. 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 Destination Flavour China Bitesize. (R) 2.15 First Civilisations. (PG, R) 3.20 Elizabeth At 90. 5.00 Letters And Numbers. (R) 5.30 Motor Racing. Dakar Rally. Stage 5. Highlights.

6.00 Mastermind Australia. (R)
6.30 SBS World News.
7.30 Planet Of Treasures: Europe. (PG)
8.30 Kevin McCloud: Rough Guide
To The Future: Eco Town, Future
Farming, Robot Cemetery. Part 2 of 3.
9.30 D-Day: The King Who
Fooled Hitler. (PGa, R) A look at
King George VI's role in Normandy.
10.25 SBS World News Late.
10.55 Country Music. (PG, R)
11.55 Versailles. (MA15+s, R) 4.10 Great British
Railway Journeys. (R) 4.45 Destination
Flavour Down Under Bitesize. (R) 5.00 CGTN
English News. 5.15 NHK World English News.
5.30 Deutsche Welle English News.

VICELAND (31) 6am WorldWatch. Noon Figure Skating. ISU Grand Prix. Skate America. Replay. 2.05 Rex In Rome. 3.00 Musk And Mars. 3.50 WorldWatch. 5.15 The Pizza Show. 5.40 Only Connect. 6.15 Megafactories. 7.05 Jeopardy! 7.35 Out Of 10 Cats Does Countdown. 8.30 Hoarders. 9.20 The Lesbian Guide To Straight Sex. (Premiere) 10.15 Housos. 11.15 Adam Looking For Eve VIP. 12.10am MOVIE: Naked Ambition 2. (2014, MA15+) 2.05 The Movie Show. 2.35 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 One Role For Two. (2018, PG, French) 7.50 Lassie. (2005, PG) 9.45 Asterix And Obelix In Britain. (2012, PG, French) 11.50 Project A. (1983, PG, Cantonese) 1.50pm April And The Extraordinary World. (2015, PG, French) 3.50 Dilili In Paris. (2018, PG, French) 5.30 Coming Home. (2014, PG, Mandarin) 7.30 The Jane Austen Book Club. (2007) 9.30 Birdman. (2014) 11.40 The Wave. (2008, MAI5+, German) 1.40am Long Story Short. (2015, M, Danish) 3.35 A Season In France. (2017, M, French) 5.30 Asterix And Obelix In Britain. (2012, PG, French)

SEVEN (7)

6.00 Sunrise.
9.00 Test Cricket: Pre-Game Show.
9.30 Cricket. Third Test. Australia v India. Day 2. Morning session. From the SCG.
11.30 Test Cricket: The Lunch Break.
12.10 Cricket. Third Test. Australia v India. Day 2. Afternoon session.
2.10 Test Cricket: Tea Break.
2.30 Cricket. Third Test. Australia v India. Day 2. Late afternoon session.

6.00 Seven Local News.
6.30 Seven News.
7.00 Better Homes And Gardens
Summer. Joh visits some bee rescuers.
8.30 MOVIE: The Fugitive. (1993, Mv, R)
A man who is wrongly convicted of
murdering his wife escapes from custody
after a train accident, and tries to find
the real killer while avoiding a dogged
US Marshal and his team. Harrison
Ford, Tommy Lee Jones, Sela Ward.
11.15 MOVIE: Fallen. (1998, Mlv, R)
A detective tracks a demon. Denzel
Washington, John Goodman.
2.00 Home Shopping. (R)
4.00 My Greek Odyssey. (PG, R)
5.00 NBC Today.

5.00 The Chase Australia. (R)

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 Storage Wars. 8.30 Test Cricket:
Pre-Game Show. 9.00 America's Game: The
Super Bowl Champions. 11.00 A Football Life.
Noon Ice Road Truckers. 1.00 Swamp People.
2.00 Bottom Feeders. 3.00 Pawn Stars. 3.30
The Grade Cricketer. 4.00 Timbersports. 4.30 Ice
Road Truckers. 5.30 Storage Wars. 6.00 American
Pickers. 7.00 Pawn Stars. 7.30 MOVIE: The Last
Starfighter. (1984, PG) 9.40 MOVIE: The Osiris
Child: Science Fiction Volume One. (2016, MA15+)
11.45 Late Programs.

NINE (5)

6.00 Today. 9.00 Today Extra Summer. (PG)
11.30 Morning News.
12.00 The Ellen DeGeneres Show. (PG)
1.00 MOVIE: Mr Mom.
(1983, PGa, R) Michael Keaton.
3.00 Tipping Point. (PG)
4.00 Afternoon News

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4.30 Millionaire Hot Seat. (R)
5.30 Nine News Local. The latest news, sport and weather.

6.00 Nine News.
7.00 A Current Affair.
7.30 Country House Hunters
Australia. Hosted by Catriona Rowntree.
8.30 MOVIE: The Firm. (1993, Mlv, R)
A brilliant but naive young lawyer uncovers a conspiracy after landing his first job with an aggressive legal firm. Tom Cruise, Jeanne Tripplehorn, Gene Hackman.
11.35 MOVIE: The Kingdom.
(2007 MA15+alv, R) Jamie Foxx

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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 Easy Eats. 1.00 Days Of Our Lives. 1.55 The Young And The Restless. 2.50 Antiques Roadshow. 3.20 Poirot. 5.20 Heartbeat. 6.30 Antiques Roadshow. 7.30 Planet Earth II. 8.40 MOVIE: Rob Roy. (1995, M) 11.25 Our Lives: Extraordinary People. 12.25am 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. 3.00 The Six Million
Dollar Man. 4.00 Quantum Leap. 5.00 Knight
Rider. 6.00 MOVIE: The Cat In The Hat. (2003)
7.40 MOVIE: Rise Of The Guardians. (2012, PG)
9.40 MOVIE: Miami Vice. (2006, MAIS+) 12.15am
The Top 100 Video Games Of All Time. 1.10 Urbex:
Enter At Your Own Risk. 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 Headline News. 7.30 Entertainment
Tonight. (R) 8.00 Studio 10. (PG)
12.00 Dr Phil. (PGal, R)
1.00 To Be Advised.
2.30 Entertainment Tonight.
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 WIN News.6.30 The Project. A look at the day's news.7.30 The Living Room. (R)A townhouse gets repoyated

A townhouse gets renovated.

8.30 The Graham Norton Show.

(PGs, R) Guests include Tom Hanks, Emily
Blunt, Jamie Dornan, Nish Kumar, Jessica
Chastain and Sophie Ellis-Bextor.

9.30 Hughesy, We Have A
Problem. (Mas, R) Special guests
include Julia Morris, Hamish Blake,
Anne Edmonds and Meshel Laurie.

10.30 The Project. (R) 11.30 WIN's All Australian News. 12.30 The Late Show With Stephen Colbert. (PG) 1.30 Home Shopping. (R)

BOLD (81) 6am Home Shopping. 8.00 I'm A Celebrity... Get Me Out Of Here! 9.30 iFish. 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: Enterprise. 6.30 Bondi Rescue. 7.30 NCIS. 8.30 Law & Order: SVU. 10.30 CSI: Crime Scene Investigation. 12.30am Home Shopping. 2.00 Mission: Impossible. 3.00 Diagnosis Murder. 4.00 Star Trek: The Next Generation. 5.00 Star Trek: Enterprise.

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 To Be Advised. 3.30 The King Of Queens. 4.00 Everybody Loves Raymond. 5.00 Frasier. 6.00 Friends. 6.30 Neighbours. 7.00 Friends. 8.00 The Big Bang Theory. 9.30 MOVIE: Beaches. (1988, M) 11.55 MOVIE: Friends With Money. (2006, M) 1.40am Charmed. 2.30 Dr Quinn. 3.30 Frasier. 4.30 Shopping.

Saturday, January 9

6am Morning Programs. 10.00 Rage. (PG) 11.00 Rage New Wave Special. (PG) 12.00 ABC News. 12.30 Employable Me Australia (MI, R) 1.30 Miniseries: Agatha Christie's Ordeal By Innocence. (Mav, R) 2.30 Making Child Prodigies. (R) **3.00** Nigella's Cook, Eat, Repeat. (R) 3.30 Dream Gardens. (PG, R) 4.00 Soccer. A-League. Round 3. Macarthur FC v Wellington Phoenix.

6.00 Ask The Doctor: Exercise. (R) The doctors look at the topic of exercise. 6.25 Landline Summer. (R) Presented by Pip Courtney. 7.00 ABC News. Takes a look at today's top stories.

7.30 Midsomer Murders. (Mv, R) Barnaby and Winter investigate when a former supermodel is murdered during the Carver Valley comic festival.

9.00 Endeavour. (Mv, R) An assassination at an international sporting event uncovers a decades-old spy plot. 10.30 Call The Midwife. (PG, R) Lucille

is concerned by a patient's hoarding. 11.30 Deep Water. (Mlns, R) Lisa sees a different side to Kate and Guy. 12.20 Rage New Wave Special. (MA15+adhlnsv)

5.00 Rage. (PG)

ABC TV PLUS (22) 6am Children's Programs. **7.05pm** The Deep. **7.30** Spicks And Specks. **8.00** Ql. **8.30** Melbourne Comedy Festival: Allstars Supershow. **10.35** Would I Lie To You? **11.05** Whose Line Is It Anyway? 11.30 Penn & Teller: Fool Us. **12.10am** Mock The Week. **12.40** Absolutely Fabulous. **1.10** Escape From The City. **2.10** Comedy

Up Late. 2.40 News Update. 2.45 Close. 5.00 The

Day Henry Met. **5.05** Late Programs.

NITV (34) 6am Morning Programs. 2.30pm Baseball. Super League. From Adelaide. **4.00** Rugby League. Koori Knockout. Women's Final Replay. **5.00** On The Road. **6.00** Going Places. **7.00** Red Earth Uncovered. 7.30 News. 7.40 Through The Wormhole With Morgan Freeman. **8.30** Dark Science. **8.35** Rumble: The Indians Who Rocked The World. 10.20 MOVIE: Waru. (2017, M) 11.50 Late

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 WWII's Great Escapes: The Freedom Trails. (PGa, R) 3.55 Gourmet Farmer. (R) **4.30** Tony Robinson's Hidden Britain By Drone. (PG, R) 5.30 Motor Racing. Dakar Rally. Stage 6. Highlights.

6.00 Grand Tours Of Scotland's Lochs: The Wild Way Of The North. (R) Presented by Paul Murton. 6.30 SBS World News.

7.35 Robson Green's Australian **Adventure: Northern Territory.** (PG, R) Part 2 of 4. Robson Green heads to the Northern Territory where he meets some locals.

8.30 MOVIE: The Godfather: Part II. (1974, MA15+v, R) A young Mafia don expands his organised crime empire during the 1950s. Al Pacino, Robert Duvall, Diane Keaton.

12.10 MOVIE: Catfish. (2010, PGa, R) Nev Schulman. 1.40 North To South: The Full Journey. (R) 5.00 CGTN English News. 5.15 NHK World

English News. **5.30** Deutsche Welle

English News. VICELAND (31) 6am WorldWatch. Noon MOVIE: Once Upon A Time In Vietnam. (2013, M) **1.55** The Movie Show. **2.25** New Girl. **3.20** Insight. **4.20** WorldWatch. **5.45** Monty Python's

Flying Circus. **6.50** Dynamo: Top Ten Greatest Moments. **7.40** 8 Out Of 10 Cats. **8.30** The X-Files. **11.00** Takeshi's Castle Indonesia. **12.15am MOVIE**: The Husband. (2013, MA15+) **1.45** VICE Guide To Film. 2.35 France 24. 3.00 Late Programs.

SBS MOVIES (32) 6am Morning Programs. **7.35** Kiki's Delivery Service. (1989) **9.35** Coming Home. (2014. PG. Mandarin) 11.35 Dilili In Paris. (2018, PG, French) 1.15pm Date With An Angel. (1987, PG) **3.15** The Assassin. (2015, PG, Mandarin) **5.15** CJ7. (2008, PG, Cantonese) **6.50** This Beautiful Fantastic. (2016, PG) **8.30** The Front Runner. (2018, M) 10.35 Long Story Short. (2015, M, Danish) 12.30am Late Programs.

SEVEN (7)

6.00 NBC Today. (R) 7.00 Weekend Sunrise. 9.00 Pre-Game Show. 9.30 Cricket. Third Test. Australia v India. Day 3. Morning session. 11.30 Test Cricket: The Lunch Break. 12.10 Cricket. Third Test. Australia v India. Day 3. Afternoon session. 2.10 Test Cricket: Tea Break. 2.30 Cricket. Third Test. Australia v India. Day 3. Late afternoon session. 5.00 Seven News At 5. 5.30 Creek To Coast.

6.00 Seven News. 7.00 Cricket. Big Bash League. Game 34.

Perth Scorchers v Sydney Thunder. 10.00 MOVIE: Just Cause. (1995, MA15+lv, R) A convicted killer on death row asks a law professor to reopen his case and prove his innocence. Sean Connery, Laurence Fishburne, Kate Capshaw.

12.00 How To Get Away With Murder. (Ma, R) Annalise helps the Keating 4. **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 My Greek Odyssey. (PG, R)

Hosted by Peter Maneas.

5.00 The World's Most Luxurious Ship. (PG, R)

6am Home Shopping. 8.30 Travel Oz. 10.00 NBC Today. 12.30pm Dog Patrol. **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** Greatest Outdoors. **12.30am** The Fine Art Auction. **3.30** Sydney Weekender. **4.00** Creek To Coast. **4.30** Weekender. **5.00** Late Programs.

7MATE (73) 6am Morning Programs. **11.30** Ice Road Truckers. **12.30pm** Timbersports. **1.00** Blokesworld. **1.30** Mudslingers. **2.00** Pawn Stars. **2.30** Ice Road Truckers. **3.30** Storage Wars Canada. 4.00 Desert Collectors. 6.00 Cricket. Big Bash League. Game 34. Perth Scorchers v Sydney Thunder. **7.00** Building Giants. **8.00** Mighty Ships **9.00** Air Crash Investigation: Special Report. **10.00** Air Crash Investigation. **11.00** Late Programs. **NINE (5)**

6.00 Easy Eats. **7.00** Weekend Today. **10.00** Today Extra Summer. (PG) 12.00 Destination WA. (PG) 12.30 World's Greatest Animal Encounters. (PG, R) 1.30 MOVIE: Rocky. (1976, PGlv, R) 3.50 Serengeti: Conflict. (PG, R) 5.00 News: First At Five. 5.30 RBT. (PGI, R)

6.00 Nine News Saturday. 7.00 A Current Affair. 7.30 Tipping Point. (PG) Ben Shephard hosts a UK game show in which four contestants compete against a machine.

8.30 MOVIE: Gone Girl. (2014, MA15+lsv, R) After a man reports his wife missing, on their fifth wedding anniversary, the authorities begin to suspect him of foul play as evidence emerges indicating their supposedly blissful home life was a sham. Ben Affleck, Rosamund Pike, Neil Patrick Harris.

11.30 MOVIE: Secret In Their Eyes. (2015, Malv, R) Three investigators reunite to solve a case. Julia Roberts. 1.30 Destination WA. (PG, R) 2.00 TV Shop: Home Shopping. (R)

4.30 Global Shop. 5.00 TV Shop: Home Shopping. (R) 5.30 Wesley Impact. (R)

6am Newstyle Direct. 6.30 TV Shop: Home Shopping. 10.15 MOVIE: Up The Front. (1972, PG) **12.05pm MOVIE:** Swallows And Amazons. (1974) **2.05 MOVIE:** The Count Of Monte-Cristo. (1975, PG) 4.05 MOVIE: Solomon And Sheba. (1959, PG) **7.00 MOVIE:** The Great Escape. (1963, PG) **10.30 MOVIE:** The Secret Invasion. (1964, M) 12.30am My Favorite Martian. 1.00 TV Shop: Home Shopping.

9GO! (53) 6am Children's Programs. 2.10pm Peaking. 2.45 Xtreme Collxtion. 3.45 MOVIE: Pokémon The Movie: Hoopa And The Clash Of Ages. (2015) 5.20 MOVIE: Napoleon. (1995) **7.00 MOVIE:** Charlotte's Web. (2006) **9.00 MOVIE:** Step Up. (2006, PG) **11.10** Japandemonium. **11.40** Stunt Science. **12.40am** Fresh Eggs. 1.40 Xtreme Collxtion. 2.40 Late Programs.

WIN (8)

6.00 Unknown Road Adventures. (R) 6.30 Ent. Tonight. (R) 7.00 Everyday Gourmet. (R) **7.30** All 4 Adventure. (PGI, R) **8.30** 4x4 Adventures. (R) **9.30** St10. (PG) **12.00** Beyond The Fire. (PG) 12.30 Left Off The Map. (R) **1.00** To Be Advised. (R) **3.00** What's Up Down Under. 3.30 Roads Less Travelled. 4.00 Taste Of Australia. (R) 4.30 Farm To Fork. (PG, R) 5.00 News.

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 Forever After. (2010, PGav, R) Shrek gets more than he bargained for after he signs a deal with Rumpelstiltskin. Mike Myers, Cameron Diaz.

8.45 MOVIE: Bruce Almighty. (2003, Mls, R) A luckless TV reporter receives supernatural powers after God overhears him complaining. He initially revels in his newfound abilities, however it is not long before his actions trigger all manner of chaos. Jim Carrey, Jennifer Aniston, Morgan Freeman.

10.40 MOVIE: I, Tonya. (2018, MA15+ls, R) After rising from obscurity to become a champion figure skater, a young woman falls from grace. Margot Robbie, Allison Janney. 1.05 Home Shopping. (R) 5.00 Hour Of Power.

BOLD (81) 6am Home Shopping. 9.00 The Doctors. 10.00 Diagnosis Murder. 11.00 Star Trek: The Next Generation. **Noon** Star Trek: Enterprise. **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.

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** The Middle. **3.30** Friends. **6.00** Columbo. **8.00** Kojak. **9.00** Spyforce. **10.00** The Big Bang Theory. **10.30** The Middle. **Midnight** Shopping. **1.30** 2 Broke Girls. **2.00** Late Programs.

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Sunday, January 10

ABC TV (2)

6.00 Rage. (PG) 7.00 Weekend Breakfast. **10.00** Offsiders: Summer Series. **10.30** 7.30 Special: 2020 - The Year That Changed Us. (R) 11.00 Compass. (PG, R) 11.30 Songs Of Praise. (R) 12.00 ABC News. 12.30 Landline Summer. **1.00** Midsomer Murders. (Mv, R) 2.30 Everyone's A Critic. (PG, R) 3.00 Soccer. W-League. Round 3. Melbourne City FC v Melbourne Victory. 5.00 War On Waste. (R)

6.00 Antiques Roadshow. Hosted by Fiona Bruce. **7.00 ABC News.** Takes a look

at today's top stories. 7.40 Fight For Planet A: Our Climate Challenge. (PG) Part 3 of 3. 8.45 Miniseries: The Cry. (Mals, R) Part 4

of 4. Returning home to Scotland, Alistair and Joanna continue to grow apart. 9.45 Stateless. (Mlv, R) Clare Kowitz arrives at Barton. 10.40 Killing Eve. (Mav, R)

Villanelle is moving on. 11.25 Silent Witness. (Mav, R) 12.25 Endeavour. (Mv, R) IU SIIENT WITNESS. (May, R) 3.15 Father Brown. (PG, R) 4.00 Call The Midwife. (Ma, R) 5.00 Poh's Kitchen. (R) 5.30 Compass. (PG, R)

ABC TV PLUS (22) Programs. 7.30pm Spicks And Specks. 8.00 Compass. 8.30 Louis Theroux: Life On The Edge. **9.25** The Misadventures Of Romesh Ranganathan. 10.25 Catalyst. 11.20 David Stratton's Stories Of Australian Cinema. 12.20am You Can't Ask That. 12.40 Restoration Australia. 1.35 Comedy Up Late. 2.05 News Update. 2.10 Close. 5.00 The Day Henry Met. 5.05 Little Princess. 5.20 Late Programs.

NITV (34) 6am Morning Programs. 11.30 Netball. SA Premier League. 12.40pm Rugby Union. Ella 7s. 1.00 Over The Black Dot. 1.30 Bowls. SA Super League. **4.00** Football. Monsoon AFL. **5.45** African News. 6.00 APTN National News. 6.30 Colour Theory: Underground. 7.30 NITV News Update. 7.40 Hip Hop Evolution. 8.40 Charley Pride: I'm Just Me. 10.10 Mparntwe: Sacred Sites. 10.40 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 Speedweek. 3.00 Figure Skating. ISU Grand Prix. Round 4. 2020 NHK Trophy. 5.00 Travel Man. (PG, R) 5.25 Motor Racing. Dakar Rally. Rest Day. Stage 1 to 6. Highlights.

6.00 Grand Tours Of Scotland's Lochs: A Mystical Journey. (PG, R) Presented by Paul Murton. 6.30 SBS World News. 7.30 Egypt With The World's **Greatest Explorer: Hidden** Treasures. Part 1 of 3

10.05 Untold Australia: Love Me As I Am. (PGa, R) Part 1 of 4. 11.10 Police Custody: Home Truths. (Mal, R) Police deal with domestic violence. 12.10 Trevor McDonald On Martin

Luther King. (MA15+av, R) **1.50** How To Lose Weight Well. (PGI, R) 4.35 Full Frontal With Samantha (MAI5+als, K)

5.00 CGTN English News. 5.15 NHK World English News. **5.30** Deutsche Welle English News.

VICELAND (31) 6am Basketball. NBA. 8.30 WorldWatch. 9.30 SBS Courtside. 10.00 VICELAND (31) Basketball. NBA. 12.30pm The Movie Show. 1.00 The Pizza Show. **1.30** WorldWatch. **2.00** Lee Lin Chin's Fashionista. **2.10** Meet The Polygamists. **4.00** Basketball. NBL. 6.00 Meet The Polygamists. 7.00 Fear Itself With Alex Lee. 7.10 Abandoned Places 7.40 8 Out Of 10 Cats. 8.30 Why Women Kill. 9.25 United Shades Of America. 10.15 Late Programs.

SBS MOVIES (32) **SBS MOVIES (32) 6am** Date With An Angel. (1987, PG) **8.00** Dilili In Paris. (2018, PG, French) 9.45 CJ7. (2008, PG, Cantonese) 11.20 The Assassin. (2015, PG, Mandarin) 1.20pm This Beautiful Fantastic. (2016, PG) 3.00 Kiki's Delivery Service. (1989) **5.00** Land Of The Bears. (2014, French) 6.35 A Street Cat Named Bob. (2016, PG) 8.30 Jailbreak Pact. (2020, Spanish) 11.00 Late

SEVEN (7)

6am Morning Programs. **11.30** The Lunch Break. 12.10 Cricket. Third Test. Australia v India. Day 4. Afternoon session. **2.10** Test Cricket: Tea Break. **2.30** Cricket. Third Test. Australia v India. Day 4. Late afternoon session. 5.00 News. 5.30 Weekender.

7.00 Cricket. Big Bash League. Game 35. Sydney Sixers v Brisbane Heat. From Metricon Stadium, Queensland.

10.00 MOVIE: Blow. (2001, MA15+dv, R) Based on a true story. A small town hoodlum rises to become America's cocaine king during the hedonistic '80s. Johnny Depp, Penélope Cruz, Franka Potente.

12.30 Medical Emergency. (PG, R) A man is rushed to The Alfred. 1.30 The Real Seachange. (R) A couple's hopes for a seachange are dashed.

2.00 Home Shopping. 3.30 RSPCA Animal Rescue. tranded up a tree **4.00 NBC Today.** News and current affairs. 5.00 Seven Early News.

7TWO (72) 6am Mums At The Table. **6.30** It is Written. **7.00** Tomorrow's World. **7.30** Game Show. **9.00** Jabba's School Holiday Movies

Leading The Way. 8.00 David Jeremiah. 8.30 Pre-9.30 2020 Sport Australia Hall Of Fame. 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: Bullitt. (1968, M) **11.00** Late Programs.

7MATE (73) 6am Morning Programs. **2pm** Air Crash Investigation: Special Report. 3.00 Motor Racing. Night Thunder. Boxing Day. **4.00** Bushfire Wars. **4.30** Graveyard Carz. **5.30** Counting Cars. **6.00** Cricket. Big Bash League. Game 35. Sydney Sixers v Brisbane Heat. **7.00** Border Security. 8.30 MOVIE: Lock, Stock And Two Smoking Barrels. (1998, MA15+) 10.50 Late

NINE (5)

6.00 Easy Eats. (R) 7.00 Weekend Today. 10.00 Ultimate Rush. (PGI, R) 10.30 The Xtreme Collxtion. (PG, R) 11.00 Visions Of Greatness. (PGI, R) 12.10 World's Greatest Journeys. (PG, R) 1.10 Race Across The World. (PGI, R) **2.30 MOVIE:** Rocky II. (1979, PGv, R) Sylvester Stallone, Talia Shire, Burt Young. 5.00 News: First At Five. 5.30 Territory Cops. (PGalns, R)

7.00 60 Minutes. Current affairs program. 8.00 RBT. (PGI, R) Follows police units that operate random breath-test patrols around Australia

8.30 MOVIE: Mission: Impossible -Ghost Protocol. (2011, Mv, R) A spy goes rogue in order to uncover the truth after his organisation is implicated in a bombing. Tom Cruise, Jeremy Renner, Simon Pegg.

11.10 5 Mistakes That Caught A Killer: Harold Shipman. (MA15+) Reveals the mistakes made by Harold Shipman. 12.10 Young, Dumb And Banged **Up In The Sun.** (MA15+dv) **Ultimate Rush.** (PGI, R)

1.30 TV Shop: Home Shopping. **4.00** Take Two. (R) 5.00 News Early Edition. 5.30 Today.

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: Law And Disorder. (1958) 12.30pm Great Getaways. **1.30 MOVIE:** The Man Who Finally Died. (1963, PG) 3.30 MOVIE: Sweet Smell Of Success. (1957, PG) **5.30 MOVIE:** That Touch Of Mink. (1962, PG) **7.30** Death In Paradise. **8.40** Chicago P.D. **9.40** Chicago Fire. 10.40 Late Programs.

9GO! (53) **9GO!** (53) **6am** Children's Programs. **1.45pm** Dance Moms. **3.45 MOVIE:** Space Chimps. (2008, PG) 5.30 MOVIE: Paddington 2. (2017) 7.30 MOVIE: The Peacemaker. (1997. M) 10.00 MOVIE: The Gunman. (2015, MA15+) 12.15am Gun No. 6. 1.40 Surfing Australia TV. 2.10 Dance Moms. 3.00 Power Rangers Beast Morphers. **3.30** Thunderbirds. **4.30** Pokémon: BW Adventures In Unova And Beyond. 4.50 Late Programs.

WIN (8)

6.00 Mass. **6.30** Hillsong. **7.00** Leading The Way. (R) **7.30** Fishing Aust. (R) **8.00** GCBC. (R) 8.30 My Market Kitchen. (R) 9.00 Everyday Gourmet. (R) **9.30** St10. (PG) **12.00** To Be Advised. 1.30 Roads Less Travelled. (R) 2.00 4x4 Adventures. 3.00 RV Daily Foodie Trails. (R) **3.30** Taste Of Australia With Hayden Quinn. (R) 4.00 All 4 Adventure. (PG) 5.00 10 News First

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! The celebrities go head-to-head in the cryptically titled Celebrity Boxing.

9.00 The Graham Norton Show. Graham Norton is joined by Peep Show duo David Mitchell and Robert Webb, Oscar-winner Regina King, actor Anya Taylor-Joy and singer Olly Alexander. Music by singer-songwriter Yungblud.

11.00 The Sunday Project. (R) Panellists dissect, digest and reconstitute the daily news, events and hottest topics. Home Snopping. (R)

3.30 CBS This Morning. Morning news and talk show. 5.00 Headline News Early.

BOLD (81) 6am Home Shopping. 7.30 Key Of David. **8.00** Bondi Rescue Kathmandu Coast To Coast. 9.00 Mega Mechanics. 10.00 One Strange Rock. **11.00** Scorpion. **1pm** The Doctors. **2.00** Beyond The Fire. **2.30** The Offroad Adventure Show. **3.30** Reel Action. **4.30** What's Up Down Under. **5.00** iFish. **5.30** Star Trek: Enterprise. **6.30** Bondi Rescue. **7.30** NCIS. **9.25** NCIS: Los Angeles. 10.20 48 Hours. 11.20 Late Programs.

PEACH (82) 6am Murphy Brown. **8.00** The Middle. **9.00** Neighbours. **11.30** The **PEACH (82)** Neighborhood. 1pm Man With A Plan. 2.00 The Middle. **3.30** Friends. **6.00** The Big Bang Theory. **9.00** Friends. **10.00** 2 Broke Girls. **Midnight** Home Shopping. **1.30** Mom. **3.30** The Neighborhood. **4.30** Home Shopping. **5.30** The Brady Bunch.

Monday, January 11

6.00 News Breakfast. 9.00 ABC News Mornings. 10.00 Antiques Roadshow. (R) 11.00 Gardening Australia. (R) 12.00 ABC News At Noon. 1.00 Road To Now. (PG, R) 2.00 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)

6.00 Julia Zemiro's Home Delivery. (PG, R) 6.30 Anh's Brush With Fame. (R) 7.00 ABC News.

8.00 Stan Grant's One Plus One. Stan Grant chats with Tim Minchin. 8.30 Australia Remastered:

Ancient Forests. Aaron takes a look at the Daintree Rainforest. 9.25 Griff's Great Australian Rail Trip: Uluru to Adelaide Find What Makes Australia Extraordinary. (Final, R)

Griff concludes his journey on the *Ghan*. **10.15 Tomorrow Tonight**. (PG, R) 10.45 ABC Late News 11.00 Harrow. (Mav, R) 11.55 The Code. (Malv, R) 12.50 Rage. (MA15+adhlnsv) 3.15 Father Brown. (PG, R) 4.00 Call The Midwife. (Ma, R) 5.00 Poh's Kitchen. (R) 5.30 7.30. (R)

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. (Final) 2.00

News Update. 2.05 Close. 5.00 Late Programs.

NITV (34) 6am Morning Programs. **1.35pm** Songlines On Screen. **2.00** Colour Theory: Underground. **3.00** Jarjums. **5.00** Music Voyager. **5.30** Skindigenous. **6.00** Foreign Flavours. **6.30** Pete & Pio's Kai Safari. 7.00 Our Stories. 7.20 News. 7.30 Freshwater Dreaming. 7.40 Through The Wormhole. 8.30 Living Black. 9.00 Vote Yes For Aborigines. 10.00 News. 10.10 My Survival As An Aborigines. 10.00 News. 10.10 My Survival As An Aboriginal, 11.05 Late Programs.

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) 2.10 America In Colour. (Mav, R) 3.05 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 7. Highlights.

6.00 Mastermind Australia. (R) Presented by Jennifer Byrne. 6.30 SBS World News. 7.35 The Architecture The Railways Built: Kings Cross. (PG) Presented by Tim Dunn.

8.30 24 Hours In Emergency: Go Your Own Way. (Mal, R) A 32-year-old is brought to emergency with a head injury after suffering an epileptic seizure. 10.15 SBS World News Late.

10.45 Agent Hamilton. (Malv, R) Hamilton saves Kristin's life. 11.40 Outlander. (MA15+asv, R) 1.50 Matthew Evans' For The Love Of Meat. (PG, R) 2.55 The Wine Show. (PG, R) 3.55 Great British Railway Journeys. (PG, R) 5.00 CGTN English News. 5.15 NHK

World English News. 5.30 Deutsche Welle

VICELAND (31) 6am WorldWatch. Noon Figure Skating. ISU Grand Prix. Cup of China. Replay. **2.05** Race And Education. **2.55** Indian Wedding Race. **3.50** WorldWatch. **4.15** This Week. 5.10 Only Connect. 5.45 Shortland Street. 7.05 Jeopardy! 7.35 8 Out Of 10 Cats Does Countdown. **8.30** Taskmaster. **9.25** RocKwiz. **10.15** Seconds From Disaster. **11.10** Kolchak: The Night Stalker. 12.10am Late Programs.

SBS MOVIES (32) 6am Morning Programs. **8.15** This Beautiful Fantastic. (2016, PG) **9.55** Date With An Angel. (1987, PG) **11.55** A Street Cat Named Bob. (2016, PG) 1.50pm Land Of The Bears. (2014, French) **3.25** CJ7. (2008, PG, Cantonese) **5.00** My Life As A Zucchini. (2016, PG) **6.15** Little Men. (2016, PG) **7.50** Return Of The Hero. (2018, M, French) 9.30 Lost In Translation. (2003) 11.25 Late Programs.

SEVEN (7)

6am Morning Programs. **11.30** The Lunch Break. 12.10 Cricket. Third Test. Australia v India. Day 5. Afternoon session. **2.10** Test Cricket: Tea Break. 2.30 Cricket. Third Test. Australia v India. Day 5. Late afternoon session. **5.00** The Chase Aust. (R)

6.00 Seven Local News. 6.30 Seven News. 7.00 Cricket. Big Bash League. Game 36. Adelaide Strikers v Melbourne Stars. 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) Ben gets upset with Pruitt. 11.30 Criminal Confessions:

Renton, Washington. (Malv, R) A look at the murder of Kathy Chou. 12.30 Robbie Coltrane's Critical **Evidence: Appointment With** Death - Scott Single. (Ma, R) 1.30 Black-ish. (PGs, R) 2.00 Home Shopping. 4.00 NBC Today. 5.00 Seven Early News.

5.30 Sunrise.

7TWO (72) 6am Shopping. 6.30 Travel Oz. 8.00 Harry's Practice. 8.30 Pre-Game Sho **9.00** Million Dollar Minute. **9.30** NBC Today. **10.30** MOVIE: The Falcon And The Co-Eds. (1943, PG)

Noon The Outdoor Room. 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 Inside Belmarsh Prison. 11.50 Late Programs.

7MATE (73) 6am Morning Programs. 11.00 NFL. NFL. Wild Card Round. 2pm Armchair Experts: NFL Edition. 2.30 Bushfire Wars. 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 36. Adelaide Strikers v Melbourne Stars. **7.00** Pawn Stars. **7.30** SAS UK. **8.30 MOVIE:** The Man From U.N.C.L.E. (2015, M) 10.55 Late Programs.

NINE (5)

6.00 Today. **9.00** Today Extra Summer. (PG) 11.30 Morning News. 12.00 The Ellen DeGeneres Show. (PG) 1.00 MOVIE: Middle School: The Worst Years Of My Life. (2016, PGal, R) 3.00 Tipping Point. (PG) 4.00 Afternoon News.

4.30 Millionaire Hot Seat. (R) 5.30 Nine News Local. 6.00 Nine News. 7.00 A Current Affair.

The taskforce discovers a big drug haul. 8.00 Driving Test. (PG) Twins go toe to toe to get their licence.

7.30 Gold Coast Cops. (Mdv)

8.30 MOVIE: Deepwater Horizon. (2016, Mal, R) The crew of the offshore drilling rig Deepwater Horizon struggle to survive after an explosion. Mark Wahlberg, Kurt Russell, Gina Rodriguez.

10.35 The First 48: Trust No One/ Risky Business. (Mav, R) 11.30 Generation X: The Politics Of X. (Malsv) 12.20 Tipping Point. (PG, R) 1.15 Garden Gurus Moments. (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.

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. **3.00** Garden Gurus Moments. **3.05 MOVIE:** The Magic Box. (1951) **5.20** Heartbeat 6.30 Antiques Roadshow. 7.30 Grantchester. 8.40 DCI Banks. 10.40 See No Evil. 11.40 Late Programs.

6am Children's Programs. **11.00** Dance Moms. **Noon** American Ninja Warrior. **1.50** 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: The Dilemma. (2011, M) **9.40** MOVIE: The Switch. (2010, M) 11.40 Paranormal Caught On Camera. **12.40am** The Nanny. **1.10** Bromans. **2.10** Dance Moms. 3.00 Late Programs

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. 2.30 Entertainment Tonight. 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 WIN News.

6.30 The Project. A look at the day's news.
7.30 I'm A Celebrity... Get Me Out
Of Here! A celebrity has to scale to
new heights as they strive to conquer the first ever solo trial Vertigo.

9.00 The Montreal Comedy Festival. (MA15+s, R) Comedians include Becky Lucas, Wanda Sykes, Jim Jefferies, Tommy Little, Ronny Chieng and Ismo. 10.00 Hughesy, We Have A Problem.

(Mls, R) Hosted by Dave Hughes. 11.00 Kinne Tonight. (Mls, R) Hosted by Troy Kinne.

11.30 WIN's All Australian News.

12.30 The Project. (R) 1.30 The Late Show With Stephen Colbert. (PG) 2.30 Home Shopping. (R) 3.30 CBS This Morning. 5.00 Headline News Early.

BOLD (81) 6am Home Shopping. 8.00 The Doctors. **9.00** Rocky Mountain Railroad. **11.00** Star Trek: Enterprise. **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: Enterprise. **6.30** Bondi Rescue. **7.30** NCIS. 10.20 Law & Order: SVU. 11.15 NCIS: New Orleans. 12.10am Shopping. 2.10 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** WIN's All Australian News. **1.00** Dr Quinn, Medicine Woman. **2.00** Rules Of Engagement. **3.00** The King Of Queens. **4.00** Everybody Loves Raymond. 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** Late Programs.



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Tuesday, January 12

ABC TV (2)

6.00 News Breakfast. **9.00** ABC News Mornings. 10.00 How To Build A Time Machine. (R) **11.00** Gardening Australia. (R) 12.00 ABC News At Noon. 1.00 Road To Now. (PG, R) **2.00** Call The Midwife. (Ma, R) **3.00** Father Brown. (PG, R) 3.50 Charlie Pickering: My Guest Tonight. (PG) 4.00 The Heights. (PG) 4.30 Back Roads. (PG, R) 5.00 Escape From The City. (PG, 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 7.30. Presented by Leigh Sales. 8.00 You Can't Ask That: Refugees. (PG, R) An insight into people's lives. 8.35 Shaun Micallef's On The Sauce. (Mal, R) Part 2 of 9.35 Big Weather (And How To Survive It) Into The Firestorm. (PG, R) Part 2 of 3. 10.30 ABC Late News. 10.50 Glitch. (Malv, R) 11.45 The Code. (Malv, R) 12.45 Rage. -adhlnsv) **3.15** Father Brown. (F 4.00 Call The Midwife. (Final, Ma, R) 5.00 Poh's Kitchen. (R) **5.30** 7.30. (R)

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** Rosehaven. **9.35** The IT Crowd. **10.00** Frontline. **10.55** Melbourne Comedy Festival: Allstars Supershow. 12.55am The Catherine Tate Show. 1.25 Detectorists. 1.55 Alan Partridge's Mid-Morning Matters. 2.25 News Update. 2.30 Close. 5.00 The Day Henry Met. 5.05 Late Programs.

NITV (34) 6am Morning Programs. **1.45pm** From Sand To Celluloid. **2.00** Skindigenous. **2.30** Music Voyager. 3.00 Jarjums. 5.00 Music Voyager. **5.30** Skindigenous. **6.00** Foreign Flavours. **6.30** Pete & Pio's Kai Safari. **7.00** Our Stories. **7.20** News. **7.30** Clinton's Walk For Justice. **7.55** Remaking The Pathway. **8.30** Superstition. **9.20** NITV News Update. **9.30** Hunting Aotearoa. **9.55** Football. Monsoon AFL. 11.40 Late Programs.

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 America In Colour. (Mav, R) 2.50 Great British Railway Journeys. (PG, R) 4.00 Who Do You Think You Are? (PG, R) 5.00 Letters And Numbers. (R) 5.30 Motor Racing. Dakar Rally. Stage 8. Highlights

6.00 Mastermind Australia. (R) 6.30 SBS World News. 7.30 Great Continental Railway Journeys: Salamanca To Canfranc.

Presented by Michael Portillo 8.40 Birdsville Or Bust: Untold Australia. (M) Follows the story of the isolated and iconic Australian outback town of Birdsville

9.40 Travel Man's Greatest Trips: Food And Drink. (PG) Part 2 of 4. 10.40 SBS World News Late. **11.10 The A Word.** (Mas) 12.15 The Pier. (MA15+s, R) 1.10 Deep State. (Malv, R) eat British Railway Journeys. (PG, R) **5.00** CGTN English News. **5.15** NHK World English News. 5.30 Deutsche Welle

VICELAND (31) 6am WorldWatch. Noon Basketball. NBA. Philadelphia 76ers v Denver Nuggets. Replay. 2.00 Leah Remini: Scientology And The Aftermath. **2.55** Hunting Hitler. **3.45** WorldWatch. **5.10** Only Connect. **5.45** Shortland Street. 6.10 Megafactories. 7.05 Jeopardy! 7.35 8 Out Of 10 Cats Does Countdown. 8.30 Fringe Nation: Extremists In America. (Premiere) 9.20 The 2000s. 10.10 Late Programs.

SBS MOVIES (32) **SBS MOVIES (32) 6am** A Street Cat Named Bob. Continued. (2016, PG) **7.35** My Life As A Zucchini. (2016, PG) 8.50 Land Of The Bears. (2014, French) 10.25 A Matter Of Life And Death. (1946, PG) 12.25pm Heart Beats Loud. (2018, PG) 2.15 Little Men. (2016, PG) 3.50 Polina. (2016, PG, French) **5.50** Broken Hill. (2009, PG) **7.50** Anthony Zimmer. (2005, M, French) **9.30** Son Of Saul. (2015, M, Hungarian) 11.30 Late Programs.

SEVEN(7)

6.00 Sunrise. 9.00 The Morning Show Summer Series. (PG) 11.30 Seven Morning News. 12.00 MOVIE: How To Build A Better Boy. (2014, PGv, R) China Anne McClain, Kelli Berglund, Marshall Williams. 2.00 Surf Patrol. (PG, R) 2.30 Border Security: America's Front Line. (PG, R) 3.00 The Chase. (R)

4.00 Seven News At 4. 5.00 The Chase Australia. (R)

6.00 Seven Local News. 6.30 Seven News.

7.00 Cricket. Big Bash League. Game 37. Perth Scorchers v Hobart Hurricanes. From Optus Stadium, Perth.

10.00 Chicago Fire. (Mav) Tension builds when a group of rabble-rousers attempt to lock down the firehouse.

11.00 Beat The Chasers UK. Contestants take on the chasers for the chance to lay claim to the prize pool.

12.00 Funniest Ever Crazy Cats. (PG, R) A compilation of cats doing crazy things. 1.00 Black-ish. (Ms, R) The family goes internet-free.

Home Snopping. **4.00 NBC Today.** News and current affairs. 5.00 Seven Early News. 5.30 Sunrise.

7TWO (72) **7TWO (72) 6am** Shopping. **6.30** Travel Oz. **8.00** Harry's Practice. **8.30** Million Dollar Minute. 9.30 NBC Today. Noon Room For Improvement. **12.30** The Outdoor Room. **1.00** My Greek Odyssey. **2.00** Harry's Practice. **2.30** Million Dollar Minute. 3.30 Sydney Weekender. 4.00 Better Homes. **5.30** Escape To The Country. **6.30** Bargain Hunt. 7.30 Pie In The Sky. 8.30 Inspector George Gently. 10.30 The Bay. 11.30 Late Programs.

7MATE (73) 7MATE (73) 6am Morning Programs. **1pm** Bottom Feeders. **2.00** Storage Wars. **2.30** Pawn Stars. **3.00** American Pickers. **4.00** Fish'n With Mates 4.30 Ice Road Truckers. 5.30 Storage Wars. 6.00 Cricket. Big Bash League. Game 37. Perth Scorchers v Hobart Hurricanes. 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.

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. 1.15 MOVIE: Coneheads. (1993, PGsl, R)

3.00 Tipping Point. (PG) 4.00 Afternoon News. 4.30 Millionaire Hot Seat. (R) 5.30 Nine News Local.

6.00 Nine News 7.00 A Current Affair. 7.30 To Be Advised. 8.30 Kath & Kim. (PGIs, R) After Sharon lands a date, Kim gives her a major makeover. Kath insists on updating the home theatre system. However, when Kel's efforts to secure a good deal fail, Kath

instead decides to embrace Brett's idea 9.40 Hamish & Andy's Gap Year Asia. (PG, R) Join Hamish Blake and Andy Lee at a Bangkok bar as they recount their latest gap year escapades.

11.35 Law & Order: Criminal Intent. (Mav, R) Tipping Point. (PG, R) 1.30 TV Shop: Home Shopping. (R) **4.00** Take Two. (R) 5.00 News Early Edition. 5.30 Today.

9GEM (52) 6am TV Shop. 7.00 Creflo. **7.30** TV Shop. **9.30** Danoz. **10.30** Ellen DeGeneres. 11.30 My Favorite Martian. Noon Easy Eats. 1.00 Days Of Our Lives. 1.55 The Young And The Restless **2.50** Garden Gurus Moments. **3.00** Antiques Roadshow. **3.30 MOVIE:** Eight O'Clock Walk. (1954, PG) **5.20** Heartbeat. **6.30** Antiques Roadshow. **7.30** New Tricks. **8.40** MOVIE: All The Money In The World. (2017, MA15+) 11.25 Late Programs.

9GO! (53) **6am** Children's Programs. **11.00** Dance Moms. **Noon** American Ninja Warrior. 1.50 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:** The Truman Show. (1998, PG) **9.30** MOVIE: Road Trip. (2000, MA15+) 11.30 The Nanny. Midnight Baywatch. 1.00 Visions Of Greatness. 2.10 Dance Moms. 3.00 Late Programs.

WIN (8)

6.00 Headline News. 7.30 Entertainment Tonight. (PG, R) **8.00** Studio 10. (PG) **12.00** Dr Phil. (PGadl, R) 1.00 To Be Advised. 2.30 Entertainment Tonight. 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) 5.0010 News First.

6.30 The Project. A look at the day's news. 7.30 I'm A Celebrity... Get Me Out **Of Here!** A secret cave leads to a secret mission for a few of the campmates where they get the chance to score a snack. 9.00 NCIS. (Mv, R) One month after Director

Vance is kidnapped, Gibbs is assigned the role of acting director of the NCIS. 10.00 NCIS: Los Angeles. (Mv) Callen helps his former foster brother

11.00 WIN's All Australian News. **12.00** The Project. (R) 1.00 The Late Show With Stephen Colbert. (PG) Home Shopping. (R) 3.30 CBS This Morning. 5.00 Headline News Early.

BOLD (81) 6am Shopping. **8.00** Mission: Impossible. **9.00** Diagnosis Murder. **10.00** ST: Next Gen. 11.00 Star Trek: Enterprise. 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: Enterprise. **6.30** Bondi Rescue. **7.30** NCIS. **8.30** CSI: Crime Scene Investigation. **10.25** CSI: Miami. 11.20 Late Programs.

PEACH (82) PEACH (82) 6am Charmed. **7.00** Dr Quinn. **8.00** Rules Of Engagement. **9.00** King Of Queens. 10.00 Raymond. 11.00 Frasier. Noon WIN News. 1.00 Dr Ouinn. 2.00 Seinfeld. 2.30 Rules Of Engagement. 3.00 King Of Queens. **4.00** Raymond. **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

Wednesday, January 13

ABC TV (2)

6.00 News Breakfast. 9.00 ABC News Mornings. 10.00 Hokusai: Old Man Crazy To Paint. (R) 11.00 Gardening Australia. (R) 12.00 ABC News At Noon. 1.00 Road To Now. (Final, Ma, R) 2.00 Call The Midwife. (Final, Ma, R) 3.00 Father Brown. (PG, R) 4.00 The Heights. (PG, R) 4.30 Back Roads. (R)

6.00 Julia Zemiro's Home
Delivery: Ian Chappell. (PG, R)
6.30 Anh's Brush With Fame:
Terri Irwin. (PG, R)
7.00 ABC News.
7.30 7.30. Presented by Leigh Sales.
8.00 Hard Quiz. (PG, R)
Presented by Tom Gleeson.
8.35 Spicks And Specks. (PG, R)
Adam Hills, Alan Brough and Myf

5.00 Escape From The City. (R)

Adam Hills, Alan Brough and Myf Warhurst celebrate the music, dance and fashion of the '90s. 9.30 QI. 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)

11.55 The Code. (Malv, R) **12.55** Rage. (MA15+adhlnsv) **4.15** Father Brown. (PG, R) **5.00** Poh's Kitchen. (R) **5.30** 7.30. (R)

ABC TV PLUS (22) 6am Children's Programs. 7.15pm Odd Squad. 7.30 Spicks And Specks. 8.00 Doctor Who. 8.45 David Stratton's Stories Of Australian Cinema. 9.45 Restoration Australia. 10.45 The Misadventures Of Romesh Ranganathan. 11.45 Louis Theroux: Life On The Edge. 12.35am Parks And Recreation. 1.00 Reno 91!! 1.20 Alan Partridge's Mid-Morning Matters. 1.45 Plebs. 2.10 Late Programs.

NITV (34) 6am Morning Programs. 1.45pm From Sand To Celluloid. 2.00 Skindigenous. 2.30 Music Voyager. 3.00 Jarjums. 5.00 Music Voyager. 5.30 Characters Of Broome. 6.00 Cooking Hawaiian Style. 6.30 Pete & Pio's Kai Safari. 7.00 Our Stories. 7.20 News. 7.30 Death Row Chronicles. 8.20 Freshwater Dreaming. 8.30 MOVIE: Gurrumul. (2017, MA15+) 10.20 News. 10.30 Blood Brothers. 11.30 Late Programs.

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** America In Colour. (PGav, R) **2.50** Great British Railway Journeys. (R) **3.55** Who Do You Think You Are? (PG, R) **5.00** Letters And Numbers. (R) **5.30** Motor Racing. Dakar Rally. Stage 9. Highlights.

6.00 Mastermind Australia. (R) 6.30 SBS World News. 7.35 Britain's Most Historic Towns: Restoration London. (PG) Alice takes a look at Restoration London.

8.30 The Last Journey Of The Vikings. Part 1 of 4. Charts the story of the Vikings from the sixth century to the Norman Conquest of England.
9.30 Vikings. It is election day in Kattega

10.20 SBS World News Late.
10.55 24 Hours In Emergency:
My Other Half. (Ma, R)
11.50 MOVIE: I Am Not A

Witch. (2017, Ma, R)
1.30 War And Peace. (Mav, R) 3.15 Kim Jong-Un: The Man Who Rules From North Korea. (Ma, R) 4.25 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.

Noon Basketball. NBA. Washington Wizards v
Miami Heat. Replay. 2.00 Leah Remini: Scientology
And The Aftermath. 2.55 Hunting Hitler. 3.45
WorldWatch. 5.10 Only Connect. 5.45 Shortland
Street. 6.10 Megafactories. 7.05 Jeopardy! 7.35
8 Out Of 10 Cats Does Countdown. 8.30 MOVIE:
Warm Bodies. (2013, M) 10.15 MOVIE: The Room.
(2003, M) 12.10am Late Programs.

SBS MOVIES (32) 6am Morning Programs. 8.40 Little Men. (2016, PG) 10.15 The Odyssey. (2016, PG, French) 12.30pm My Life As A Zucchini. (2016, PG) 1.45 A Matter Of Life And Death. (1946, PG) 3.45 Asterix At The Olympic Games. (2008, PG, French) 5.55 Heart Beats Loud. (2018, PG) 7.45 A Private Function. (1984, M) 9.30 Dallas Buyers Club. (2013, MA15+) 11.40 Late Programs.

SEVEN (7)

6.00 Sunrise. **9.00** The Morning Show Summer Series. (PG) **11.30** Seven Morning News. **12.00 MOVIE:** Volcano: Fire On The Mountain. (1997, PGav, R) Dan Cortese, Colin Cunningham, Cynthia Gibb. **2.00** Surf Patrol. (PG, R) **2.30** Border Security: America's Front Line. (PG, R) **3.00** The Chase. (R)

4.00 Seven News At 4. 5.00 The Chase Australia. (R)

6.00 Seven Local News. 6.30 Seven News. 7.00 Cricket. Big Bash League. Game 38.

7.00 Cricket. Big Bash League. Game 38 Sydney Thunder v Sydney Sixers. From GIANTS Stadium, Sydney.

10.00 MOVIE: Skiptrace. (2016, Mav, R) A determined Hong Kong detective joins forces with an American con man to take down a crime lord known only as the Matador who he suspects is responsible for the death of his partner. Jackie Chan, Johnny Knoxville, Bingbing Fan.

12.15 Code Black. (Ma, R) The young girl Leanne bonded with a year ago when she lost her father returns to Angels.

2.30 To Be Advised.
3.00 Home Shopping. (R)
4.00 NBC Today. News and current affairs.
5.00 Seven Early News.
5.30 Sunrise. News, sport and weather.

7TWO (72) 6am Morning Programs.

Noon Room For Improvement. 12.30 The Outdoor Room. 1.00 My Greek Odyssey. 2.00 Harry's Practice. 2.30 Million Dollar Minute. 3.30 Going Solo In Japan - The Wonders Of Kyushu. 4.00 Better Homes And Gardens Summer. 5.30 Escape To The Country. 6.30 Bargain Hunt. 7.30 Frankie Drake Mysteries. 8.30 Lewis. 10.30 Jonathan Creek. 11.40 Late Programs.

7MATE (73) 6am Morning Programs. 1pm Bottom Feeders. 2.00 Storage Wars. 2.30 Pawn Stars. 3.00 Off The Grid With The Badger. 4.00 Fish'n With Mates. 4.30 Ice Road Truckers. 5.30 Storage Wars. 6.00 Cricket. Big Bash League. Game 38. Sydney Thunder v Sydney Sixers. 7.00 Pawn Stars. 7.30 The Simpsons. 8.30 Family Guy. 9.30 American Dad! 10.30 Family Guy. 11.00 Late Programs.

NINE (5)

6.00 Today. 9.00 Today Extra Summer. (PG)
11.30 Morning News.
12.00 The Ellen DeGeneres Show. (PG)
1.00 MOVIE: The Pink
Panther. (2006, PGlsv, R)
3.00 Tipping Point (PG)

Panther. (2006, PGlsv, R) 3.00 Tipping Point. (PG) 4.00 Afternoon News. 4.30 Millionaire Hot Seat. (R) 5.30 Nine News Local.

6.00 Nine News.
7.00 A Current Affair.
7.30 Paramedics. (M, R)
A paramedic worries his patient.

8.30 The InBetween. (Mav) Tom and Damien race to stop a serial pyromaniac before he can strike again. Cassie suspects there's something evil going on with the new bartender at work. Things take a turn for Sally, Damien's comatose girlfriend.

9.30 Chicago Med. (MA15+m) Dr. Charles and Dr. Manning treat a patient who is pretending to be someone else.

11.20 New Amsterdam. (Ma, R)
Max takes a chance on a new assistant.
12.10 Tipping Point. (PG, R)
1.05 A Current Affair.
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.

9GEM (52) 6am TV Shop. 7.00 Creflo. 7.30 TV Shop. 10.30 Ellen DeGeneres. 11.30 My Favorite Martian. Noon The Baron. 1.00 Days Of Our Lives. 1.55 The Young And The Restless. 2.50 Garden Gurus Moments. 3.00 Antiques Roadshow. 3.30 MOVIE: The Loves Of Joanna Godden. (1947, PG) 5.20 Heartbeat. 6.30 Antiques Roadshow. 7.30 As Time Goes By. 8.50 Midsomer Murders. 10.50 Late Programs.

9GO! (53) 6am Children's Programs. 11.00 Dance Moms. Noon American Ninja Warrior. 1.50 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 Paranormal Caught On Camera. 8.30 MOVIE: Kill Bill: Vol. 2. (2004, MA15+) 11.15 Japandemonium. 11.45 The Nanny. 12.15am Baywatch. 1.00 Liquid Science. 2.00 Late Programs. **WIN (8)**

6.00 Headline News. 7.30 Entertainment Tonight. (PG, R) 8.00 Studio 10. (PG) 12.00 Dr Phil. (PGalv, R) 1.00 To Be Advised. 2.30 Entertainment Tonight. 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 WIN News.

6.30 The Project. The hosts and guest panellists take a look at the day's news, events and hot topics.

7.30 I'm A Celebrity... Get Me Out Of Here! A lavish slumber party is up for grabs for the celebrities who deserve it the most.

9.00 Bull. (M) Bull worries he will not be able to convince a jury that his

9.00 Bull. (M) Bull worries he will not be able to convince a jury that his religious leader client did not kill his wife, after a major secret the pastor is hiding about the marriage is revealed, damaging his credibility in court.

11.00 WIN's All Australian News.
12.00 The Project. (R) A look
at the day's news.

1.00 The Late Show With Stephen Colbert. (PG) Hosted by Stephen Colbert. 2.00 Home Shopping. (R) 3.30 CBS This Morning. 5.00 Headline News Early.

BOLD (81) 6am Home Shopping. 8.00 Mission: Impossible. 9.00 Diagnosis Murder. 10.00 Star Trek: The Next Generation. 11.00 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: Enterprise. 6.30 Bondi Rescue. 7.30 NCIS. 8.30 NCIS: Los Angeles. 10.20 NCIS. 11.15 Late Programs.

PEACH (82) 6am Charmed. 7.00 Dr Quinn. 8.00 Murphy Brown. 8.30 Rules Of Engagement. 9.00 King Of Queens. 10.00 Raymond. 11.00 Frasier. Noon WIN News. 1.00 Dr Quinn. 2.00 Seinfeld. 2.30 Rules Of Engagement. 3.00 King Of Queens. 4.00 Raymond. 5.00 Frasier. 6.00 Friends. 6.30 Neighbours. 7.00 Friends. 8.00 The Big Bang Theory. 9.30 Seinfeld. 10.00 2 Broke Girls. 11.00 Late Programs.

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Thursday, January 14

ABC TV (2)

6.00 News Breakfast. 9.00 ABC News Mornings. 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 MOVIE: Proof. (1991, Mls, R) Hugo Weaving, Russell Crowe. 2.30 Sando. (Mds, R) 3.00 Father Brown. (PG, R) 4.00 The Heights. (PG, R) 4.30 Back Roads. (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 7.30. 8.00 Scottish Vets Down

Under. (Final, PG)
8.30 Rick Stein's Secret France.
Rick arrives in the Périgord region.
9.30 Miriam Margolyes Almost
Australian: The Australian

Dream. (MI, R) Part 1 of 3.

10.35 ABC Late News. 10.50 Australia's
Ocean Odyssey: A Journey Down The East
Australian Current. (PG, R) 11.50 The Code.
(MdN, R) 12.50 Killing Eve. (Mav, R) 1.35 Rage.
(MA15+adhlnsv) 3.15 Miniseries: The City And
The City. (MIv, R) 4.15 Father Brown. (PG, R)
5.00 Poh's Kitchen. (R) 5.30 7.30. (R)

ABC TV PLUS (22) 6am Children's Programs. 7.15pm Odd Squad. 7.30 Spicks And Specks. 8.00 Doctor Who. 8.45 Would I Lie To You? 9.15 Penn & Teller: Fool Us. 10.00 Hard Quiz. 10.30 You Can't Ask That. 10.50 To Be Advised. 11.40 Parks And Recreation. 12.05am Reno 91!! 12.25 Alan Partridge's Mid-Morning Matters. 12.55 Plebs. 1.20 Russell Howard's Stand-Up Central. 1.40 Would I Lie To You? 2.10 Ql. 2.40 Late Programs.

NITV (34) 6am Morning Programs. 1.45pm From Sand To Celluloid. 2.00 From The Western Frontier. 2.30 Music Voyager. 3.00 Jarjums. 5.00 Music Voyager. 5.30 Characters Of Broome. 6.00 Cooking Hawaiian Style. 6.30 Pete & Pio's Kai Safari. 7.00 Our Stories. 7.20 News. 7.30 Island Paradise: Living In The Torres Straits. 8.30 MOVIE: The Soloist. (2009, M) 10.30 News. 10.40 Late

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 America In Colour. (Mav, R) 2.50 Great British Railway Journeys. (R) 4.00 Who Do You Think You Are? (PG, R) 5.00 Letters And Numbers. (R) 5.30 Motor Racing. Dakar Rally. Stage 10. Highlights.

6.00 Mastermind Australia. (R) 6.30 SBS World News. 7.30 The World's Greatest Palaces: Hampton Court Palace. Takes

a look at Hampton Court Palace.

8.25 The Rise Of The Nazis: Politics.
(M) Part 1 of 3. Takes a look at how
Germany went from a liberal democracy

in the 1930s to a dictatorship. **9.30 World On Fire.** (M) Tom finds himself on board the *Exeter* as she goes in pursuit of the *Graf Spee*.

10.40 SBS World News Late. 11.10 24 Hours In Police Custody: Predators. (Malv, R) 12.35 Tin Star. (MA15+v, R) 5.00 CGTN English News. 5.15 NHK World English News. 5.30 Deutsche Welle

English News.

VICELAND (31) 6am WorldWatch.

Noon Figure Skating. ISU Grand Prix. Cup of China.
Replay. 2.05 Leah Remini: Scientology And The
Aftermath. 2.55 Hunting Hitler. 3.45 WorldWatch.
5.10 Only Connect. 5.45 Shortland Street. 6.10
Megafactories. 7.05 Jeopardy! 7.35 8 Out 0f 10 Cats
Does Countdown. 8.30 The Curse Of Oak Island.
9.20 Cocaine: Living With The Cartels. 10.10 The
Clinton Affair. 11.55 Late Programs.

SBS MOVIES (32) Gam A Matter Of Life And Death. Continued. (1946, PG) 7.25 Asterix At The Olympic Games. (2008, PG, French) 9.35 Heart Beats Loud. (2018, PG) 11.25 Polina. (2016, PG, French) 1.25pm Broken Hill. (2009, PG) 3.25 Belle & Sebastian. (2013, PG, French) 5.15 The Odyssey. (2016, PG, French) 7.30 Pawn Sacrifice. (2014, M) 9.40 Zero Dark Thirty. (2012, M) 12.30am Late Programs.

SEVEN (7)

6.00 Sunrise. **9.00** The Morning Show Summer Series. (PG) **11.30** Seven Morning News. **12.00 MOVIE**: Speedway. (1968, PGs, R) Elvis Presley, Nancy Sinatra, Bill Bixby. **2.00** Surf Patrol. (PG, R) **2.30** Border Security: America's Front Line. (PG, R)

America's Front Line. (PG, R 3.00 The Chase. (R) 4.00 Seven News At 4.

6.00 Seven Local News. 6.30 Seven News. 7.00 Cricket. Big Bash League. Game 3

5.00 The Chase Australia. (R)

7.00 Cricket. Big Bash League. Game 39.
Brisbane Heat v Melbourne Renegades.
From Marvel Stadium, Melbourne.

10.00 MOVIE: Lost In Space. (1998, PGIv, R) A family on the way to colonise a newly discovered planet find their spaceship sabotaged. Gary Oldman, William Hurt, Matt LeBlanc.

12.35 Dr. Ken. (PG, R) A neighbour stares into the kitchen window.

1.35 Harry's Practice. (R)
Information about pet care.
2.00 Home Shopping.

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4.00 NBC Today. News and current affairs.
5.00 Seven Early News.
5.30 Sunrise.

7TWO (72) 6am Shopping. 6.30
Travel Oz. 8.00 Harry's Practice. 8.30 Million
Dollar Minute. 9.30 NBC Today. Noon Room For
Improvement. 12.30 The Outdoor Room. 1.00 My
Greek Odyssey. 2.00 Harry's Practice. 2.30 Million
Dollar Minute. 3.30 Creek To Coast. 4.00 Better
Homes. 5.30 Escape To The Country. 6.30 Bargain
Hunt. 7.30 Father Brown. 8.30 Murdoch Mysteries.
11.30 Late Programs.

7MATE (73) 6am Morning Programs.
10.00 America's Game. 11.00 A Football Life. Noon Swamp People. 1.00 Bottom Feeders. 2.00 Storage Wars. 2.30 Pawn Stars. 3.00 The Simpsons. 4.00 Fish'n With Mates. 4.30 Ice Road Truckers. 5.30 Storage Wars. 6.00 Cricket. Big Bash League. Game 39. Brisbane Heat v Melbourne Renegades. 7.00 Pawn Stars. 8.30 MOVIE: V For Vendetta. (2005, MA15+) 11.10 Late Programs.

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) 1.15 MOVIE: Make It Happen. (2008, PGI, R) Mary Elizabeth Winstead, Psicat (PC)

Smith. **3.00** Tipping Point. (PG) **4.00** Afternoon News. **4.30** Millionaire Hot Seat. (R) **5.30** Nine News Local.

6.00 Nine News. **7.00** A Current Affair. **7.30** Great Getaways. (PG) Explores the south of France.

8.30 Race Across The World. (MI)
The teams have reached the halfway mark
in the 25,000km race to Ushuaia. To reach
the next checkpoint, they must choose
to travel through either Bolivia or Chile.

11.00 World's Worst Flights:
Landings. (M, R) A mechanical
failure leads to a terrifying landing.
11.50 The Horn: The
Mountain. (Malm, R)
12.45 Tipping Point. (PG, R)
1.30 TV Shop: Home Shopping. (R)

2.30 Global Shop.

Programs.

9GEM (52) 6am TV Shop. 7.00 Creflo. 7.30 TV Shop. 10.30 Ellen DeGeneres. 11.30 My Favorite Martian. Noon As Time Goes By. 1.10 Days Of Our Lives. 2.05 The Young And The Restless. 3.00 Garden Gurus Moments. 3.10 MOVIE: Only Two Can Play. (1962, PG) 5.20 Heartbeat. 6.30 Antiques Roadshow. 7.30 Poirot. 9.30 The First 48. 10.30 The Disappearance. (Premiere) 11.30 Late

3.00 TV Shop: Home Shopping. (R)

5.00 News Early Edition. 5.30 Today.

9GO! (53) 6am Children's Programs.
11.00 Dance Moms. Noon American Ninja Warrior.
1.50 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: Jaws 2. (1978, M) 9.55 MOVIE: The Replacement Killers. (1998, MAIS+) 11.40 The Nanny. 12.10 am Baywatch. 1.10 Xtreme Collxtion.
2.10 Dance Moms. 3.00 Late Programs.

WIN (8)

6.00 Headline News. 7.30 Entertainment
Tonight. (PG, R) 8.00 Studio 10. (PG) 12.00 Dr
Phil. (PGas, R) 1.00 To Be Advised.
2.30 Entertainment Tonight.
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 WIN News

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6.30 The Project. A look at the day's news.
7.30 I'm A Celebrity... Get Me Out
Of Here! With a dessert reward up
for grabs, the celebrities partake in a
game of charades called Royal Flush.

9.00 Law & Order: SVU. (Mads, R) Rollins goes undercover to find the person responsible for drugging and assaulting tourists. **10.00 Blue Bloods.** (M) Danny

and Baez pursue a rapist.

11.00 This Is Us.

12.00 WIN's All Australian News.
1.00 The Project. (R)
2.00 The Late Show With
Stephen Colbert. (PG)

Stephen Colbert. (PG) 3.00 Home Shopping. (R) 3.30 CBS This Morning. 5.00 Headline News Early.

BOLD (81) 6am Shopping. 8.00 Mission: Impossible. 9.00 Diagnosis Murder. 10.00 ST: Next Gen. 11.00 Star Trek: Enterprise. 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: Enterprise. 6.30 Bondi Rescue. 7.30 NCIS. 8.30 Hawaii Five-0. 9.30 L.A.'s Finest. 10.30 NCIS: Los Angeles. 11.30 Late Programs.

PEACH (82) 6am Charmed. 7.00
Dr Quinn. 8.00 Murphy Brown. 8.30 Rules
Of Engagement. 9.00 King Of Queens. 10.00
Raymond. 11.00 Frasier. Noon WIN News. 1.00 Dr
Quinn. 2.00 Seinfeld. 2.30 Rules Of Engagement.
3.00 King Of Queens. 4.00 Raymond. 5.00 Frasier.
6.00 Friends. 6.30 Neighbours. 7.00 Friends. 8.00
The Big Bang Theory. 9.30 Seinfeld. 10.00 The
Middle. 11.00 Late Programs.

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QUICK CROSSWORD

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- Shock; surprise (8)
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- 13 Large reptiles (7) 15 Republic in Central
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- 21 Unnecessary (9)
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- structures (8) Protect (9)
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Using the nine letters in the grid, how many words of

be included and each letter may only be used once.

four letters or more can you list? The centre letter must

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9-LETTER WORD

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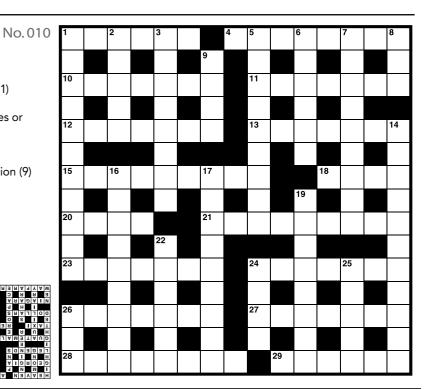
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25 words: Excellent







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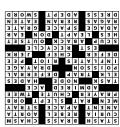
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Insert the missing letters to make 10 words – five reading across the grid and five reading down.

NOTE: more than one solution may be possible

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QUICK QUIZ



A sundial is a primitive version of what device?

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- How many competitions make up cycling's Grand Tours?
- What is the title of Taylor Swift's (pictured) eighth studio album, released in 2020?
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- Sodium monofluorophosphate is better known as what?
- Actor Bruce Willis came to prominence on which US TV series?
- 7 The Hermès Birkin is what type of luxury item?
 - Company and Into The Woods are musicals written by which
- Telesphobia is a fear of what?
- 10 The Ballad of Songs and Snakes by Suzanne Collins is a prequel to what series of novels?

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ANSWERS: 1. Clock 2. Three (Giro d'Italia, Tour Thursday, 7 January, 2021 CQ TODAY 31

More favourite pictures

By Rex Boggs

In the December 31 edition of CQ Today, some Rockhampton Photography Club members shared their favourite photo for 2020.

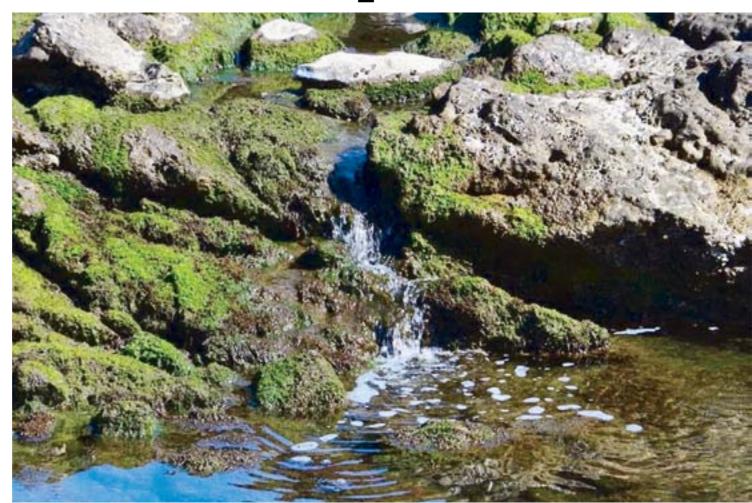
We have continued that theme in this article, with some other club members sharing their favourite photo of the year.

We will be kicking off what we hope will be a 'normal' 2021 later this month with an early morning city walk from the Walter Reid Cultural Centre to the Jolt Cafe, taking photos on the way. After tea/coffee/breakfast at the cafe, we will wander back to our clubroom at the Walter Reid, again taking photos. If you would like to join us, please email info@rockyphotoclub. org.au and we will give you the details of the outing.

Here's to a wonderful 2021!



Sally North - Beach Stone Curlews at Kinka Beach.



Paul Dupras - Slow Running River.



Ken York - Fireball.



Neil Malick - Evening Light Trails.



Heather Waring - Testing the Water.



 $\label{lem:condition} \textbf{Kevin Langford - Storm Clouds over Great Keppel.}$



John Waring - Bedford Truck.

from photography club



Jan Wilson - 2020 Covid Retreat.







Anthony Hall - Koi Kaleidoscope.



Simon Cox - Sea Eagle Grab.



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The light on the hill

Part Two of PHIL JARRATT'S interview with controversial social reform advocate and lawyer Noel Pearson.

The land rights movement seemed to move into high gear just as you graduated from Sydney University.

Well, we established the Cape York Land Council while I was still studying, but I was about to graduate in law when the Mabo decision came down. My history studies had prepared me for what was to come, and so had my law studies, and I knew the story of Eddie Mabo's case because I'd been following it since it started. By the time the High Court case came down I was in Hope Vale, but within hours I was on the plane down to Cairns with my media guy, Lew Griffiths. He was the one who connected the Cape York Land Council with the media structure, getting the images out, packaging the story, all that stuff. So he got me on the 7.30 Report that evening, talking about this water-

By this time the Land Council was two years old and we'd already been involved in a massive land rights campaign in Brisbane under Wayne Goss, which Kevin Rudd was running and I was part of his task force. Essentially, Rudd was my first boss, working in the Cabinet Office on the Aboriginal Land Act for about six months. I learnt a few things about how governments operate, how power operates.

When Rudd was running for prime minister in 2007, you famously accused him of "dudding us on land rights" 17 years earlier. Did you get the feeling back then that Rudd didn't really get it on land rights?

I think Rudd became more expansive as prime minister, but back then he was really all about controlling land rights, keeping them to the bare minimum. The regime of land rights that he set up hasn't delivered. That was my first taste of political expediency and Rudd played a very negative role. When Paul Keating was trying to steer the Native Title Act through in 1993, he had the most grief from the Labor government in Queensland, and Rudd was

Was land rights alone your primary focus in

Yes, it was. Land rights was the foundation for everything else. We had to get that right before anything else could flow, but I'd already been focused on welfare and the social problems surrounding it. In 1988 and '89 I had a twoyear window between my history degree and my law degree, and went back home [to Hope Vale] and saw what was happening - the grog, the social problems. So it was on my agenda even then, but I got taken over by land rights in the '90s. By the end of the decade, having fought the Howard government over Wik [land rights claim over pastoral leases] I was ready to focus on the social issues.

Was the Light On The Hill speech a turning point for you, a public statement that this was now the Pearson agenda?

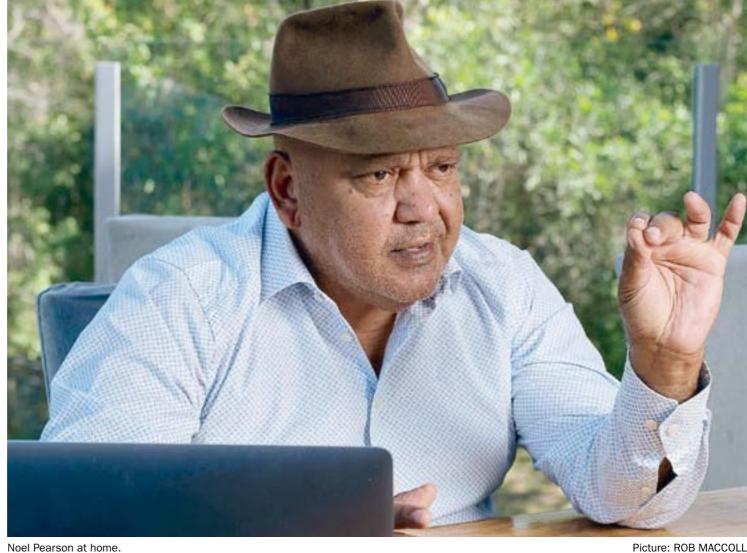
Yeah, it was. That speech sets out my thinking about the world, 20 years ago and still today. How economic class is our biggest problem. That set me off on finding answers to the question: even if we get the land back - which we are now on the cusp of securing on Cape York after 30 years - what will happen to our social and economic position?

You've said that your greatest regret is that 20 years ago at 35 you didn't run for political office. Any thoughts about what might have

My opinion about that has only gotten stronger. What you can achieve outside of government in five years, you could achieve within government in two. You can still achieve your ambitions outside the parliament, but it's the amount of work you have to do, the planets you have to line up, the next half-witted minister you have to convince yet again ... running the same argument for the umpteenth time to some new bureaucrats. If you have executive power you only have to convince yourself. (Laughs)

Peter Garrett lasted a decade as a Labor politician - I reckon you'd last five minutes!

True. I know there are limitations, but if the challenge is to convince people, I can do that.



Noel Pearson at home.

When you're on the outside, you can have 95 percent knowledge of the issue and the guy you're trying to convince has five percent, but he's got 95 percent of the power. You have to keep reminding yourself that while this person doesn't know much, it's their signature you need. That's the frustration of it.

There were some crucial forks in the road, and at each of them I took the decision that we could be influential from the outside. My regret is that I should have achieved more, and not just through my effort, but the effort of all the people and organisations that I have mobilised. That's the real cost. I have enjoined many people and many communities in the hope and possibility of this, and when those hopes and possibilities don't work out, not because what you wanted was impossible or unachievable, but for some mundane reason, that's where the regret comes in.

I guess the first time that you really stood on the national stage on the issue of social welfare was when you aligned yourself with John Howard over intervention in the Northern Territory.

That's the misrepresentation of what played out. What really played out was that we had a Cape York welfare reform policy document that was inches thick. We'd been working on it for two years, funded by the federal government, and its objective was to discover what welfare reform would look like. Part of that work was done through the Families Responsibility Commission, state legislation that would set up our elders as the decision makers over welfare for the community.

Premier Anna Bligh had drafted the legislation to create the FRC and we'd lined up the funding. The last piece of this we needed was for the Commonwealth to legislate it under the Social Securities Act. Meanwhile, Mal Brough [Federal Minister for Aboriginal Affairs] was concocting this Northern Territory intervention as a response to the Little Children Are Sacred report. The NT chief minister hadn't known how to respond to that report, so she did nothing. Mal Brough, as the gung-ho cowboy minister, comes up with the intervention. We were told about it the day before we were announcing the Cape York welfare reform. Two separate pieces of legislation were passed at the same time. I was batting for the Cape York reforms, which had been seven years in the making, and Brough comes along and hijacks our announcement with this crude NT inter-

My advocacy was for the Cape York welfare reform. I didn't think there should be a blanket control over welfare payments, we were giving the discretion to the elders, not Centrelink. In our model, the elders bring in the neglectful parents and have a talk to them first, giving them the chance to do the right thing. Brough's plan put a clamp on the money up front, whether you were a good, bad or indifferent parent, and you could never be released from this regime, even if you became a good parent. It was dumb as.

It must have reminded you of the Lutherans taking your pay packets.

Yes, it took us back to the paternalism of the old mission days, which is why I never supported that. I supported the Cape York model being applied in the NT. Today on Cape York, if you haven't sent your kid to school for three days, you'll get a letter from the elders of the FRC asking you to come in for an interview to find out what's going on. And they'll give you a chance to remedy this, but if you keep breaching it, then they'll put a clamp on your money. You don't lose it, by the way. Your bills are paid but you don't have cash.

The lefties were opposed to both plans. They wanted nothing to happen.

Why is that?

Because they hadn't been in these places and had no idea of what was going on, and they didn't believe the reports that kids were going hungry, that there were massive addiction problems, massive violence issues. And they don't believe it when someone like me says, these are my relations, my kids, my grandkids and they're not getting a square meal a day. Something must be done. And what we wanted to do was give them self-determination via the elders, which you'd think the Left would

When you talk about the Left in this context are you talking about the Queensland Labor government?

regard as a good thing, but they didn't.

At the time Labor generally was very indifferent. Carmen Lawrence [then ALP president] came up and visited us, and I'd known her since the land rights days when I was the poster boy for the Left, but when it came to welfare reform, it was like Dracula and garlic, and she was very allergic. Jenny Macklin was the only politician of the Left who got it after a while.

Was this philosophy of yours about personal and family responsibility the driving force behind what you called the "radical centre"?

I have my own take on what the radical centre is. In normal political discourse you have the left and the right, going at each other's throats. That's a big dynamic in politics, but I think there's another dynamic that is more complicated, and it's between the socialist, the liberal and the conservative. For me the radical centre is about finding the right balance between socialism, liberalism and conservatism. My Light On The Hill speech is an expression of belief

That was 20 years ago, but just four years ago you were holding up [former Senator] Nick Xenophon as a poster boy for the radical centre. Do you still hold to that?

Yeah, I do. Look, different politicians have tried to map out what that central position is, but my idea of the radical centre is not just a politically clever manoeuvre to triangulate the situation and wrong-foot your opponents. For me the radical centre is a true position because no society would prosper if we eradicated conservatism. It plays an important role in terms of religion, heritage and our society. The best conservative definition of society comes from Edmund Burke: society is the communion between our ancestors and the living and the unborn. So when you come to consider our responsibilities in saving the planet, you start with Edmund Burke. You start with a conservative, not a radical.

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Pearson with Rupert Murdoch and Tony Abbot.

In the context of saving the planet, I don't know why that would be considered a conservative belief.

Exactly, but it came from a conservative. Why reject it for that reason? And it's the same from the other side.

We can't reject socialism, we have to make social provision because that moral ethic is part of who we are as humans. I know that without it I would have been buggered.

I was a healthy kid who was ready for opportunity, but my parents couldn't give me opportunity, for that I had to depend on Gough Whitlam, on the state.

There is an absolute truth to socialism.

I'm glad we got around to Gough because your 2014 eulogy is one of the most moving orations I've ever heard. Who else is in your political pantheon?

Keating, hands down. He grappled with our problems and our future.

I don't know that he got everything right or whether his thinking was complete, but he had a vision for the future of the country.

I think there's been a decline in politics since that era, in the quality of leadership particu-

And the great black leaders?

I'm actually a very harsh critic of Obama, over health care but also because in his handling of the global financial crisis, he squibbed at the opportunity to remake the world.

On the other hand, he's a beautiful writer and his autobiography, which I'm reading at the moment, is amazing.

I've been rereading Martin Luther King, and

he remains the gold standard, not just for the rhetoric but for the policy.

He was writing about class policy in 1968 when he died, and if America had adopted his agenda, we wouldn't have Black Lives Matter today.

Where do you think we're at with constitutional recognition, the voice?

I think we're on track. There have been two processes - one is Ken Wyatt [Minister for Indigenous Australians] working out the legislative detail, the second is constitutionalising it. Some have said that because Ken is 100 percent on the legislation, nothing is happening on the constitution, but that's not true. There is \$170 million in the forward estimates to run the referendum.

I think once Ken Wyatt has completed the bill, the Australian public will be able to see what it looks like, and see that there is nothing frightening in it. Then we go ahead and put it in the constitution, because we must guarantee the

I started out this conversation by asking what you had learnt from your parents. Can I finish it by asking what you've learnt from your wife and children?

I've learnt that being an advocate and an activist is not all that life is about, or at least it shouldn't be. Life is about enjoying and exploiting your talents and your potential, which is what I want for my children.

I've felt this heavy duty to get things right for my kids and future generations, and perhaps my struggle will never be fully over and they will have to continue some campaigns. But I don't want them to see that as a burden.



Noel Pearson.

Picture: ROB MACCOLL

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Styles of CQ

with Neno **Founder of Brisbane Dandelion**

Fashion blogger at www.nenoreview.com



Duality on William St

diverse and fascinating style of fashion living in and around Australia's beef capital.

Kate Benedict, owner of the Katie B fashion shop on William Street, shows us two different styles of a CQ lady.

In the first picture, Kate looks fetching in the western style with her blue high-rise flare jeans combined with an expressive maroon printed t-shirt.

Her leather brown fringed bag is a real statement and, with her creamy shoes, wrap up this fresh western style perfectly.

Kate doesn't forget to add a choker that guides our attention to her beautiful neck.

Her outfit and the products on display in her shop present a more modern or fashionable twist on the standard western style rather than simply reproducing mainstream or outdated western wear.

In addition to the modern western style, Kate also loves to wear maxi dresses, just like the pink and white gingham tiered dress shown in the second photo.

This viscose linen blend dress with shoestring straps and a tie-up back is also a smart choice for Rockhampton's hot and humid cli-

The women of Central Queensland embrace a mate. Even though it's long, the design of a tiered skirt, which gets wider towards the bottom, accommodates the circulation of air, so it'll feel breezy and roomy while also retaining its attractive and feminine look.

> The dress that Kate wears was made by an emerging Australian designer from Melbourne and represents her shop's boutique style.

Indeed, Kate's outlet offers women two broad styles at the same time, western fashion and boutique fashion.

And fortunately, beautiful dresses with natural materials like this doesn't cost an arm and a leg. Kate sources her wares from emerging designers so that the price point remains

Wearing a summery dress with beautiful back details, Kate's high bun hairstyle is a smart choice. This hairdo also directs our focus to Kate's beautiful face and jawline.

The choice of two strap wedges also complements the maxi dress and appears wellsuited for leisurely activities in the summer

Altogether, Kate's style of modern western wear and summery boutique dresses perfectly embodies the diverse style of CQ women.



Kate Benedict shows off some western style



Kate Benedict in a pink and white gingham tiered dress.





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15 Emery Street Gracemere

This little beauty is situated at the back of Gracemere and is easily accessible to everything the area has to offer. Currently tenanted on a Periodic lease you can either keep it as an investment or move on in and make it home. This low-set brick home has 3 bedrooms and is tiled in the living areas and carpet to the bedrooms. There is a rain water tank for the yard and gas hot water. Features also include-

- * Lockable car accommodation
- * Fully fenced 615m2 allotment





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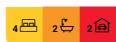






11 William Close Gracemere

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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9 Thackeray Street Park Avenue

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

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- * Combined kitchen, dining and living area with air conditioning
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This neat and tidy four bedroom home is located in the heart of Norman Gardens. At the top of a quiet cul-desac it has everything for a family. The central family bathroom plus ensuite will make mornings a breeze while the large, separate living and dining areas give plenty of room for the family to come together.

- * Security screens throughout
- * Internal laundry
- * Built in wardrobes in bedrooms
- * Fully fenced backyard with patio



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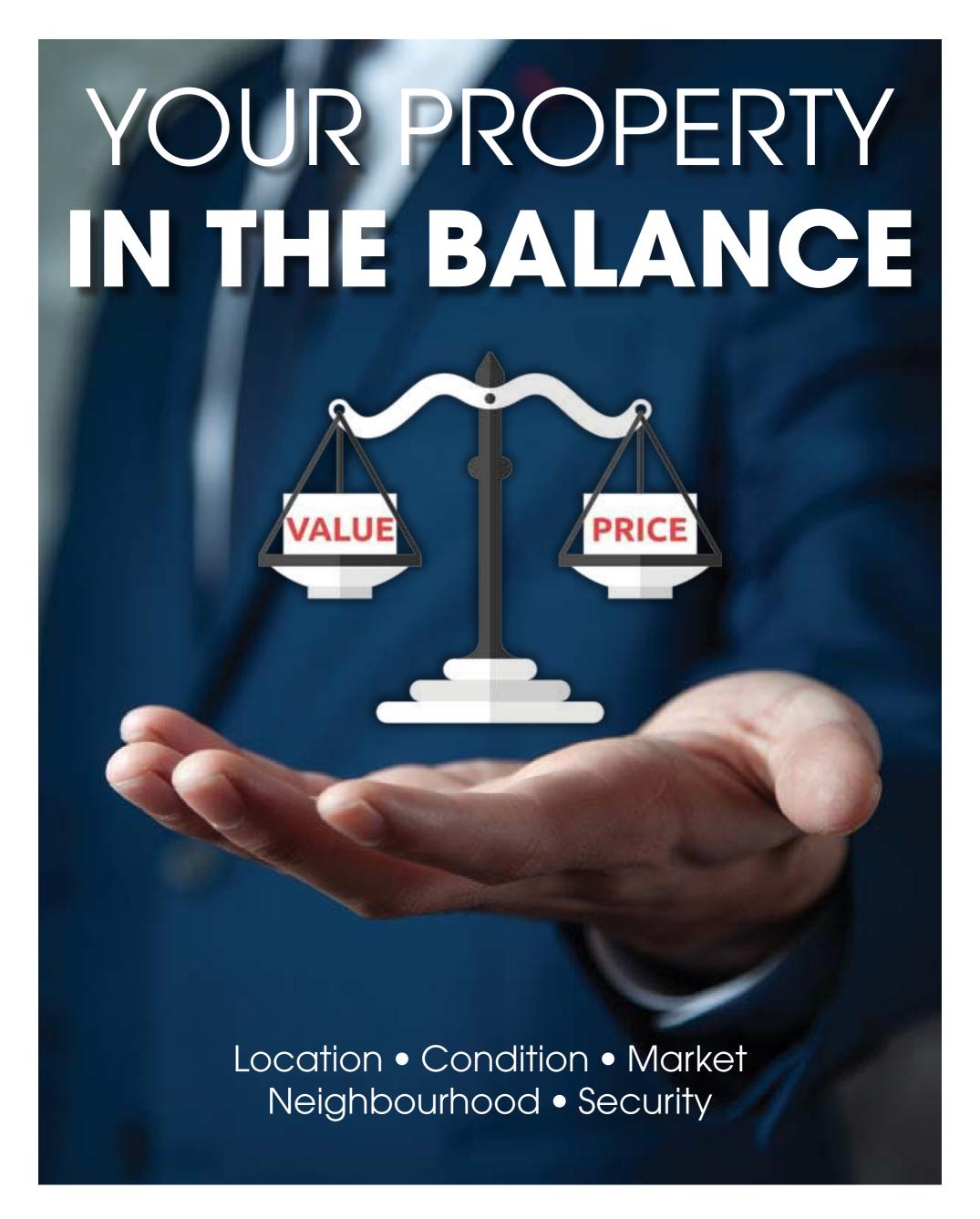
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New Year's at the Frenchy

Members dressed up in their best Gatsby outfits for the Frenchville Sports Club's Roaring 20s New Year's Eve Party on December 31. Attractions on the night included a \$6000 cash giveaway, live entertainment, competitions and drink specials.



Members Denise Fisher, Lyn Pershouse, Mal Wesser and Gail Wesser.



Frenchville Sports Club's staff getting into the Member Glenda Hinton. theme, Shanara and Natasha Morris.



Best Dressed winners Lucan and Christine



Damo and Kev rocking the stage.



Members Imelda Page and Lee Massingham



Members Sue Watts and Terry Drew.



Members Joel Morgan and Amber Croucher.



'The Regulars', Julie-Anne Wright and Alfie Ward.

Budget wisely this year

With the new financial year often comes promises and resolutions. I am aiming to rebuild a 40 series Landcruiser, and to renovate parts of our house. Plenty of other people will have goals centred around finances.

Some of these are easy to achieve; some not so much. For younger people, saving for a house deposit or some other aspirational goal is important. It can also be important for older people who have left their run a bit late. And in any case, who wants to waste money?

The most important tool for serious savers is to formulate a budget, an idea that is generally met with a cringe. That's a shame, because built and used properly a budget provides insight, guidance and a yardstick against which you can measure how you are going.

To build a useful budget start with a blank piece of paper, and list all your sources of income and your expenses. Be honest and don't guess, otherwise the whole exercise will be

It's really good if you can table it out on a monthly basis. After having a good look at the revenue and expense data decide whether these numbers will increase or reduce over the next year. Consider if there will be new expenses for the coming year, or new sources of income and don't forget those big lumpy expenses like motor vehicle registration, insurance and servicing.

By now you should have a reasonable idea of your current situation and the outlook for the year ahead. Set it up in Excel or some other software package by which you can easily review, modify or add to. You need to put the actual (historical) data in one column, and the expected (budget) data in the next column. That way you can easily identify where changes are likely.

As the year progresses, each month record your income and expenditure so you can see how you are going against your budget. Are you under or over? Consider why - has something fundamentally changed?

The first illuminating thing about following this process is that you will find out whether



you are living within your means. If income is higher than expenses, good for you. You can consider what to do with the savings. If however expenses are higher than income, then you are living beyond your means, and you need to do something about it.

Don't get tricked into thinking a credit card or an Afterpay account will get you out of that the only way to really solve the problem is to increase income or reduce expenses

In terms of increasing income, there are a few options. You might look for a promotion or a new job for example, or you might think about a second job. What about setting up a small business on the side - from welding to writing to cleaning, many people have skills that others will pay for.

There are several options available to reduce expenses. The most obvious is to reduce spending outright. Shopping wisely can save you a lot of money. For example, a hot chook from the supermarket and some fresh vegetables will feed a family of four for less than \$20, way less than if you bought takeaway - \$20 a week, and you are better off by more than \$1000 over a year, and probably eating better

Tax is an expense that everyone wants to reduce, and there are legitimate means by which to do that. A common one is superannuation which, although it comes with strings attached, can provide significant tax savings in return for a relatively modest reduction in take

Being diligent with keeping records of expenses related to earning your income is another tax related measure that many people ignore. Too many people say "there is nothing



David French says shopping wisely can save your family a lot of money.

I can claim", but educational expenses related normal rate of after-tax income. to earning your income are normally claimable, so it may be possible to invest in yourself by undertaking some training to secure a promotion or a higher-level job (in the same field), and have the government pick up the tab for part of it.

Life insurance is a big expense for many people. What many people don't know is that it can often be held in a super fund where not only does the fund make the payments, but those payments are made with buying power of at least 85 cents in the dollar, rather than the

Plenty of books address the things I have discussed above, but people often lack the discipline to follow through. The interaction of superannuation, tax and life insurance can be very complicated - even more so when Centrelink is a consideration.

Don't shoot yourself in the foot - financial advisors are available to help you get on the right path. And on that you absolutely must go with someone registered by ASIC - mainly because those not registered are not financial

Car review: Introducing the Mazda 3 G25 Astina Hatch

By Jamie McKenzie

At first glance, the G25 Astina Hatch looks like the other Mazda3 line-up. That's not a bad thing. This is a very good-looking car and Mazda has done a fine job crafting the sublime lines of a vehicle that looks good enough to make the Germans take a second glance.

But there are subtle differences. The price for one

This is the \$38,240 Mazda 3 G25 Astina automatic, and it is chock-full of all the top end features you would find in some of its German challengers. There is good reason too. Mazda has made no secret it is aiming to thrust its brand into that mainstream-meetsluxury sector where Volkswagen, Audi and Mercedes have had a comfortable, secure lead for many years.

Mazda has always done an attractive car. Attractive, but not always stunning. For the most part, they've driven a conservative line between being too cute or too provocative. But the tear drop shaped Astina evokes an emotive response with a curving roof that arches into wide rear pillars, which looks great.

Except those extra-large pillars make it hard to see rearward, creating a blind spot that's not well taken care of if you are the type who still likes to look over your shoulder rather than trust a reversing camera or side sensors.

Slide into the driver's seat and it's immediately clear that Mazda's not just talking the talk.

The seats are wonderfully cosy with comfort that finds the right mix between soft and firm. The 3 Astina's interior looks and feels more affluent than your average small car. As far as interiors go, VW and its Golf line-up have led the way in making intuitive driver friendly and rock-solid squeak free spaces for the driver and passengers.

The G25, with its easy to access instruments and nice combination of analogue



Luxury lines of the G25

and digital, makes for a laid-back romance with the quiet hassle-free cabin that really takes it to the competition in its own propri-

There's plenty of feel in the of spongy plastics beyond the usual key interior appointments, a smart piano-black lustre for the centre console, a thin strip of chrome underlines the ventilation louvres, and the climate dials indicate excellent touch perceptions all

The 'G25' part of this car's badge signifies a 2.5-litre four-cylinder punching out a healthy 139kW and 252Nm. The engine brings an extra 25kW and a welcome 52Nm over the 2.0-litre petrol featured in the lower half of the model range.

The hatch turns into corners with zest, feels composed, and roadholding is assisted by vigorous grip from the 18-inch tyres. Breaks are firm and give plenty of feedback when necessary.

Like most Mazdas, the steering is smooth and accurate which bolsters the 3 as a car to be appreciated by those who adore driving, and even those who just see a car as an A-to-B machine. And despite the front wheel drive layout, there was little to no kick back one might expect under pressure from a torquey engine.

There's no doubt, however, that the latestgeneration Mazda 3 successfully takes the brand upwards - but even more so than in this sporty-luxury G25 Astina arrangement.



The plush cockpit of the Mazda3 G25 Astina

Gardening Neil Fisher



A poisonous question

Just before new year, I received a letter from Jane of Wandal who is concerned about the planting of some very poisonous plants in some street planting in Rockhampton and Yeppoon.

Jane said in her letter that her family have just moved back to this area after a couple of years in Victoria, prior to that they lived at Gracemere.

Jane described the plant as a semi-succulent, small, spreading shrub with stout spines and saucer-shaped red or yellow flowers. The plants are planted in many roundabouts in the centre of Rockhampton city and a number of streets and roundabouts in the centre of Yeppoon.

The plant that Jane was concerned about is the Crown of Thorns or Euphorbia milii, a lowgrowing plant with thick stems clothed with masses of stout spines. This small spreading succulent plant comes from Madagascar and has been used in Australian gardens for many years.

But this plant does have a dark side to it, as it is very poisonous because the sap is copious and milky. Queensland Health reports the sap as being corrosive to the skin and eyes, causing skin blisters and temporary blindness. If you were to have eye exposures by sap, it is recommended to rinse your eye with water for 15 minutes and then seek medical assistance. The Crown-of-Thorns also has vicious sharp spines that occur on the stems of the plant these thorns can also cause injury.

Euphorbia milii or Crown of Thorns bears tiny yellowish flowers amidst bright colourful bracts of pink, red of yellow. This plant will flower for much of the year, most particularly in spring. Crown of Thorns will grow in most parts of Central Queensland and would be one of the water-wise plants grown. It is slowgrowing in most soils and will not torrent to buggy positions and frost.

The Euphorbia family is represented in many gardens, sometimes by showy plants like the Poinsettia and sometimes by weeds. Euphorbias are a highly diverse group of plants with over 4000 different species. Comprising anything from groundcovers to large trees, they are found throughout warmer parts of the world with a number of species native to Australia.

As for Jane's original concern about the planting of these plants in streets of Rockhampton and Yeppoon, I feel this is one of the only places these plants could be planted, as this area should never have human traffic. Care should always be taken with the placement of these plants as the Crown of Thorns should never be planted in public areas like parks, schools or near any children's play areas



The Crown-of-Thorns or Euphorbia milii comes from Madagascar and has been used in Australian gardens for many years.



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Rural Matters

Agriculture's future face

AgForce general president Georgie Somerset

A new year often brings with it a sense of positivity. Resolutions are made - and quickly broken - people look to move house or to start a new job.

AgForce's resolution of sorts is to look to the future, and what could be more future focused and positive than a group of fresh-faced regional Queenslanders who together form our new Young Producers' Council?

The future of agriculture in Queensland, and indeed the future of AgForce, rests with the next generation of producers, and the members of the Young Producers' Council - Tamara Finger, Teresa Fox, James Henderson, Emma Knight, Bec McKeering, Scott Muller, Henry Roellgen, Ben Somerset, and Helen Ward - are an energetic, forward thinking, commercially minded group of 18-40 year olds passionate about the industry in Queensland.

Supported by foundation partners Nutrien and Suncorp, the council is charged with engaging their peers in rural and regional Queensland, not only to raise awareness about what matters to young producers and the

challenges they face, but to drive change and deliver positive outcomes for those striving to succeed in agriculture.

They will engage both AgForce members and non-members throughout regional Queensland via meetings, educational opportunities, and social activities.

And with council members representing a range of commodities and geographical locations, they will be well placed to address specific opportunities and challenges within their regions as they arise.

It is an exciting time for agriculture and AgForce. Fresh, innovative ideas are only ever a good thing, and they are made even better when the people behind them care so much about the job that they do.

AgForce members have already met each of the council members in our flagship magazine. Envoy.

Everyone else can jump online - to our website or to one of our many social media channels - and learn more about the people who will help shape the future of agriculture - for us, and for everyone else who calls Queensland home



The future of agriculture rests with the next generation of producers.

'Gene sandwich' to enhance wheat rust resistance

Australia is expecting a strong wheat crop this year, but that would be threatened if a large outbreak of wheat rust occurred.

However, researchers at CSIRO have led an international effort to develop wheats with a stronger, and potentially more durable, level of resistance against rust diseases by 'stacking' five resistance genes together.

This represents a major advance over conventional wheat breeding protocols where individual resistance genes are added one by

The researchers developed novel genetic technologies that combine and insert the five different wheat resistance genes together. The bundling prevents separation in subsequent breeding generations of the plant, according to results published in Nature Biotechnology.

Lead CSIRO researcher Dr Mick Ayliffe said this novel approach of building multiple layers of protection will make it much harder for rust pathogens to successfully attack wheat.

"Our approach is like putting five locks on a door - you're making it very difficult to get in," Dr Ayliffe said.

"Rigorous field testing showed that our

gene stack approach provided complete protection against the rust pathogens we were targeting.

"Successfully validating the effectiveness of our technology makes this approach an incredibly attractive opportunity to protect global grain crops."

In Australia, wheat is a \$6 billion per annum industry, and the wider Australian grains industry supports over 170,000 jobs.

It has been estimated that a disease outbreak of one of the world's most virulent strains of rust - Ug99 - could cost the industry up to \$1.4 billion over a decade.

Wheat provides around 20 per cent of the world's calorie intake, making crop protection vitally important for world food security, with cereal rusts also affecting barley, oats, rye and triticale crops.

As rust is a global problem, it requires international collaboration with the team comprising researchers from CSIRO, University of Minnesota, Aarhus University, The John Innes Centre, USDA, Xinjiang University and strategic funding by the 2Blades Foundation.

Dr Ayliffe said this study had targeted stem rust, but the same technology could be used to breed against stripe and leaf rust diseases as well, and in different existing wheat varieties to add resistance.

"One of the genes we selected actually protects against stem, leaf and stripe rust diseases, so it's entirely possible to include genes that also work against other rust species," he said.

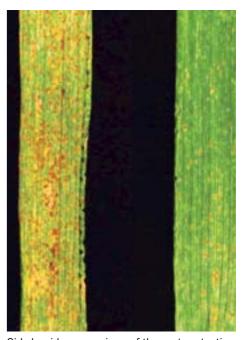
"We don't know the limits of this new gene stacking technology yet. We currently have an even larger genetic stack with eight resistance genes in the lab, so even more protection against rust is possible."

Wheat rust can rapidly mutate, making it difficult for wheat breeders to respond quickly using conventional breeding.

However, multiple genes compiled together in a gene stack can greatly strengthen wheat's defences and be deployed far more quickly.

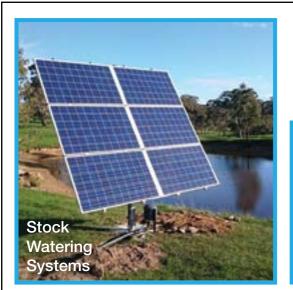
Stripe, leaf and stem rust diseases cause in excess of US\$1 billion in crop damage globally every year, with different strains of each fungal disease occurring around the world.

Adoption of this new in-built resistance technology would also be a valuable tool for integrated pest management, lowering the need for fungicides and increasing the durability of the management tools for farmers.



Side-by-side comparison of the rust protection in action, right, and unprotected wheat.

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Imogen floods North Qld

By weather forecaster Mike Griffin

After an early than normal monsoon in the north, our first cyclone for the season, Cyclone Imogen, was named as a Category 1 around 4pm Sunday January 3 when it was approximately 200km west of Karumba.

It crossed the coast south of Karumba about midnight dumping 263mm at Normanton. This was the heaviest 24-hour total for 63 years. Then, it was slowly downgraded to a tropical low about 4pm Monday north of Georgetown.

As it travelled south eastwards, rainfall of 100-200mm caused flash flooding in its wake.

On Tuesday, the cloud centred over Charters Towers causing more flash flooding for the Cassowary Coast to near Townsville.

The Burdekin River at Fullstop jumped seven metres in a few hours early Tuesday.

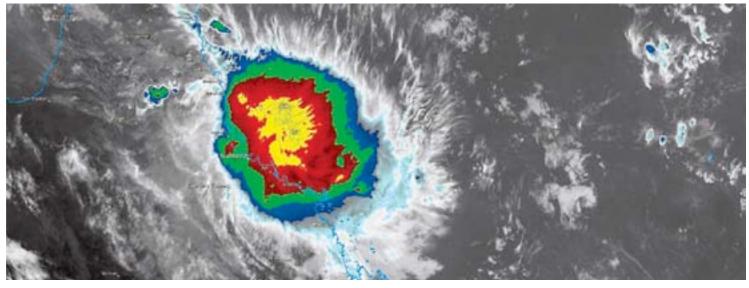
By Wednesday, the remnant cloud moved off the coast around Townsville spilling southward. This formed into a 420km long by 200km wide rainband east of a line, Brampton Island/Abbot Point/Home Hill/Ayr/Cape Bowling Green/Ingham (see satellite image).

A line of storms on the western edge was recorded from just north of Hayman Island to Ingham. Ingham had reports of 122mm of rain in an hour from a storm around 8am. Roads were closed at Halifax to Ingham.

Rainfall totals of 300-400mm were recorded from Ayr to south of Cairns, and authorities were worried about the crossing at Giru. Rainfall totals for the last seven days were 540mm at Gairloch and 512mm at Cardwell. The enhanced satellite photo is showing cloud, which is over 40,000 ft deep near the centre, that is poised to descend onto the Central Coast north of Mackay and affect the northern Central Highlands in coming days.

The heavens opened for the first time in nearly 11 months last Wednesday.

A band of cloud extended from the coast to just west of Rockhampton. Yeppoon recorded



123mm which extended from Byfield to Emu Park. It then tapered off as it headed inland with The Range recording 67-69mm, French-ville 65mm, Airport 60mm, and Parkhurst 58mm. Gladstone Radar had 105mm while the Airport recorded 56mm.

To our north, there was a report of over 300mm at Stanage with floods around Shoalwater. Rainfalls eased off further west with only moderate falls and the odd heavy falls recorded on the Central Highlands. Rockhampton recorded a very pleasant maximum of 25.1C, Yeppoon 24.9C and Gladstone 25.C under the wet overcast cloud cover.

This is in stark contrast to an 'oppressive' hot 35C on Wednesday as Tuesday's upper cloud clears. Now it is very green and the sound of lawn movers punctuates the air of our River City.

FORECAST

Everyone is asking, "will the remnants of Imogen bring rain for CQ"? As one can see, it is

poised in the north to come down onto the the Central Coast and northern Central Highlands.

Thick middle cloud covered most of the Tropic of Capricorn sky on Tuesday. With a base of 10,000ft and a top around 22,000ft; it teased Rocky with virga and a spit in the afternoon.. The dry air below and above this layer is "subsiding", preventing the cloud from getting thicker. The moisture from the north has to battle with the dry air - who will win the battle of the bulge?

An isolated narrow thundery shower could develop to the west and sneak into to Rocky late Thursday. The light to moderate humid and sticky north easterlies for the last few days will chance dramatically with a cooler South East Trade Winds arriving for Gladstone about midnight Thursday and Keppel Bay Friday morning.

Storms will be triggered in the south and west. But the drier air we spoke of will hold them back. Could be wrong?! This will cause

coastal showers which should reach the Berserkers and bring maximums to around 30C. If the upper dry air survives then the rainfall will be low. If the moisture dominates then falls will be more!

You can see I'm leaning to the former. While heavy falls continue to our north, Ogmore to Byfield may be in the firing line. The broad high in the Tasman should keep a ridge along the southern half of the Queensland coast, with a coastal brief shower to continue mainly north of Yeppoon. The fresh SETW winds tend to ease later in the week. While the roads and rivers to our Tropical north will be inundated, tell your friends to remain home and wait it out!

That SETW reached NSW on Wednesday. This will affect the Australia India cricket test match in Sydney. The 24C maximum (feels like 22C) with the coastal early drizzle will make the ball swing for the first two days of the test. Whoever bowls first will have an advantage.

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Announcements

FOX, **William Neville (Bill)**

Formerly of Heath St Wandal. Late of Benevolent Home Passed away peacefully on Monday, 28th December 2020.

Aged 93 years.

Beloved husband of Marleen (dec).

Loving Father, Father-In-Law, Grandfather and Great Grandfather of Graham, Leanne Robson and their families.

A family service was held for Bill today 7th January 2021.



FRY, **Edna Jean**

Late of Gladstone Formerly of Rockhampton Passed away peacefully on Friday 1st January 2021

Aged 88 years.

Dearly Loved Wife of Cedric (dec'd). Loved Mother of 7, Mother-in-law of 7, Grandmother of 20 and Great-grandmother of 22. Loved Sister of Jack Bush, Ray Bush and Allan Bush (both dec'd).

A Private Service to Celebrate Edna's Life was held in Rockhampton on Wednesday 6th January 2021.



NAGEL, Gerhard Albert 'Garry'

Late of Bethany Nursing Home Aged Care, Rockhampton.

Passed away peacefully on Sunday, 6th December 2020.

Aged 83 years.

Beloved Husband of Gabriela.

Much Loved Father and Father-in-law of Mary and Chris Purcell.

Relatives and Friends are respectfully invited to attend a Mass of Thanksgiving to Celebrate the Life of Gerhard to be held in the St Joseph's Catholic Cathedral, Rockhampton this Monday



BUTCHER, **Marjorie Jean**

Late of Lanigan St Wandal Passed away peacefully on Monday, 28th December 2020

Aged 101 years.

Much loved wife of Alex (dec).

Loving Sister, Aunt and Great Aunt of Vera, Fiona, Stan, Astor, Dorothy (all dec) and their families. A private family service was held on Saturday 2nd January 2021.



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MACKENZIE Dacia Catherine

Late of Gair Street and Leinster Place passed away peacefully on Friday, 1st January 2021 Aged 85 years.

Loving Mother, Mother-in-law and Grandmother of Kym and Colin, Matt, Sam Kime, Alan and Sandy, Breannah, Cooper Mackenzie, Tracev and Justin. Isaac, Isabella Houlihan,

Relatives and friends are respectfully invited to attend the funeral service for Dacia to be held in the East Chapel of the Rockhampton Crematorium this Friday, 8th January 2021 commencing at 11AM

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TOBY Warren Andrew

of Ipswich and formerly of Mt. Morgan Taken suddenly on Saturday 26th December 2020

Aged 53 years.

Much loved Father to Kieran, Ethian and

Cherished Grandad to Tyriese Loved Son of Gordon and Heather (both dec) Much loved brother and brother in law to Buster (dec), Greg and Maree, Bonnie and Nod, Lyn and Ray, Debbie and Jeff, Flip, Jeffrey, Anthony and Daphne, Jamie and Marilyn, Matthew (dec), Alison and Amiel, Uncle to their familie

Relatives and friends are respectfully invited To attend a celebration of Warren's life to be held Graveside Mt Morgan Cemetery on Friday 8th January 2021 commencing at 11am.





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SPORTS QUIZ

- 1. In which year did the VFL change its name to AFL?
- Behind France, which country's riders have been most successful in the history of the Tour de France?
- How many times has Wild Oats XI won the Sydney to Hobart yacht race?
- Which was the last horse to win the Caulfield Cup/ Melbourne Cup double?
- Which team were the 2019/20 Australian Baseball League champions?

- As of the end of 2020, how : 13. Since 1998 how many many NBA titles have the Perth Wildcats won?
- In which golf tournament does the winner wear the green jacket?
- In 1999, which Geelong AFL player changed his name to "Whiskas" for a short period of time?
- In Formula One, who is Max Verstappen's teammate at Red Bull in 2021?
- 10. In 1956, which English spin bowler famously took 19 wickets against Australia?



- times has Australia won
- 14. Michelle Payne won the 2015 Melbourne Cup riding which horse?
- champions Southside Flyers were known by what name prior to their 2019 rebrand?
- 16. Which retired weightlifter won the the gold medal in the Super Heavyweight category at the 1984 Summer Olympics?
- Australia in December 2020, India scored only 36 in their second innings. Mayank Agarwal led their second innings scoring with how many runs?
- 18. Which team selected Australian centre Luc Longley with the 7th overall pick in the 1991 NBA draft?
- 19. Which Australian Baseball League team is based in

- the Commonwealth Games gold medal for netball?
- 15. The 2020 WNBL
- 17. During the First Test versus
- Western Australia?
- 20. Which NBL team did American basketballer Rakeem Christmas play for in 2018?



- 21. What sort of balls were games of basketball initially played with?
- 22. What was the first African country to quality for the FIFA World Cup?
- 23. What is the lowest weight division in boxing known as?
- 24. In what year was the first Cricket World Cup played?
- 25. Which NFL team moved from Oakland to Las Vegas for the 2020-21 season?
- 26. Who won the women's singles title at the 2020 French Open?
- 27. Which NHL team won the 2019-20 Stanley Cup trophy?

- 28. What was the name of the ground the Essendon Bombers played home games at from 1922-1991?
- 29. What city played host to the 'bubble' the NBA used to complete the 2019-20
- 30. Which team won the 2020 WNBL Grand Final?

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Rocky touch hero retires

By Liam Emerton

Long-time Rockhampton Touch Administrator Denise Edwards has retired from her role which she held for over a decade.

Edwards has been a central figure of Rocky Touch for 12 years and has been praised by many as a reason that touch football is so strong in our district.

As well as administrator, Denise has been a coach, manager and held many other roles within the sports organisation.

Her role was tougher than ever this season with the pandemic and helping keep Rocky Touch Covid safe.

Rockhampton Touch Football president Gary Benbow, who has known Denise for about 30 years, was full of praise for the Rocky

"For me personally I would like to thank her so much," he said.

"She's helped me so much in my position.

"She's a fantastic lady and it's going to be so hard for someone to fill her shoes

"She virtually has been a jack of all trades.

"When the going gets tough and things start to go a little bit pear-shaped she's the first person to put her hand up and she just carries on regardless.'

Benbow said that he believes Denise will still be around Rockhampton Touch but hopes she gets to spend more time with her husband and grandkids now that she's stepped away from an official role.

"She will still be part of Rocky Touch," he

"She will still come on tours with us when we go away for the junior state cup and senior state cun.

"We're not going to lose her all together but it's time for her grandkids to see her more and her husband Brian to spend some more time

Denise was humbled about her own role within the club and said she is looking forward

"I'm looking forward to retirement, when I'll have time to relax a bit and take up some new hobbies," she said.

"I will miss interacting with the many, many wonderful people in our association and the juniors in particular.

"There is a core group of very dedicated, hard working people who will make sure Rocky Touch remains as successful as it's grown to be in recent years."

Rocky Touch's Matt Manning posted this comment on the Rockhampton Touch Facebook page after the senior men team won their second consecutive state carnival:

"A massive THANK YOU to Denise in her final official carnival as Rocky Touch's administrator. Again Denise worked her butt off to make sure all of Rocky Touch's players and officials were looked after and didn't have to worry about anything other than ripping in on field. It's been said by many but we will certainly all miss you Denise!'



Recently retired Rockhampton Touch Football Administrator Denise Edwards with president Gary Benbow at the Oueensland Junior State Cup after Rockhampton was announced as the winner.

Fishing

Out in the deep blue seas with Darryl 'Dags' Branthwaite

By Darryl Branthwaite

Welcome to 2021 everyone!

This past week we have seen the lead up to, and the exit, of the last quarter lunar phase with little tidal run in most areas, along with flat seas, and if you dodge the squalls or storm cells, the wind has been reasonably kind as

The humidity has certainly stepped up however just to remind you that you are in the

This certainly hasn't stopped, or at least slowed down, the number of boats slipping up to 1770 from the southeast corner to fish the

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southern Great Barrier Reef.

Places like Boyne Island, Gladstone, and Yeppoon have also been inundated with trailer boats, with car parks overflowing, parking spaces at a premium, and boat ramp etiquette thrown out the window at times.

Most places now have double or triple ramps, which can handle a lot of launchings and retrievals if everyone plays by the rules by getting their boat ready to launch before backing down the ramp, including bungs in!

When retrieving, drop someone off to bring the car and trailer down, and sit off from the ramp until your trailer is ready to receive the boat. Once on the trailer remove the bungs, clear the ramp, even back to where you parked initially, freeing up the ramp for the next per-

The quality of fish being brought home is sensational with excellent reds, trout, lipper and some solid cobia being put in the esky as well. There are some small Spanish and grey mackerel lurking around as well, so keep that speculator hanging out the back of the boat.

These are stunning fish to eat with excellent return when filleting and I'm wondering how many of you have smoked or kippered mackerel fillets and then eaten it cold the next day. Give it a crack as it's amazing on a noice bikky.

In close there has been some sizable grunter being caught in the harbour and associated feeder systems like South Trees, and the Cal-

We have been chatting about this in past couple of weeks, about the various impoundments around our region and I neglected to mention Lake Maraboon.

"Fishing Facebook page Central Queensland" admin, and avid angler, John Boon wrote this week about his expedition out



A nice plump barra.

there to Emerald, teaming up with a couple of thrive in the fresh water. mates Matthew Arnold and Luke Peisker.

John commented on Matty's insane knowledge of the lake as it produced some amazing fish, with Lucky Luke nabbing the biggest at

As you can see, this whole region from the SGBR out to the Banana Shire and right out to Central Highlands has some amazing fisheries which can contain big Barra, quality Bass, yellow belly, Mangrove Jack (Awoonga), Saratoga, as well as many other species which

The outlook for the next few days will severely restrict those who want to venture out the front and my guess is that the Muddies, Jack, Bream, King salmon and Grunter will cop

So, if you didn't get out today, by tomorrow morning its going to be blustery conditions with storm cells as well.

Hooroo,

Dags

Brilliant Beef City rodeo

By Liam Emerton

After a 10 year absence, the Australian Pro Rodeo Association and Xtreme Broncs returned to Central Queensland Livestock Exchange's undercover arena for two days of terrific ac-

With their Covid-safe plan in place, the Beef City Rodeo was a sellout with around 1500 people attending the New Year's Eve event.

The second day of action was held on Saturday with the Xtreme Broncs taking centre

The crowd was once again sold out with the inclusion of riders, their supporters, and spectators bringing the arena to capacity.

And the riders showed up in big numbers with 292 competitors stealing the spotlight across the two days of action.

From those 292, Central Queensland was represented strongly and Rockhampton duo Shane and Jorja Iker took home the top prize in Rope and Tie and Breakaway roping respec-

CQLX Regional Operations Manager Gavin Tickle was stoked with how the event played

"We had a sellout crowd on the first night and a capacity crowd on the second night for the Xtreme Broncs so it was a great couple of days," he said.

"We had over 1500 spectators on the first night plus all the competitors and companions.

"So that filled our Covid plan and on the second night we reduced the numbers to make it more manageable and that was sold out as

"It was fantastic and we're really pleased with it all."

Tickle was also impressed with local talent who showed that CQ has a lot to offer in the realm of rodeo.

"It was a good couple of days for us," he

"It was good to see some of the local com-

"The Iker family, Shane and Jorja, did extremely well.

"They both won events at the rodeo and it was good to see the support of former Australian champions in every event."

Tickle said it was a great reintroduction of rodeo and broncs to the CQLX arena.

We're very pleased with the number of people we had through the gate over the past couple of days," he said.

We haven't hosted a rodeo at the CQLX venue in my time being up here.

"You wouldn't really get anyone else in there so it was a fantastic night.'

CQ Today would like to thank John Todd from ImageBox 4680 Facebook page for the fantastic pictures of all the action from the two

Results for both events are as follows:

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- Bareback Bronc Ride D Worsfold with 87
- Junior Barrel Race Maddi Caban with a time of 15.55 seconds
- Junior Breakaway Roping T Hale with a time of 2.3 seconds
- Steer Wrestling R Gibb with a time of 3.55
- Barrel Race E Kenny with a time of 15.748 Seconds
- Breakaway Roping Jorja Iker with a time of 2.5 seconds
- 2nd Div Bull Ride Lane Mellers with 71 points
- Saddle Bronc Ride C Braden with 81 points
- Bull Ride J Curr with 786 points ■ DC Motors Extreme Broncs and Steer Wrestle
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On the track with Tony

By Rockhampton Jockey Club Ceo Tony Fenion

G'day this is Tony.

CERTAINLY, an exciting week ahead for Rockhampton Jockey Club members Bill and Di Ouston as the countdown to the \$2 million Gold Coast Magic Millions 2YO Classic (1200m) on January 16 ticks away.

Bill and Di are in the fortunate position of being part of a syndicate of owners that race the unbeaten youngster Alpine Edge which scored his second win at Eagle Farm last Saturday week.

A son of Better Than Ready and Freezethemillions, the colt is on the second line of betting for the prestigious race.

Bill is a former chairman of the RJC and he and Di are passionate racing industry supporters who have raced their share of good horses and not so good over the years.

In Alpine Edge, which cost the large syndicate \$160,000 at the 2020 Magic Millions January Yearling Sales, they have a very good horse.

Alpine Edge has already returned the syndicate \$237,500 in prize money so the owners are a long way in front.

How great it would be if Alpine Edge, trained just across the road from the MM race venue by Toby and Trent Edmonds could win the glamour race.

First prize money is a cool \$1,160,000.

Over the years Toby Edmonds, who formerly came from New South Wales, has bobbed up with runners at the RJC's Winter Racing Carnival

Way back in 1999, Toby won the Rockhampton Cup (2000m) with Chappel Dancer ridden by Alan Cowie, which at the time ran a race record.

Just a few week later, Edmonds, Cowie and Chappel Dancer won the Mackay Cup carrying no less than 64kg. Since those days, Toby had a stint at Warwick Farm in Sydney but in more recent years, along with son Trent, has overseen a huge training operation on the Gold Coast.

Of course, a Magic Millions 2YO Classic win is nothing new for Toby Edmonds as he achieved that in 2017 winning with Houtzen before she raced on in England.

Loyal Rockhampton racing people will be cheering for Alpine Edge in the MM and many locals from CQ will be there for the day which for many is an annual must attendance meeting.

Good luck Bill and Di.

HERE are some information and figures from editions of the Queensland Principal Club Capricornia Region's racing calendars.

Gee it tells the story of how things have changed in Rockhampton racing.

The edition I am referencing was listed as July 1993.

Yeppoon's John Millroy was the chairman of the committee and the late Michael Carrigg the chief steward then.

The calendar listed 24 active race clubs as opposed to 13 in the current Racing Queensland calendar.

Among those clubs that have been long defunct are the Banana Race Club; Camboon Race and Recreation Club; Duaringa Lions Race Club; Mackenzie River Amateur Race Club (Wilpeena); Ridgelands Race Club; Theodore Race Club and the Wowan Race Club.

There were 37 active bookmakers fielding at Capricornia region race meetings in the 1993/94 racing season.

Just as an example, at the Gladstone Turf Club races a fortnight back there were four bookmakers in action and these days that's a sizeable number.

As for trainers, there were 225 registered for

the 1993/94 season which included 41 categorised as owner-trainers.

Now in the 2020/21 racing season there are 109 register trainers in the Capricornia region.

As for jockeys - this tells the tale of change. There were some 40 jockeys residing in the Capricornia Region in 1993.

Nineteen of those jockeys lived in Rockhampton.

For the 2020/21 racing season there are only 12 resident jockeys in the entire Capricornia region.

Only seven of those jockeys reside in Rockhampton and currently four of that number are not, and have not been, actively riding.

That's why it is no surprise that 14 visiting jockeys rode at the RJC race meeting last Tuesday week as well as four locals from the Capricornia region.

Racing in Capricornia in the year 2020 - and even more so in 2021 - is and will be virtually totally reliant on visiting jockeys.

Speaking of local jockeys, lovely to see Chris McIver and Nigel Seymour back in action at Callaghan Park.

These days it is common for a number of GR 1 winning jockeys to ride at race meetings in Rockhampton which naturally is good for the lifeblood of the industry - turnover.

As for prized money for races conducted by the RJC in 1993, well naturally that was significantly different.

Most RJC races then carried \$2500 prize money.

As it stands now prize money is \$18,000 per ace.

You soon forget, don't you?

AFTER a relatively quiet 2020 it is pleasing to see that the Craiglea horses are back in action.

Delighted to see the Krystle Johnston's

Craiglea Arion win for the stable including her Father Stan at Callaghan Park on December 18.

I notice that Krystle has four Craiglea youngsters entered for the Townsville TAB races last Saturday.

They were Craiglea Bandit; Ivasaur; Mia and Schumo.

The Craiglea horses played a huge role in our club's two-year-old racing in just a few seasons back.

Stan Johnston and his family have been loyal and generous supporters of the northern Provincial race clubs and of course country racing in Queensland.

Who could even forget the day the Craiglea team made national and international news when they provided seven of the eight runners in a 2YO event at Mackay?

Goodness doesn't time get away as it was on January 15, 2010.

The horses were Craiglea Edge; Craiglea Gal; Craiglea Matilda; Craiglea Rawie; Craiglea Royale; Craiglea Smokie and Craiglea Tina.

The jockeys who rode them were Luke Dillon; Kelvin Wharton; Robert Faehr; Trinity Bannon; Chris McIver; Dale Missen and Joe Bowditch.

If you want to go back in time and watch and listen to the race, I'm sure you should be able to find it somewhere on the word wide web.

It's worth the time as the race video made the ABC National News and went viral over-

By the way, Stan Johnston has not been well and recently had surgery in hospital on the Sunshine Coast.

We wish him a speedy recovery and hope to see him back in action soon again at Callaghan Park

Until next week - This is Tony.

GC Suns to scout talent

By Liam Emerton

The Gold Coast Suns will once again host their Capricornia Region Academy Program in the upcoming weeks.

Young men born between 2006 and 2008 and girls born in 2004 and 2008 will have the opportunity to impress regional academy scouts for the Gold Coast Suns in the hopes of securing a place in the Suns' academy squads.

The young guns of the Gladstone region will be on show on Monday, January 18 at BITS oval with a strong number of trialists expected.

The event coming to Boyne Island is thanks to a terrific partnership between AFL Capricornia, AFL Queensland, the Gold Coast Suns and the GC Suns' North Queensland Academy Manager John Deitz.

Those three have combined to host two events, the aforementioned Boyne Island event and a Rockhampton event the next day.

AFL Capricornia competition manager Brad Mattherson said it's a terrific opportunity for AFL youth across the region.

"It's been really exciting for the kids," said Mattherson.

"The kids put in a lot of time and a lot of effort.

"We've seen some really good talent from across the region and it's really exciting to have it back up and running again.

"It provides a real opportunity.

"We've seen such a big change over the last few years where being in a regional area we're kind of isolated so for kids to go to the really high levels they had to be in the metropolitan areas to be noticed.

"With the academy systems coming into the regions and North Queensland being a massive part of the Gold Coast Suns, it provides a realistic opportunity for these kids to get to the next level."

Mattherson said the previous years events have been successful and had taught kids more than just football skills.

"We've had numerous kids from right across Central Queensland drafted into the Gold Coast suns squad," he said.

"It works on many levels, it certainly gives these kids to grow on a personal level.

"But it also gives these kids a level of professionalism that they can take back to their local clubs

"We really encourage all our kids that are learning from the academy program to take that back to their local clubs and really increase that professionalism across their peers.

"As much as it is developing them as footballers it's just as much about developing them as people and leaders."

Registration is still open for both developmental events and will close on January 11 with entry forms can be found on the AFL Capricorn website.

Rocky Cup on its way

ROCKHAMPTON CYCLING CLUB

The Rockhamtpon Cycling Club is fortunate to once again have CQUniversity and JON-CRIS Sentinel Services to sponsor the 2021 Rockhampton Cup on Wheels.

CQUniversity has been a long time sponsor of the Rockhampton Cup on Wheels and the primary sponsor of the Men's feature Wheelrace - a race of five laps (1666m). The highly prestigious race has been run since 1960 from its original home at Elizabeth Park, moving to Baxter Oval in 1970 and to its now renowned site at the Kenrick Tucker Velodrome since 1983.

Previous winners of the Rockhampton Cup on Wheels include the velodromes own name sake Kenrick Tucker in 1965 and then again in 1985. Other multiple time winners include Darren Smith (Surfers Paradise 1990 and 1991) and Jeff Hopkins (Bankstown 1999, 2000 and 2002). But none so far have been able to put together the hat trick being attempted this weekend by Bundaberg's Duncan Allen - to win the cup in three consecutive years.

The continued sponsorship of the Capricornia Cup by JONCRIS Sentinel services has enabled the women's handicap event (five laps) to grow and attract riders from across the country. The last seven years has seen the Cup dominated by Lara Tucker with four wins in 2014, 2015, 2017 and 2018. Splitting her winning streak was her sister Brooke who took out the 2016 Capricornia Cup. In 2019, our own local talented junior rider Deneaka Blinco surprised the field with her speed to come away with the win. Last year was the first time the Cup left Rockhampton in the last 10 years with South Australian rider Lizane Fox taking the cup home with her for the year.

Lizanne is back again this year to defend her title against some pretty tough competition, including previous winners Lara and Deneaka as well as current five-time gold medallist at the recent State Championships in the Women's Masters4 Alicia Harris from Townsville and three-time Gold medalist in Masters3 Jacqui Mengler-Mohr from Balmoral

There will be hot competition in all the other divisions as well as we see for the first time the U13 class being split into Womens and Mens classes due to the high number of competitors entered

The carnival will be held over two days commencing on Friday January 8, with gates opening at 4pm and racing at 6pm. Gates will open again Saturday afternoon at 2pm with racing commencing at 4pm. Food and drinks are available on-site and no alcohol or glass bottles are permitted to be brought into the venue. Gate fees for spectators are \$5 per adult and \$2 for child or concession.

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We hope to see you all this weekend for an exciting two days of racing.



Duncan Allen will be back to win the trifecta.



Lizanne Fox will be ready for the Rocky Cup.

Race Results from Saturday night 02/01/2021 - 31 Riders

Race 1 - Scratch

Juniors - 1st Riley, 2nd Sam, 3rd Brock

- C Grade 1st George, 2nd Paris, 3rd Rhys
- B Grade 1st Elliott, 2nd Sebastian, 3rd Jarred
- A Grade 1st John Hi, 2nd Lachlan Ha, 3rd Caden

Race 2 - Division Derby

Juniors - 1st Annalise, 2nd Riley, 3rd Sam

- C Grade 1st Paris, 2nd Hunter, 3rd Rhys
 B DIV 2 1st Ronnie, 2nd Charlie, 3rd Vic-
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 B DIV 1 1st Elliott, 2nd Peter, 3rd Sebas-
- tian
- A DIV 2 1st Brett, 2nd Alex, 3rd Lily
- A DIV 1 1st John Hi, 2nd Lachlan Ha, 3rd Ray

Race 3 - Keiren/Derby

3rd Kyle

Juniors Derby - 1st Riley, 2nd Sam, 3rd Annalise

- C Grade Keiren 1st George, 2nd Rhys, 3rd Hunter
- B DIV 2 Keiren 1st Charlie, 2nd Ellyssa, 3rd Ronnie
 B DIV 1 Mens Keiren - 1st Sebastian, 2nd
- Peter, 3rd Elliott

 A DIV2 Mens Keiren 1st Craig, 2nd Alex,
 - Sadly rain stopped the A DIV 1 Keiren

Thank-you everyone for a great Friday night racing. We are sure all riders thoroughly enjoyed themselves even though it was a rain shortened meeting. Thanks especially to Adonna Ruff (Commissaire), Joe Clifton (Commentator), Renay Buchanan (Score recorder) and Will Cho (Lap Controller).



Rockhampton's A-grade racers will be ready for the cup.

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The Glen will be back in action this weekend against the Port Curtis Cavs.

Cavs host local CQ derby

By Liam Emerton

This weekend will see the return of red-ball cricket to Gladstone after the Christmas break and the completion of the Twenty20 competition put the longer-format matches on hold.

And if it was any game to restart the 40-over Capricorn Challenge competition in Gladstone it would have to be the derby.

The Glen and Port Curtis Cavaliers will face off in the second Gladstone derby of the 40-over season.

The last time these two faced off in a red ball contest was in Round 1 of the comp with The Glen walking away double-bonus point winners.

The Glen had a strong performance in the T20 competition - making their way to the final of the competition after clutching up in a final round game against Gracemere Bulls to secure a grand final spot.

The Port Curtis side will need to restart and - like most of us - put 2020 behind them after failing to pick up a victory in both the T20 and 40-over competitions.

The Cavs could make a big impact by defeating The Glen in what would be a true upset victory.

The Glen will need a win to keep their hold on the second place position with the aforementioned Falcons hot on their tail.

If any team benefited from the break of the 40-over game it would be the Frenchville Falcons.

The Falcons picked up a victory in the T20 grand final against The Glen and won the tournament undefeated.

In hope of keeping the momentum rolling, the club is up to third place on the table and will take on the Rockhampton Brothers on Saturday morning.

Those two sides last played back in Round 1 with the Falcons swooping in to pick up an all-round team victory.

Lachlan Hartley was their best man with



The Cavs will be ready for a battle at BITS Oval this weekend.

the bat on that day with 22 runs as five other teams scored double digit run tallies.

The bowling attack of Frenchville started strong in that contest picking up three early wickets for a combined total of one run.

The Brothers still ended up making a solid 97 runs before running out of overs.

The Brothers will have the best chance if the side's openers can stay in the middle for a solid innings giving their later batsmen, such as Riley Connor who made a game high 32 in the two sides' previous contest, a solid total to build on.

That match will be hosted at the Rock-hampton Cricket Grounds on Saturday.

In the second match played on Saturday, the Capricorn Coast Parkana host the tabletopping Gracemere Bulls at Yeppoon Showgrounds.

That contest will be another replay of Round 1 which saw the Bulls pick up a double bonus point victory.

Aaron Harmsworth (61) and Kristopher McDonald (46) added 107 runs to Gracemere's final tally of 218.

Those two strong performances would be a welcomed return for the Bulls who had a less-than-successful T20 campaign and will be looking to drive back into the 40-over season.

The Parkana also had a poor T20 season and would love a massive upset against the Bulls, led by Stian Koen (40 runs) who was the Yeppoon-based side's best batsmen in the reverse fixture

All in all it looks to be a promising round of action with all teams eager to start the new year with a big win.