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Bowling and beer

By Jamie McKenzie

One of Gladstone's most iconic hotels is set to become the only pub in Queensland that also has ten pin bowling on its premises.

By April 2021, four bowling lanes will be operational in the upstairs recreation area of Central Lane Hotel along with a karaoke facility and bistro.

The only independently owned pub in Gladstone is undergoing a massive \$4 million refurbishment that when complete, will resemble no other hotel in Queensland.

Pub owner, Rick Adams contemplated for years where people were going and what they wanted in their local hotel until he hit on the idea of not only offering the usual bar, gaming and bistro, but a recreational venue as a destination patrons could go to, entertain themselves and have the dining experience of their choice.

"While the bowling alley is certainly something very special that will set us apart from other venues, it will be the complete package that encompasses something for everybody which makes our mark on Gladstone," said Mr Adams.

Years since ten pin bowling left Gladstone, to see it return in a CBD pub for a casual game or high stakes competitions, Central Lane Hotel is creating a facility design that will go down in the annals of pub design and management that will not only attract locals but will bring people from out of town just to experience being able to have a coldie while playing a spirited game of 10-pin bowls.

Specialist pub and gaming building firm ICM Construction was a significant contributor to the final design.

Director and builder Michael Caughley said that working with Mr Adams was a rare treat as there were very few owner managers these days prepared to take risks with something new.

"Rick and I worked relentlessly right through the COVID-19 lock down, exchanging ideas and finding new ways to make this hotel something incredibly unique. Our firm ICM is just five years young but we've carved a niche to work with clients thinking outside the box and Rick threw us an inspired challenge when he asked to incorporate so much for the customer under one roof," said Mr Caughley.

The hotel will have the latest gaming machines in a separate lounge as well as Keno.



Central Lane Hotel owner Rick Adams (right) with construction manager Michael Caughley

Patrons will still be able to come in and have a parmy and beer at lunch but with the new building configuration, kids and families will also be able to have a 10-pin bowling game and burger or even belt out a tune in the dedicated, and soundproofed, karaoke room.

Mr Adams said: "Our head and sous chefs will oversee the menu that will be creative as well as conservative. You'll be able to enjoy wining and dining on exquisite produce but, if your taste is for a parmy and pint, you'll be able to that too. We'll be able to cater for families with kids, bowling enthusiasts, mature diners looking to have a fine wine with their aged beef. And we can cover for customers as-

piring to create a specialised function in a private and elegant event room," said Mr Adams.

The Central Lane Hotel is due to re-open in full swing by April. The \$4 million makeover is one of the largest and most distinct of its kind in Queensland with the upstairs area previously known for other entertainment, now transformed into a recreation zone with over 30 on site car parks.

One of the few pubs that has the capacity to cater for kids in one setting whilst keeping them separate from bar and adult entertainment, Gladstone is lucky that Mr Adam's vision combined with the design expertise of

Mr Caughley was confidently adopted by the Gladstone Regional Council and endorsed as an appropriate destination that will be embraced by Gladstone's community.

"By the time we have everything in place we'll be employing something like 40-50 staff - some full time, some casual and part time but, there will be a variety of different jobs on offer for our previous staff as well as newcomers looking to develop a career in hospitality and entertainment."

"And we haven't forgotten our old customers either," Mr Adams pointed out.

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A skilled future: 22 fresh faces at GPC

By Jamie McKenzie

The new recruits have hit the ground running after officially starting last week.

This year GPC's intake includes five apprentice electricians, four apprentice diesel fitters, two apprentice gardeners, one mechanical fitter, one rigging and scaffolding trainee and a computer aided design trainee.

The intake also includes a group of eight local high school students have also come on board this year to complete their one-day a week work placement program with GPC.

Acting CEO Craig Walker said the program is delivering for Gladstone's workforce as well as supporting local apprentices and trainees with world-class training at home.

"Our Apprentice and Trainee program is one of our most successful programs at GPC and attracts hundreds of applicants each year," Mr Walker said.

"The new recruits will be given an invaluable opportunity to learn their chosen trade

under the guidance of our skilled supervisors and mentors who have been with GPC for decades and are keen to see them all succeed and prosper with their future careers," he said.

"We're proud to be shaping Queensland's future workforce with our program and supporting our local community in which we operate." GPC's rigging and scaffolding trainee, Price Maynard is excited to take his first steps in his new career.

"I was a bit shocked when my application was accepted because I knew how popular the program was," he said.

"I'm really grateful I've been given the opportunity and I'm enjoying every moment."

The 25-year-old said his goal is to finish his traineeship and apply for a position at GPC.

Parks and Gardens apprentice Amanda De Boer said the program offered her an ideal career change.

"I'm very impressed with the new East Shores parkland development and I'm looking forward to working there, getting my hands

dirty and learning all about horticulture," Ms De Boer said.

"I have been looking for a career change and I'm very passionate about gardening and this program was the perfect opportunity."

Member for Gladstone and Minister for Regional Development and Manufacturing, Glenn Butcher said that the Palaszczuk Government is focused on creating jobs and growth opportunities for Central Queensland.

"I started my career as an apprentice Fitter and Turner in Gladstone," Mr Butcher said.

"These apprenticeships and traineeships mean that young Queenslanders have a fantastic opportunity to learn new skills and businesses are able to grow, employing even more locals," he said.

"The Gladstone Ports Corporation has a very strong history in providing exceptional training and education, creating local jobs and keeping our Gladstone at the forefront of Australian industry."

Bowling and beers at the one venue

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"It was the discussions we had with those patrons which informed and inspired me to come up with this vision that not only kept the favoured mix of bar, bistro and gaming, but invigorated the pub with new verve intended to create a place to go to for recreation," said Mr Adams.

Construction and fit out have been moving quickly which Mr Adams puts down to the skills and discipline of local trades. "Wherever possible, the construction team and I brought local building talent to the project. They know the lay of the land better than anyone else and knew how and when to schedule key milestones during COVID-19 and then the holiday season."

"Our local tradies were well up to the task of taking on this complicated building and they worked assiduously with Mr Caughley and ICM Construction to meet back-to-back deadlines, limited budgets and challenging site considerations."

"To help smooth the way, the Mayor and Gladstone Regional councillors have been behind us all the way. They were keen to see




Aerial view of construction work well under way

us get to work on what is a unique venue that would be an asset to our town. We're grateful for their consideration and genuine input into

making the new Central Lane Hotel what it is – a place for everyone of every age." Mr Adams concluded.



Artists impression of the fresh look Central Lane Hotel following its \$4m makeover




The editor's desk

Coal and cattle are the two key industries that most have in mind when they think of Central Queensland. And for good reason. Our page 3 story on Queensland's coal boom demonstrates how swiftly our world-class coal companies can capitalise on improvements in the international economy to lock in growth and prosperity for all of us in the region.

Less well known, however, are the remarkable innovations occurring across our region in many other sectors. Our story on hospital puppets developed by Central Queensland University on page 6 and our profile of SwarmFarm Robotics on page 21 shows that we are so much more than a feeder region for the Bowen and Galilee Basins and the agricultural industries spread across the Central Highlands.

We are leading the world in more than just coal and cattle.

- Duncan Evans



Queensland coal booming

By Duncan Evans

Queensland's coal industry escalated dramatically throughout the fourth quarter of 2020 and looks set to prosper in 2021.

The Australian Bureau of Statistics has revealed that from September to November last year, coal industry jobs rose by almost 40 percent, increasing from 28,072 to 39,075, and coal exports for the month of December rose some 19 percent over the previous month.

The resilience and growth of the industry is a remarkable development given the external geopolitical tensions bearing down on the industry.

Late last year, some 80 ships carrying Australian coal were blocked from entry into Chinese ports, the result of a widely reported Chinese ban on coal imports from Australia, in turn part of a larger trade and diplomatic stand-off between the two countries.

Ian Macfarlane, Chief Executive of the Queensland Resources Council and a former federal minister, spoke with CQ Today about how the coal industry had maintained its strength in the face of trade hostilities.

He said two key factors were at play.

Firstly, Queensland's comparative success in containing the virus has meant that our companies are well positioned to capitalise on rising demand as nations across Southeast Asia and India move out of Covid restrictions and begin to ramp up their economic growth.

"We've seen the sector maintain its production throughout the Covid crisis, and that's now reflected in demand and a rise in prices coming out of Southeast Asia and India, so the outlook for coal is very strong, and companies have been able to take advantage of that, and that is then reflected back in more jobs," he said.

Meanwhile, Brazil, one of our chief competitors in the resources sector, has struggled under the pandemic, and this in turn positions Australian companies to supply the pent-up demand for resources across Asia.

Secondly, China's coal ban seems to have



been a self-defeating move on the part of Beijing. Not only has it failed to degrade Queensland's coal industry, it has had the unintended effect of lifting the state's coal companies to new heights of profitability.

"Interestingly, because of some of the changes that have gone on in the market with China sourcing coal from other places, and having to pay higher prices for that, it's actually lifted the price of coal for Australian producers. So for instance, in the last couple of weeks, we've seen prime hard coking coal rise almost 50 percent, and we've seen a firming in thermal coal as well. In terms of Australian produc-

ers, they started moving away from China in the middle of last year, and now they're enjoying not only more long-term markets in other places, but also a rise in their commodity as well," he said.

Altogether then, the China coal ban has, to date at least, generated a good deal of noise and thunder, but has not resulted in any negative effect.

"It doesn't seem to have had the effect that people predicted early on. In fact, quite the contrary. Tonnages are up and prices are up. There's definitely been a drop of coal going

into China from Australia, but Australia has taken the opportunity to fill other markets and those markets will be long-term markets for the industry, so that's going to be a good thing."

Across Central Queensland, the positive outlook for coal coincides with a boom in mine construction. Bravus Mining and Resources continues to build out its \$2 billion open pit mine north-west of Clermont and expects to export its first shipment of thermal coal this year. Meanwhile, Pembroke Resources will build out its \$1 billion Olive Downs Coking Coal Project south-east of Moranbah throughout 2021.

Altercation: Police 'likely' to press murder charges

By Liam Emerton

A shocking case of alleged violence has concerned many in the Central Queensland region this week.

It's alleged that at 10pm on Thursday, 28 February two men known to each other became involved in an altercation at a Mackay Street house.

It will be alleged by police that one of the men used a wooden chair handle to hit the other man in the head causing significant injuries.

A 32-year-old Lakes Creek man was transported to the Rockhampton Hospital where he died on Saturday afternoon.

A 35-year-old Lakes Creek man was charged on January 29 with one count of

acts intended to cause grievous bodily harm which is likely to be upgraded to a murder charge.

Detective Senior Sergeant Luke Peachey spoke to the media on Friday prior to the 32-year-old's death.

"At approximately 10pm [Thursday night] police were directed to an address in Lakes Creek, Mackay Street in regards to an altercation which occurred between two people," he said.

"Upon arriving at the address police located a male person who was unresponsive.

"When police had arrived they were unable to locate a pulse.

"That male was transported to Rockhampton base hospital, he's listed as critical

and on life support with severe head injuries.

"The advice I've got from speaking with the doctors at the Rockhampton Base Hospital is that they are severe head injuries, a number of head fractures which have caused significant damage to his brain."

Detective Peachey said prior to the victim's death that charges would be likely upgraded.

"At this stage we will monitor his condition," he said.

"Given his current prognosis if he was to become deceased then we'd probably be looking to upgrade those charges."

Detective Peachey said that the two had a relationship before the alleged incident however it has been a challenging investigation so far.

"It appears that they all lived there and worked together," he said.

"A number of these people are non-English speaking so it's provided some challenges to us in regards to getting witness statements.

"But we will work around the clock with interpreter services so that we can get this matter to a quick resolution."

Detective Peachey urged the public to reconsider their actions.

"It's very concerning for us," he said.

"We ask people again to consider their actions and know that every action has a consequence.

"And in this case it could be the most severe of consequences."

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Some handy grants roll in

By Liam Emerton

The Rockhampton and Keppel districts have been given an influx of funding from the State Government this week - receiving around \$400,000 thanks to Gambling Community Benefit Fund grants.

Eleven community and sporting organisations have received a much needed boost with many receiving around \$30,000 for upgrades to their facilities.

In the Rockhampton region more than \$270,000 was provided to seven separate organisations.

Gracemere RSL was provided \$29,000 for a new solar panel system while the Capricorn Helicopter Rescue Service Limited secured \$35,000 towards the installation and reflective study of solar panels.

Gracemere RSL's president Steven Robinson was stoked with the news and said it will be a big boost for the club.

"We have a food business license," said Mr Robinson.

"It becomes 50-plus degrees and the fans just push the hot air.

"By getting the solar power we are hoping we can make the conditions a bit better for the volunteers in that area.

"Our electricity was about \$2500 for a quarter so if we can trim something off on that - that'd be great."

Mr Robinson said that the RSL is an important part of the community in Gracemere and



President of Gracemere RSL Steve Robinson with Rhonda Robinson at the Gracemere RSL.

the surrounding areas.

"Our prices are cheap and we've kept our prices the same since 2009," he said.

"We get a lot of pensioners for sure and now we're getting a lot of 30-year-olds.

"And it's the smiles - it's a happy place.

"The pursuit of happiness is important and behind all of that is the volunteers.

"I can't describe what they do, they really are unspoken heroes.

"It has a huge value in the community."

The other beneficiaries of the grants in the Rockhampton region include the Capricornia Budgerigar Society Incorporated to purchase IT equipment (\$6,620.00), Beef Australia to purchase portable cattle stalls (\$35,000.00), Fitzroy Motor Boat Club to install a hot water system, solar and security lighting

(\$35,000.00), the Glenmore Bulls Australian Football Club for an upgrade to the canteen (\$29,479.00), Gracemere Hack and Pony Club in order to construct a dressage arena with flood lighting (\$34,980.50), Victoria Park Gymnastic And Trampoline Club to purchase an elastic spring floor (\$35,000.00) and the Rockhampton Wolverines Gridiron to purchase sports equipment (\$32,907.84).

In the Keppel area a Yarning Circle at Taranganba State School and an upgraded cricket pitch area at the Parkana Cricket Club are among new projects which will become a reality thanks to funding from the Gambling Community Benefit Fund grants.

Keppel MP and Assistant Education Minister Brittany Lauga said four Keppel not-for-profit groups shared grants totalling \$129,674

in the latest round.

"All of our successful recipients do fantastic work in our local communities," she said.

"We are supporting a variety of projects such as a Yarning Circle at the Taranganba State School, thanks to the school's Parents and Citizens Association which has been awarded \$35,000 to make the project a reality.

"This is a program that delivers for one part of our local community, and one which has been on the horizon for some time."

Other recipients as well as their projects and grants are the Capricorn Coast Parkana Cricket Club with an upgrade to the cricket pitch area (\$27,840), Cawarral Cricket Club to enclose existing facility structure (\$35,000) and the Keppel Sands Community Advancement League to upgrade their facility (\$31,834).

Attorney-General and Minister for Justice Shannon Fentiman said eligible organisations can go online and apply for funding under Round 108.

"We know 2020 was extremely tough for so many Queenslanders," Ms Fentiman said.

"These grants are helping Queensland communities get back to business.

"I would encourage any community organisations including sporting clubs, P&Cs and not-for-profit organisations to apply for grants of up to \$35,000 for projects that will benefit their community."

Round 108 of the Gambling Community Benefit Fund is open for application until 28 February 2021.

Positive signs welcomed in harbour report card

By Jamie McKenzie

The Gladstone Healthy Harbour Partnership has just released its 2020 report card produced with the support of 21 partners, representing community, traditional owners, industry, science, government and harbour management.

Report cards are a globally recognised method of reporting on waterway health and monitoring changes. GHHP has been working for the past 12 months to produce the 2020 Report Card for the community and stakeholders, rating indicators from very poor (E) to very good (A).

Minister for the Great Barrier Reef, Meaghan Scanlon congratulated GHHP on delivering its sixth report card and welcomed the positive results across several key indicators.

"It is fantastic to know that our long-term investment continues to deliver water quality benefits for Gladstone and, too, for our Great Barrier Reef," Minister Scanlon said.

The Queensland Government recognises the importance of regional waterway report cards and the community partnerships that drive them in delivering a healthy Reef and strong regional economies. It has provided more than \$6 million in funding across five



Gladstone Harbour. Picture: GPC

regional partnerships since 2017.

The 2020 report card presents the results of environmental, social, cultural and economic monitoring within Gladstone harbour and the Gladstone local government area, between July 2018 and June 2020. Information and data used in the report card has been provided by scientific research organisations, universities and specialist consultants overseen by the GHHP Independent science panel and the GHHP Science Team.

After five years of satisfactory grades (C) the environmental grade improved to a B, a result of higher grades for seagrass, fish recruitment and water quality. Seagrass has continued to improve from a poor grade (D) in 2018 to a good grade (B) in 2020. Fish recruitment improved from a D in 2019 to a C in 2020. Water and sediment quality contin-

ued to be very good (A) with water quality receiving its highest score since the first full report card in 2015. As a result, this was the first time the overall water quality indicator received a very good grade (A). However, coral received a very poor grade (E) and mud crabs received a poor grade (D).

Of the environmental indicator groups water and sediment quality received an A, habitats—made up of seagrass, mangroves and coral—received a C and fish and crabs—made up of fish recruitment, fish health and mud crabs—also received a C.

The social component grade for 2020 was good (B). Results were consistent with previous years with community perceptions of harbour usability staying as satisfactory (C), and harbour access and liveability/wellbeing both remaining good (B). The scores for the social component have remained relatively stable since it was included in the pilot report card in 2014. As a result, this component will only be monitored every third year and no new monitoring was conducted in 2020.

The 2019 social component scores are used for the 2020 report card. The overall grade for the cultural component was satisfactory (C). The grade for sense of place remained good (B). This score has changed little in five years and suggests that the com-

munity's expectations of the harbour area are being met. The score for place attachment was slightly higher than previous year's, suggesting an increased engagement with and appreciation of the harbour.

The scores for the cultural component have remained relatively stable since it was included in the pilot report card in 2014. As a result, this component will only be monitored every third year and no new monitoring was conducted in 2020. The 2019 economic component scores are used for the 2020 report card.

The overall economic grade for 2020 was good (B). Economic performance remains an A, owing to the continued strength of shipping and tourism. However, commercial fishing received a poor score for the fourth consecutive year. The scores for the economic component have remained relatively stable since it was included in the pilot report card in 2014. As a result, this component will only be monitored every third year and no new monitoring was conducted in 2020. The 2019 economic component scores are used for the 2020 report card.

The GHHP website and technical report contain further information on the grades presented in the 2020 Gladstone Healthy Harbour Report Card and the methods used to determine them.

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State Labour member for Keppel Brittany Lauga (right) with Katie Connor from Honeybee Collective.

No to plastic

By Duncan Evans

State Labour member for Keppel Brittany Lauga is leading the charge for a ban on single-use plastic straws, plates, cutlery and stirrers across Queensland.

With the backing of Premier Annastacia Palaszczuk, the state government will vote on legislation to ban single-use plastics commonly used across the hospitality sector in early 2021. If the bill passes, as is expected, the ban will come into effect in September of this year.

In an exclusive media statement released to CQ Today, Ms Lauga said the legislation demonstrated her government's commitment to reducing the corrosive effects of plastic waste across Queensland communities.

"We know that over 75 percent of rubbish removed from Australian beaches is made of plastic and over 70 percent of loggerhead turtles found dead in Queensland waters have ingested plastic," she said.

A widespread ban of this kind would make Queensland the first state in the nation to attack single-use plastics in this way and Ms Lauga stressed that the effort to reduce plastic waste was a long-term challenge.

"Reducing the amount of plastic waste and pollution is a long-term challenge that requires fundamental behavioural change by society and industry," she said.

Taking inspiration from the 2018 ban on plastic bags at retailers, Ms Lauga acknowledged that an additional ban would incur costs on businesses, forcing them to transition to alternative arrangements, but argued that the costs would be minor given the availability of low-cost substitutes.

What's more, in a telephone conversation with CQ Today, Ms Lauga noted that while any form of change was often difficult in the beginning, if properly thought through the benefits become clear in retrospect.

"Change is always challenging, but we saw the positive benefit of the Containers for Change and the plastic bag ban in Queensland. At the time there were people who were concerned about what that change would mean for them and their day-to-day lives. But I think we've seen people adapt really well to those changes, which have been of great benefit to



State Labour member for Keppel Brittany Lauga is leading the charge for a plastics ban in 2021.

the environment and also to the economy. With the Containers for Change really injecting millions of dollars into community groups. So sometimes change is challenging, but then in retrospect it can have great benefits."

"I think that will be the same case with this new legislation as well," she added.

Around 300 million tonnes of plastic waste are produced every year and about half of all plastic is designed to be used only once and then thrown away.

"I did a clean-up of the playground in my local area yesterday afternoon with some primary school-aged children. I was just at the park with my daughter, and I noticed all sorts of rubbish that was left there, and the vast majority of it were products that will be banned under his legislation," Ms Lauga said.

Katie Connor, owner of the popular Honeybee Collective cafe near the Emu Park Surf Life Saving Club, supports the ban and is ahead of the government in her drive to reduce the use of plastics in her environment, already employing substitutes at her cafe.

"We also have sustainable coffee containers, called Hug Cups, which get rid of the single-use coffee cups which pollute our environment," she said.

No excuse for mistakes

By Jamie McKenzie

DTE Training and Safety Skills (DTE) will revolutionise heavy machinery training when it throws open the gates to its dedicated training camp where candidates get hands on, in the field operation hours across a selection of vehicles used in quarries and civil sites daily.

Right now, there is no facility that is similar. But DTE will provide 38 hours at the controls of an excavator, loader, skid steer loader, dozer, water truck, grader, haul truck or rollers as they go about upgrading tracks for CQ Motorsports Benaraby Inc as part of the arrangement.

DTE director, Kerryanne Tawhai said they were overwhelmed by demand for the service following interviews with quarries and employment agencies in Central Queensland as part of building a business case.

"We're collaborating with quarries and employment agencies to train candidates on a piece of machinery and we guarantee that after their 38 hours training, that candidate will also get actual work placement in a quarry or civil site for at least two weeks."

"Candidates not only get thorough hands-on training, but they will also get to hone their skills in a commercial business. This kind of training is not only not offered elsewhere in Queensland, but it's fundamental to proper and safe operation of machines that can be deadly in the hands of candidate whose only done theory and minimal, if any, practical experience," said Kerryanne Tawhai.

"We expect three cohorts of trainees to undertake the training. We will tailor the course for candidates who already have a level of skills but need certified sign off. Second, there will be courses for semi-skilled operators looking to branch out and get certification on other machinery. And there will be courses for unskilled candidates who are looking to get a job as an operator and require hours behind the wheel before they are eligible to be ticketed as safe and competent."

All training will take place on 66 hectares of land at the CQ Motorsports Benaraby precinct which has agreed to host the training in a bid to help further the training of operators in return for remedial works on the existing 7.6 kilometres of tracks.

A recent trainee, Mr Craig McPherson who just underwent a full DTE course of this kind said it has changed his life.

"I was a tiler, and it damaged my back from years of trade work and I needed to change career. I did a pilot Civil Construction Water Truck competency with DTE under the guidance of Octec Employment Services. DTE engaged Mt Larcom Water Truck Hire for the work placement component which provided me with real time water truck activities such as road dust suppression, mixing aggregate to filling the town's local water tanks before being endorsed as competent late December 2020. I have been given an undertaking that the business will engage my services upon se-



DTE director Kerryanne Tawhai

curing additional contracts and I have also received positive feedback from another local business stating that my recent Civil Construction Water Truck competency supports my eligibility for employment with their business.

"I'm now confident about the suitable opportunities ahead of me within the local workforce thanks to DTE's work placement. The streamlined approach within the collaboration of the 3 businesses headed up by DTE made it easy for me to gain the competency," said Mr McPherson.

Candidates will be trained on one item of machinery at a time until they are up to speed and they are then guaranteed placement with a fully operating quarry to refine their skills. The quarry or construction company oversees the trainee's work and once they have completed their skills, they return to DTE to complete and merge their instruction.

Ms Tawhai said it was a win, win for all concerned. "The candidate gets real experience, not just theory, so they are more confident and safer in the field. The quarry gets the services of a trainee for a minimum of two weeks at no charge while the candidate gets their hours up. And then, the employment agency gets to place the candidate in a real job with all parties knowing that the trainee is competent. All this while CQ Benaraby Motorsports Inc. get their tracks updated and DTE's trainees are put through their paces on a safe training ground in real machinery."

This is the first venture of its type in Queensland and has already garnered significant demand from companies that Kerryanne Tawhai and her team have interviewed to ensure that there is genuine requirement and that the logistics and timelines all fit together.

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Ariane Wieland at the Rockhampton Base Hospital.



A silicone procedural puppet.

Puppet innovation at CQU

By Duncan Evans

Walking by the reception desk of the Paediatric Ward at the Rockhampton Base Hospital, a visitor is immediately struck by the sight of large-scale puppets enclosed in a glass case on the wall.

The puppets are the result of remarkable innovations developed by Professor Kerry Reid-Searl, a paediatric nurse and professor with Central Queensland University (CQU).

The idea for the puppets came to her from her work and research into simulation and roleplay in nursing education.

"I'd spent many years working with roleplay with undergraduate students and one of my real intentions was to get the level of empathy and vulnerability across to students through roleplay," she said in an interview with CQ Today.

Professor Reid-Searl realised that in order to subsume herself completely into the simulation, she would need to develop props to 'remove' herself from the interaction. In time, she developed a unique pedagogy related to the use of props.

"I developed a teaching pedagogy behind it, and in essence, the teacher transforms into another person through the use of silicone. The background history of the character they create then becomes the platform for learning and teaching."

Her experience as a paediatric nurse led her to re-direct her new pedagogy to children.

"I decided to use the same concept of masked. Wearing a puppet on your hand and trans-

ferring that little puppet into a person who has similar issues to the children that they're interacting with," she said.

"It's a concept called puppet-ed."

The full title for the pedagogical method is Pup-Ed (KRS Simulation), a concept developed during Professor Reid-Searl's time at CQU.

"The KRS stands for knowledgeable, realistic and spontaneous simulation," Professor Reid-Searl explains.

"Knowledgeable meaning the person who is wearing the puppet is knowledgeable. I understand the child's condition and the journey. Realistic, you're responding to the child in suspending them in disbelief, Making that puppet alive, giving the puppet to respond to that child. And spontaneous means we don't work with any scripts. We respond to the child and the situation based on what is happening. Like any human interaction."

With this pedagogy in place, Professor Reid-Searl began integrating the puppets into nursing practice.

"And I then started to implement that in the healthcare facilities. We started with cloth puppets. And then there was an issue around infection control because children wanted to grab them and hold them. So I designed a world-first silicone procedural boy with a puppeteer from Melbourne called Richard Mueck."

"So with the cloth puppets, the nurses are the ones that wear the puppets, the hand puppets. And they interact with the children

through play, through teaching them procedures, through educating them about things and to empathise the issues that are happening for children. And the puppets are silent. So they whisper to the nurses, and then the nurse can play around with what she thinks that child might be needing, in terms of empathising with the puppet."

The silicone procedural puppets, a completely original innovation trademarked by CQU, fulfill a slightly different function.

"Richard and I came up with this concept of a silicone procedural boy. Children would then do the procedures on the puppet rather than the nurses always doing the procedures on them. So it created this different balance. So children could actually have the little puppet as the patient and they were like the nurse. And it's sort of created a different power balance. You can put a tube down him, you can catheterize him, you can inject him, he's got a port where kids can actually put the port in. So for those children with chronic illness, and always having procedures done on them, he became a mascot. I then started to think this has got something to it," Professor Reid-Searl said.

With a generous \$10,000 donation, Professor Reid-Searl replicated the puppets in other healthcare facilities.

At present, there are some 12 silicone procedural puppets in use across Australia.

"They've been fabulous for kids and we need to do some more work around it. I consider it still in its infancy."

Though the two types of puppets serve dif-

ferent functions, they both share the overriding purpose of reducing stress and anxiety in children.

Ariane Wieland, a nurse at the Rockhampton Base Hospital, confirmed the remarkable ability of the puppets to reduce anxiety.

"They're brilliant. Some kids take so well to them," Ms Wieland said.

"You do the same procedure on them as you would do to the kids. Generally, we try to use them to reduce anxiety," she added.

Asked what Professor Reid-Searl's innovations had meant to her, Ms Wieland laughed and said:

"Tell her to come in and do another training. I think all the younger ones never got the chance to have that proper training. They only try, I think. You need to use them more often to get used them."

While Professor Reid-Searl was instrumental in developing the puppets, she also credits her colleague Lea Vieth for her work in making the idea into a reality.

"She was instrumental with me to get those puppets into children's wards. So she was with the whole concept from the very beginning," Professor Reid-Searl said.

Though renowned as a centre of world-class coal and cattle production, Professor Reid-Searl's creative pursuits demonstrate that Central Queensland is also a burgeoning hub for innovation across a range of different sectors. In a sometimes dark world, Professor Reid-Searl's puppets and the nurses behind them deliver new forms of care and empathy.

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Croc policy under fire

By Liam Emerton

In the current murky waters of the Fitzroy River it can be difficult to spot a crocodile especially as they are known to be a stealth predator.

The importance of public croc sightings have helped our waterways become safer areas for our keen adventurers who are keen to indulge in recreational activities like fishing or skiing.

The region understands that we live in croc country however the policy of croc removal has concerned some residents in Rockhampton.

A local man called the Department of Environmental Science (DES) to report a crocodile sighting this week - spotting the stealth predator near the Rockhampton Ski Gardens.

He was baffled when he was told that wildlife officers must return a positive sighting themselves before preparing the removal of a crocodile.

CQ Today made contact with the DES to chase up this issue and the DES explained that what the local resident had been told was true.

Wildlife officers can only attempt to remove a croc if they locate the predator - which is usually done through a night search.

The DES said that most crocodiles will just pass through the area and will not pose a threat to humans.

The DES encouraged those who see a crocodile to head to the Q Wildlife app and report the sighting in which they said the wildlife officers investigate every report.

Looking at that application CQ Today found there had been seven reports in the river over the past month with five being in the area that the local man had said he had seen a croc.

Those reports came on 11, 14 and 27 of January - sightings further down the river came on 20 and 23 of January.

Meaning three sightings of a crocodile had

been reported within a week, however because wildlife officers were unable to locate the stealth predator at night and in murky water, traps were not set to relocate the crocodile or crocodiles.

The Nature Conservation (Estuarine Crocodile) Conservation Plan 2018 outlines the limited circumstances under which a crocodile may be considered a problem crocodile and therefore targeted for removal from the wild.

These circumstances include where:

- The crocodile has attacked, is about to attack, or is behaving aggressively towards, a person.
- The nature of the crocodile's location or behaviour makes the crocodile a threat, or a potential threat, to the safety or wellbeing of humans
- A crocodile has passed over, through or under a crocodile prevention barrier on land, on which aquaculture fisheries resources, stock, or a working dog normally lives and is likely to become a danger to the resources, stock or dog.

None of the sightings by the public resulted in the relocation of crocodiles from our river as the wildlife officers were unable to locate any of the crocodiles spotted.

The Rockhampton Regional Council's website states "Upon reporting of local crocodile sightings, Council may choose to erect additional signage in areas of high public interaction with the water."

After a crocodile attack in North Queensland, Kennedy MP Bob Katter said he was sick and tired of the Queensland Government's handling of crocodiles.

"They tell us it's the crocodiles' territory," he said.

"You'd have to have no heart, no soul and no brain to say that we can't remove crocodiles."



Frank Haack's picture of an estimated three-metre croc swimming towards the barrage at the end of last year.

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Hub: Why CQ missed out

By Liam Emerton

Last week the Queensland Government announced that six Pfizer vaccine hubs would be spread across our state, from Brisbane to Cairns.

With the wide-spread hubs across the state of Queensland, many would have expected there to be a hub located somewhere in Central Queensland.

However it was revealed by Health Minister Yvette D'Ath that the hubs will be in Cairns Hospital, Townsville Hospital, Royal Brisbane and Women's Hospital, Princess Alexandra Hospital, Sunshine Coast University Hospital and Gold Coast University Hospital - with Central Queensland missing out.

"Using these facilities as a base for this rollout means we can manage the logistics of the Pfizer vaccine, which is actually quite complex," she said.

"It has strict limitations on its storage,

transport and distribution which makes it unsuitable for how we would normally roll out a widespread vaccination campaign.

"We have chosen our state's largest hospitals, from the top and tail of our state.

"Queensland will begin this process as soon as we receive the first Pfizer vaccines from the Federal Government.

"Every day is a step forward in our recovery from this pandemic, but this is a particularly exciting milestone for us all."

That news could be concerning for some residents of Central Queensland however member for Rockhampton Barry O'Rourke said that this is just the first stage in a longer process.

Mr O'Rourke said that the vaccination hubs will only be vital for the beginning of the vaccinations, eventually branching out to our region.

"This is a national vaccine rollout and

Queensland is working with Commonwealth authorities to implement it safely and effectively," he said.

"It's important to remember the six vaccine hubs announced by the state government are just the first step in the local vaccine rollout for priority groups in Phase 1.

"Soon we will start receiving stock of the AstraZeneca vaccine, pending approvals, and will be able to move beyond the initial vaccination hubs.

"We want to ensure Rockhampton residents can access the vaccine when it's approved and ready for distribution to the local population, which will be delivered through different facilities as outlined by the Commonwealth - such as GP clinics and pharmacies.

"We're currently in the enviable position of having no community transmission in Queensland, including in the Rockhampton region.

"I'd encourage all Rockhampton residents to take the vaccine once it becomes available."

Group 1a, who will receive the first vaccinations across the state, will include Quarantine and border workers, Frontline healthcare workers, Aged care and disability care staff and Aged care and disability care residents.

The federal Government continues to work with Pfizer on the final date of delivery of vaccines, noting that Pfizer has experienced some temporary production delays from its European manufacturing plant as it ramps up production to meet extraordinary global demand.

The Government's latest advice remains that the first doses of Pfizer are expected to arrive and be rolled out in late February. Final dates will be confirmed by Pfizer shortly and are subject to shipping and distribution.

In Australia the vaccine will be rolled out in five phases over the coming months and, over time, will involve more than 1,000 vaccination administration sites.

'One of the toughest': SES looks back at Cyclone Yasi

By Matthew Pearce

Rockhampton SES members are no strangers to natural disasters, but the aftermath of Tropical Cyclone Yasi, 10 years ago, was one of their toughest deployments.

Yasi, which made landfall at Mission Beach on 3 February, 2011, is the biggest storm in Queensland's history, with more than 10,000 people moved from their homes.

Deputy local controller Cheryl Baartz said she'd been with the SES for five years when Rockhampton SES members were called to assist their colleagues in Townsville in the aftermath of the cyclone.

"They were tasking everybody out of the Reid Park Pit Complex, which was used as a staging area," she said.

"I led a chainsaw team at the time and there were a lot of trees down as you can imagine with a cyclone coming through that area."

Many trees were leaning on houses or blocking access or exit to properties.

"It was a tough job, especially with the very hot, humid conditions that normally follow cyclones, which made it hot and heavy work."

Team leader Darrin Swadling did 'three tours of Yasi' in North Queensland, travelling to Townsville and Cairns. He was tasked to places including the Burdekin region, Gordonvale, the Tully-Mission Beach area and Cardwell.

"I saw a lot of trees on houses, roofs that had been ripped off... there was a lot of destruction," he said.

"Cardwell was very eye-opening, especially Port Hinchinbrook where a tidal surge of 2.5 metres lifted all the boats off the pylons, along with the walkways, and smashed them into the clubhouse.

"Also at Cardwell there was an old bloke who had been sucked out of his house. We were tasked to secure the house and the man's animals as he had a lot of horses out back and the trees were over the fences."

Mr Swadling said in the aftermath of a disaster like Yasi homeowners needed to exercise caution.

"You have to be very careful with what you're dealing with because you've got the power lines coming down. It's best to call the SES straight away, or if it's really bad, call 000."

Area controller Eddie Cowie said the sight of SES personnel on the scene usually brought out the best in people.

"When the uniform comes in the community will come and rally," he said.

"The SES is now clearly identified as being the lead agency for cyclones and storms and particularly with Yasi being one of the largest systems we'd had for a long time, people look at us as being the first response to assist in that emergency repair process."

Mr Cowie said local knowledge was a big help when SES members were deployed to other regions.



SES members Darrin Swadling and Cheryl Baartz reflect on the 10th anniversary of Cyclone Yasi.

"What you'll find will happen is that a lot of people will come to you and say, 'Is there anything I can do' and that's where their assistance is really quite useful," he said.

"It's the locals that will share that local knowledge that you may not be aware of, even something as simple as how to get to a service station."

Mr Swadling and Ms Baartz agreed that community members were generally very supportive.

"I remember when we were working at Eungella, it was very late in the afternoon and at 7pm when we finished people from across the road brought food so that our crew could have a feed and a cold drink," Mr Swadling said.

"Fortunately with events like these there's always a lot of help from the community, it's neighbours helping neighbours, which is really important and I've seen that with every

cyclone I've been involved with," Ms Baartz added.

Mr Cowie said it was worth noting that the only confirmed fatality from Cyclone Yasi, was a man who died from carbon monoxide poisoning from a generator, at Bambaroo, near Ingham.

"You'll often find that people batten down for the primary danger (the cyclone) and unfortunately become victims to a secondary process," he said.



Contender Chris Davies plans to write a blog about his experiences.

Candidates reflect

By Duncan Evans

The Rockhampton mayoral election is all but over.

Councillor Tony Williams comfortably leads the pack with nearly 82 percent of the official first preference count in as of Tuesday morning, February 2. Though it is possible that preference flows could swing the election to a candidate other than Cr Williams over the next few days, the likelihood is remote.

More than a week has passed since voting day and the unsuccessful candidates have had time to wind down, relax and reflect on their efforts in a particularly unusual election. Not only did an unprecedented 17 candidates nominate for mayor, but the campaign took place over the Christmas and New Year break and featured the spectre of Chris 'Pineapple' Hooper running once more to claim his seat at the head of the council table. CQ Today spoke at length with a number of candidates to hear their feedback on all things related to the campaign, including candidate perspectives on how the media performed throughout the election.

Dominic Doblo, a perennial fixture of mayoral elections, did not express disappointment over the result. Mr Doblo has secured 5.68 percent of the vote so far, or 2,534 votes, an impressive result given the crowded field.

"It went how I thought it was going to go," he said.

"Tony was certainly the favourite to win and he won. Chris wasn't meant to get there," he said.

"I never spent a single cent. Didn't spend a cent. If I'm serious, I'll spend 70 or 80 grand. This time I just sort of wanted to keep my name there."

Mr Doblo added that he doesn't support our system of compulsory voting.

"We live in a democratic society. People should have a choice whether they want to vote or not," he said.

If Cr Williams is victorious, Mr Doblo believes he could be mayor for a long time to come.

"The ball's in Tony's court. If he wants to get in there and do something, he'll be there for another 12 years. But if he doesn't want to do something, there'll be competition in another three years."

On voting day, Councillor Donna Kirkland expressed a quiet satisfaction in the efforts of her team, but conveyed her criticisms to CQ Today for the way the campaign had been covered by the press. In her view, too much attention was paid to the colourful Mr Hooper, the third-place finisher in the race, and the media largely failed to properly cover the other more legitimate candidates.

Christian Shepherd, a serious and thoughtful young man affiliated with Katter's Australia Party, also expressed criticism for how the campaign had been covered by the media.

"I wouldn't say the coverage is ever really



Christian Shepherd argues that media coverage of the election was not fair.

fair," he said.

"With both the state election and this election, the TV news definitely picked their favourites."

"No stories were dedicated to me or my ideas. I'm not aware that there was a single one."

"As far as what they put through social media, I'd say Nyree Johnson definitely got a lot of exposure, Chris Hooper too. I don't feel his ideas got exposure, he just got sort of milked for attention. But yeah I'd definitely say Nyree Johnson got pushed pretty hard from what I could tell. But when you're using Facebook, you're a victim to their algorithms. So it's hard to say."

Altogether though, Mr Shepherd is satisfied with his performance.

"I feel it went well, considering how many candidates there were. It wasn't a poor turnout for me. If you were to sort of draw a line down the middle of it, of the people who spent a lot of money and people who already had a significant public status, I fared well for the people who didn't fall into those categories."

Christopher Davies, the last place finisher in the race, said the experience had given him more confidence, despite his disappointing end position.

"At the end of the day, I learned a ton about the region. I heard a lot of the issues, I gained a lot of experience and more confidence in myself. I'm not letting the result deter me from ever doing anything in the future," he said.

Mr Davies claimed his relative youth and full-time workload on top of the campaign presented some difficulties.

"Being the youngest, already heading into it with that stigma, or stereotype of a young candidate already upon me, made it difficult from the beginning," he said.

"I was a little bit disappointed some of the media were reluctant to include me in some of the stories, due to the fact I was working full time."

Mr Davies plans to write a blog about his experiences.

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Cale Dendle

New CEO for Livingstone

By Duncan Evans

Cale Dendle, a native of Central Queensland with over 25 years of local government experience, has been appointed the new Chief Executive Officer of Livingstone Shire Council following an extensive selection process.

The CEO is in charge of overseeing the general administrative functions of a council organisation. Behind the elected councillors we vote for in local elections, there is often a sizable and complex bureaucracy charged with two fundamental responsibilities: ensuring that the basic daily needs of the community are met and attended to and working to fulfill the vision of development voted on by council.

In an interview with CQ Today, Mr Dendle used the analogy of a public company to explain the structure of local government. He likened the mayor to the chairman of the board and the councillors to board directors. The CEO, in turn, straddles the boardroom and the administrative state, linking both together.

"The CEO is the principal advisor and conduit between the elected council boardroom and the administrative organisation. He's the chief staff officer. The fundamental difference is that councillors are elected and the staff are appointed," Mr Dendle said.

Though the CEO doesn't have voting power, the position still holds considerable influence over the development of policy, and by extension, the development of a particular community. The role is not purely one of execution, but rather a blend of influence and execution.

"It's a bit of both," he said.

"Councils hire an array of professionals: accountants, town planners, engineers, health professionals, who provide professional advice to the council. And the chief executive is the conduit through which that advice is provided to the council. The council may or may not accept that advice. That's how the Westminster system operates on which our democracy is based. I guess the role of the CEO is to

develop those relations such that good advice, good, frank and fearless advice is provided to the council, and the council has the best information on which to base its decisions."

Much like a conductor, a local government CEO marshals together expert opinion to help guide development and build community.

"And it's the whole suite of policies that make communities," he said.

"There probably isn't something that people do any day that isn't influenced somehow by council," he said.

With staff numbers pegged around 360 and a budget of some \$70 million, Mr Dendle has taken on a serious and pressing responsibility as the head of the Livingstone shire council administration.

"The people who take on these roles go into them with their eyes open. And in my case I've done this sort of thing for an extended period of time. So yes, there is no doubt that there are challenges, but I don't know if the roles are any more challenging than equivalent roles elsewhere."

Tourism makes up roughly 70 percent of the coast's economy and Mr Dendle enters the role as tourist operators enjoy a boom in visitor numbers.

Though this portends a prosperous future for Livingstone shire, Mr Dendle is quick to emphasise that the region has more than one egg in its economic basket.

"What we've got to continue to remind people is that Livingstone is so much more than just the coastal communities," he said.

"Livingstone's not just a one-trick pony."

Asked how he felt to be selected for the role, Mr Dendle replied:

"I'm thrilled to be taking on this role. I think it's a really exciting time for the Livingstone community. Like any community, it has got some challenges it's confronting, but generally speaking, I think it's got an exciting outlook."

Yacht race gets super support from GPC

By Jamie McKenzie

With the exciting news that Gladstone Ports Corporation is taking over the naming rights sponsorship of the Brisbane to Gladstone Yacht Race, the event is set to take on another chapter in its history.

Acting CEO Craig Walker said Gladstone Ports Corporation (GPC) is looking forward to seeing one of Australia's flagship yacht races sail back to life this Easter.

"We're working closely with event organisers, Gladstone Area Promotion and Development Ltd (GAPDL) as well as other key stakeholders to ensure Gladstone hosts one of the best Easter Weekend's yet," Mr Walker said.

"The sporting event brings well-needed interest to some of our marina businesses, the CBD and the wider Gladstone region, as well as showcasing our region on a national scale."

In the past, the festivities has attracted thousands of locals and visitors from across the region.

"Our beautiful waterfront parklands and marina will make a picture-perfect backdrop to the festivities and our event partners are working non-stop to provide the community with an unforgettable Easter in Gladstone in 2021," Mr Walker said.

"With our deep water harbour, surrounding islands and signature waterfront, we're perfectly positioned to welcome the racegoers across the finish line," he said.

"We've always supported the Brisbane to Gladstone yacht race over the years through our in-kind support, as for Gladstone Ports Corporation, The Easter yacht race and festivities are part of the DNA of the Port City."

Mr Walker said supporting this event through the naming rights of Queensland's iconic ocean race was a rare opportunity that



Ichi Ban competing in the Brisbane to Gladstone Yacht Race.

Picture: QCYC

was too good to pass.

"At GPC, we're committed to supporting the community in which we operate and it's all part of our sustainable strategy," Mr Walker said.

"The Brisbane to Gladstone yacht race is just one event on the calendar this year we're excited to support," he said.

"We're also putting the final touches on another event which we're excited to present

to the in the coming months."

GPC's Community Investment Program has been integral to supporting the community over the years with applications now open for the grants and donations program.



Renowned artist and photographer William Debois

Workshops in fine focus

Jamie McKenzie

Renowned local photographer and artist William Debois is holding a rare workshop weekend where he will reveal much of the magic of how to take black and white film photos effectively.

Some may consider this theme of photography as a forgotten dark art but Mr Debois revels in being one of the many practitioners who

still work with film in a world that has mostly adopted digital rendering.

"In a world where the only magic left seems to be the unexplained disappearance of all your money by mid-month, it's refreshing to see initiatives that aim to demonstrate mysterious practices most have forgotten," said Mr Debois.

The two workshops, on 13th and 14th February at Photopia Studio, will indeed reveal true magic, that of black and white film photography. As a professional photographer since the days when film photography was the only choice, and lucky participants to his workshops will get to discover or rediscover how to turn light into a tangible image, using only darkness and chemistry.

"Over the course of the day, I'll address questions such as what film camera to select, how to match it with the right kind of film and how to handle the uncertainties of taking pictures one cannot check at the back of the camera."

"Even if you are well versed with the mystery of silver halide development, you'll undoubtedly enjoy the opportunity to talk about emulsions and formulas with like minded people. If jargon isn't your thing, however, worry not, the process from picture taking through to scanning the resulting negatives will be explained in plain English," concluded Mr Debois.

The workshop fee is \$60 per person for the day and proceeds help support William Debois' portrait project Sacrifice, which will be photographed entirely on medium format film. You can sign up via his crowdfunding campaign on Indiegogo: <https://igg.me/at/sacrifice21>

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Learn the good drop

Jamie McKenzie

The Junction Cafe at Tannum Sands is gathering momentum with a strong following of loyal customers who just keep on coming back to get a taste of the finest of fare.

The cafe is an example of just how good a venue can be when the owner is completely immersed in the day to day running and menu design. But owner-chef Melissa Smart knows she's on to a good thing by teaming up with respected wine columnist Mr Bill Crane.

Both Ms Smart and Mr Crane have a mutual enchantment with treating the palette to only the finest in food and wine and its no surprise then that they have come up with a wine tasting event that compliments the Cafe's diverse menu fostered like using seasonal produce and matching the cuisine with wines that create a degustation delight.

As a wine expert with a global qualification from The Wine and Spirit Education Trust, Mr Crane is well placed to share his extensive knowledge with the people of Tannum Sands, ably partnered by Ms Smart.

"Our first wine tasting with the Junction Cafe will happen on Friday February 19 and after that we intend to run an educational event on the third Friday of every month," said Mr Crane.

This is certainly the beginning of great relationship for all if you've always wanted to experience a culinary and wine event, there is no better way to treat your taste buds to a delicious foodie experience than with the Junction Cafe. You'll discover a range of food tasting and wine samples that will have your mouth-watering for fresh produce, delicious meals, and nothing but the best wines to match.

Tickets are on sale at the Junction Cafe, Tannum Sands.

Tours ready to set sail

By Liam Emerton

The HMAS Gladstone is a historical patrol boat that now lives in the Gladstone Ports after serving 22 years on the deep blue seas of Australia.

Having been ported at Gladstone since 2007 for tours, 2020 was the toughest year on record for the boat which had travelled over 618,000 miles.

Being docked during the pandemic as activities and tours across the world were being shut down, the Gladstone's Maritime History Society was forced to lock the boat up to the general public in March.

Usually, the tours stop for the hot season but this enforced break extended to almost a full year.

Luckily now, after the 'Love Boat' story seen in last week's edition of CQ Today, the HMAS Gladstone is officially open for tours again.

And President of the Maritime History Society Lindsay Wassell couldn't be happier.

Mr Wassell said it was a tough time throughout those 11 months.

"We normally close for the hot season and open in February," he said.

"We opened in March last year in what was our last opening day.

"We had a naval reunion here and had a five-day weekend.

"And on the very last day, they had to bail out because everything was closing down due to Covid.

"And we haven't opened since then.

"It's been hard with no income and in this party, everybody wanted to know when we were going to open."

Mr Wassell said people are surprised by the inside of the ship and how complicated the interior is.

"People don't realise what's inside that ship until they get in there," he said.

"It sailed in here back in 2007 and it is in the condition now than it was back then.

"Nothings changed, nothings been taken off or put on.

"There were 15 of these ships, now there are only two left and this is the only one you could get on.

"You're looking at 22 years of Naval history sitting right there.

"HMAS Gladstone, in Gladstone, right here - we're the jewel in the crown."

Mr Wassell said it was exciting to have the tours back especially with new personnel on the ship.

"It's pretty exciting - we have three new tour guides on board who have never been on here before," he said.

"They've been down and helping because there's always maintenance."

The tours are open for business from now and anyone interested can make contact at <http://gladstonemaritimemuseum.org.au/contact-us/>.



Lindsay Wassell and the crew onboard HMAS Gladstone together on their re-opening day.



The original plaque of HMAS Gladstone.



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Volunteer and former Livingstone Shire councillor Desley Rial has been awarded an OAM.

OAM honour for Desley

By Matthew Pearce

Community champion Desley Rial says her Medal of the Order of Australia (OAM) really belongs to all volunteers on the Capricorn Coast.

Desley was awarded the OAM on Australia Day for her service to the coast community, and while she had advance warning it still came as a big surprise.

"I got the first letter in October to say I was in consideration and I thought I didn't have a chance. I still don't know who nominated me," she said.

"Two months later I got the letter to congratulate me on being selected to receive the OAM and it was like a dream then. They told me to keep it confidential but I said, 'Don't worry about confidentiality I still can't believe it's true.'"

A volunteer for almost 60 years, Desley is the current chairman of the Iwasaki Foundation and over the years has been involved with a variety of groups including the Capricorn Coast Historical Society, Yeppoon and District Show Society, Yeppoon Lioness Club and many more.

"I started volunteering in a smaller way with the CWA and Lions Ladies and it just grew from there," she said.

"My husband Bert and daughter Denise also volunteer and when we moved to the Capricorn Coast 34 years ago, we looked around straight away to see what we could do.

"It just became part of my life and I think I've always been interested in people and what makes them tick. Monetary things and possessions have never been a big issue with me.

"My husband and I have visited a lot of countries but whenever I travelled overseas all I ever wanted to know was what their social structure was, if they were supported in their old age."

A Livingstone Shire councillor for 11 years, from 1997 to 2009, Desley said one of the reasons she joined local government was to help

fight for one of her major causes, disability access.

"At the time there weren't any disability toilets that everybody could access in the main street. Husbands would have to take their wives into the toilet in wheelchairs and it was causing a few problems," she said.

"I asked the council if they could do something about it and also about the crowded footpaths.

"One of the councillors told me, 'I don't think that we're prepared to do anything at all like that because those people are in the minority'.

"I was a Lioness at the time and I thought, 'I'm not going to do anything on the outside, I've got to get inside'."

Desley worked with Mayor Barbara Wildin, and later Bill Ludwig, and a team of many people to make the coast accessible for everyone.

"I don't think there was a self opening door in any of the businesses on the coast at that stage," she said.

"In regard to disability toilets, we made sure you could go from Yeppoon to Emu Park and people with disabilities could stop all along the way.

"The council workers were just wonderful, If we found a gutter that people couldn't get their wheelchair down, they'd have that filled in with some concrete in no time at all, they were that good."

Desley remembers an experiment designed to show people how the other half lived.

"We decided that we would get able bodied people, blindfold them, give them crutches or put them in a wheelchair, start them off at the Yeppoon Surf Life Saving Club and get them to go Down the main street with jobs to do," she said.

"The first one who went to the bank on crutches couldn't get in because they couldn't open the door. Others couldn't get up the steps at the newsagent.

"But all of those people with businesses really took note."

Deley said the local ANZ bank was the first business to put in sliding doors.

"After they were installed we were watching and who should come along but a lady pushing a baby in a pram," she said.

"To get through the door she used to have to hold onto the handle of the pram, turn it around, push the door open and then back through.

"She went to do it and the doors magically opened, it was the most moving thing."

Desley tries to help older people in the community in whatever way she can.

"I did a stint at one time as a volunteer tax return officer with the Taxation Department and that was to help people who couldn't do their tax online," she said.

"Some of them hadn't put a tax return in for a couple of years and they were in trouble but I was able to talk to them and gain their confidence."

From the 90s onward, she's also been heavily involved with multicultural groups.

"At the time I noticed that there were a lot of people coming into the town who weren't fitting in and I think they were waiting for the locals to go to them," she said.

"When I was in council I became the advisor for the local multicultural group and helped them to see that they had to step out and be part of the community. Since then they've become a regular feature at Australia Day events, Pinefest and even Clean Up Australia Day."

Desley said the Capricorn Coast was one the most amazing communities she'd ever known.

"I think it would hold its own anywhere not just for resilience but for care," she said.

"We have an amazing community and I think that's why Livingstone fought so hard for deamalgamation, because we're different, we're a very caring community.

"Just look at the 2019 bushfires for example,

one of the men from my church suffered from the fires but he was out there helping others put up fences.

"We've gone through it all and everyone supports everyone else."

Desley said a past rally showed the sheer size of the volunteering community on the coast.

"The volunteers met at the railway station and marched down the main street, we packed that street and it was very heartwarming to see all those people."

In recent years Desley has changed her role in most organisations to a supportive one but remains chairman of the Isasaki Foundation.

"I've stayed active with the foundation because it has such a wonderful input into the community through bursaries for people with a disability, older people and young students who need support.

"There are wonderful stories about how the foundation's bursaries have helped get kids through university.

"I still support the charitable organisations but now I've switched roles and do a lot of their end of year financials for them."

Looking back, she said she didn't regret 'one minute or one ounce of time' given to the community.

"As far as rewards go no genuine volunteer looks for rewards," she said.

"You don't volunteer unless you like it because you can walk away from it any time you like. And when you stick with it you really come to love it.

"Volunteers are all happy people."

Desley said her Medal of the Order of Australia really belonged to the Capricorn Coast community as a whole.

"This community has its fair share of wonderful people who volunteer and this recognition really belongs to everybody," she said.

"I suppose you could say it's the icing on the cake for me but I've done this for a lifetime and I'll do it as long as I can get around. I just love giving back to the community."

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RADF open for round two

By Duncan Evans

The Regional Arts Development Fund (RADF) is accepting applications for its second round of funding. Designed to help local artists kick-start their projects and share them with a wider community, RADF round two will distribute \$65,000 in grants to a range of applicants.

The State Government will contribute \$35,000 and Livingstone Shire Council will chip in \$30,000. The application window opened on January 18 and closes on February 28.

Councillor Tanya Lynch, portfolio holder for Vibrant Community (Tourism, Events and Culture), said the program would support quality arts and cultural experiences across Queensland.

“RADF is a joint initiative between the Queensland Government and Livingstone Shire Council that encourages creators to use their imagination, ideas, or skills to produce visual, auditory or performing pieces.”

“There are so many reasons why art is important. Integrating arts more fully into our lives enriches each of us. A community full of art is a community full of culture,” she said.

Round 1 of the RADF helped a number of artists and artistic enterprises realise their creative aspirations. The Capricorn Writers Festival, scheduled to run from June 11 to June 13, received \$5,666 in funding to pay for presenters to appear at the festival. Kate Mahood, a singer from Byfield featured in an earlier edition of CQ Today, received a \$7,500 grant to record her first EP.

Speaking with CQ Today, Ms Mahood said she was extremely grateful to receive the support.

“To record in a professional studio is very expensive, so it's kind of life-saving in a way,” she said. “It's been something I've been working towards over the last few years and unfortunately I had a few different setbacks.”

“And then it was all planned to go ahead at the beginning of last year, and then Covid hit, just before I was due to go into the studio. And then losing all my gigs and a lot of income for the year meant that it was not something I was in a position to do. Then luckily, I had a friend suggest I try to go for some funding. It's not something I'd considered before. It's not easy to ask for money for a creative project.”

Ms Mahood will travel to the Sunshine Coast in February to record her EP at Vibe Tones Studios with producer Benjy Pocock.



Kate Mahood.



Jodie van de Wetering.

Laughing: Remotely Funny standing up for comics

By Duncan Evans

Remotely Funny, an enterprise designed to support stand-up comics across regional Queensland, has secured \$13,000 in funding from the Federal government to run online workshops and open-mic nights for aspiring comics in rural locations.

The work-shops and open-mics will give comics a chance to connect with like-minded compatriots and test out their skills and stories.

Jodie van de Wetering, a stand-up comic from Rockhampton, organised the event out of sense of service and recognition of the difficulties stand-up comics face living in towns and cities outside Brisbane.

“You need time to learn,” she said in an interview with CQ Today.

“And there aren't many places you can do that. There's a bit of a scene in Townsville, in Mackay, nothing really happening out West. If you're in Mount Isa or Normanton, you're never going to be a stand-up comic at the pub.”

Stand-up comedy, to those of us on the outside, may look easy. What's so difficult, we may ask ourselves, about standing at a microphone and telling jokes? In reality, it's a craft that requires years of dedicated practice to master, like most everything else in life. What's more, though it may seem like a solitary enterprise, stand-up comics need a community to thrive, and Ms van de Wetering stresses the

importance of interaction for development.

“Even though you think of stand-up comedy as an individual craft, we actually hunt as a pack. If you haven't got a pack around you, it's really hard to get started,” she said.

The program begins in February and some of the sessions will be closed and some open. The closed sessions will give comics the freedom they need to grow and learn without fear of public judgment, and the open sessions will include gigs open to the public.

“People will be able to dial in and watch,” Ms van de Wetering said.

The program will be administered in Queensland by Flying Arts Alliance, an arts and cultural development organisation which has been delivering visual arts projects and services to regional and remote Queensland since 1971.

Ms van de Wetering cites Australian comic Hannah Gadsby as a key source of inspiration.

“A large bespectacled autistic female stand-up comedian woman. She's kind of taken my schtick,” Ms van de Wetering said with a laugh. “I absolutely adore her comedy.”

Ms van de Wetering was born and raised in Rockhampton and returned to Central Queensland some eight years ago.

“My parents were getting old. It was time to come back home,” she said.

For more information, please visit the Remotely Funny Facebook page.



Dominique Rizzo will join a contingent of Australia's finest chefs in the Beef 2021 Celebrity Chef Restaurant.

Beef 2021's big appeal

Since tickets were released for sale just a few days ago, the interest in Beef 2021 has been nothing short of remarkable, and is testament to the community's appetite for this major Central Queensland triennial event.

"Unprecedented" is a word that has been bandied around the Beef Australia office frequently this week, as the team answered literally hundreds of phone calls and enquiries. There is already a huge demand for accommodation within our region. If you are thinking about renting out your home during Beef 2021, we urge you to register your property with Airbnb.

Beef Australia CEO Ian Mill couldn't be happier with the response to the release of tickets and the incredible level of interest that continues to build around the event, to be delivered in the Beef Capital in May. "Our members who enjoy a week's early bird access to tickets as part of their membership package, really provided an indication as to what's going to be popular this year," Ian explained.

"The Empire Apartment Hotel and Knight Frank Agribusiness Classic Wallabies Sportsman's Lunch sold out in record time, proving there is a genuine desire for quality offerings across the week."

An overview of the 2021 Program provides a snapshot of the enticing mix of events and activities that are sure to keep guests' itineraries full to the brim throughout the week. Visitors can start their days with a hearty breakfast, finish at a dinner presented by a selection of Australia's finest chefs, and in-between, be entertained and informed with an extensive program that includes cattle competitions, property and city tours, and world class guest speakers at the symposium and seminars. For something a little different this year, a rugby match will feature the Classic Wallabies versus the Beef Bavarians. The match, played by a star studded line-up of former Internationals will be a family friendly event, with children under 18 years enjoying free admission.

Three exciting events have just been added to the program, including the iconic 'Nose to Tail Dinner', 'The Main Event' Lunch with former World Champion boxer Jeff Horn and Boxing Tent legend Fred Brophy, plus the very popular 'Graeme Acton Beef Connections Lunch' presented by Westpac, highlighting the achievements of the program's mentor partners. Tickets for the three additional events will be on sale Friday February 5.

There are far too many offerings on this year's program to list here, suffice to say Beef 2021 is shaping up to be the best yet! We urge you to secure your tickets quickly to the many-ticketed events on offer, and purchase your entry tickets on-line to wander through the hundreds of exhibits, spectacular cattle displays, indulge in great food and an endless array of free family events and attractions.

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Rural Aid ready to help

By Duncan Evans

Rural Aid, a private charity that offers Australian farmers a range of assistance packages, has declared 2021 a 'year of renewal'.

As drought conditions ease across the country, Rural Aid CEO John Warlters hopes farmers who have struggled for years through a protracted drought can capitalise on improved conditions.

The recovery process, however, is a challenge in itself and in an interview with CQ Today, Mr Warlters predicted that farming communities would require continued assistance even as they begin to lift themselves out of the damage generated by drought.

"The focus is slowly changing in NSW from drought survival to drought recovery and renewal. But there's still a lot of fragility there. It's not like all of a sudden green replaces brown so the world is great and everyone is happy. The underlying financial challenges, and mental resilience challenges, all those things still remain, but there's now a way forward because there's a season to leverage against."

What's more, much of Queensland remains mired in drought. Last week's edition of CQ Today highlighted the state government's plan to pump some \$5 million into drought relief this year.

"If you drew a line on the map from basically Mackay across to the Northern Territory border, with the exception of that shire around Cloncurry, everything below there is drought declared," Mr Warlters said.

Running alongside public funding, Rural Aid offers various forms of assistance such as counselling services, financial assistance and fodder drops.

On December 15 last year, the charity delivered 360 bales of hay to 24 farmers in Biloela in a morning hay drop at the Biloela Showgrounds, part of some 22,000 bales of hay delivered to farmers throughout 2020.



Rural Aid volunteers in Alpha

More hay drops are planned for 2021 and the team at Rural Aid is in the process of organising locations.

"There's lots of conversation going on with farmers at the moment just to determine where that greatest need is so we can get in and help those people out," Mr Warlters said.

In addition to hay drops and financial as-

sistance packages, Rural Aid will offer a series of free webinars focused around building and sustaining community.

"In part it was a response to Covid. We couldn't be face-to-face in communities, we couldn't bring groups of people together. So out of that, the Community Builders program was born. We ran 16 webinars in 2020," Mr Warlters said.

"It's been a really positive experience. We've had huge engagement with those. We cap registration at 500, and quite often we've hit that 500 threshold of registrations. We consistently get 350-odd people wanting to be a part of that online learning and conversation."

The 2021 webinars will run for eight weeks under the theme 'The Reinvention of Small Towns'. Norseman in Western Australia is the first town to be featured and will kick off the series on February 11.

Rural Aid will also continue working on its Our Towns program.

"It's a program where we work with communities and we bring the key stakeholders in that community together to help them develop a strategic plan for their town," Mr Warlters explained.

Alpha, a small town on the Capricorn Highway west of Emerald, is a case in point.

"That's what we did most recently at Alpha, back in November," Mr Warlters said.

"Once that strategic plan has been developed, Rural Aid and those incredible volunteers that helps us, went to Alpha and spent a week in Alpha tackling a range of renewal projects as per that strategic plan. And got onto a couple of properties as well to assist a couple of individual landholders with some work on their places. It's a fantastic program, and we're going to continue that throughout 2021."

The volunteers took on a range of jobs throughout the small town. For example, in Settlers Park, they fabricated and installed community-raised garden structures. On the east end of Shakespeare Street they painted five existing concrete park benches and erected a small shed on an existing plot to house oversized chess pieces. At the golf club, they procured and installed a new toddler-style swing to the existing swing set.

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GKI Progress Association launch in Keppel region

A new association has been formed by community leaders in the Keppel region to represent stakeholders' views about the future of Great Keppel Island.

The goals of the association are to:

- Increase awareness of the GKI Revitalisation Project and correct misinformation in the community.
- Give a voice to GKI Stakeholders including traditional owners, island landowners and local businesses and bring the community into the conversation.
- Monitor and provide input into the spend of taxpayer funds on Great Keppel Island.
- Help create a stronger future and economic recovery in the Central Queensland region.

The association is led by a group of passionate stakeholders in the future of GKI, including:

- Mario Mercorella (Caltex Rosslyn Bay)
- Kelly Harris and Amy Boodle (Hideaway Resort)

- Max Allen (Freedom FastCats)
- John Gavel (Rosslyn Bay Fisherman's Market)
- Shane and Dot Bonney (Tropical Vibes)
- Gerry Christie (Island Pizza and Caretaker of GKI resort leases)
- Ross O'Reilly (Beaches, Rosslyn Bay Wellness Retreats & High Valley Dawn Permaculture Farm)
- Geoff Mercer (GKI Holiday Village)
- Rob and Leigh McCreedy (Altum Property Group)

The association will be launched to the public on Monday 8th February at 5.30pm at Beaches Restaurant where you will have the chance to meet the committee and the resort builder Altum. Registrations are required at: <https://events.humanitix.com/gki-public-forum> and questions for the committee or the resort builder Altum can be asked in advance by emailing hello@gkiprogress.com.

Current Affairs

Matt Canavan



Coal mines to power jobs

In the 1970s the Federal Government backed the building of a coal fired power station in Gladstone that would power a new aluminium smelter at Boyne Island. Even the Labor leader at the time, Gough Whitlam, backed the plan telling Parliament that "power was the determining factor in the development of natural resources in the area and the attraction of greater human resources to the area."

That decision has created thousands of jobs in Central Queensland and expanded Australia's industrial strength. We are a significant producer of aluminium and the world's largest exporter of bauxite and alumina - the products that are converted into aluminium.

The last decade, however, has seen a decline in our capacity to convert raw materials into finished goods. Since 2007, our production of bauxite has increased by more than 50 per cent, yet our aluminium production has fallen by 20 per cent.

We are exporting more raw materials to the world but less manufactured goods.

The decline in aluminium production is reflected in the decline of our broader industrial production. In 2020 Australia produced fewer manufactured goods than we did in 2010. That is the first time on record that our industrial production has fallen over a decade.

Late last year we hit a new low of Australians employed in manufacturing at fewer than 850,000 people.

To reverse this decline we need a frank discussion about why we are in this mess and



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what we must do to restore Australia's industrial strength. Too often politicians give glib answers to these questions like there will be lots of jobs in renewables, or hydrogen is on the way to save us all. These don't tackle the real problems afflicting Australian manufacturing.

The Nationals Backbench Policy Committee - that I Chair in Canberra - has developed a

9 point plan to double jobs in Australian manufacturing.

We are producing less because our power prices have skyrocketed and some foreign countries are giving huge subsidies to their industries in contravention of international trade rules.

We used to have some of the cheaper power

prices in the world but now our prices are the fifth highest in the developed world.

Since China joined the WTO in 2001 it has blatantly subsidised domestic production. Some studies estimate that 80 per cent of the profits of Chinese steel firms' come from government subsidies.

So to restore our manufacturing strength the Nationals Backbench committee proposes to deal with these two fundamental problems.

We should get back to building the cheapest most reliable power around, which for us is coal fired power. Why should we send our high-quality product overseas for them to make the stuff we buy back in Big W and Kmart?

We should protect our own industries and jobs when they are on the receiving end of unfair competition. If other countries subsidise their steel production we should respond with our own protective measures to protect Australian jobs.

The Nationals Committee also proposes to make those building government funded projects to use more Australian content, to expand our efforts to open up new markets, to provide tax incentives and low cost finance for manufacturing investments in regional areas and to improve training for manufacturing skills.

We also believe that we should establish Offices of Regional Manufacturing in Gladstone and Newcastle so that we build on Australia's proud history of making stuff in regional towns.

Current Affairs

Robert Schwarten



Go ahead and make our day: The debate of the date

For at least half my life Australia Day had no real impact. It was just another holiday. But somehow in the past three decades it has taken on a significance almost to the point of obsession with some people. As a teacher I followed the script of Governor Phillip claiming the land on behalf of England. No mention of the fact that meant taking it off those who were already here for the previous 60 000 years. But do not blame me the Mabo decision which found that indeed Australia had been populated at the time of British occupation was 20 years away.

Now I am not on Facebook but I am reliably advised that there was a raging debate on just what the day is meant to commemorate. Seems there's a lot of people who think it is meant to honour the bloke credited with discovery Captain Cook. Odd word discover it assumes it was lost, its a pretty big island to miss and there's ample evidence that at least the Dutch knew about it. Anyway the point is there's a few muddled minds about the real history which tells me that the days significance might not be all its cracked up to be. And don't blame this on the young or the current teachers, one of the people I had to set straight was in their sixties.

But there is much to to celebrate in being Australian and we should remember that when we are arguing about the date. I have to say that watching the Sydney concert on the ABC caused me to be very proud of our country. From singing the Anthem in an indigenous language through the whole spectrum of home grown entertainers and entertainment highlighting our great scenery and our way of life as told by our citizens young and old immigrant and born here was terrific.

The day was established as a national day by the HawkeLabor Government and pretty

much since then we have been wrestling with the truth about what the day celebrates. It is historically impossible to argue that the day was good news for aboriginal people a point our Prime Minister acknowledged in what I thought was a pretty fair attempt at trying to define what he believes the day signifies. I wonder if the Japanese had succeeded in overrunning the country in the 1940s whether those who survived their brutality would be rejoicing alongside them to celebrate the date they conquered the place.

This is a debate that will get bigger and louder, that is the price of success. Australians are now much more Nation proud than they were in the 1970s. Back then of course Anzac Day was being debated. There was an argument the day was a war mongering event. Hot on the heels of Vietnam there was not much interest in the day especially by the recently returned who were not treated well. But today the event is hugely popular, while the ranks of the returned have thinned they have been replaced by community respect for the courage of the soldiers and better understanding of what they experienced. Schools have played a vital role and teachers excellent leadership. Prime Minister Keating's Tomb of the Unknown Soldier plus his reflection on how we were treated by the Mother Country inspired debate and awareness. Current generations have more knowledge of the Gallipoli disaster than ever before and that knowledge has spawned debate and ownership of the day in the Australian calendar. Part of that has been the respectful story of how poorly indigenous soldiers were treated.

The debate about the date will not go away, inevitably there will be attitudinal change. Australia Day should be for all Australians.



Some Vietnam veterans shunned Anzac Day because they thought it did not include them. My late father like many of his WW11 veteran mates shunned Anzac Day because they did not want to be reminded of what happened, mainly because there was no recognition of

war related mental illness. That has changed too. Being inclusive, recognising history, respecting that some citizens are saddened by a certain event is all part of a journey of inclusion and acceptance. Informed respectful debate is part of that journey.

Q&A

What is the best advice you've ever received?

Seorang terpelajar harus sudah berbuat adil sejak dalam pikiran apalagi dalam perbuatan
- **Pramoedya Ananta Toer.**

"An educated person must have the intention in his mind to act with justice, but more important than that is to act out the intention."

What is something you do in your spare time?

At the moment, sewing and looking at dresses. The world of fashion pretty much steals all of my attention. There isn't a day that passes when I don't think about this subject. I used to spend my spare time reading books and writing.

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

There was no internet when I was a kid so I didn't spend my childhood looking at a screen. I was obsessed with writing diaries and finding good diaries. I spent my childhood pocket money buying diaries. I've also written poems since I was 13 years old.

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

I used to work as a teacher of Indonesian as a second language before moving to Australia. I enjoyed meeting and teaching different people from all over the world and I'm working to pursue the same career here. I also love fashion. I design dresses and sell them through an Etsy shop called Brisbane Dandelion. Since moving to Rockhampton, I've begun writing a weekly fashion column for CQ Today. I enjoy meeting with CQ ladies and talking about their outfits.

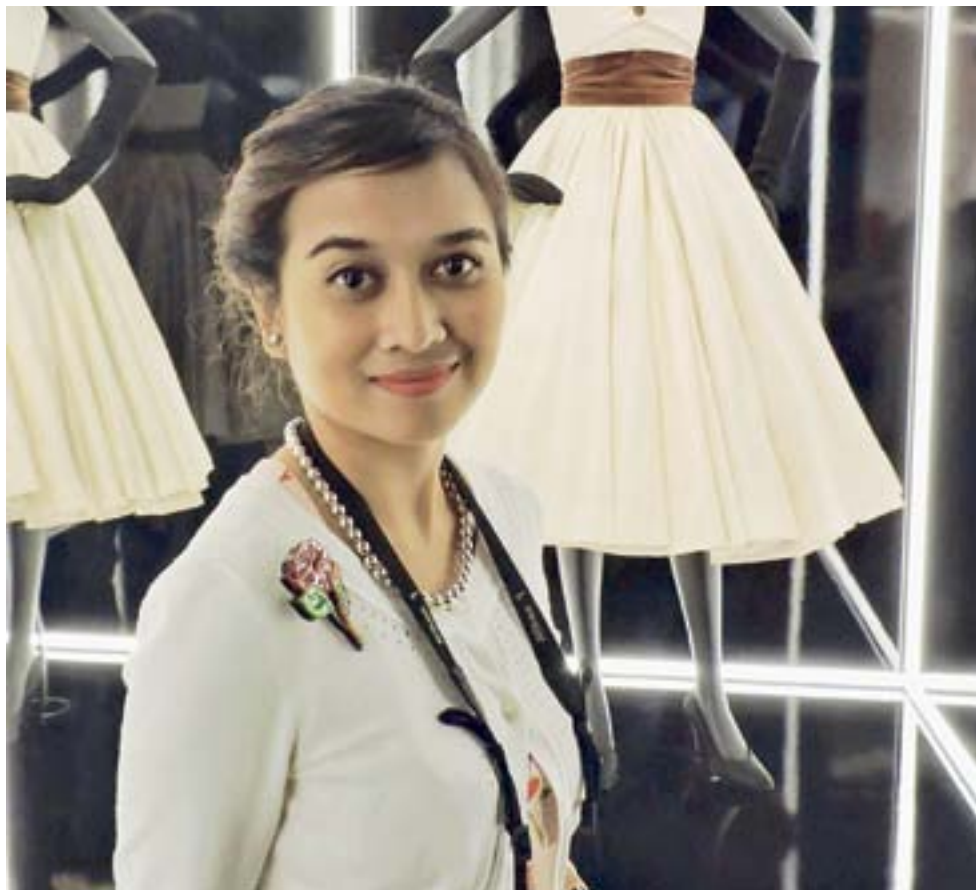
What is your favourite spot in the Central Queensland region?

Well, it's always a pleasure to visit a place that caters to what you need, so I would say a Spotlight store is my happy place. It may sound a little boring, but unfortunately I haven't explored enough of Central Queensland to give a satisfactory answer.

What would be your last meal if you could choose?

Duck confit! I love French cuisine.

with Neno Evans – Fashion Columnist With CQ Today



Neno Evans

What is something you think CQ needs?

Given that the region is well-known as a mining area, I feel that somehow it needs a more artistic touch to balance out the commercial environment.

I think we should invest in excellent gardeners and artists to collaborate together to give the region their special touch.

More flowers and works of art would make Central Queensland more homey and give it a

certain je ne sais quoi.

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

Coco Chanel to talk about fashion, RA Kartini (an influential woman in Indonesian history), Edith Piaf to sing and bring us some French vibes, Harper Lee and Truman Capote to keep the conversation exciting, and of course my husband to keep me company (I'm actually not a party person).

THREE ...

Three films
you can see
at the cinema

1 **Penguin Bloom**

A heart-warming story starring Naomi Watts as a young mother who suffers a tragic accident and is nursed back to life with the help of a magpie. Based on the real-life story of Samantha Bloom, the film has attracted critical acclaim. Famed film critic Richard Roeper says Ms Watts delivers a 'beautiful and resonant work as Sam'.

2 **The Dry**

A box-office smash hit starring Eric Bana as an Australian Federal Police detective who returns to his hometown for the funeral of a childhood friend. Set in drought-ravaged regional Victoria, the film is in an entrancing police procedural and a story about friendship and memory through time. Set to become a classic Australian film.

3 **The Marksman**

Another heart-pumping Liam Neeson action film, the Marksman begins in the dangerous no-man's land of the US-Mexico border. Neeson's character Jim Hanson is an ex-Marine sharpshooter and sets out to help a young Mexican boy hunted by drug cartel assassins. A sure bet for lovers of action films.

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SwarmFarm's revolution

By Duncan Evans

SwarmFarm Robotics, an agtech start-up company based in the farming district of Gindie south of Emerald, is leading a revolution in agriculture through its innovative robotic technology.

CQ Today spoke at length with company founder and Chief Executive Officer Andrew Bates about the remarkable work he and his team of innovators have been pursuing since the company's inception in 2010.

Briefly put, SwarmFarm builds autonomous robots for agriculture. The robots are commercially available and are used by grain, cotton and turf farmers as well as in orchards and horticulture.

Mr Bates uses the analogy of smartphone technology to explain his company's vision.

"We're the base platform, which is kind of like the iPhone, and then other developers release apps and attachments for our robots," he said.

"We partner with independent developers, to put the implements or the attachments on board. To date, we have partnered with six companies who have released attachments including weed detecting spray booms, mower decks and slashers that attach onboard our robots"

One example is attaching weed killer technology to streamline and improve weed control practices in farming.

"They're autonomous (the robots) and they're completely unmanned and run generally 24 hours a day, seven days a week. This means that, with conventional farming you might do four weed control passes in one season, to control for your weeds. Now, what our customers are doing is running eight and 10 weed control passes a year with their robots, so they're actually changing the decision process around when they control weeds and how they actually do it. And it means that we can kill weeds when they're much smaller and they're easier to kill. It also means we're able to kill weeds using a fraction of the pesticides that would normally be used."

A revolution in weed control practices is just one example of how SwarmFarm is remaking agriculture. The versatility of the robots and the range of possible applications promises a new and better way of doing things. Importantly, SwarmFarm is not in the business of automating pre-existing practices. It is seeking to re-organise and institute an entire sweep of new farming practices through the introduction of robots.

"Automation is taking an existing task and making it automatic. Whereas what we're doing is actually creating new ways to grow crops. So what we're doing isn't automating an existing allocation task, we're looking at new ways of killing weeds without using chemicals, more efficient ways to apply new fertilizer, and different ways to plant crops," Mr Bates said.

The marriage of a base platform that can be fitted to fulfill a multitude of different tasks could spark innovation across every aspect of agriculture.

"The beauty of what we're doing is it opens up innovation across agriculture so that any



A SwarmFarm robot sprays weed-killer in a fallow paddock in Central Queensland.

developer or any farmer can effectively put their piece of technology that they want to put on board a robot, and actually put it to work through that. It's like an open ecosystem to develop new technology," Mr Bates said.

"Similar to how the App Store and apps revolutionized how we use software and products in our pocket, we're doing something very similar in agriculture, where apps can be written for specific crops, for specific uses, for specific markets and that new technology can be released in agriculture."

"This is innovation at a micro scale - I mean, there's literally hundreds of thousands of uses for robots in agriculture around the world for different crops, different climates, different soils. There's no way we can develop all of those uses. So what we've done is created a platform where other people can release their technology on board and solve problems at a local level."

At present, SwarmFarm builds one robot a month, though it is in the process of ramping up production to achieve a production goal of one a week by June. Fourteen robots have been delivered to customers to date. The robots are in essence the same, but can vary in size.

"The only difference is horticulture and vineyard robots are very narrow, so we put a narrower axle so they fit between the rows. Ones for irrigated cotton are sort of a mid-width, so they fit on a two-metre cotton bed. And then we've got three-metre centre robots, which are our wider robots for grain growers," Mr Bates said.

The entire manufacturing process occurs at the company's own farm-based workshop, a remarkable thing in an age characterised by widely distributed design and assembly processes.

"All of our software and electrical systems



Andrew and Jocie Bates, the husband and wife team behind SwarmFarm Robotics.

are all developed here on-farm. All of our software and technologies are all our own, it's all being developed in-house as well. There are 16 of us and we range from software engineers, to mechanical engineers to field service crew through to the manufacturing and also business development, all the different roles throughout the business. It's literally a technology we have created from scratch and taken all the way through to commercialization," Mr Bates said.

SwarmFarm's innovations have attracted a good deal of interest from well-established venture capital firms. Tenacious Ventures, Australia's only dedicated agtech investor, Artesian Ventures and the Queensland Business

Development Fund, a public investment fund, have all thrown their support behind SwarmFarm.

President Obama once advised young people they should try to 'do something, not be something.'

With SwarmFarm, talented Australians don't need to travel to San Francisco to participate in world-leading technological innovation. They can 'do something' magnificent in the heart of Central Queensland. The company is currently recruiting for a range of employees, everything from field service technicians and sales staff to software and hardware engineers, as it grows and amplifies to become one of Australia's great success stories.

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Schwarto’s lecturing is hilarious

I read Mr Schwarten’s opinion piece in CQ Today this afternoon. Normally I ignore his misinformed diatribes, but I thought this one warranted a response.

He claims that I have nothing positive to say and he disparaged me for daring to speak out against COVID camps in CQ. He is welcome to his opinion, but I think he has nothing of importance to say anymore as an old tired political has-been. Being consistently lectured in the press by Mr Schwarten who presided over the worst payroll bungle in Queensland’s history is amusing. It’s almost downright hilarious.

He obviously has selective hearing or is too busy looking at himself in the mirror while I announced the following positive news over the past two weeks:

- Over \$40 million of road safety packages to be spent in Capricornia, the lion’s share of the \$225 million set aside for Queensland.
- Calling for applications for local manufacturing businesses in the area to apply for our Manufacturing Modernisation Fund grants.
- Yeppoon RSL receiving \$10,000 from the Saluting Their Service grant program.
- \$150,000 in total funding up for grabs in Capricornia out of the Stronger Communities program.
- Over \$160,000 in funding for regional show societies in Capricornia affected by Covid-19.

I wish him well in his continued struggles with relevancy deprivation syndrome. While I’m sure he can sleep better at night by sledging me and my achievements to anyone who will pity him enough to listen, I am getting on with the job of delivering for Capricornia.

Michelle Landry,
Member for Capricornia

Tangled family’s quest for benefits

This is the funniest letter I’ve ever read. It was addressed to the ‘Benefits Office Manager, Department of Social Welfare, Canberra’:

I live in Belconnen and I would like you to read the following story.

Many years ago I married a widow who had an 18 year old daughter. After the wedding my widowed father came to visit a number of times and he fell in love with my stepdaughter, and eventually married her without my authorisation.

As a result my stepdaughter legally became my stepmother and my father became my son-in-law. My father’s wife (once my stepdaughter and now my stepmother) gave birth to a son who is my grandchild because I’m the husband of my stepdaughter’s mother. This boy is also my brother, being the son of my father, so my wife became a grandmother, because she is the mother of my father’s wife. Also, it appears I am my wife’s grandchild.

A short time after these events my wife gave birth to a son, who became my father’s brother-in-law, the stepson of my father’s wife, and my uncle. My son is also my stepmother’s brother and, through my stepmother, my wife has become my grandmother and I have become my own grandfather.

In light of the above-mentioned, I would like to know the answer to the following query: Does my son, who is also my uncle, my father’s son-in-law, and my stepmother’s brother, fulfill the requirements for receiving childcare benefits?

Sincerely yours,
Ivan
Submitted by
Teri Robertson,
The Range

Australia Day division

As leaders of the country the Prime Minister and Governor-General must quickly sort out the mess surrounding Australia Day.

N Keegan,
Rockhampton

Emergency Vehicles

It is a real concern in regards to young juvenile repeat offenders being let off in the courts to be let out and repeat crimes without any fear of consequences for themselves or the community. We have seen recently a young couple

walking their dog in Brisbane killed by an alleged drugged, repeat juvenile offender losing control of a stolen vehicle when it hit a truck. We have also seen police officers seriously injured from juveniles stealing cars and allegedly ramming police cars in Townsville.

Serious changes need to be made to the Juvenile Justice Act in order to address this problem. However in relation to road safety what we can do is minimise risk to ourselves and other road users if we encounter a situation of a desperate young criminal ploughing recklessly through our suburbs.

We need to be aware of our surroundings when driving, by not only looking way ahead but also checking mirrors to see what is happening behind us as well. If you observe a dangerous driver, look at ways to move out of their way to avoid a collision, which may require mounting a traffic island or mounting a kerb if the situation is very serious.

Not only is it important to be aware of reckless drivers, we need to be watching for emergency vehicles such as Ambulance, Police and Fire Services, especially with lights and sirens activated as we are required by law to give way to them, even if you are facing a green traffic light.

In one situation, I moved out into an intersection through a red light when I saw it was safe, to allow an emergency vehicle with lights and sirens on through, coming up from behind. Make sure that you give way to emergency vehicles if safe to do so. Don’t put yourself into danger and become a victim.

Leyland Barnett,
Rockhampton

Variety of opinions

I am concerned that very few people are prepared to respond to the request by the editor of this paper for more “letters to the editor”.

I really believe that it is important for our society to be able to read a range of views on a range of subjects.

After all, how can we make up our minds on any issue if we do not have as much information as possible?

I am tempted to submit a letter to the editor every chance I get, but am reluctant to do

so because some people say “not this bloke again!” On the other hand, I find it hard to ignore ignorance, or misleading information, or an opinion that is causing anger or hurt in others. As well as that, I have a strong commitment to social justice. It doesn’t harm to encourage people to rethink their ideas. By the way, if enough writers make a contribution, there will be less need for me to have my five cents worth.

The best compliment I’ve ever had is describing me as “a great righter of wrongs”, although sometimes people disagree with my viewpoint. However, there are more than enough wrongs in this world.

It is not hard to put your thoughts on paper, and it is no “big deal” if other writers criticize your letters.

Always make sure you have covered the subject fully, read all available information, and check out what you have written to make sure you’ve got it right.

Being able to read several sides of an argument is interesting, thought provoking and educational. Highly recommended.

Why don’t you give it a try?
Alan Bambrick,
North Rockhampton

ON THIS DAY

February 4 is recognised as Thank a Mailman Day.

On this day in history:

211: Roman Emperor Septimius Severus dies, leaving the Roman Empire in the hands of his two quarrelsome sons, Caracalla and Geta.

1789: First US electoral college chooses George Washington as president and John Adams as vice-president.

1849: University of Wisconsin begins in 1 room with 20 students.

1854: Alvan Bovay proposes name ‘Republican Party’ in Ripon, Wisconsin.

1865: Robert E. Lee is named general-in-chief of Confederate forces.

1932: III Winter Olympic Games open in Lake Placid, New York.

1945: Franklin D. Roosevelt, Winston Churchill and Joseph Stalin meet at Yalta in the Crimea to discuss the final phase of World War II.



Lynch’s Joke of the Week

Mr Rabbit was walking down the road when he spotted a crow at the tip top of a very tall tree.

He shouted, “Good Morning, Mr. Crow.”

Mr Crow shouted back down, “Good Morning Mr. Rabbit.”

Mr Rabbit shouted up, “Whatcha doin’; today?” and the answer shouted back down was, “Absolutely nothin’, Mr. Rabbit - Absolutely nothin’, and loving it.”

Well, that sounded pretty good to Mr Rabbit, so he shouted back up, “Do you think I could do that too?”

Mr Crow shouted back down, “I don’t see why not!”

So, Mr Rabbit lay down on the side of the road and began Doing Absolutely Nothing.

In 30 minutes a fox came along and ate him.

The moral of the story is: You can get away with Doing Absolutely Nothing, but only if you are really high up.



Leyland Barnett is concerned about the Juvenile Justice Act.

Calling on theatre friends

Friends of the Theatre update

The Pilbeam Theatre is open for business again and we are planning for a year offering more great entertainment than ever.

Friends of the Theatre is a volunteer organisation, who perform the 'Front of House' functions for all events at the Theatre. 'Front of House' means ushering and ticket checking, operating the bar, coffee counter and candy bar services.

We are seeking new members for 2021. The Friends are proud of their long service to the Arts in Rockhampton and Central Queensland. Their services help keep the cost of entertainment at the Pilbeam Theatre down, ensuring that theatre going is more enjoyable for all.

Volunteers can choose which shows to work. Most are in the evening, but not all.

Many local performances also have matinee sessions on the weekends. The Eisteddfod and the Dance Festival even have some morning sessions and in busy times such as this, we are staffing three different shifts in a day.

Most shifts require at least 12 to 16 volunteers.

The work involves contact with the theatre patrons to ensure they have a pleasant and safe experience at the theatre. Bar attendants need a Responsible Service of Alcohol certificate to be able to work independently.

All volunteers need to give quality and pleasant customer service to patrons and staff, and enjoy being part of the theatre environment.



Friends of the Theatre president Karen Capon serves a Pilbeam Theatre patron.

All training is provided at no cost to members. Uniform tops are supplied. Members must be 16 years or older to join.

If you think you are interested in assisting this voluntary, community arts organisation or for more information, please contact the

Theatre Box Office on 4927 4111 or visit the Friends of the Theatre website, seeitlive.com.au and download the application form.

Oz Day fun at Kershaw



Pauline Stait and her grandchildren Jedd and Kahteali enjoy Great Australian Bites at Kershaw Gardens on Australia Day, January 26. The event included food, live music, a citizenship ceremony and the Rockhampton Regional Council's Australia Day Awards.

Visit from king parrots

Recently we spent a week's holiday at my son's home on the Sunshine Coast.

His property includes a lovely forested area and although they are not easy to see amongst the thick foliage, the calls of many different birds ring out constantly all through the day.

He has set up some ingenious feeding stations with water and appropriate seeds and other food items.

They are cleverly contrived so as to have them high above the ground and safely out of harm's way. The dishes can be lowered to the ground on a number of different pulley systems, and when replenished with food or water, raised again to their high position.

We arrived fairly late in the afternoon. I had just brought our luggage in from the car when I glanced out of the window and saw some beautiful king parrots on the feeding station.

I had my camera out quickly and took a few photos even though the light wasn't the best. At least I would have some photos in case I didn't see them there again.

I needn't have worried. These birds returned every morning and afternoon while we were there. The group appeared to have



A female king parrot snapped by Keith Ireland at his son's home on the Sunshine Coast

one male and approximately five females or juveniles. They proved to be excellent subjects as the illustration of one of the parrots on the feeder shows.

They may have been a pair with its young ones tagging along as all juveniles male and female, have the same plumage colours as a female. Young males take around two years before they develop their male plumage colours.

Not only did other birds frequent the feeders but at night, a pair of possums made regular appearances and on one particular night, two little sugar gliders were having their fill as well.



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WHAT'S ON IN CQ

Out and about in region

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 of the freshest local fruit and vegetables the Capricorn Coast has to offer.

Every Sunday

Rocky Racecourse Markets, Callaghan Park, Rockhampton, 6am to noon

Rocky Racecourse Markets are held every Sunday and have a variety of stall, local fresh fruit and veggies, and good range of organic fruit and exotic fruits, locally made cakes and biscuits, chutneys and preserves, jewellery, bric-a-brac, ladies and children's fashions, collectable coins and notes, plants, and timber craft. A recent addition to the markets is organic pork, beef and dairy products, and for a relaxing change try reflexology. Disney character appearances throughout the year will keep the kids entertained.

Tram Rides at Archer Park Rail Museum, Denison Street, Rockhampton

The Archer Park Rail Museum in Denison Street, Rockhampton will be open Sundays 9am-1pm. Bring the family along to look through the carriages and steam and diesel engines, change the train signals, see the morse code table and lots more! You can also enjoy a morning tea in the refreshment room.

Purrey Steam Tram returns Sunday January 24. Starts at 10am.

Saturday, February 6

Gracemere Lions Markets, Conaghan Park, Lawrie St, 7am till noon



The Rocky Markets are on again this Sunday.

Gracemere Lions' first market for 2021 will have a variety of stall holders and community groups in attendance.

Attractions will include craft items, children's clothes and toys, plants, homemade cakes, biscuits and slices, jams and preserves, bric-a-brac, honey, local produce, fresh fruit and Veggies and a whole lot more.

Lions will have a sausage sizzle, bacon and egg burgers, cold drinks, tea and coffee. If you missed out on getting a Lions famous Christmas Cake and/or pudding, there are still some available.

For more information or to book a stall, phone Judith on 0467 22 3824.

Model Comp 2021, Criterion Hotel, Quay St, Rockhampton

The Rockhampton Scale Modellers Association will host the 17th Queensland NNL (National Nameless Luminaries) Titles and 2021 Rocky Model Competition from 9am to 4pm, with all proceeds going to charity.

Sunday, February 7

Fig Tree Creek Markets, Ross Creek Roundabout, Yeppoon

Fig Tree Creek Markets are organised by Kessel 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.

Mt. Chalmers History Centre.

The Mt. Chalmers History Centre, 24, School Street, will be open on Sunday 7th February from 10am-2pm. View a pictorial display of life and times in an old gold and copper mine. Free entry but donations are appreciated. Contact 49344293.

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, at 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, award-winning 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 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.

Sunday, February 28

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 home-

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RFDS Auxiliary morning tea

The Royal Flying Doctor Service Rockhampton Rockhampton Volunteer Auxiliary invites the community to attend their Autumn Morning Tea at the Frenchville Sports Club on Wednesday, March 3 from 10am.

Admission is \$15 with the event including entertainment, a raffle, competitions, lucky door and money boards.

Bookings are essential, phone Margaret by 24 February on 0438 277 156.

Cancellations after 20 February will cost \$10 as the auxiliary has to pay for all bookings

Emu Park morning tea

Emu Park Community Cuppa's first morning tea of the year will be on Friday 5 February from 10am at the Independent Community Hall, Sunset Ridge retirement village, Svendsen

Road, Zilzie. Entry is \$5 entry including morning tea and guest speaker. All are welcome.

Inquiries call Lyn Drake on 4939 6095 or 0488 739 120.

Independent Retirees meet

The Capricornia Branch of the Association of Independent Retirees will hold its first meeting for the year on Friday 5 February, in the Glass Room of the Frenchville Sports Club.

Guest speaker is Centrelink financial services manager Margaret Horstman who will discuss home care packages, what they entail, availability and costs.

The group hopes members and intending members will come along and talk to Margaret and join them for a morning tea. Meet at 9.30am for a 10am start For further details call Arch on 4928 6653 or Darryl 4939 3497.

Capricorn Coast Historical Society

Want to do some family research or know more about your local community? Have some historical photos, maps or documents to share? Or just need a new calendar full of historic photographs? Capricorn Coast Historical Society has you covered.

Open to the public from 9:30am to 12.30pm Tuesdays and Saturdays, friendly volunteers are on hand to help with your family -take out research enquiries. They're also available to scan and return your historical photos, documents and maps to include in their highly significant collection.

Plans for 2021 also include a Magical History Tour to the Dreamtime Centre and the Rockhampton Botanical Gardens with a walk and talk around the gardens. A 1920s theme has been adopted for the Yeppoon Show with pho-

tographs and stories from around that time. Two new publications are in development and set to be released during the year and all the Society's previous books are on sale from the "bunker" during opening hours.

Volunteers have been spotted around town recently at two very successful pop-up stalls, one at the Yeppoon Showground Markets and another in Yeppoon Central. Best of all, purchasing a publication or calendar just became a whole lot easier with our new EFTPOS machine.

Want to stay up to date with all the latest information from the Capricorn Coast Historical Society? Consider joining today by coming into The Bunker located behind the Town Hall in Normanby Street during opening hours. Membership costs \$10 single and \$15 for a couple, and brings a discount on purchases of our books and on historical bus trips.

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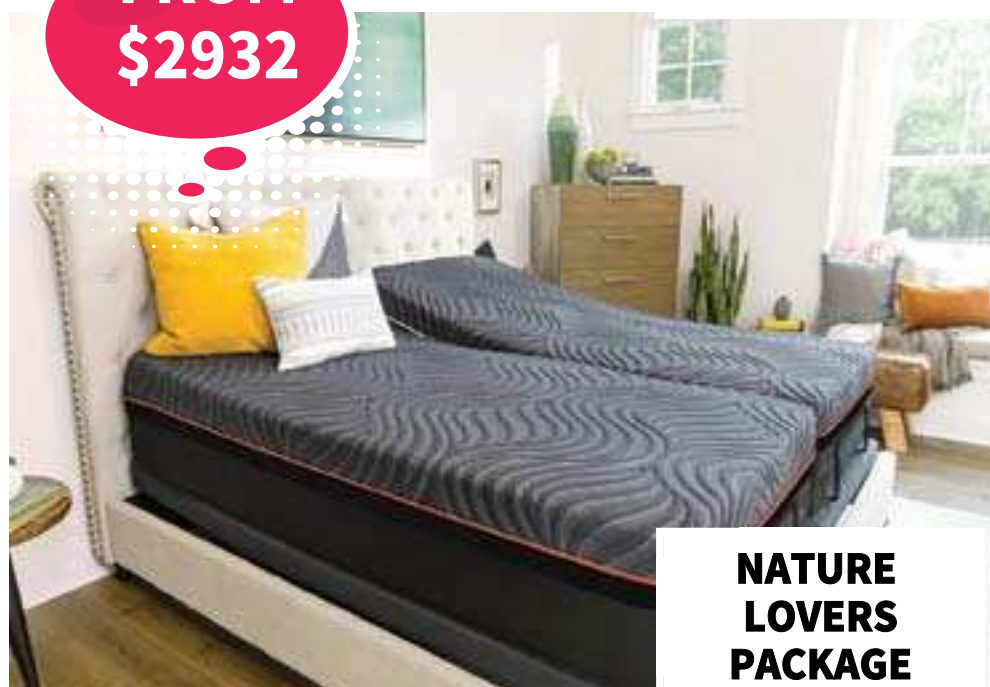
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Thousands party at beach

Community spirit was once again the highlight of this year's Australia Day celebrations on the Capricorn Coast.

Capricorn Coast Community Events chairman Bill Ludwig said gate counters recorded almost 9000 people attending this year's Capricorn Coast Great Australia Day Beach Party.

"Despite the challenges presented by Covid-19 restrictions, the CCCE team, supported by the Yeppoon SES, our volunteers as well as our fantastic sponsors and media partners ensured this year's event went ahead in 'true-blue Aussie style,'" Mr Ludwig said.

"From children sporting brightly painted face to families and groups of friends who came out to be part of the celebrations this year's Australia Day once again typified what makes our community, region and Australia great.

"The enthusiasm was obvious from the Cap Coast Runners' early morning community fun run to the excellent participation throughout the day, especially when it came to The Capricornian Beach Games and Bare Bottom Boat Regatta.

"The CQ Today Sand Sculpture Competition was similarly a huge hit with the community and visitors attending.

"As always, the fabulous talent line-up of local entertainers made this year's event one of our best and most memorable yet.

"The combined effort commitment from all those involved is a true reflection of the community spirit that Australia Day engenders and brings out in us all as we came together to reflect, respect and celebrate our national day.

"Special thanks must also go the Queensland Health, Queensland Police Service and Australian Government through the National Australia Day Council, who assisted the CCCE Organising Committee in putting in place our necessary and required COVID Safe Event Plan. Without this support this year's event could not have happened."



Kids showing off in the LA Models Beach Fashions show.



Dolphin Line Dancers on stage.



The Sha Waza Dance Troupe.



Ladies impress with new looks at the LA Models Beach Fashion show.



Magical Mr E keeping the kids entertained.



The second part of the LA Models Beach Fashion show.

The Guide

TOP PICKS OF THE WEEK



MONDAY THE AMAZING RACE AUSTRALIA

WIN, 7:30pm

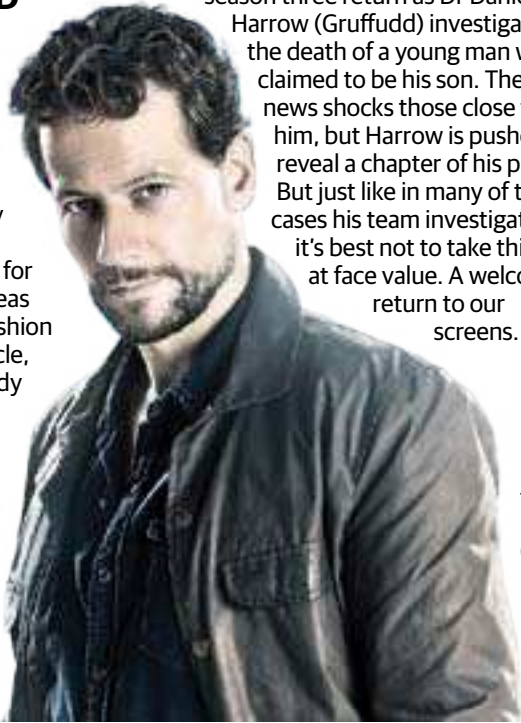
After watching the first few episodes of this mad dash around the country, you may find yourself in two camps: 1. You are inspired to plan an action-packed adventure. 2. You're tired just thinking about it. *The Amazing Race Australia* has brought together a diverse bunch of travellers who are all keen to get their hands on the prize. Tonight, they are going to need more than just pep to get through a round that leaves some scratching their heads at the cryptic clues. Beau Ryan hosts.



FRIDAY BETTER HOMES AND GARDENS

SEVEN, 7pm

We really could have done with some tips from the Better Homes and Gardens crew over the summer break, but alas, they had to have their holidays too. Thankfully they are back tonight for the 27th season and the good ideas just keep coming. While some fashion trends may appear to be on a cycle, home fashions – particularly gaudy 19a80s-era exteriors – should be put to pasture for good. Tonight, Johanna, Charlie and James (above) make over the front of a house that is stuck in the most unfashionable of decades. They show how with a few affordable tweaks to the garden, the fence and the front door, the garish can be glorious once more.



SUNDAY HARROW

ABC TV, 8:30pm

The clever casting crew behind this crime-drama did an excellent job of nabbing British heartthrob Ioan Gruffudd to play the lead. Sometimes you just need a wildcard to be the point of difference among all the other crime-dramas out there (and let's face it, his smile doesn't hurt, either). Not that you'll see much smiling in this season three return as Dr Daniel Harrow (Gruffudd) investigates the death of a young man who claimed to be his son. The news shocks those close to him, but Harrow is pushed to reveal a chapter of his past. But just like in many of the cases his team investigate, it's best not to take things at face value. A welcome return to our screens.

Ioan Gruffudd stars in *Harrow*.

MONDAY MAN OF STEEL

7MATE, 8:30pm

This re-imagining of the Superman tale, directed by Zack Snyder (*Watchmen*), produced by Christopher Nolan (*The Dark Knight*) and starring British hunk Henry Cavill (*The Tudors*, right), has blockbuster written all over it, but delivers an unexpectedly grittier tale than its predecessors. Cavill is brooding as the superhero who dons steel (rather than tights), ditching the comical elements of the classic to embody a serious, lonely Clark Kent who, upon discovering his extraterrestrial origins, unloads mass destruction in his fight to save Earth. Starring Amy Adams as Lois Lane and Russell Crowe as Kent's biological father, the story has a different feel, which might displease comic-book tragics, but this glossy take should hold viewers captive with its abundance of rip-roarin' action.



Friday, February 5

ABC TV (2)

6.00 News Breakfast. **9.00** ABC News Mornings. **10.00** Q+A. (R) **11.00** The Pacific: In The Wake Of Captain Cook With Sam Neill. (PG, R) **12.00** ABC News At Noon. **1.00** Back Roads. (PG, R) **1.30** The Ex-PM. (M, R) **2.10** Unforgotten. (Final, Mal, R) **3.00** ABC News Afternoons. **4.00** The Heights. (PG, R) **4.30** Back Roads. (R) **5.00** Escape From The City. (Final, R)

6.00 The Drum. Analysis of the day's news. **7.00** ABC News. Takes a look at today's top stories. **7.30** Nigella's Cook, Eat, Repeat. (Final) Nigella Lawson prepares mac 'n' cheese. **8.05** Vera. (Mv, R) DCI Vera Stanhope and her team investigate a 30-year old mystery. **9.35** Mystery Road. (Final, Mdlv, R) Jay and Emma have to prove who really murdered Reese, before Marley is jailed for a crime he did not commit. **10.30** State Of The Union. (Ml, R) **10.40** ABC Late News. **10.55** The Weekly With Charlie Pickering. (R) **11.25** Aftertaste. (Mls, R) **11.55** Rage. (MA15+adhlInsV)

ABC TV PLUS (22) **6am** Children's Programs. **6.10pm** Brave Bunnies. **6.20** Bluey. **6.25** Kiri And Lou. **6.35** The Adventures Of Paddington. **6.45** Andy's Safari Adventures. **7.00** Dino Dana. **7.15** Odd Squad. **7.30** Spicks And Specks. **8.00** Doctor Who. **8.45** Cinderella. **10.40** Anh's Brush With Fame. **11.10** George Clarke's Amazing Spaces. **Midnight** Catalyst. **12.55** Parks And Recreation. **1.20** Reno 911! **1.40** The IT Crowd. (Final) **2.05** Brassic. **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** Miffy's Adventures Big And Small. **5.40** Late Programs.

NITV (34) **6am** Morning Programs. **8.10** Aussie Bush Tales. **8.20** Waabiny Time. **8.45** Wapos Bay. **9.05** Kagagi. **9.30** Bushwhacked! **10.00** Skindigenous. **11.00** The Panther Within. **Noon** From The Heart Of Our Nation: The Sunset Concert. **2.00** NITV On The Road: Laura Festival. **3.00** Wapos Bay. **3.25** Bushwhacked! **3.55** Aussie Bush Tales. **4.00** Musomagic. **4.30** Move It Mob Style. **5.00** Fraggles Rock. **6.00** Cooking Hawaiian Style. **6.30** Pete & Pio's Kai Safari. **7.00** News. **7.30** **MOVIE:** Hunt For The Wilderpeople. (2016, PG) **9.15** Bedtime Stories. **9.25** Big Name, No Blanket. **10.25** Heart Coming Home. **11.25** 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** Where Are You Really From? (PG, R) **2.30** Great British Railway Journeys. (PG, R) **3.00** NITV News: Nula. **3.30** Great British Railway Journeys. (R) **4.00** Who Do You Think You Are? (PGa, R) **5.05** Letters And Numbers. (R) **5.35** Jeopardy! (PG)

6.00 Mastermind Australia. (R) **6.30** SBS World News. **7.30** Uncovering France's Roman City. A look at the city of Nemausus. **8.35** Who Do You Think You Are? Jack And Michael Whitehall. (PG) Father-and-son comedians Jack and Michael Whitehall investigate their family tree. **9.45** My Grandparents' War: Helena Bonham Carter. (PG, R) Part 1 of 4. **10.40** SBS World News Late. **11.10** 8 Out Of 10 Cats. (Mals, R) **12.00** Twin. (Mal, R) **3.30** **MOVIE:** Alias Ruby Blade. (2012, Malv, R) Xanana Gusmao, José Ramos Horta. **5.00** CGTN English News. **5.15** NHK World English News. **5.30** Deutsche Welle English News.

VICELAND (31) **6am** WorldWatch. **Noon** Basketball. NBA. Atlanta Hawks v Los Angeles Lakers. Replay. **2.00** Post Radical. **2.50** Hunting Hitler. **3.40** WorldWatch. **5.05** Only Connect. **5.40** Shortland Street. **6.10** Abandoned Engineering. **7.05** Jeopardy! **7.35** 8 Out Of 10 Cats Does Countdown. **8.30** Hoarders. **9.20** City Porn. **10.10** Housos. **11.10** Monogamish. **12.10am** VICE News Tonight. **12.35** **MOVIE:** Cellar Dweller. (1988, M) **2.00** The Movie Show. **2.30** NHK World English News. **3.00** Thai News. **3.30** Bangla News. **4.00** Punjabi News. **4.30** Sri Lankan Sinhalese News. **5.00** Korean News. **5.30** Indonesian News.

SBS MOVIES (32) **6am** The Tree Of Life. Continued. (2011, PG) **7.55** Complicity. (2018, PG, Japanese) **10.05** The Nutty Professor. (1963, PG) **12.05pm** Death Defying Acts. (2007, PG) **1.55** The Castle Of Cagliostro. (1979, PG) **3.55** My Brilliant Career. (1979) **5.50** Dillili In Paris. (2018, PG, French) **7.30** I Heart Huckabeees. (2004, M) **9.30** Big Fish. (2003, PG) **11.50** Tsotsi. (2005, M, Tsotsitaal) **1.35am** Gauguin: Voyage To Tahiti. (2017, M, French) **3.30** Jealous. (2017, M, French) **5.30** Death Defying Acts. (2007, PG)

SEVEN (7)

6.00 Sunrise. **9.00** The Morning Show. (PG) **11.30** Seven Morning News. **12.00** **MOVIE:** Runaway Millionaires. (2019, Mal, R) George Zhao. **2.00** House Of Wellness. (PG) **3.00** The Chase. (R) **4.00** Seven News At 4. **5.00** The Chase Australia. Hosted by Andrew O'Keefe.

6.00 Seven Local News. **6.30** Seven News. **7.00** Better Homes And Gardens. (Return) Host Johanna Griggs and the team demonstrate some terrific ideas for the house, garden and the kitchen, as well as effective and appealing ways to renovate, cook and decorate. **8.30** To Be Advised. **1.00** Harry's Practice. (R) Information about pet care. **1.30** Travel Oz. (R) Greg heads to the Sunshine Coast. **2.00** Home Shopping. (R) **4.00** My Greek Odyssey. (PG, R) Hosted by Peter Maneas. **5.00** NBC Today. News and current affairs.

7TWO (72) **6am** Home 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** Australia's Best Backyards. **1.00** World's Most Amazing Videos. **2.00** Harry's Practice. **2.30** Million Dollar Minute. **3.30** Weekender. **4.00** Better Homes And Gardens. **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** Australia's Best Backyards. **4.30** Escape To The Country. **5.30** Home Shopping.

7MATE (73) **6am** Step Outside With Paul Burt. **6.30** Mark Berg's Fishing Addiction. **7.30** Creek To Coast. **8.00** Hellfire Heroes. **9.00** American Pickers. **10.00** America's Game: The Super Bowl Champions. **11.00** A Football Life. **Noon** Swamp People. **1.00** Storage Wars Canada. **2.00** Back Country Rescue. **3.00** Storage Wars. **3.30** Pawn Stars. **4.00** Timbersports. **4.30** Hellfire Heroes. **5.30** American Pickers. **6.30** Football. AFL Women's. Round 2. Western Bulldogs v Carlton. **8.30** **MOVIE:** Need For Speed. (2014, M) **11.10** **MOVIE:** Drive Angry. (2011, MA15+) **1.15am** Hellfire Heroes. **2.15** Late Programs.

NINE (5)

6.00 Today. **9.00** Today Extra. (PG) **11.30** Morning News. **12.00** The Ellen DeGeneres Show. (PG) **1.00** **MOVIE:** Runaway Millionaires. (1997, Mls, R) John Cleese. **3.00** Tipping Point. (PG) **4.00** Afternoon News. **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** Tennis. ATP Cup. Day 4. Night session. From Melbourne Park. **10.30** **MOVIE:** Double Jeopardy. (1999, Mlsv, R) A woman who was convicted of murdering her husband, learns he staged his own death. Ashley Judd, Tommy Lee Jones. **12.30** Award Winning Tasmania. (R) An exploration of Tasmania's Tarkine region. **1.00** Skippy The Bush Kangaroo. (R) Clancy is taken hostage. **1.30** TV Shop: Home Shopping. (R) **4.00** Global Shop. Home shopping. **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** Days Of Our Lives. **12.55** The Young And The Restless. **2.00** Antiques Roadshow. **2.30** **MOVIE:** Till Death Us Do Part. (1969, PG) **4.30** Tennis. ATP Cup. Day 4. Night session. **7.30** David Attenborough's Seven Worlds, One Planet. **8.40** **MOVIE:** The Lady In The Van. (2015, M) **10.50** **MOVIE:** The Big Chill. (1983, M) **1am** TV Shop: Home Shopping.

9GO! (53) **6am** Children's Programs. **8.00** Smashdown! **8.30** Rainbow Rangers. **9.00** Care Bears: Unlock The Magic. **9.30** True And The Rainbow Kingdom. **10.00** Tennis. Melbourne Summer Series. Day 6. Day session. **5pm** Tennis. Melbourne Summer Series. Day 6. Night session. **10.00** Police Ten 7. **11.00** Traffic Cops. **Midnight** Quantum Leap. **1.00** Rivals. **2.00** Soapbox Racing. Red Bull Series. Round 5. Replay. **3.00** Beyblade Burst Turbo. **3.30** Ninjago: Masters Of Spinjitzu. **4.00** Pokémon. **4.30** Pokémon Journeys. **4.50** Power Rangers Super Ninja Steel. **5.10** Bakugan: Battle Planet. **5.30** Yu-Gi-Oh! Classic.

WIN (8)

6.00 Headline News. **7.30** Entertainment Tonight. (PG, R) **8.00** Studio 10. (PG) **12.00** Dr Phil. (PGal) **1.00** Jamie & The Nonnas. (R) **2.00** 10 Travlr Northern Territory. (R) **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. (PGI, R) Miguel Maestre makes two Japanese-inspired meals. Dr Chris Brown meets a wombat. **8.30** The Graham Norton Show. Graham Norton chats with Hollywood star Sam Neill, actor Billie Piper, *Cold Feet* star James Nesbitt, comedian Andi Osho, and music legend Tom Jones who also performs his song *No Hole In My Head*. **10.30** The Project. (R) A look at the day's news. **11.30** WIN's All Australian News. **12.30** The Late Show With Stephen Colbert. (PG) Hosted by Stephen Colbert. **1.30** Home Shopping. (R)

BOLD (81) **6am** Home Shopping. **8.00** Star Trek: Enterprise. **9.00** Diagnosis Murder. **10.00** Star Trek: Voyager. **11.00** Jake And The Fatman. **Noon** Nash Bridges. **1.00** WIN's All Australian News. **2.00** L.A.'s Finest. **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** Nash Bridges. **3.00** Diagnosis Murder. **4.00** Star Trek: The Next Generation. **5.00** Jake And The Fatman.

PEACH (82) **6am** Judging Amy. **7.00** Dr Quinn, Medicine Woman. **8.00** Fam. **8.30** Becker. **9.00** The King Of Queens. **10.00** Everybody Loves Raymond. **11.00** Frasier. **Noon** WIN's All Australian News. **1.00** Man With A Plan. **2.00** The King Of Queens. **3.00** Everybody Loves Raymond. **4.00** Becker. **5.00** Frasier. **6.00** Friends. **6.30** Neighbours. **7.00** Friends. **8.00** The Big Bang Theory. **9.30** **MOVIE:** Runaway Bride. (1999, PG) **11.45** **MOVIE:** High Fidelity. (2000, M) **2am** Everybody Loves Raymond. **2.30** Dr Quinn, Medicine Woman. **3.30** Frasier. **4.30** Home Shopping.

<p>ABC TV (2) 6.00 Rage. (PG) 7.00 Weekend Breakfast. 10.00 Rage. (PG) 11.00 Rage Retro Month. (PG) 12.00 ABC News. 12.30 Employable Me Australia. (Mal, R) 1.30 Miniseries: Agatha Christie's The Witness For The Prosecution. (R) 2.20 Making Child Prodigies. (R) 3.00 Nigella's Cook, Eat, Repeat. (Final, R) 3.30 Dream Gardens. (R) 4.00 Soccer: A-League. Round 7. Brisbane Roar v Melbourne Victory.</p> <p>6.00 Ask The Doctor: Senses. (PG, R) The doctors look at the various senses. 6.30 Landline Summer. (R) Presented by Pip Courtney. 7.00 ABC News. Takes a look at today's top stories. 7.30 Death In Paradise. (Return, Mv) A masked man stabs a woman in her home. 8.30 Call The Midwife. (Return, PG) Mother Mildred seeks to help a distraught woman who abandoned her newborn. 9.30 Endeavour. (Madv, R) Part 3 of 4. The murder of a chocolate factory owner leads Morse to the sleepy village of Chigton Green. 11.00 Call The Midwife. (PG, R) Lucille cares for an unmarried mother. 12.00 Deep Water. (Final, Mal, R) 12.50 Rage Retro Month. (MA15+adhlnsv) 5.00 Rage. (PG)</p> <p>ABC TV PLUS (22) 6am Children's Programs. 7.30pm Spicks And Specks. 8.00 QI. 8.30 Jayde Adams: Serious Black Jumper. 9.35 Live At The Apollo. 10.20 Would I Lie To You? 10.55 Whose Line Is It Anyway? 11.15 Mock The Week. 11.50 Kitty Flanagan: Charming And Alarming. 12.55am Escape From The City. 1.50 Comedy Up Late. 2.20 News Update. 2.25 Close. 5.00 The Day Henry Met. 5.05 Late Programs.</p> <p>NITV (34) 6am Morning Programs. 2.30pm Touch Football. WA Super League. 4.00 Rugby League. Koori Knockout. 2019. Men's. Newcastle All Blacks v Googars. Replay. 5.00 On The Road. 6.00 Going Places. 7.00 Everyday Brave. 7.30 News. 7.40 Through The Wormhole With Morgan Freeman. 8.30 Adam Goodes: The Final Quarter. 10.00 MOVIE: Once Were Warriors. (1994, MA15+) 11.50 Late Programs.</p>	<p>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 Cycling. Road National Championships. Criterium. Highlights. 4.00 Travel Man. (PG, R) 4.30 Remarkable Places To Eat. (PG, R) 5.40 Secret Nazi Bases. (Premiere)</p> <p>6.30 SBS World News. 7.30 Going Places With Ernie Dingo. (PG) Ernie Dingo explores the Mary River. 8.05 Michael Portillo's Abandoned Britain. (PG, R) Part 2 of 4. Michael Portillo pays a visit to a mysterious former Ministry of Defence installation. 9.00 MOVIE: Hannibal. (2001, MA15+v, R) An escaped serial killer, hiding in Italy, is tracked by an FBI agent and a horribly mutilated victim out for revenge. Anthony Hopkins, Julianne Moore, Giancarlo Giannini. 11.20 MOVIE: Love And Friendship. (2016, PGa, R, Ireland, France, Netherlands,) Kate Beckinsale. 1.00 Atlanta. (Madlv, R) 4.00 Luke Nguyen's Food Trail. (R) 5.00 CGTN English News. 5.15 NHK World English News. 5.30 Deutsche Welle English News.</p> <p>VICELAND (31) 6am WorldWatch. Noon Fade To Black: Fight To The Death. 1.30 Atlanta. 2.30 New Girl. 3.00 Insight. 4.00 WorldWatch. 4.30 Basketball. NBL. Cairns Taipans v Brisbane Bullets. 6.30 PBS NewsHour. 7.30 The Last Man On Earth. 7.55 8 Out Of 10 Cats. 8.30 The X-Files. 11.00 Tent And Sex. 11.30 7 Days Of Sex. 12.20am MOVIE: Network. (1976, M) 2.30 France 24. 3.00 Late Programs.</p> <p>SBS MOVIES (32) 6am Death Defying Acts. Continued. (2007, PG) 7.20 My Brilliant Career. (1979) 9.15 Dillili In Paris. (2018, PG, French) 10.55 The Castle Of Cagliostro. (1979, PG) 12.55pm Bill. (2015, PG) 2.40 Big Fish. (2003, PG) 5.00 Cheerful Weather For The Wedding. (2012, PG) 6.50 Love And Friendship. (2016, PG) 8.30 The Squid And The Whale. (2005) 10.00 At Eternity's Gate. (2018, M) 12.05am Late Programs.</p>	<p>SEVEN (7) 6.00 NBC Today. 7.00 Weekend Sunrise. 10.00 The Morning Show: Weekend. (PG) 12.00 Horse Racing. CF Orr Stakes Family Day and Inglis Millennium Day. 4.00 Better Homes And Gardens. (R) 5.00 Seven News At 5. 5.30 Creek To Coast. Roger Vickery goes bush.</p> <p>6.00 Seven News. 7.00 Cricket. Big Bash League. Grand Final. 10.30 To Be Advised. 12.00 Cycling. Santos Tour Down Under. Highlights. From South Australia. 1.00 Travel Oz. (PG, R) Greg Grainger takes a look at a variety of holiday destinations here and abroad. 1.30 Harry's Practice. (R) Dr Harry Cooper and Dr Katrina Warren present information about animals and pet care. 2.00 Home Shopping. (R) 4.00 My Greek Odyssey. (PGIn, R) Peter Maneas heads to the island of Kalymnos, one of the biggest in the Dodecanese. 5.00 Get Arty. (R) A showcase of art projects, including <i>Better Homes and Gardens</i> presenter Adam Dovile teaming up with Jacqui to make an indoor tent.</p> <p>7TWO (72) 6am Home Shopping. 8.30 Travel Oz. 9.00 NBC Today. 11.30 Horse Racing. CF Orr Stakes Family Day and Inglis Millennium Day. Noon Bargain Hunt. 1.00 ICU. 1.30 Creek To Coast. 2.00 Weekender. 2.30 Sydney Weekender. 3.00 Property Ladder UK. 5.30 The Great Outdoors: Greatest Escapes. 6.30 The Yorkshire Vet. 8.30 Escape To The Country. 11.30 The Great Outdoors: Greatest Escapes. 12.30am Late Programs.</p> <p>7MATE (73) 6am Morning Programs. 12.30pm Timbersports. 1.00 Blokesworld. 1.30 Aussie Dreamlivers Alaska. 2.00 Football. AFL Women's. Round 2. Collingwood v Gold Coast Suns. 4.00 Desert Collectors. 6.00 2020 Cricket Australia Awards. 6.30 Cricket. Big Bash League. Grand Final. 7.00 Building Giants. 8.00 Mighty Ships. 9.00 Mighty Cruise Ships. 10.00 Air Crash Investigation. 11.00 Late Programs.</p>	<p>NINE (5) 6.00 Easy Eats. (R) 7.00 Weekend Today. News, current affairs and sports. 10.00 Tennis. Melbourne Summer Series. Day 7. Day session. 5.00 News: First At Five. 5.30 RBT. (PGdl, R) Follows the activities of police units as they test for alcohol and drug-affected drivers around Australia.</p> <p>6.00 Nine News Saturday. 7.00 A Current Affair. 7.30 Tennis. ATP Cup. Day 5. Night session. From Melbourne Park. 10.30 MOVIE: The Thomas Crown Affair. (1999, MIs, R) After a billionaire who feels life poses no more challenges decides to steal a Monet from New York's Metropolitan Museum of Art, he is hounded by an insurance agent determined to expose him. Pierce Brosnan, Rene Russo, Denis Leary. 12.45 Australia's Top Ten Of Everything. (Msv) A countdown of the top 10 TV hosts. 2.00 TV Shop: Home Shopping. (R) 4.30 Global Shop. Home shopping. 5.00 TV Shop: Home Shopping. (R) 5.30 Wesley Impact. (R) Religious program.</p> <p>9GEM (52) 6am Newstyle Direct. 6.30 TV Shop: Home Shopping. 10.00 My Favorite Martian. 10.30 The Avengers. 11.30 MOVIE: The Raging Moon. (1971, PG) 1.45pm MOVIE: The Pride And The Passion. (1957, PG) 4.30 Tennis. ATP Cup. Day 5. Night session. 7.30 MOVIE: The Bridge On The River Kwai. (1957, PG) 10.45 MOVIE: A Fistful Of Dollars. (1964, MA15+) 12.45am Garden Gurus Moments. 1.00 TV Shop: Home Shopping.</p> <p>9GO! (53) 6am Children's Programs. 2pm Peaking. 2.20 Xtreme Collxion. 3.20 MOVIE: Open Season: Scared Silly. (2015, PG) 5.00 Tennis. Melbourne Summer Series. Night session. 10.00 MOVIE: Blown Away. (1994, M) 12.30am No Man's Land: Expedition Antarctica. 2.00 Xtreme Collxion. 3.00 Power Rangers Super Beast Morphers. 3.30 Thunderbirds. 4.30 Pokémon: BW Adventures In Unova And Beyond. 4.50 Late Programs.</p>	<p>WIN (8) 6am Morning Programs. 7.30 All 4 Adventure. (PGI, R) 8.30 4x4 Adventures. (R) 9.30 St10. (PG) 12.00 Beyond The Fire. 12.30 GCBC. (R) 1.00 10 Minute Kitchen. 1.30 Destination Dessert. (R) 2.00 Bondi Rescue. (PGIm, R) 2.30 Australia By Design: Innovations. 3.00 What's Up Down Under. 3.30 My Market Kitchen. (R) 4.00 Everyday Gourmet. (R) 4.30 Farm To Fork. (R) 5.00 News.</p> <p>6.00 Bondi Rescue. (PGal, R) The tower on Bondi Beach is on high alert when a swimmer's quick dip results in a possible spinal injury. 7.00 Toddlers Behaving (Very) Badly. Part 3 of 3. Childcare expert Laura Amies teaches toddlers how to behave. 8.00 MOVIE: The Help. (2011, Ma, R) During the civil rights movement of the '60s, an aspiring author decides to write a book detailing the African-American maids' point of view on the white families they work for and the hardships they experience. Emma Stone, Viola Davis, Octavia Spencer. 10.55 Bull. (Mv, R) Bull defends his old friend, an in-debt gambler accused of killing her father to gain her inheritance. 12.00 Home Shopping. (R) 5.00 Hour Of Power. Religious program.</p> <p>BOLD (81) 6am Home Shopping. 9.00 Star Trek: Voyager. 10.00 Star Trek: The Next Generation. 11.00 Star Trek: Enterprise. Noon Diagnosis Murder. 1.00 The Doctors. 2.00 iFish. 2.30 Pat Callinan's 4x4 Adventures. 3.30 All 4 Adventure. 4.30 Mighty Machines. 5.00 Escape Fishing With ET. 5.30 Scorpion. 7.30 NCIS. 8.30 NCIS: New Orleans. 10.20 Hawaii Five-0. 11.20 Late Programs.</p> <p>PEACH (82) 6am Judging Amy. 7.00 Dr Quinn, Medicine Woman. 8.00 Fam. 8.30 Becker. 9.00 The King Of Queens. 10.00 Everybody Loves Raymond. 11.00 Frasier. Noon To Be Advised. 4.30 Friends. 6.00 Columbo. 8.00 Kojak. 9.00 Spyforce. 10.00 The Big Bang Theory. 10.30 The Middle. Midnight Home Shopping. 1.30 2 Broke Girls. 3.30 Becker. 4.30 Home Shopping. 5.30 The Brady Bunch.</p>
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<p>ABC TV (2) 6.00 Rage. (PG) 7.00 Weekend Breakfast. 9.00 Insiders. 10.00 Offsiders. 10.30 The World This Week. (R) 11.00 Compass. (R) 11.30 Songs Of Praise. (R) 12.00 ABC News At Noon. 12.30 Landline Summer. (Final) 1.00 Everyone's A Critic. (PG, R) 1.30 Aftermath: Beyond Black Saturday. (PG, R) 2.30 The Mix. (R) 3.00 Soccer. W-League. Round 7. 5.00 War On Waste: The Battle Continues. (PG, R)</p> <p>6.00 Antiques Roadshow. Hosted by Fiona Bruce. 7.00 ABC News Sunday. 7.40 Grand Designs: House Of The Year. (Final, PG) Part 4 of 4. 8.30 Harrow. (Return, Mav) After a young man who claimed to be his son turns up dead, a troubled Harrow tries to distract himself with work. 9.25 Stateless. (Final, Malsv, R) Margot makes an important discovery that leads her to believe that Sofie is imprisoned at Barton. 10.20 Killing Eve. (PG, R) Villanelle returns to Mother Russia. 11.05 Wentworth. (MA15+dsv, R) 11.50 Endeavour. (Madv, R) 1.20 Rage. (MA15+adhlnsv) 4.10 Wentworth. (MA15+dsv, R) 5.00 Insiders. (R)</p> <p>ABC TV PLUS (22) 6am Children's Programs. 7.15pm Sir Mouse. 7.30 Spicks And Specks. 8.00 Compass. 8.30 Bowls. SA Super League: Transgender Kids. 9.30 Enslaved. 10.30 Catalyst. 11.30 Designing A Legacy. 12.30am You Can't Ask That. 12.50 Restoration Australia. 1.50 Comedy Up Late. (Final) 2.20 News Update. 2.25 Close. 5.00 The Day Henry Met. 5.05 Little Princess. 5.20 Sarah & Duck. 5.25 Hoot Hoot Go! 5.35 Late Programs.</p> <p>NITV (34) 6am Morning Programs. 11.30 Netball. SA Premier League. 12.40pm Rugby Union. Ella 7s. Replay. 1.00 Bowls. SA Super League. 1.30 Soccer. African Cup NSW. Grand Final. Ghana v South Sudan. 3.45 Football. Monsoon AFL. 5.45 African News. 6.00 APTN National News. 6.30 Artefact. 7.30 NITV News Update. 7.40 Going Places With Ernie Dingo. 8.40 She Shears. 10.05 Intune 08. 11.05 Late Programs.</p>	<p>SBS (3) 6.00 France 24 English News First Edition. 6.30 Al Jazeera News. 7.30 Italian News. 8.10 Filipino News. 8.40 French News. 9.00 Cycling. Road National Championships. Women's Race. 11.00 Road National Preview. 12.00 Cycling. Road National Championships. Men's Race. From Ballarat, Victoria. 4.35 Greek News. 5.35 Secret Nazi Bases. (PG)</p> <p>6.30 SBS World News. 7.30 The Last Hours Of Pompeii: New Discoveries. (PG) Part 1 of 2. 9.30 Bruce Lee: Be Water. (M) Documents the life and career of martial arts icon and actor Bruce Lee through archival footage. 11.20 Filthy Rich And Homeless. (MI, R) Part 1 of 3. 12.25 24 Hours In Police Custody: A Moment Of Madness. (Mal, R) 1.20 Mary Beard's Shock Of The Nude. (MA15+ans, R) 3.30 Depression And Me. (Madl, 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.</p> <p>VICELAND (31) 6am WorldWatch. 9.30 SBS Courtside. 10.00 Basketball. NBA. 76ers v Nets. 12.30pm WorldWatch. 1.30 New Girl. 2.00 Basketball. NBL. SE Melbourne v Illawarra. 4.00 Basketball. NBL. Melbourne Utd v Perth. 6.00 New Girl. 6.30 ABC America: World News Tonight. 7.00 Abandoned Places. 7.35 The Last Man On Earth. 8.00 8 Out Of 10 Cats. 8.35 Why Women Kill. 9.35 United Shades Of America. 10.20 Late Programs.</p> <p>SBS MOVIES (32) 6am The Castle Of Cagliostro. (1979, PG) 8.00 Big Fish. (2003, PG) 10.20 My Brilliant Career. (1979) 12.15pm Cheerful Weather For The Wedding. (2012, PG) 2.00 The Man Who Knew Infinity. (2015, PG) 4.05 Bill. (2015, PG) 5.50 Looking Up. (2019, PG, Mandarin) 8.30 Biutiful. (2010, MA15+, Spanish) 11.10 Gauguin: Voyage To Tahiti. (2017, M, French) 1.05am Pioneer. (2013, M, Norwegian) 3.10 Late Programs.</p>	<p>SEVEN (7) 6.00 NBC Today. 7.00 Weekend Sunrise. 10.00 The Morning Show: Weekend. (PG) 12.00 House Of Wellness. (PG, R) 1.00 To Be Advised. 4.00 Better Homes: Australia's Most Amazing Homes: Inventive Architecture. (PG, R) 5.00 Seven News At 5. 5.30 Weekender.</p> <p>6.00 Seven News. 7.00 Holey Moley Australia. (PG) Contestants tackle a mini golf course. 8.30 MOVIE: Captain America: The Winter Soldier. (2014, Mv, R) Captain America teams up with the Black Widow to battle a powerful yet shadowy enemy. Chris Evans, Samuel L. Jackson, Scarlett Johansson. 11.15 World's Most Shocking Emergency Calls. (MA15+av, R) Documents shocking emergency calls. 12.15 Medical Emergency. (PG, R) 12.45 The Guardian. (Madv, R) 2.00 Home Shopping. (R) 3.30 Million Dollar Minute. (R) 4.00 NBC Today. 5.00 Seven Early News. 5.30 Sunrise.</p> <p>7TWO (72) 6am Mums At The Table. 6.30 It Is Written. 7.00 Tomorrow's World. 7.30 Leading The Way. 8.00 David Jeremiah. 8.30 Home Shopping. 9.00 Australia: The Story Of Us. 11.00 NBC Today. Noon The Surgery Ship. 1.30 Her Majesty's Theatre. 2.00 All The Things. 2.30 Cycling. Santos Tour Down Under. Highlights. 3.30 Escape To The Country. 6.30 M*A*S*H. 8.30 Wild Bill. 9.30 Miniseries: Bancroft. 11.30 Late Programs.</p> <p>7MATE (73) 6am Morning Programs. 11.30 River To Reef: Retro. Noon The Fishing Show. 1.00 Al McGlashan's Fish'n With Mates. 1.30 Shipping Wars. 2.00 Football. AFL Women's. Round 2. Brisbane Lions v Geelong. 4.00 Shipping Wars. 4.30 Graveyard Carz. 5.30 Counting Cars. 6.00 Last Car Garage. 6.30 Border Patrol. 7.00 Border Security. 8.30 MOVIE: Remember The Titans. (2000, PG) 10.55 Late Programs.</p>	<p>NINE (5) 6.00 Easy Eats. (R) 7.00 Weekend Today. 10.00 Tennis. Melbourne Summer Series. Day 8. Day session. 4.00 Surfing Australia TV. Showcases Surfing Australia's programs. 4.30 To Be Advised. 5.00 News: First At Five. 5.30 Territory Cops. (PGdl, R) Alecia and Mitch go on a weekend night patrol.</p> <p>6.00 Nine News. 7.00 60 Minutes. Current affairs program. 8.10 The Trump Show: Downfall. Charts Donald Trump's last months as US president as he attempts to win, and subsequently overturn, the 2020 election. 9.25 Nine News Late. Takes a look at the latest news and events from Australia and around the world. 9.55 Outbreak: The Virus That Shook The World. Documents the COVID-19 pandemic. 11.30 5 Mistakes That Caught A Killer: Roy Whiting. (MA15+av) 12.30 Young, Dumb And Banged Up In The Sun. (MA15+adlv) 1.30 TV Shop: Home Shopping. 4.00 Take Two. 5.00 News Early Edition. 5.30 Today.</p> <p>9GEM (52) 6am Morning Programs. 7.30 In Touch. 8.00 Beyond Today. 8.30 The Incredible Journey. 9.00 TV Shop. 10.05 My Favorite Martian. 10.35 MOVIE: Mr Forbush And The Penguins. (1971, PG) 12.40pm MOVIE: Sailors Three. (1940) 2.25 MOVIE: Bikini Beach. (1964, PG) 4.30 MOVIE: Irma La Douce. (1963, PG) 7.30 Death In Paradise. 8.40 Chicago P.D. 9.40 Chicago Fire. 10.40 Late Programs.</p> <p>9GO! (53) 6am Children's Programs. 1.30pm Liquid Science. 2.00 Dance Moms. 4.00 MOVIE: Look Who's Talking Too. (1990, PG) 5.30 MOVIE: Three Amigos! (1986, PG) 7.30 MOVIE: The Terminator. (1984, M) 9.40 MOVIE: Mad Max. (1979, MA15+) 11.40 Lethal Weapon. 1.30am Liquid Science. 2.00 Mike Tyson Mysteries. 2.10 Dance Moms. 3.00 Power Rangers Super Beast Morphers. 3.30 Thunderbirds. 4.30 Late Programs.</p>	<p>WIN (8) 6am Morning Programs. 7.30 Fishing Aust. (R) 8.00 GCBC. (R) 8.30 Australia By Design: Innovations. (R) 9.00 Luca's Key Ingredient. 9.30 St10. (PG) 12.00 10 Minute Kitchen. (R) 12.30 Left Off The Map. (R) 1.00 My Market Kitchen. (R) 1.30 Everyday Gourmet. (R) 2.00 Freshly Picked With Simon Toohey. (R) 2.30 Farm To Fork. (PG, R) 3.00 Bondi Rescue. (PGal, R) 3.30 To Be Advised. 5.00 News.</p> <p>6.30 The Sunday Project. Panellists dissect, digest and reconstitute the daily news, events and hottest topics. 7.30 The Amazing Race Australia. The teams take on new heights when they touch down in Townsville, Queensland. 9.00 FBI: Most Wanted. The team searches for a young woman who is heading down a deadly path of vengeance, using ties to an online radical conspiracy organisation to further her cause. Barnes must make a life-changing decision. 11.00 The Sunday Project. (R) Panellists dissect, digest and reconstitute the daily news, events and hottest topics. 12.00 Home Shopping. (R) 3.30 CBS This Morning. Morning news and talk show. 5.00 Headline News Early.</p> <p>BOLD (81) 6am Home Shopping. 7.30 Key Of David. 8.00 Roads Less Travelled. 8.30 Mega Mechanics. 9.30 One Strange Rock. 10.30 Escape Fishing With ET. 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.</p> <p>PEACH (82) 6am Fam. 8.00 Becker. 9.00 Neighbours. 11.30 The Neighborhood. 1pm Becker. 2.00 The Middle. 3.30 Friends. 6.00 The Big Bang Theory. 9.00 Friends. 10.30 2 Broke Girls. Midnight Home Shopping. 1.30 Mom. 3.30 The Neighborhood. 4.30 Home Shopping. 5.30 The Brady Bunch.</p>
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ABC TV (2) 6.00 News Breakfast. 9.00 ABC News Mornings. 10.00 Antiques Roadshow. (R) 11.00 To Be Advised. 12.00 ABC News At Noon. 1.00 Death In Paradise. (Mv, R) 2.00 Rake. (Madl, R) 3.00 ABC News Afternoons. 4.00 The Heights. (PG, R) 4.30 Back Roads. (PG, R) 5.00 Restoration Australia. (PG, R)	SBS (3) 6.00 WorldWatch. 6.30 This Week. 7.30 WorldWatch. 11.30 Turkish News. 12.00 Arabic News F24. 12.30 ABC America: World News Tonight. 1.00 Al Jazeera News. 2.00 Destination Flavour China. (R) 2.30 The Story Of God With Morgan Freeman. (PGav, R) 3.30 Who Do You Think You Are? (PGa, R) 4.35 Great British Railway Journeys. (PGa, R) 5.05 Letters And Numbers. (R) 5.35 Jeopardy! (PG)	SEVEN (7) 6.00 Sunrise. 9.00 NFL. Super Bowl LV. Tampa Bay Buccaneers v Kansas City Chiefs. 3.00 The Chase. (R) Hosted by Bradley Walsh. 4.00 Seven News At 4. 5.00 The Chase Australia. Contestants race to answer quiz questions correctly to avoid being caught by The Chaser.	NINE (5) 6.00 Today. The latest in news, current affairs, sport, politics, entertainment, fashion, health and lifestyle. 9.00 Australian Open Tennis Pre-Show. Reviews, previews, interviews, highlights and opinions from the Australian Open at Melbourne Park. 10.00 Tennis. Australian Open. Day 1. From Melbourne Park.	WIN (8) 6.00 Headline News. 7.30 Entertainment Tonight. (PG, R) 8.00 Studio 10. (PG) 12.00 Dr Phil. 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. 5.00 10 News First.
6.00 The Drum. 7.00 ABC News. 7.30 7.30 . Presented by Leigh Sales. 8.00 Australian Story. Austral-ians tell personal stories. 8.30 Four Corners. (Return) Investigative journalism program that leads national debate and confronting issues that matter. 9.15 Media Watch. (PG) Hosted by Paul Barry. 9.35 The Pacific: In The Wake Of Captain Cook With Sam Neill: Endeavour And New Zealand. (PG) Sam Neill retraces Captain Cook's voyage. 10.25 You Can't Ask That. (MA15+n, R) 10.55 ABC Late News. 11.25 Waltzing The Dragon With Benjamin Law. (PG, R) 12.25 Wentworth. (MA15+dv, R) 1.10 Rage. (MA15+adhlInsv) 3.40 Wentworth. (MA15+dv, R) 4.30 The Drum. (R) 5.30 7.30. (R)	6.00 Mastermind Australia. (R) 6.30 SBS World News. 7.35 The Architecture The Railways Built: Snowdown. (PG) Presented by Tim Dunn. 8.30 24 Hours In Emergency: Live And Learn. (M) A 23-year-old is rushed to emergency after colliding with a lamp-post while riding his motorbike. 9.25 The Story Of The Songs: Celine Dion. (M) A look at three of Celine Dion's tracks. 10.20 SBS World News Late. 10.50 Agent Hamilton. (MA15+v, R) 11.40 Outlander. (MA15+av, R) 1.50 Cocaine Trade Exposed: The Invisibles. (Mad, R) 3.30 Great British Railway Journeys. (R) 4.45 Destination Flavour China Bitesize. (R) 4.55 Poh & Co. Bitesize. (R) 5.00 CGTN English News. 5.15 NHK World English News. 5.30 Deutsche Welle English News.	6.00 Seven Local News. 6.30 Seven News. 7.00 Home And Away. (PG) 7.30 Holey Moley Australia. (PG) Contestants battle for supremacy on an obstacle-filled supersized mini golf course. 9.00 9-1-1 . (M) In the aftermath of the dam break, massive mudslides wreak havoc throughout Los Angeles. 10.00 The Rookie. (Mv) National security issues arise. 11.00 World's Deadliest Weather: Caught On Camera. (PGa) North California is besieged by wildfires. 12.00 Cycling. Santos Tour Down Under. Highlights. 1.00 The Guardian. (Madsv, R) 2.00 Home Shopping. (R) 4.00 NBC Today. 5.00 Seven Early News. 5.30 Sunrise.	6.00 Nine News. 7.00 Tennis. Australian Open. Night 1. From Melbourne Park. 11.00 Chicago Med. (Mam, R) Bekker takes drastic action to keep Rhodes from leaving Med for good. Charles mourns a loss. 12.00 Straight Forward. (Mdlv, R) After a member of her family is murdered, a conwoman decides to get even by robbing the crime boss behind the hit. 1.00 Destination WA. (PG, R) Trevor Cochrane goes on a tropical island getaway that is only accessible from Perth. 1.30 TV Shop: Home Shopping. (R) 2.30 Global Shop. Home shopping. 3.00 TV Shop: Home Shopping. (R) 4.00 Take Two. (R) Home shopping. 5.00 News Early Edition. 5.30 Today. The latest in news and current affairs.	6.00 WIN News. 6.30 The Project. A look at the day's news. 7.30 The Amazing Race Australia. Hosted by Beau Ryan. 8.30 Hughesy, We Have A Problem. (Return) Dave Hughes is joined by celebrities to discuss solutions to problems experienced in modern life. 9.30 The Graham Norton Show. (R) Graham Norton chats with Sam Neill, Tom Jones, Billie Piper, James Nesbitt and Andi Osho. 10.30 The Project. (R) A look at the day's news. 11.30 WIN's All Australian News. 12.30 The Late Show With Stephen Colbert. (PG) 1.30 Home Shopping. (R) 3.30 CBS This Morning. 5.00 Headline News Early.
ABC TV PLUS (22) 6am Children's Programs. 7.15pm Odd Squad. 7.30 Spicks And Specks. 8.00 Doctor Who. 8.50 David Attenborough's Rise Of Animals. 9.50 George Clarke's Amazing Spaces. 10.40 Escape From The City. 11.35 Adam Hills: The Last Leg. 12.15am Would I Lie To You? 12.45 Parks And Recreation. 1.10 Reno 911! 1.30 Brassic. 2.15 News Update. 2.20 Close. 5.00 The Day Henry Met. 5.05 Late Programs.	VICELAND (31) 6am WorldWatch. Noon Basketball. NBA. Philadelphia 76ers v Brooklyn Nets. Replay. 2.00 The Curse Of Oak Island. 2.50 Hunting Hitler. 3.45 WorldWatch. 4.10 This Week. 5.05 Only Connect. 5.40 Shortland Street. 6.10 Abandoned Engineering. 7.05 Jeopardy! 7.35 8 Out Of 10 Cats Does Countdown. 8.30 Taskmaster. 9.25 RockKwiz. 10.15 Late Programs.	7TWO (72) 6am Home Shopping. 6.30 Travel Oz. 8.00 Harry's Practice. 8.30 Million Dollar Minute. 9.30 NBC Today. 10.30 MOVIE: The Falcon Strikes Back. (1943, PG) Noon House Of Wellness. 1.00 World's Most Amazing Videos. 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 Code Blue: Murder. 11.50 Late Programs.	9GEM (52) 6am TV Shop: Home Shopping. 7.00 Creflo Dollar Ministries. 7.30 TV Shop: Home Shopping. 9.00 Australian Open Tennis Pre-Show. 10.00 Tennis. Australian Open. Day 1. 5pm Tennis. Australian Open. Night 1. 10.00 Law & Order. 11.00 Timeless. Midnight Adventures In Rainbow Country. 12.30 My Favorite Martian. 1.00 TV Shop: Home Shopping. 1.30 Gideon's Way. 2.30 TV Shop. 4.30 Joyce Meyer. 5.00 TV Shop.	BOLD (81) 6am Home Shopping. 8.00 Star Trek: Enterprise. 9.00 Diagnosis Murder. 10.00 Star Trek: Voyager. Noon Nash Bridges. 1.00 WIN's All Australian News. 2.00 CSI: Miami. 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 To Be Advised. 12.10am Shopping. 2.10 VF Confidential. 3.10 Late Programs.
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6.00 The Drum. Analysis of the day's news. 7.00 ABC News. Takes a look at today's top stories. 7.30 7.30 . Presented by Leigh Sales. 8.00 Foreign Correspondent. International affairs program, featuring in-depth stories from ABC's network of foreign correspondents. 8.30 Australia Remastered: Wetlands. Aaron Pedersen takes a look at one of Australia's dynamic natural habitats, the wetlands. 9.30 To Be Advised. 11.00 ABC Late News. 11.30 Q+A. (R) 12.35 Wentworth. (MA15+ads, R) 1.20 Rage. (MA15+adhlInsv) 3.45 Wentworth. (MA15+ads, R) 4.30 The Drum. (R) 5.30 7.30. (R)	6.00 Mastermind Australia. (R) 6.30 SBS World News. 7.30 Great Continental Railway Journeys: Linz To Bratislava. (PG) Hosted by Michael Portillo. 8.35 24 Hours In Emergency: Because The Night. (M) A 37-year-old woman with autism has been rushed to emergency after suffering a crush injury. 9.30 Cat Tales. (PGa, R) Takes a look at cats. 10.30 SBS World News Late. 11.00 The A Word. (Final, Mal) 12.05 The Pier. (Malnsv, R) 1.00 Deep State. (Mlv, R) 3.00 Wasted! The Story Of Food Waste. (Ml, R) 4.30 Great British Railway Journeys. (PG, R) 5.00 CGTN English News. 5.15 NHK World English News. 5.30 Deutsche Welle English News.	6.00 Seven Local News. 6.30 Seven News. 7.00 Home And Away. (PG) 7.30 Holey Moley Australia. (PG) Contestants tackle a mini golf course. 9.00 The Good Doctor. (Ma) Shaun has a hard time balancing his fears and concerns about potentially jeopardising Lea's health. 10.00 The Resident. (Ma) Cain's elective surgery patient returns. 11.00 Station 19. (Ma) A young boy falls into water pipes. 12.00 Splitting Up Together. (PGas, R) 1.00 Harry's Practice. (R) 1.30 Travel Oz. (PG, R) 2.00 Home Shopping. (R) 4.00 NBC Today. 5.00 Seven Early News. 5.30 Sunrise.	6.00 Nine News. 7.00 Tennis. Australian Open. Night 2. From Melbourne Park. 11.00 Chicago Med. (Mam, R) The doctors and nurses are on high alert when an overflow of patients are rushed into Chicago Med. 12.00 Straight Forward. (Mls, R) A con woman is forced to flee to New Zealand and start a completely different life. 1.00 Destination WA. (R) Nikki Parkinson discovers all the family-friendly fun that Whiteman Park has to offer. 1.30 TV Shop: Home Shopping. (R) 4.00 Take Two. (R) Home shopping. 5.00 News Early Edition. 5.30 Today. The latest in news and current affairs.	6.00 WIN News. 6.30 The Project. A look at the day's news. 7.30 The Amazing Race Australia. Hosted by Beau Ryan. 8.30 NCIS. (Mv) Gibbs and Fornell's crusade to find the head of the drug ring comes to a climax. 9.30 NCIS: Los Angeles. (Mv) The NCIS team must track down an organised crime leader who is trying to buy stolen defence technology. 10.30 The Project. (R) A look at the day's news. 11.30 WIN's All Australian News. 12.30 The Late Show With Stephen Colbert. (PG) 1.30 Home Shopping. (R) 3.30 CBS This Morning. 5.00 Headline News Early.
ABC TV PLUS (22) 6am Children's Programs. 7.15pm Odd Squad. 7.30 Spicks And Specks. 8.00 Doctor Who. 9.00 To Be Advised. 9.45 Whose Line Is It Anyway? (Final) 10.05 The IT Crowd. 10.55 Frontline. (Final) 11.30 Jayde Adams: Serious Black Jumper. 12.30am Live At The Apollo. 1.15 Parks And Recreation. 1.40 Reno 911! 2.00 Brassic. 2.45 News Update. 2.50 Close. 5.00 The Day Henry Met. 5.05 Late Programs.	VICELAND (31) 6am WorldWatch. 11.00 SBS Courtside. 11.30 Basketball. NBA. San Antonio Spurs v Golden State Warriors. 2pm WorldWatch. 3.00 Lee Lin Chin's Fashionista. 3.10 VICE World Of Sports. 3.40 WorldWatch. 5.05 Only Connect. 5.40 Shortland Street. 6.10 Abandoned Engineering. 7.05 Jeopardy! 7.35 8 Out Of 10 Cats Does Countdown. 8.30 The Rise And Fall Of Nokia Mobile. 9.35 The 2000s. 10.25 Late Programs.	7TWO (72) 6am Home Shopping. 6.30 Travel Oz. 8.00 Harry's Practice. 8.30 Million Dollar Minute. 9.30 NBC Today. Noon House Of Wellness. 1.00 World's Most Amazing Videos. 2.00 Harry's Practice. 2.30 Million Dollar Minute. 3.30 Sydney Weekender. 4.00 Better Homes And Gardens. 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. 11.45 Late Programs.	9GEM (52) 6am TV Shop: Home Shopping. 7.00 Creflo Dollar Ministries. 7.30 TV Shop: Home Shopping. 9.00 Australian Open Tennis Pre-Show. 10.00 Tennis. Australian Open. Day 2. 5pm Tennis. Australian Open. Night 2. 10.00 Law & Order. 11.00 Timeless. Midnight Adventures In Rainbow Country. 12.30 My Favorite Martian. 1.00 TV Shop: Home Shopping. 4.30 Joyce Meyer. 5.00 TV Shop: Home Shopping.	BOLD (81) 6am Shopping. 8.00 Star Trek: Enterprise. 9.00 Diagnosis Murder. 10.00 Star Trek: Voyager. 11.00 Jake And The Fatman. Noon Nash Bridges. 1.00 WIN's All Australian News. 2.00 CSI: Miami. 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.
NITV (34) 6am Morning Programs. 1.30pm Wild Kai Legends. 2.00 Nyami Ngaarlû-Gundi Woman Of The Water. 2.30 Water Is Life. 3.00 Jarjums. 6.00 Cooking Hawaiian Style. 6.30 Pete & Pio's Kai Safari. 7.00 Our Stories. 7.20 News. 7.30 African American: Many Rivers To Cross. 8.30 Superstition. 9.20 NITV News Update. 9.30 Hunting Aotearoa. 10.00 Football. Monsoon AFL. Replay. Midnight Late Programs.	SBS MOVIES (32) 6am The Thief Of Bagdad. Continued. (1940, PG) 7.45 Asterix And Obelix In Britain. (2012, PG, French) 9.50 The Man Who Knew Infinity. (2015, PG) 11.50 Amazonia. (2013, No dialogue) 1.25pm Looking Up. (2019, PG, Mandarin) 4.00 Coming Home. (2014, PG, Mandarin) 6.00 Ernest & Celestine. (2012, PG) 7.30 Lola And Her Brothers. (2018, M, French) 9.30 I Am Love. (2009, MA15+, Italian) 11.40 Late Programs.	7MATE (73) 6am Morning Programs. 9.00 American Pickers. 10.00 America's Game. 11.00 A Football Life. Noon Swamp People. 1.00 Ax Men. 2.00 Reluctant Outdoorsman. 3.00 Restoration Workshop. 4.00 Fish'n With Mates. 4.30 Hellfire Heroes. 5.30 Storage Wars. 6.00 American Pickers. 7.00 Pawn Stars. 7.30 Highway Patrol. 8.30 Outback Opal Hunters. 10.30 Yukon Gold. 11.30 Late Programs.	9GO! (53) 6am Children's Programs. 11.00 Dance Moms. Noon Royal Pains. 1.00 The Mindy Project. 3.00 The Six Million Dollar Man. 4.00 The A-Team. 5.00 The Nanny. 5.30 Nine News Local. 6.00 Tennis. Austn Open. 7.00 The Nanny. 7.30 MOVIE: RoboCop. (2014, M) 9.45 MOVIE: Shaft. (2000, MA15+) 11.45 The Nanny. 12.15am Quantum Leap. 1.10 Urbex: Enter At Your Own Risk. 2.10 Dance Moms. 3.00 Late Programs.	PEACH (82) 6am Judging Amy. 7.00 Dr Quinn, Medicine Woman. 8.00 Becker. 9.00 The King Of Queens. 10.00 Everybody Loves Raymond. 11.00 Frasier. Noon WIN's All Australian News. 1.00 Medium. 2.00 The King Of Queens. 3.00 Everybody Loves Raymond. 4.00 Becker. 5.00 Frasier. 6.00 Friends. 6.30 Neighbours. 7.00 Friends. 8.00 The Big Bang Theory. 9.30 Mom. 11.00 Late Programs.

Wednesday, February 10

ABC TV (2) 6.00 News Breakfast. 9.00 ABC News Mornings. 10.00 Foreign Correspondent. (R) 10.30 Stan Grant's One Plus One. (R) 11.00 Grand Designs: House Of The Year. (PG, R) 12.00 ABC News At Noon. 12.30 National Press Club Address. 1.55 Rake. (Mslv, R) 3.00 ABC News Afternoons. 4.00 The Heights. (PG, R) 4.30 Back Roads. (R) 5.00 Restoration Australia. (R)	SBS (3) 6.00 WorldWatch. 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. (R) 2.30 The Story Of God With Morgan Freeman. (PGa, R) 3.25 Who Do You Think You Are? (PG, R) 4.35 Great British Railway Journeys. (R) 5.05 Letters And Numbers. (R) 5.35 Jeopardy! (PG)	SEVEN (7) 6.00 Sunrise. 9.00 The Morning Show. (PG) 11.30 Seven Morning News. 12.00 MOVIE: My Life As A Dead Girl. (2015, Masv, R) 2.00 Gold Coast Medical. (Ma, R) 3.00 The Chase. 4.00 Seven News At 4. 5.00 The Chase Australia.	NINE (5) 6.00 Today. The latest in news, current affairs, sport, politics, entertainment, fashion, health and lifestyle. 9.00 Australian Open Tennis Pre-Show. Reviews, previews, interviews, highlights and opinions from the Australian Open at Melbourne Park. 10.00 Tennis. Australian Open. Day 3. From Melbourne Park.	WIN (8) 6.00 Headline News. 7.30 Entertainment Tonight. (PG, R) 8.00 Studio 10. (PG) 12.00 Dr Phil. (PGa) 1.00 To Be Advised. 2.00 Entertainment Tonight. 2.30 Everyday Gourmet With Justine Schofield. (R) 3.00 Judge Judy. (PG) 3.30 Left Off The Map. 4.00 Farm To Fork. (PG) 4.30 The Bold And The Beautiful. 5.00 10 News First.
6.00 The Drum. 7.00 ABC News. 7.30 7.30 . Presented by Leigh Sales. 8.00 Hard Quiz. (PG) Presented by Tom Gleeson. 8.30 The Weekly With Charlie Pickering. A satirical news program exposing the humorous, absurd and downright hypocritical. 9.00 Aftertaste. (Mls) Easton announces he is opening a new restaurant with his niece Diana in just a month's time. 9.30 QI. (Ml) Hosted by Sandi Toksvig. 10.00 To Be Advised. 10.45 ABC Late News. 11.15 Four Corners. (R) 12.00 Media Watch. (PG, R) 12.20 Wentworth. (MA15+lv, R) 1.05 Rage. (MA15+adhlnsv) 3.45 Wentworth. (MA15+lv, R) 4.30 The Drum. (R) 5.30 7.30. (R)	6.00 Mastermind Australia. (R) 6.30 SBS World News. 7.35 Britain's Most Historic Towns: Georgian Edinburgh. (PG) Alice Roberts visits Edinburgh. 8.30 Michael Palin: Travels Of A Lifetime. (Premiere, PG) Michael Palin revisits his first travel series. 9.35 Vikings. (MA15+) Alfred sets out to confront the Vikings. 10.30 SBS World News Late. 11.00 24 Hours In Emergency. (Ma, R) 11.55 MOVIE: C'est La Vie. (2017, Mls, R, France) Jean-Pierre Bacri, Jean-Paul Rouve, Gilles Lellouche. 2.05 Queen Elizabeth's Secret Agents. (Ma, R) 3.10 Fourth Estate: The NY Times And Trump. (Ml, R) 4.15 Great British Railway Journeys. (R) 4.55 Poh & Co. Bitesize. (R) 5.00 CGTN English News. 5.15 NHK World English News. 5.30 Deutsche Welle English News.	6.00 Seven Local News. 6.30 Seven News. 7.00 Home And Away. (PGav) 7.30 Ambulance: Code Red. (Premiere, Ma) Follows the work of an ambulance service. 8.30 The Bay. (Return, Mav) After dealing with the repercussions of her actions from last year, DC Lisa Armstrong is given the opportunity to step up and prove her worth when asked to assist with a murder investigation in Morecambe. 10.30 Criminal Confessions: Chris Watts - Confession Untold. (Return, Mlv) A look at the case of Chris Watts. 12.00 Code Black. (Mav, R) 2.00 Home Shopping. (R) 4.00 NBC Today. 5.00 Seven Early News. 5.30 Sunrise.	6.00 Nine News. 7.00 Tennis. Australian Open. Night 3. From Melbourne Park. 11.00 Chicago Med. (MA15+amv, R) Natalie and Elsa treat an ill pregnant woman who is convinced that God will save her. 12.00 Straight Forward. (MA15+lv, R) A con woman is forced to flee to New Zealand and start a completely different life. 1.00 Destination WA. (R) Trevor Cochrane goes snorkelling in the crystal-clear waters of the Cocos Islands. 1.30 TV Shop: Home Shopping. (R) 2.30 Global Shop. Home shopping. 3.00 TV Shop: Home Shopping. (R) 5.00 News Early Edition. 5.30 Today. The latest in news and current affairs.	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 Jamie's Easy Meals For Every Day. Jamie reinvents some family favourites, including new spins on butter chicken and salmon. 8.30 Bull. The founder of a trial consulting firm uses psychology and technology to win cases for his clients. 10.30 The Project. (R) The hosts and guest panellists take a look at the day's news, events and hot topics. 11.30 WIN's All Australian News. 12.30 The Late Show With Stephen Colbert. (PG) Hosted by Stephen Colbert. 1.30 Home Shopping. (R) 3.30 CBS This Morning. Morning news and talk show. 5.00 Headline News Early.
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6.00 The Drum. 7.00 ABC News. 7.30 7.30 . Presented by Leigh Sales. 8.00 Back Roads: Kyogle, NSW. Heather Ewart visits Kyogle. 8.30 Q+A. Interactive public affairs program featuring a panel of experts and commentators answering questions. 9.35 The Rise Of The Murdoch Dynasty: The Comeback. (Ms, R) Part 3 of 3. 10.25 To Be Advised. 10.35 ABC Late News. 11.05 To Be Advised. 12.05 Wentworth. (MA15+as, R) 12.55 Killing Eve. (PG, R) 1.40 Rage. (MA15+adhlnsv) 3.40 Wentworth. (MA15+as, R) 4.30 The Drum. (R) 5.30 7.30. (R)	6.00 Mastermind Australia. (R) 6.30 SBS World News. 7.35 The World's Greatest Palaces: Edinburgh Castle. (PG) 8.30 Michael Mosley: The Truth About Cosmetic Treatments. (M) Part 1 of 2. 9.35 World On Fire. (Final, MA15+v) Harry returns to Poland. 10.40 SBS World News Late. 11.10 24 Hours In Police Custody. (Malv, R) 12.10 M: The City Hunts A Murderer. (MA15+av, R) 2.00 The Little Drummer Girl. (Mals, R) 3.40 Inside North Korea's Dynasty. (Ma, R) 4.35 My Sister's Wedding In War-Torn Syria. (PG, R) 5.00 CGTN English News. 5.15 NHK World English News. 5.30 Deutsche Welle English News.	6.00 Seven Local News. 6.30 Seven News. 7.00 Home And Away. (PGav) 8.30 Wife Swap Australia. (Premiere, PGa) A fitness-obsessed mum and a bus-dwelling mother of eight swap lives, turning their families upside down. 9.45 Busted In Bangkok. (MA15+as) Follows Thailand's tourist police as they deal with tourists from all over the world. 10.45 Gordon Ramsay On Cocaine. (Madl, R) Part 1 of 2. 11.45 Celebrity Obsessed: Madonna. (MA15+a, R) 12.45 MOVIE: Crimes Of Passion: Voice From The Grave. (1996, Mv, R) 2.30 Home Shopping. (R) 4.00 NBC Today. 5.00 Seven Early News. 5.30 Sunrise.	6.00 Nine News. 7.00 Tennis. Australian Open. Night 4. From Melbourne Park. 11.00 Chicago Med. (Mam, R) Will is backed into a corner after unknowingly making a deal with a gangster. 12.00 Straight Forward. (Mlv, R) A con woman is forced to flee to New Zealand and start a completely different life. 1.00 Destination WA. (R) Trevor Cochrane holidays on Christmas Island. Nikki Parkinson dines in Wanneroo. 1.30 TV Shop: Home Shopping. (R) 2.30 Global Shop. Home shopping. 3.00 TV Shop: Home Shopping. (R) 5.00 News Early Edition. 5.30 Today. The latest in news and current affairs.	6.00 WIN News. 6.30 The Project. A look at the day's news. 7.30 Ambulance Australia. (Ma, R) The team attends to a newborn baby. 8.30 Law & Order: SVU. (Mav) The squad spends New Year's Eve dealing with a child abduction after an Amber Alert is sounded. Carisi faces off against counsellor Rafael Barba in an emotional courtroom battle. 10.30 This Is Us. Kevin embarks on a stressful road trip. 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.
ABC TV PLUS (22) 6am Children's Programs. 7.15pm Odd Squad. 7.30 Spicks And Specks. 8.00 Doctor Who. 8.45 Mock The Week. (Final) 9.20 Hard Quiz. 9.50 The Weekly With Charlie Pickering. 10.20 You Can't Ask That. 10.40 Rise Of The Animals. 11.40 Parks And Recreation. 12.05am Reno 911! 12.25 Brassic. 1.10 W1A. 1.40 QI. 2.15 News Update. 2.20 Close. 5.00 The Day Henry Met. 5.05 Little Princess. 5.20 Late Programs.	VICELAND (31) 6am WorldWatch. Noon Figure Skating. ISU Grand Prix. Rostelecom Cup. Replay. 2.05 Post Radical. 2.55 Hunting Hitler. 3.45 WorldWatch. 5.10 NBL: Overtime. (Premiere) 5.40 Shortland Street. 6.10 Abandoned Engineering. 7.05 Jeopardy! 7.35 8 Out Of 10 Cats Does Countdown. 8.30 The Curse Of Oak Island. 9.20 Time Warp: The Greatest Cult Films. 11.10 News. 11.35 Late Programs.	7TWO (72) 6am Home Shopping. 6.30 Travel Oz. 8.00 Harry's Practice. 8.30 Million Dollar Minute. 9.30 NBC Today. Noon House Of Wellness. 1.00 World's Most Amazing Videos. 2.00 Harry's Practice. 2.30 Million Dollar Minute. 3.30 Creek To Coast. 4.00 Better Homes And Gardens. 5.30 Escape To The Country. 6.30 Bargain Hunt. 7.30 Father Brown. 8.30 Murdoch Mysteries. 11.30 Late Programs.	9GEM (52) 6am TV Shop: Home Shopping. 7.00 Creflo Dollar Ministries. 7.30 TV Shop: Home Shopping. 9.00 Australian Open Tennis Pre-Show. 10.00 Tennis. Australian Open. Day 4. 5pm Tennis. Australian Open. Night 4. 10.00 Law & Order. 11.00 Timeless. Midnight Adventures In Rainbow Country. 12.30 My Favorite Martian. 1.00 TV Shop: Home Shopping. 4.30 Joyce Meyer. 5.00 TV Shop: Home Shopping.	BOLD (81) 6am Shopping. 8.00 Star Trek: Enterprise. 9.00 Diagnosis Murder. 10.00 Star Trek: Voyager. 11.00 Jake And The Fatman. Noon Nash Bridges. 1.00 WIN's All Australian News. 2.00 CSI: Miami. 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.
NITV (34) 6am Morning Programs. 1pm Tayamangajirri. 1.30 Red Earth Uncovered. 2.30 Bamay. 3.00 Wapos Bay. 3.25 Bushwhacked! 3.55 Aussie Bush Tales. 4.00 Musomagic. 4.30 Move It Mob Style. 5.00 Fraggie Rock. 6.00 Red Chef Revival. 6.30 Pete & Pio's Kai Safari. 7.00 Our Stories. 7.20 NITV News Update. 7.30 Going Places With Ernie Dingo. 8.30 MOVIE: The Namesake. (2006, M) 10.30 News. 10.40 Late Programs.	SBS MOVIES (32) 6am Asterix And Obelix In Britain. Continued. (2012, PG, French) 7.50 This Beautiful Fantastic. (2016, PG) 9.30 The Eagle Has Landed. (1976, PG) Noon Coming Home. (2014, PG, Mandarin) 2.00 CJ7. (2008, PG, Cantonese) 3.40 Esio Trot. (2015, PG) 5.20 Maudie. (2016, PG) 7.30 Results. (2015, M) 9.30 It's Complicated. (2009, M) 11.45 Late Programs. 5.50am The Eagle Has Landed. (1976, PG)	7MATE (73) 6am Morning Programs. 9.00 American Pickers. 10.00 America's Game. 11.00 A Football Life. Noon Swamp People. 1.00 Ax Men. 2.00 Wild Ops. 3.00 The Simpsons. 4.00 Fish'n With Mates. 4.30 Hellfire Heroes. 5.30 Storage Wars. 6.00 American Pickers. 7.00 Pawn Stars. 7.30 MOVIE: Harry Potter And The Deathly Hallows: Part 1. (2010, M) 10.25 MOVIE: Dredd. (2012, MA15+) 12.30am Late Programs.	9GO! (53) 6am Children's Programs. 11.00 Dance Moms. Noon Royal Pains. 1.00 The Mindy Project. 3.00 The Six Million Dollar Man. 4.00 The A-Team. 5.00 The Nanny. 5.30 Nine News Local. 6.00 Tennis. Austn Open. 7.00 The Nanny. 7.30 MOVIE: Fear. (1996, M) 9.30 MOVIE: The Silence Of The Lambs. (1991, MA15+) Midnight Quantum Leap. 1.00 Xtreme Collxtion. 2.00 Late Programs.	PEACH (82) 6am Friends. 7.00 Dr Quinn, Medicine Woman. 8.00 Becker. 9.00 The King Of Queens. 10.00 Everybody Loves Raymond. 11.00 Frasier. Noon WIN's All Australian News. 1.00 Medium. 2.00 The King Of Queens. 3.00 Everybody Loves Raymond. 4.00 Becker. 5.00 Frasier. 6.00 Friends. 6.30 Neighbours. 7.00 Friends. 8.00 The Big Bang Theory. 9.30 Friends. 11.00 Late Programs.

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- 4 Person suffering from a fit-causing disorder (9)
- 9 Mover (7)
- 10 More exciting; more fragrant (7)
- 11 Spellcaster (9)
- 12 Name of artistic work (5)
- 13 Salt and pepper dispensers (7)
- 15 Interments (7)
- 17 Crossing; corridor (7)
- 19 Went around the edge (7)
- 22 Not affected by alcohol (5)
- 24 Unwanted (9)
- 26 Perspective (7)
- 27 Fill; surround (7)
- 28 Covered; protected (9)
- 29 Cycles (5)

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- 1 Female siblings (7)
- 2 Ponchos; macks (9)
- 3 Position; move into place (7)
- 4 White-plumed heron (5)
- 5 Writes in stone or metal (9)
- 6 Broadcaster; polluter (7)
- 7 Turn (5)
- 8 Rugs (7)
- 14 Cave explorer (9)
- 16 Later (9)
- 17 Priests (7)
- 18 Transport hub (7)
- 20 Risk prevention entity (7)
- 21 Hobbles; falters (7)
- 23 Wash (5)
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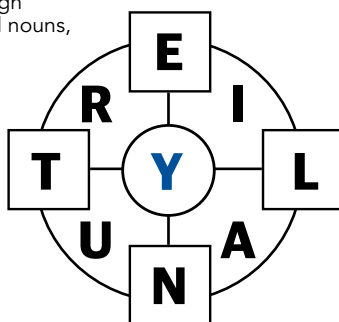
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Using the nine letters in the grid, how many words of four letters or more can you list? The centre letter must be included and each letter may only be used once.

No colloquial or foreign words. No capitalised nouns, apostrophes or plural words ending in "s".



Today's Aim:
18 words: Good
28 words: Very good
38 words: Excellent

year, yearn, yeti, yuan, yule
teary, tiny, tray, tyre, truly, unity, UNREALITY, yale, yarn,
yarn, yare, year, yearn, yet, yeti, yuan, yule

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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



- 1 What sport would you be playing if you were using an épée?
- 2 What is Dorothy's surname in the classic 1939 fantasy *The Wizard of Oz*?
- 3 James and Oliver Phelps play which characters in the Harry Potter film series?
- 4 The disease arteriosclerosis is also referred to as hardening of the what?
- 5 What is the literal meaning of the German word "Volkswagen"?
- 6 In which year was Qantas founded?
- 7 Singer Christine Anu was born in which Australian state?
- 8 What is the capital city of Jamaica?
- 9 In what year did Helsinki host the Summer Olympics?
- 10 Musician Norman Cook (pictured) is best known by what stage name?

ANSWERS: 1. Fencing **2.** Gale **3.** Fred and George Weasley **4.** Arteries **5.** People's car **6.** 1920 **7.** Queensland (Cairns) **8.** Kingston **9.** 1952 **10.** Fatboy Slim

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Students return to school

Our Central Queensland youngsters were back off to school last week with many parents dropping their kids off for the very first time. Our community sent in some of their best photos from their kids' first day back at school for 2021. Thanks to all those parents who took a happy snap of their kids and look out for more ways to have your photo in our paper on our Facebook page.



Katie, Grade 7, Dayna, Prep, and Riley, Grade 10, get ready for school.



Logan Gudgeon Grade 1.



Imogen Payne.



Ivy Payne.



Ezra, Evie, Jude and Miri Maher. First day 2021, Grades 6, 7, 11 and kindy.



Cash Fletcher, Grade 5 St Joseph's Wandal, with brother Aziah Drochmann, pre-kindy.



Evelyn Grade 6 and Taylor Grade 3.



Ryley Shannon.

Weekly chats with Jordie

By Jordie Lynch

Hello CQ Today readers!

I'm back and I am so ready for our weekly conversations again, I have missed them dearly. I sincerely hope the last few months have been treating everyone well. It was a rough year last year and I genuinely believe we deserve more credit than what we are giving ourselves for getting through it.

Like a lot of people, 2020 provided me with more questions than answers but I embraced the grey areas. These were the grey areas that were going to lead me to brighter colour and clarity. 2020 compromised the structural in-

**THIS WEEK
WITH
JORDIE**



tegrity of my comfort zone and I felt a monumental shift.

Last year did well to encourage me to challenge my idea of 'normal' and what I want my new normal to be. I made some tough deci-

sions which brought me to a place of tougher transitions and hard truths I would usually hide away from. I learned the value of good health, wellbeing and happiness. They are the key ingredients that we have to reintroduce into our reality to achieve our best life.

We had people getting back into their hobbies, spending more time with their family, becoming more aware of good hygiene and understanding exactly how our individual actions can carry lethal consequences for those around us if we aren't careful.

No matter where we are in this very moment, we have well and truly earned the right

to feel proud of ourselves. We have faced fears, climbed seemingly impossible mountains, invested our trust in change and experienced many lows. Yet here we still stand.

I have a very good feeling this year is going to be better for everyone. We have refreshed visions, unbridled ambitions, clean slates and bucket lists brimming with potential adventures. We are more aware of the world around us, what we want out of life and what we can do to make a positive difference.

We are equipped with all that we need to make 2021 a success. Now all we have to do is go and make it ours.



Twins Eddie and Jack Hemings on their first day.

Perfectly paired: Smile, there's double trouble in Rocky

It was a case of double trouble for Hastings Deering trainers when Rockhampton twins Eddie and Jack Hemings reported for apprenticeship induction.

The 18-year-old diesel fitter apprentices joined 38 others from across Queensland and the Northern Territory for their first week of work at the machinery giant's Brisbane headquarters for two weeks of induction training before returning to their hometown workshop.

Hastings Deering was swamped with 2695 applications, 1000 in the first week alone, with only 40 chosen, so competition was strong. Not only was this a record application intake year, but in a first in the company's 74-year history as a Cat dealer: the Hemings are the first twins to be inducted in the same apprenticeship at the same time.

The duo, who often speak together and finish each other's sentences, were thrilled Hastings Deering offered them both a place.

"We hoped we might both get in, since we

are twins, but weren't sure they would take us both," the duo said. "We took it with a grain of salt that if one did and the other one didn't so be it, but luckily they took us both and it has been amazing so far.

"We both have a love for diesel engines and machinery in general. The biggest challenge will be learning all the modules and I guess working and learning around COVID restrictions if it kicks in again.

"Even at school we knew we wanted to do a trade: apprenticeships, and then a trade seems to be the right track to ensure employment even in the most difficult of times."

The breakdown of applicants includes 15 per cent females, with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders accounting for 8 per cent: both sectors up in 2020 figures. Adding to that, 18 of the 40 are considered mature age with Rockhampton's Warren Kaerger the oldest at 46.

Townsville's Kassandra Palmer applied for her diesel fitter apprenticeship after com-

pleting five weeks work experience at Hastings Deering and being a Student Ambassador with the Queensland Resources Council's QMEA program.

Hastings Deering chief operating officer Mark Scott said apprenticeships continued to be highly sought after with applications up 30 per cent on 2020 which was also a record year, up 26 per cent on the intake applications for 2019. Across its operations in Queensland and the Northern Territory, Hastings Deering is currently training more than 200 apprentices.

Mr Scott said the majority of applications were for diesel fitter and auto electrician apprenticeships.

"The diesel fitter apprenticeship is clearly the applicant's preferred trade across all our locations," he said. "Our focus was again to target a diverse range of people for our apprenticeship program which has been showing significant success.

"Mackay and Rockhampton apprentices

again dominated the cohort. This is driven both by the calibre of the applicants as well as our pipeline of work in the regions, linked to the resources' sector as well as supporting the construction industry.

"The high number of applications is also a reflection of our commitment to promoting STEM by actively partnering with the Queensland Resources Council and their Queensland Minerals and Energy Academy program which reaches 80 affiliated schools from as far north as Mount Isa and Townsville, to Central Queensland and the Coalfields as well as Brisbane in the South East.

"Hastings Deering continues to take a long-term view when it comes to investing in the training and development of its people and working with world-class Caterpillar machinery, our apprentices learn about the repair, servicing and maintenance of a massive range of equipment, engines and power systems."

Legally Blonde musical

When was the first time you saw Legally Blonde and how many times have you seen it?

I first saw Legally Blonde in Melbourne in 2013 with my friend and we both giggled the entire time! There is also a filmed version online of the original Broadway cast which I watched so many times before auditioning.

What drew you to wanting to play the part of Elle Woods?

Elle is a fantastic character - she is so much fun to play. She has amazing songs and snappy one-liners, but she is also a fully fleshed out character who develops and grows throughout the story. She has integrity, loyalty and kindness. There is a lot more to Elle than meets the eye!

Do you have any similarities to Elle's character and if so, what are they?

I think I have similarities to Elle. There have been quite a few times that I have been determined to complete something or succeed at something just to prove it to myself and any naysayers. Don't think I can do it? Just watch me. I am also unwaveringly optimistic and hopeful, something that Elle is too. And Elle and I are both lucky to have loyal friends and amazing family that support and cheer us on to succeed.

As well as a zany theme and hilarious ride, what thematic truths do you see coming out of production that every day people can relate to?

Legally Blonde teaches us several lessons, and one that really resonates with me is that you must walk your own path. Elle shines best when she is true to herself, and even though she sometimes sticks out like a sore thumb in the world of law, it is her individuality and commitment to finding her own way in life that ultimately leads her to success.

How did you personally tackle the message in the show that the role becomes less about finding the guy than it is about finding the woman inside?

To relate to Elle's experience, I used my own life lessons. Self discovery is something I experienced personally when I moved away from my family and partner to Melbourne so I could pursue my career. Those 3 years taught me a lot about my own inner strength, an experience which gave me a lot of empathy for Elle's situation.

When it was on Broadway it had huge sets and amazing costumes. How does Gladstone bring the magic of Broadway to its stage?

We are so lucky to have an incredible team of experienced professionals working on this show. Our set designer Ross has designed and created an amazing suite of set pieces to really bring the show to life. His work is highly sought after and his sets grace stages all over Queensland, we are very lucky to have him. And as for costumes! Our amazing costume



Hannah Rodda plays the inimitable Elle Woods in Legally Blond The Musical

designer Helen and seamstress Petra have been hard at work preparing gorgeous hand made designs for the show. I have about 10 costumes with matching shoes and accessories with a team of helpers to make quick changes, some of the costume changes even happen onstage using a bit of theatre magic! Add that to the top-quality theatre technicians, lighting and sound designers, and I think the audience will not be disappointed by the level of quality presented here on Gladstone's stage.

How would you describe your fellow cast and crew and what do you think about how this

musical has given local talent a chance to develop?

I cannot speak highly enough of the team of cast and crew that are involved in this show. The production team are professional, hard working and caring, challenging us to push harder and make the show the best it possibly can be, lead by Director extraordinaire Jeanine Butler. The orchestra comprises some of the best musical talent in Gladstone and have been hard at work preparing for the show. And the cast are honestly one of the best groups of people that I have ever worked with, they are so dedicated and hard working.

The group is a great mixture of some of Gladstone's more well-known performers from previous musicals, bands and choirs, and newcomers who are doing their first musical. It is a great space to learn new things and challenge your skills in a supportive and positive environment.

What's the biggest reason for someone to come and see Legally Blonde?

It is FUN! Legally Blonde is funny, cheeky, heart-warming and joyous. It will leave you with a great big smile on your face and more than one catchy song to hum!

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Rotary's Australia Day

The Rotary Club of Rockhampton decided on a day with a difference and took up the offer from the Gracemere Croquet Club to have a fun afternoon of croquet with dinner provided by the club.

"A great day was had by all with most of the members never having played Croquet before", Rotary club president Mick Joicey said.

"It was a new experience and we all had a lot of fun and they will probably get a few attending their social nights in the near future".

Trevor McCubbin, the spokesman for the Croquet Club, said "it was the first time we have run such an event and we are open to hiring the facilities and amenities to other organisations in the district. The Rotarians picked up the fundamentals quickly and showed a lot of potential as future players".

The social also coincided with Rotaries centenary celebrations this year having been servicing the communities throughout the world for 100 years. To commemorate the 100 years, they are having a baton relay throughout the central Queensland region with major events happening from the 12 through to the 14 March this year. The Rockhampton Chapter is celebrating 95 years of Rotary this year as well.

For further information about both clubs' activities call Mike Joicey on 0400 439 659 for any Rotary enquiries or Trevor McCubbin on 0438 742 942 if you would like to attend one of Gracemere croquet's social games.



Don Wilschefski, Nicole Dyer and Cam Dyer.



Russell Girle and Russell Cooper.



Trevor McCubbin, Pam Adams and Mick Joicey.



A fine dinner for us all..



Trevor and Cheryl preparing the fine dinner.



Russell Girle.



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Coast Guard's busy week

On Tuesday 26 January (Australia Day) three Coast Guard vessels participated in the Blessing of the Fleet organised by The Capricornia Cruising Yacht Club in Rosslyn Bay Harbour. Later in the morning Yeppoon Rescue One and Marine Assist Rescue provided a display at Main Beach Yeppoon during the Beach Party. While this was in progress, around midday a call came in from a Keppel Sands Marine Assist member that his jet ski had broken down on the way back from Great Keppel Island. Yeppoon Rescue One (Skipper: Phil Schefe) was diverted to a position around 4nm east of Rosslyn Bay Harbour. The jetski was taken under tow and returned to the harbour at around 1.30 pm.

On Wednesday morning at 10.15 am a call was received from a 5m runabout with 1 POB broken down about 1nm NW of Rosslyn Bay Harbour. Skipper Rex Kirk and crew attended in Marine Assist Rescue and towed the boat back to Rosslyn Bay Harbour at 10.50 am. The owner gave a donation for the help given.

At 2.00 pm a Marine Assist member out from Putney Beach on Great Keppel Island as the motor of his 6m sports cruiser could not be restarted. Skipper Kingsley Bartle and crew in Marine Assist Rescue were called out arriving on scene at around 3.25 pm. They took the vessel in tow and returned to Rosslyn Bay Harbour at 4.10 pm.

On Sunday a call came in at 9.20 am from the owner of a jet ski with 2 POB that wouldn't start at Putney Beach on Great Keppel Island. Marine Assist Rescue *Skipper: Merv Studt and



two crew) to head over in very rough conditions with 1.5 to 2 m swells rolling through. Marine Assist Rescue arrived on scene at 10.30 am and after picking up a swag roll and the two passengers off the beach at near high tide, the vessel was taken into tow and headed back for Rosslyn Bay Harbour. After a slow trip, Ma-

rine Assist Rescue arrived back in the harbour at 12.30 pm where a very grateful owner gave a good donation which included his sign up for Marine Assist membership.

On Saturday 6 February from 8.30 am to 11 am, Coast Guard Yeppoon will offer a free Safe Boating Course to new boat owners or boaties

new to the Capricorn Coast. It will include a flare demonstration. To register, call 4933 6600.

Thanks to a very generous donation of a shed full of treasures, Coast Guard Yeppoon will be holding a monster garage sale and Open Day at Rosslyn Bay on Saturday 13 February starting at 7am.

Reddit's Lord of the Flies: Game on for day traders

Born in late 1963, some 'authorities' count me as a baby boomer. However, my memories of the 1960s are pretty much limited to hearing Sadie the Cleaning Lady on the radio and a stray dog we briefly adopted. Later experiences include missing "by that much" FBT-free lunches, and all manner of tax reduction opportunities that were rampant for people born earlier. Not one to hold a grudge, I am thankful for the free university education that I completed the year before fees became mandatory. I also like the idea of the 1960s, or at least the version that included free love and massive outdoor concerts that no one can remember.

You might say then that I have one foot in each of the Baby Boomer and Gen X camps, and for that reason, I believe I am well qualified to explore the private investor pile-in which has driven the price of US stock GameStop up by 14 times its price of a month ago. The story has appeal, high minded individuals use social media platform Reddit to bring down dastardly and greedy hedge fund managers.

Let's start with some facts. GameStop is an American retailer of video game, consumer electronics, and gaming merchandise. In Australia it owns EB Games. Apparent in calendar 2019, customers have been increasingly moving to cloud-based gaming



and downloads. In Australia 20 or more EB games stores have closed or will close. There is no doubt that GameStop's business is under pressure.

The value of anything is the stream of benefits that the purchaser/owner/holder expects to receive, less the costs of generating those benefits. In finance, benefits are expressed as cash flow, and various techniques (DCF and IRR among them) are used to convert those expected cash flows into an estimate of value. Comparing this estimate to the prevailing share price helps in deciding whether to buy or sell. These types of calculations are bread and butter for those working in roles such as mine.

With cash flows from operations falling and the company facing what looks like secular headwinds, it would be fair to say that the value of GameStop is likely lower than higher. Hedge funds latched onto this observation and used a technique known as short selling

(shorting) to try to make a profit from that. Shorting involves selling stock you do not own with the expectation you will be able to buy it back later (so you can deliver the stock you sold) at a cheaper price.

I am not a fan of shorting. Price only approximates value if there are lots of buyers and sellers, all well informed. A rampant seller in the face of few willing buyers (people may already have bought what they want to hold) is essentially a one way bet. Further, hedge funds are notorious for first shorting the stock and subsequently publishing damning research to drive the price down. Sometimes that research is well founded (read up on Blue Sky), at other times it is pure fabrication. I'd say that 20% of the time hedge funds expose truths that the market needs to know, the other 80% they cause market instability and destroy perfectly good businesses. In any event, hedge funds shorted GameStop, and the price tanked.

Enter the Redditors. Trading via the WallStreetBets forum, they massed individual investors to force the price of GameStop up. As the price increased, hedge funds (which remember, had sold stock expecting to buy it back cheaper) began to lose money – as much as \$19 billion by some reports. Some hedge funds had to borrow from competitors to cover their losses.

Breathless media pieces abound, praising the newfound power of the little guys. Maybe they should think a bit deeper. If for example, GameStop really is a basket case, then each of these little investors is buying into something, the underlying value of which is not much at all. And for the price to go up, each successive purchaser must on average, pay more than the previous purchaser. With 'investors' clamouring over each other for stock, those that got in early sell out. Pity others that cannot sell their stock before the music stops. When will the music stop? As soon as it becomes clear that the GameStop no longer has a real business. And that's why hedge funds, more informed and with immensely more sustainable fire-power than retail investors, will again be selling.

Let's be honest, there is very little to like about hedge funds. Many of their underlying unitholders know nothing about their methods of financial alchemy, which incidentally places them at the heart of some of the most significant financial crashes. On the other hand, WallStreetBets has a lot more in common with William Golding's "Lord of the Flies" than anything to do with disciplined, value creating finance and investment. In this context, millennials who assert some sort of moral superiority over aging boomers are pedalling a misguided lie which will cost them dearly.

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

US trip is an eye-opener

This week CQ Today continues looking at cattleman Sir Graham McCamley's recollections from his book, *Roads in the Sky*.

Our fifth excerpt details a major event in Graham's life, the study trip to the United States where he was introduced to the brahman breed for the first time.

Graham had never been overseas. In 1953-54, he and his sister Mavis and Clare Langmore took a three-and-a-half month study trip to the United States, sponsored by Oregon State University. In many ways it was a turning point in his life.

"One university would drive us to the next one and the domestic science girls, usually seven or eight of them, provided the accommodation and meals," he said.

"It was so important to me to take that trip to America because I hadn't really been anywhere when we were at Dululu. I had been to Brisbane, that's it. But to see the Rockies and US universities was wonderful."

"Mavis and Clare were great company - we enjoyed and learnt a lot of things in each of the universities."

Mavis and Clare were both experienced with cattle. They had previously met through showing their cattle at various shows, however,

ROADS IN THE SKY

SIR GRAHAM MCCAMLEY



they were not close friends until this trip. Graham was invited to accompany the girls as the male chaperone.

From Oregon, they travelled with Professor McKenzie to the university of Wyoming.

For three young cattle breeders from Queensland who had never before seen snow, the scenery was overwhelming.

Driving on the ice roads over the Rocky Mountains they had to pull their vehicle into a service station to have chains attached to the tyres.

Graham recalls a sign that read 10,000 feet; it was hard to imagine being that high above sea level.

The trip was an education. Dwarfism was proving to be a big problem with the poll herford breeders in the US and when he returned

home Graham was able to warn Australian stud breeders of the problems that came with fast breeding changes.

The tour of universities finished in the southern states of America, where for the first time Graham, Mavis and Clare were introduced to brahmans.

Another first for Graham was a visit to a feedlot, where he saw heifers bellowing and fighting like bulls - America was using Hormone Growth Promotants (HGP) for increased weight gains and less fat.

On Graham's return to Central Queensland he was invited to several graziers' meetings to talk about what he had seen at the feedlot.

At the time, not all graziers were aware of HGPs, although in time Australia followed suit and began using HGP in grain-fed feedlots.

Graham was asked if he would travel with the first shipment of brahmans to Australia, as they needed someone to feed the cattle on the boat. He cabled his father, asking for permission. Ted's response was to get on the next plane home.

They made a number of friends from the universities during their three months' travelling.

Some of these had been urging the three Queenslanders to join them on the SS Lurline, which travelled from Los Angeles to Honolulu.

As a result, Graham, Mavis and Clare ended their trip with a two-week boat trip and cruise holiday with their new friends.

While Graham was away in the States, two young ladies came to stay at Eulogie for a few days.

Graham's brother Jeff had recently met up with a girl by the name of Ann Chevaux, whom he would later marry.

Ann had a very good friend, Shirley Tindale, and one long weekend they visited Ted and Ivy. Shirley would later become Graham's wife.

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

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

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

Rockhampton's luckiest man ready to set sail

A Rockhampton man says he's buying a boat and sailing around the country as he embarks on an immediate and early retirement thanks to his Set for Life division one win.

The winner held the only division one winning entry in Set for Life draw 2005, drawn Sunday 31 January 2021. He takes home the division one prize of \$4.8 million paid in instalments of \$20,000 a month for 20 years.

Sharing his disbelief with an official from The Lott this morning, the overwhelmed winner said he was struggling to come to terms with the news.

"I'm in disbelief," he said.

"I just cannot believe it!"

"I checked my ticket online about an hour ago and I thought it was a scam of some sort.

"It's phenomenal. Thank you so much.

"I am in disbelief. It's going to take a while to sink in, that's for sure.

"It just shows you've got to be in it to win it.

"What a wonderful prize. I've often thought to myself about what it would be like to receive \$20,000 a month for 20 years and now I will know!"

"You never think you are going to actually win it but here I am.

"Now I am a millionaire! I just cannot believe it."

When asked exactly what he may do with \$20,000 hitting his bank every month, he didn't take long to share his immediate plans.

"Well I've recently been doing the numbers and looking at when I can retire," he said.

"I thought it would still be a few years away but it's going to be right now!"

"I've also been looking at buying a boat and I definitely will be.

"I've always wanted to sail around Australia, now I have absolutely no excuse!"

"I will also be helping my family, I will be sharing it with them.

"This honestly feels like a dream. I keep expecting to wake up!"

The life-changing 3-game QuickPick was purchased online at thelott.com - Australia's official lotteries.

The winning numbers in Set for Life draw 2005 on Sunday 31 January 2021 were 17, 13, 29, 20, 25, 11 and 4, while the supplementary numbers were 2 and 23.

Across Australia, there was one division one winning entry in Set for Life draw 2005 - one from Queensland.

This marks the 74th Set for Life division one winner nationally since the game began and the third Set for Life division one winner so far this calendar year.

The Lott's division one winning tally has now reached 261 so far this financial year, including 60 won by Golden Casket customers.

In 2020, there were 16 Set for Life division one winners across Australia who will receive \$76.8 million during the next 20 years.

By the end of 2020, \$44.88 million in monthly payments of \$20,000 had been paid to the 70 Set for Life division one winners across Australia.

More chances to win

There are more chances to win big with tonight's Oz Lotto offering \$30 million, while Thursday's Powerball has \$20 million up for grabs.

Tonight's Set for Life draw offers players the chance to win a division one prize of \$20,000 a month for 20 years - that's \$20K on Replay! Set for Life is the only game that allows you to play your numbers across seven

consecutive daily draws - meaning you have the chance to win \$20K on Replay every day of the week.

The Lucky Lotteries Mega Jackpot prize is now \$5.32 million for draw 1517, while the Lucky Lotteries Super Jackpot prize is now \$2.32 million for draw 10440.

Tickets can be purchased at any licenced lottery outlet, online from thelott.com or via The Lott mobile app.

The home of Australia's Official Lotteries, The Lott operates and markets Australia's leading lottery games customers know and love creating everyday winners, winning every day.

In 2020, more than 111.6 million winners took home more than \$3.33 billion in prize money from their favourite games at The Lott, including Saturday X Lotto, Monday & Wednesday X Lotto, Powerball, Oz Lotto, Set for Life, Lucky Lotteries, Keno, Super 66, Lot-to-Strike and Instant Scratch-Its.

Last financial year, Australia's Official Lotteries contributed more than \$1.4 billion via state lottery taxes and donations to help community initiatives, such as hospitals, health research, disaster relief and education.

Styles of CQ

with Neno
Founder of Brisbane Dandelion
Fashion blogger at www.nenoreview.com



Dr Sekhon with her heritage earrings.



Dr Harsimran Sekhon.

A stylish new citizen

You may have heard some people say: 'On Wednesdays we wear pink', a phrase inspired by the film Mean Girls.

January 26, or Australia Day, wasn't a Wednesday, but rather a sweltering Tuesday. I attended the citizenship ceremony at the Kershaw Gardens.

All the new citizens looked smart, but one lady in particular stole my attention from the very beginning.

She looked absolutely pretty in pink.

Her name is Dr. Harsimran Sekhon and she works at the Rockhampton Base Hospital. Originally from India, she has been living in Australia for five years.

Dr Sekhon looked very stylish from head to toe. Her choice to wear pink was perfect, not only for her skin tone but also to celebrate her happy day as this colour always splashes happiness around.

She wears a pink floral dress in a white base from Portmans and she adds all the matching accessories to it.

Her blush pink hat with a pink scarf on it brings our attention to her beautiful face and makes the hat not just a functional thing to protect her from the sun, but also something with more of a stylish attitude.

Dr Sekhon adds some more pink vibes with her gorgeous handbag from Kate Spade. And

she doesn't forget to complement the white base of her dress by wearing a pair of white shoes which are very summery but elegant enough for the ceremony.

When asked if she also dresses the same way while working, Dr Sekhon said yes, except for the hat!

She says wearing dresses is easy yet formal enough for work. I agree with her because wearing a dress actually eliminates the fuss to match a top with a bottom, so all we need to work on are the accessories.

And we can't forget the most important accessories worn by Dr Sekhon: her earrings.

These very enchanting earrings are tradi-

tional to India. She inherited them from her parents.

Her Father gave them to her Mother and they have since passed on to her.

"It's a way for having them around today," said Dr Sekhon with smile.

These enchanting earrings are more than a statement piece. They deliver a deep meaning that this new citizen carries from her past into her future.

All in all, along with her happy and pretty pink outfit for the day she became an Australian, Harsimran Sekhon held onto her family traditions, history and culture, which is how it should be. And a certain style of fashion once again is truly able to deliver the message.

Friends of the Theatre seeks more members

The Pilbeam Theatre is open for business again and they are planning for a year offering more great entertainment than ever.

Friends of the Theatre is a volunteer organisation, who perform the 'Front of House' functions for all events at the Theatre. "Front of House" means ushering and ticket checking, operating the bar, coffee counter and candy bar services.

We are seeking new members for 2021. The Friends are proud of their long service to the Arts in Rockhampton and Central Queensland. Their services help keep the cost of entertainment at the Pilbeam Theatre down, ensuring that theatre going is more enjoyable for all.

Volunteers can choose which shows to work. Most are in the evening, but not all. Many local performances also have matinee sessions on the weekends. The Eisteddfod and the Dance Festival even have some morning sessions and in busy times such as

this, we are staffing three different shifts in a day. Most shifts require at least twelve to sixteen volunteers.

The work involves contact with the theatre patrons to ensure they have a pleasant and safe experience at the Theatre. Bar attendants need a Responsible Service of Alcohol certificate to be able to work independently. All volunteers need to give quality and pleasant customer service to patrons and staff, and enjoy being part of the theatre environment.

All training is provided at no cost to members. Uniform tops are supplied. Members must be sixteen years or older to join.

If you think you are interested in assisting this voluntary, community arts organisation or for more information, please contact the Theatre Box Office on 4927 4111 or visit the Friends of the Theatre website, seeitlive.com.au and download the application form.



Karen Capon serves a theatre patron.



THIS set of 6 units is a dream investment! Only 10 years old and set on a 2,023m² allotment, this neat and tidy complex offers a prime investment opportunity with minimal outgoings per year.

Located in Emu Park, these units are minutes from the Emu Park town centre and beautiful beaches, and perfectly positioned on the main bus route for easy transport. Each unit offers 1 bedroom with built-in cupboards, fan, 1 modern bathroom, an expansive air-conditioned open plan living area. The kitchen has an electric cooktop and oven and plenty of storage, separate laundry, private patio, lockable single car remote controlled garage, even 1.5kw of solar panels on each unit! Wow!

Currently each tenant is paying \$210 per week rent with long term tenants in place, returning \$65,520 per year with \$336 per week in outgoing expenses. The current rental market demand is very strong with potential to rent out each unit for approximately \$280 - \$300 per week each, making a potential of a \$93,600 return each year.

Are you looking for a lifestyle that causes minimal fuss and maximum returns? This is the property for you. Make a smart decision and get in quick. ●



HOME ESSENTIALS

Address: 35 Hewitt Street, EMU PARK **Description:** 6 bedrooms, 6 bathrooms, 6 garage **Price:** \$1,290,000 **Inspect:** By appointment
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- Rendered lowset 4 bed & 2 bath brick home
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Pulling up at this property you are instantly impressed by the beautiful presentation of this home, but it is as you walk through the front door that you are truly blown away! Three spacious living areas plus dining room has all the family gatherings more than covered and the huge timber kitchen has to be seen to be believed with enough cupboards and bench space to suit even the fussiest of cooks.

For Sale
\$689,000

View
By Appointment
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3/2 Gillespie Street Wandal

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Situated only a stones throw from multiple schools and hospitals is where you will find this neat and tidy three bedroom unit. In a gated complex of only 3 units this unit is perfectly positioned at the very end and offers a large lounge and dining area, well maintained kitchen and bathroom, 3 built in bedrooms, heaps of air conditioning and a rear deck and courtyard. The perfect investment opportunity, a great first home buyer option or even the occasional townhouse.

For Sale
\$209,000

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15 Emery Street Gracemere

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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

For Sale
\$269,000

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15 Murlay Avenue Frenchville

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Situated on a 1503m2 elevated block and offering stunning views over North Rockhampton from the wide verandah and entertainment areas, this rendered two story home will delight. Entry to the home is on the top level where you will find the kitchen, living and bedrooms. Downstairs has a large media room with sliding doors to the backyard. There is also a powder room meaning guests don't need to go upstairs making this not only the ideal family home but great for entertaining also

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There are four generous size bedrooms all serviced by a centrally located bathroom fitted with a spa. The main bedroom also offers an ensuite with dual shower head and walk in robe.

Descend the stairs to a great size rumpus room and bar area. If that wasn't enough wait until you see the oversized theatre room. The lower level also boasts a kitchenette and a third bathroom perfectly positioned to service the enormous rear entertaining area which overlooks the inground concrete pool and spa.

Approximately 360 square meters of under roof living at your disposal with the added advantages of 2 street access, air conditioning, sprinkler system and manicured gardens just to name a few. A great home in a great location that must be seen to be truly appreciated. ●



HOME ESSENTIALS

Address: 25 Crick Street, KAWANA **Description:** 4 bedrooms, 3 bathrooms, 2 garage **Price:** \$669,000 **Inspect:** By appointment
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HOME ESSENTIALS

Address: 43 Burke and Wills Drive, GRACEMERE **Description:** 4 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, 2 garage **Price:** \$335,000 **Inspect:** By appointment
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49 Goodson Road
Bouldercombe

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For Sale

\$435,000

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Gavin Jenkins 0419 761 300

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Beautifully presented and situated on an 8000sqm block you will enjoy the peace and serenity of a country lifestyle. With a picturesque mountain backdrop this low maintenance brick home has everything to offer with its manicured gardens and the following features.

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- * Spacious modern kitchen and dining combination
- * Double carport
- * 6x6 powered colour bond shed



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\$325,000

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17/100 Victoria Place
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Contact

Jackson Rees 0434 274 467

LJ Hooker Rockhampton 07 4922 2122

This three bedroom unit has been lovingly cared for. On display here:

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- * Spacious bathroom with separate shower
- * Single lock up car accommodation
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- * Complex pool area

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110 Main Street
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Great opportunity to purchase a solid and well-presented highset home, located just minutes from CBD, schools and shops. Renovated beautifully throughout, this home won't last long! This 2 bedroom home has such a homely feel with 2 sizable sleep-outs & a fabulous kitchen. Underneath the home has parking & is completely lockable and concreted, perfect for entertaining & storage. This property also has side access to a huge backyard that sits on a comfortable 733m2 block.

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The bathroom is purposeful and neat and tidy with a nice inviting bath tub. Three of the four bedrooms have air conditioning to maintain a cool atmosphere. Outside is a good sized fenced yard, a single carport and



an under cover alfresco area on the eastern side, perfect for afternoon entertaining. Currently tenanted with room to improve on the return. To arrange an inspection call now on 0428 770 557. ●

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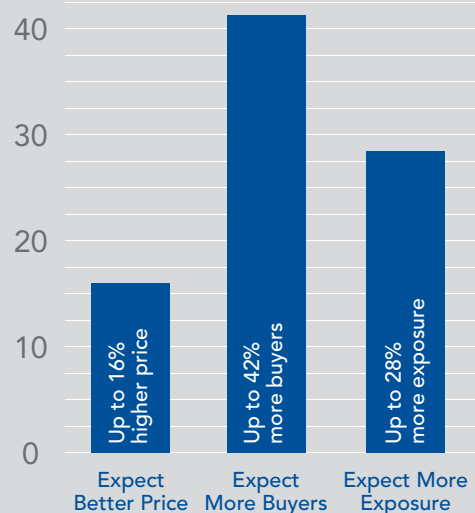
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Gary Lee, of Lee's Dragonfruit Plantation, has about 2800 dragon fruit plants, with more to come.



A deconstructed dragon fruit pavlova.

Lees tame the dragon

By Matthew Pearce

When Sue and Gary Lee bought their 18-acre property on Ridgeland Road, they had no idea that four years later they'd have a thriving dragon fruit farm.

The Lees planted their first crop soon after Christmas in 2016, right near the house.

"It was just a hobby at that stage and then we worked out through online searches that there were a lot more dragon fruit varieties than we thought there were. One American nursery says they have over 200 types," Gary said.

Today, the Lees, who own Lee's Dragonfruit Plantation, grow 41 varieties of dragon fruit, although only eight or nine of those are sold commercially.

"We look at fruit size that's a minimum of about 400 grams so people can get a reasonable piece of fruit to eat, cut in half or give to kids in their lunchbox as a healthy snack," he said.

"We grew some fruit last year to a kilo in size and some varieties can grow bigger than that."

The Lees are preparing to send their fruit to the Sydney Markets and Rocklea Markets in Brisbane and have started to sell cuttings through their online store.

"Not everything that we grow is available yet online as it's only young but as that stock becomes available we list it and put the prices up online," Gary said.

The Lees fell in love with dragon fruit after a family trip to Vietnam although they'd already heard about the fruit though their eldest daughter who'd visited the country earlier on a school trip.

"We bought this block just as a lifestyle block; we had 18 acres didn't know what to do with it," Gary said.

"The dragon fruit we tried in Vietnam were just the basic ones, reds and whites, nothing like the purple or pink flesh varieties or the big yellow ones we have here now."

The Lees knew nothing about dragon fruit and were surprised to find out the fruit came from a climbing cactus.

"People think of cactuses as a desert plant, but they're actually a subtropical plant from Central America.

"There were originally only four cultivars, but since then they've been cross pollinated and there's been a lot more diversification in colour and size.

"They've also been cross pollinated with other related cactuses that have small, really sweet fruit which enhances the flavour. These varieties also have some really beautiful flowers, in purples and pinks, whereas a lot of the dragon fruit have just a white flower."

Gary said the dragon fruit was a night blooming plant, with the flower not fully open until about 9 or 10pm.

"On daylight, the bees are just frantic trying to pollinate the flowers because they must know they have a minimum lifespan. By nine-



Dragon fruit are high in antioxidants, vitamins and minerals.



Dragon fruit come in many different colours and varieties, each with their own flavour.

ish in the morning, the flowers are gone."

Growing the fruit is rewarding, but a lot of work.

"They're not difficult to grow but to get the best out of the fruit you have to use the right fertiliser and the right amount of water, if you use too much water they have a tendency to rot as they don't like being soggy," Gary said.

"People don't realise how much work is involved, just pruning, training them to get to the top of the trellising, mulching, digging all your holes, putting all your posts in, putting your irrigation down and getting all the mains set up for that.

"We do the plantings in stages, 10 rows at a time, as it's a huge job. We both already have full time jobs and are doing this in our spare time."

The Lees have about 2800 plants and are in the process of putting in another 500.

"We only have only one-and-a-half to two acres under dragon fruit, we can't use the whole block, that'd be too much for the two of us."

As dragon fruit are a fairly new crop in Australia, the couple are learning as they go, most-

ly using organic fertilisers including chook manure.

"We just stick to the basics, the different types of nutrition that plants generally require, we do soil testing and go from there," Gary said.

"We had a lot of hard fertiliser last year and we didn't get the rain to get that into the ground, so now we've tended to use more liquid fertilisers that we can get through the fertigation system straight to ground.

"I'm originally from Tully where it gets four-and-a-half metres of rain a year, in Rocky last year we got less than 400mm."

The dragon fruit season is December through to May, with about six 'flushes' in a season.

The Lees have put their dragon fruit to use in a lot of recipes, including sorbet, jam, a deconstructed pavlova, and a 'pizza' on a biscuit base.

"Mostly they're best just chilled, cut in half, spooned out and eaten or you can cut them into quarters and peel the skin back."

Gary said their fruit had been embraced by locals at the weekend markets, particularly for

its perceived health benefits.

"We've only just gotten enough fruit to send down south so we've only been able to move it locally and in the last two years interest has just jumped tenfold.

"A number of customers who come to the markets have diabetes and they maintain that it's one fruit that they can eat quite a bit of and have no trouble.

"Dragon fruit are relatively low in natural sugar but really high in antioxidants, vitamins and minerals, especially the red flesh and other darker flesh varieties.

"One of our customers will buy 10-20 kilos of fruit and he's already eaten them before he drives out the gate."

Despite the hours he puts in in addition to his 'official' job, Gary is proud of the success he's had farming the exotic fruit.

"In one month we had 600mm of growth in some plants, they were growing at around 15-20mm per day," he said.

"Things are only work if you don't enjoy what you're doing and I find it all really enjoyable."



Tim Davis from the Today Show with Central Queenslanders at the Keppel Bay Hideaway.



Tim with Christian.



Tim in the Capricorn cave.

‘Today’ at the Cap Coast

Capricorn Coast provides a perfect backdrop for TODAY Show

Zig zagging his way through ancient systems which once resembled a magnificent coral reef, weatherman Tim Davies from Channel 9’s TODAY Show simply can’t wipe the smile from his face.

Firstly, because he is awe of the iconic limestone caverns radiating with adventure, surprise, and sheer beauty, and secondly, because he is back on the Capricorn land he loves!

Capricorn Enterprise is once again thrilled to welcome the TODAY Show crew to our incredibly diverse Capricorn Coast and Southern Great Barrier Reef destination.

“It takes a lot of behind the scenes work and ongoing positive relationships between Capricorn Enterprise and production crews to make these national television crosses happen smoothly and the publicity value is approximately \$630,000 per day,” Capricorn Enterprise CEO Mary Carroll said.

“These features are a great way to showcase the natural landscapes, tours, attractions and accommodation within our destination and motivate Australians to visit places that they have never been prior or return to their favourite holiday spots.”

Following two successful three-day weather crosses back in September 2020, Tim and the team have returned to discover even more of what makes our backyard great.

Settling in for four days from 2nd – 5th February, Tim and the team spent their first morning exploring the Capricorn Caves - discover-



Tim and the Today Show crew with Scott Ryan from Keppel Explorer.



Tim with Jordan.

ing fossils, crawling through tight spaces, and singing ‘Hallelujah’ with the support of near-perfect acoustics from the glorious Cathedral Cave, before venturing to Great Keppel Island aboard Keppel Connections for their overnight fix of our barefoot paradise.

Basing themselves at Great Keppel Island

Hideaway, the crew had time to uncover many local secrets of Keppel Bay with adrenaline-fueled, Keppel Explorer, before reverting to ‘island-time’ and doing a whole lot of relaxing, swimming, snorkelling and soaking up the rays!

Over the coming days, the TODAY Show will

feature live crosses from secluded Pumpkin Island and Henderson Park Farm Retreat, so stay locked on Channel 9 from 5.40am Thursday and Friday to celebrate our region as it streams live across Australia, encouraging the nation to plan their next holiday here!



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- **AgForce CEO Michael Guerin**

AgForce has a long history working to increase education into agriculture.

At the end of 2020, we participated strongly as part of the National Agricultural Workforce Strategy, doing everything we could to highlight the workforce issues currently facing the industry.

COVID and multiple border closures have also done a good job of that.

Training on the scale needed requires investment, and it seems the Federal Government realises this with Minister for Agriculture, Drought and Emergency Management David Littleproud confirming recently the government was open to the former Longreach Pastoral College becoming part of a 'university hub' to deliver research and training.

Minister Littleproud acknowledged that Federal and State Governments working together could deliver a multi-faceted facility



Gladstone Suns will be looking to improve from last season's performance.

that would benefit the community, not only in skills training but also drought research.

Such a facility could also provide farmers training in the use of cutting-edge equipment

and machinery, giving them the skills they need to go on producing for future generations.

And those are the two biggest issues here:

investment in people, which in turn equals investment into our collective future.

It's why for the first time in our own history AgForce established our Young Producers' Council, to not only 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 down the line.

But we'll only get there with the type of strong vision and investment that outlives any single government's term.

Industry-relevant training that ensures agriculture's current and future workforce is 'job ready' with the skills needed in their employees benefits every single one of us, guaranteeing we all continue to enjoy our State's world-class food and fibre.

The past 12 months has highlighted – perhaps more acutely than at any other time in our nation's history – how important investment in the future of agriculture should be.

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Coles responds to concerns to assure farm support

Coles has moved to assure Australia's livestock sector of its strong and ongoing support after AgForce and a number of other industry stakeholders raised concerns regarding an article in Coles magazine.

The article consisted of a list of healthy eating tips, one of which incorrectly stated that eating less meat was good for the environment and impacted positively on a person's health.

Coles has since met with AgForce representatives to clarify that the statement did not reflect the company's attitude to the work being done across the livestock industry to improve sustainability outcomes, or the role that meat can play in a balanced diet, and has amended the online version of the article accordingly.

AgForce CEO Michael Guerin said he welcomed the comments from Coles and hoped the supermarket giant's stance would set an example for others to end the unjust, unsubstantiated bashing of the red-meat industry in this country.

"AgForce and the entire farming community commends the leadership shown by Coles," Mr Guerin said.

"Representatives we met with said they recognised the incredibly good sustainability work being done within the red meat sector

and the wider agriculture industry.

"Coles has a fantastic relationship with our nation's farmers and they obviously want that to continue for the years and decades to come, as does the industry.

"Red meat in the ways it is farmed in Australia is very sustainable, and what's more, is an integral part of a healthy, balanced diet.

"For decades now, and with alarmingly increasing regularity, the red-meat sector and agriculture more broadly has been the target of ill-informed, incredibly sophisticated, well-trained, well-resourced, anti-farming lobby groups and social and environment activists singing from the hymn sheets of decades-old science that was cherry-picked back then and is kept alive now by sections of the medical fraternity harbouring shocking conflicts of interest.

"This misinformation is damaging the health of millions around the world and costing farming families who only want to feed the rest of us their livelihoods.

"There is no substantiated proof that saturated fats found in red meat are damaging to a person's health. In fact, there are now dozens and dozens of long-term studies that prove the opposite – that is that saturated fat is necessary as part of a healthy diet.

"On the sustainability issue, the red meat

sector is already investing heavily into being carbon neutral by 2030.

"No other sector in this country has done more than agriculture over the past few decades to fight global warming – we are the only industry that has increased productivity while at the same time reducing emissions.

"These are the facts. This is the science. The real science," Mr Guerin said.

Queensland grazier and AgForce member Adam Coffey from Miriam Vale near Gladstone in Queensland said the red-meat industry had been caught napping somewhat by the relentless, ongoing attacks on red meat producers.

"It's death by a thousand cuts, and by negative one-liners from people who don't understand agriculture or have an agenda to destroy the industry," Mr Coffey said.

"The problem is that when other people hear this or read it without doing their own research they form an incorrect view of agriculture.

"They understandably feel guilty due to health and environmental issues when they read this stuff, especially when they don't realise it isn't true.

"That was why so many farmers I've spoken to during the past days had a problem

with the information printed in the Coles magazine.

"That's why I said I thought it was a strange path for a produce retailer working with the meat industry, selling meat to consumers, to go down.

"But it's also why I now feel a terrific sense of relief after attending the meeting with Coles.

"It's empowering for producers to know we have their support. To know that they have acknowledged an error in publishing the comments. To hear from them that they don't consider us the bad guys as some like to paint us as.

"On my own property we're doing everything we can to look after our animals and protect and actually improve the land.

"We believe we can have positive environmental impacts on what we do.

"We are constantly investing in and working on reducing erosion and runoff, sequestering carbon, conserving soil moisture, and increasing bio-diversity.

"We know we're not the bad guys. We're all about producing good, clean, sustainable food.

"The story of agriculture is actually a very positive one if you take the time to learn about it."

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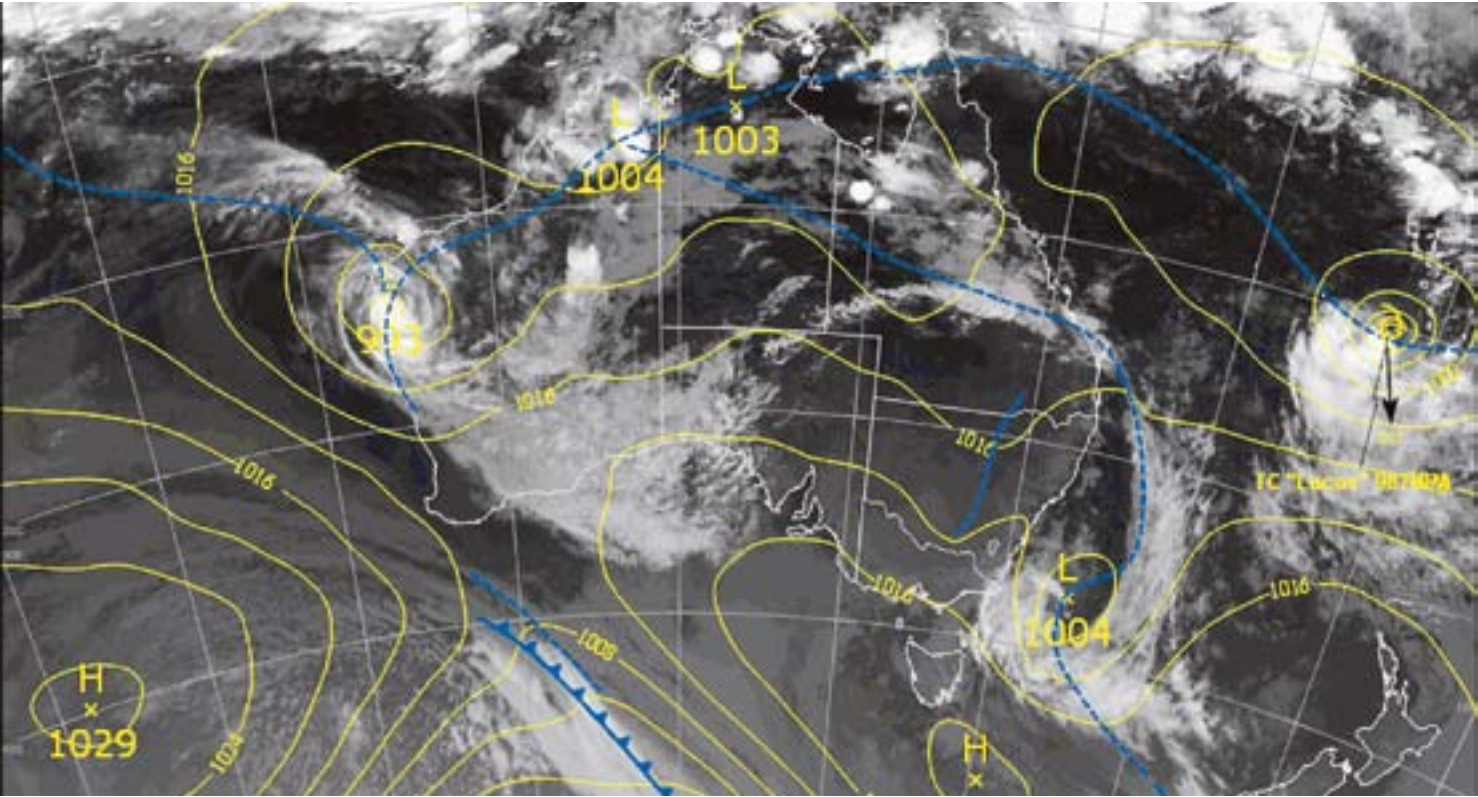
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The heat is coming

By weather forecaster Mike Griffin

Central Queensland summer rainfall has performed well below average. Rockhampton Airport recorded 79mm for December which is 23 per cent below average. While in January only 31.6mm was recorded. A huge 75 per cent below the average for the month. Some of the suburbs south of the airport fared a little better. While inland Biloela recorded 32.8mm; a good 68 per cent below average. Even our coastal cities at Yeppoon with 56mm was a good 50 per cent and Gladstone Airport 34.2mm; 74 per cent below the January average. No even the 15mm last Friday in Gladstone and the 3 mm at Rockhampton from an upper trough with storm activity offshore seemed to help! The storms were south of Rocky and one near Shoalwater were too isolated to alleviate the dry situation. In fact, the strong South-East Trade Winds (SETW) that brought the semi-comfortable conditions was a drying influence across CQ. Stopping the boatsies with the 2 metres plus seas from venturing out wide. just before going to print; a trough (see weather map) caused isolated High Based Thundery Showers (HBTS) just west of Springsure/Emerald, Tuesday evening. A few falls (mm) of note - Billaboo 39, Green Valley 21, Sunny Park 20, Peakvale 15 and Lochington 10. The cloud covered most of Capricornia on Wednesday. Signs of an isolated cell on radar near Mt. Morgan and Calliope gives hope!!! To our north, the Monsoon has dumped over 200mm about Cape Yorke Peninsula during the past week. Cairns got a spin-off of 120mm. To our south Redcliffe got 96mm and Bundy 30mm form isolated storms. Tropical Cyclone “Lucas” is over New Caledonia and heads south. Here we are in the middle again

What a direct weather contrast across our continent. After the fires in eastern Australia last year; it's Western Australia's turn this year. The Wooroloo Fire east of Perth has burnt out close to 10,000 hectares and over 70 homes plus many more damaged. Plus hundreds evacuated from their homes! In NSW



and QLD it's the dry strong north-west to south-west winds from the inland that drive the fires. In the west, it is the strong east to north easterlies from the dry inland that has been driving the fires precariously close to the eastern suburbs of Perth. About 1000km to the north of Perth is a Tropical Low (see weather map).. Started in the Kimberley with 200-300mm the last few days moving south to the Pilbara Port Hedland recorded 95mm last 48 hours with the next stop Geraldton then hopefully Perth. It should assist in extinguishing the fires during the weekend.

FORECAST
Tropical Cyclone “Lucas” should be a good 1000km east of Yeppoon on Thursday. From my understanding, its position will hold back the trough over CQ. And stop major cloud development. The cloud should hover over Capricornia for most of Thr with a tease of light rainfall. Yet there is a chance of a one-off good fall about late-night Wed/Thr. As Lucas heads south the winds ease (good for the Boaties Fri/Sat/Sun!) and allows the temperatures to rise. Plus a good 2 metre swell for the surfers at 1770 over the weekend. All the top surfers will

be at Lamont and Fitzroy Reefs.!? Maximum temperatures will rise to 35C Sat and maybe 38C Sun. Not good for any work outside after midday. The high in the far south-west looks likely to cause a southerly for NSW Sunday and trigger storms in its wake. Reaching Brisbane and Wide Bay Sun/Mon. Maybe a chance of triggering an HBTS for southern CQ Sun and coast and north Mon.
Followed by a strong SETW late Mon/Tue. This should drop temperatures by 5-6 degrees and cause a few coastal showers. More Cabin Fever for the Boaties!

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Deaths

CLARK, Kevin John 'KC'

Passed away on Wednesday,
 13th January 2021

Aged 65 years.

Dearly loved by Sandra, John, Ben and
 Joshua and their families.

A private family service was held for Kevin
 on Friday, 29th January 2021.



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COOK, Cassandra Marie

Late of Rockhampton
 Passed away peacefully on Sunday 31st January 2021.

Aged 46 years.

Loved Daughter of David and Barbara (both dec'd).
 Loved Step-daughter of Mary Cook. Much Loved Sister
 and Sister-in-law of Deborah and Rusti Cineta,
 Lynette and Tony Baker.

Warren and Jeanette Burford, Ryan and Angela Brown.
 Cherished Aunty of their families.

Family and Friends are respectfully invited to attend a
 Service to Celebrate the Life of Cassandra to be held
 in the East Chapel, Rockhampton Crematorium TODAY
 Thursday 4th February 2021 commencing at 2pm.



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HIXON, May Helen

Formerly of Mt Morgan & Rockhampton,
 passed away peacefully
 surrounded by her loving family on
 Tuesday the 26th of January 2021,

Aged 86 years.

Beloved wife of Edward William Hixon
 (Ted) (dec.).

Much loved Mother and Mother-in-law to
 Yvonne and Brian, Judith and Rob, Tom and
 Debbie (dec.), and Wilma and Stan.

Very much loved Grandmother to 10
 Grandchildren, Great Grandmother to
 19 Great Grandchildren.

Loved Sister of Val, Gloria, and Fay.

A funeral service was held for May at the
 Rockhampton Crematorium on
 Friday, 29th January 2021



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Announcements

Deaths

McDEVITT, Kathleen Mary

Late of Bethany, Formerly of The Range Village
 and Edwin Street, North Rockhampton.

Passed away peacefully on Monday
 1st February 2021.

Aged 96 years.

Beloved Wife of Francis (dec'd).

Much Loved Mother and Mother-in-law of Patricia,
 Paul, Brian and Maree, John and Kaley, Neil and Debra.

Cherished Grandmother and
 Great-grandmother of their families.

Relatives and Friends are respectfully invited to attend
 a Requiem Mass to be held at Holy Family Catholic
 Church, Feez Street, North Rockhampton Wednesday
 10th February 2021 commencing at 11 o'clock.

Upon conclusion of Mass the cortege will
 proceed to the Rockhampton Memorial Gardens
 Cemetery, Nerimbera.

If preferred in lieu of flowers donations to St Vincent
 de Paul Society, Rockhampton would be appreciated.



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MILNER, Thomas Victor 'Tom'

Late of North Rockhampton Nursing Centre,
 formerly of Duaringa.
 Passed away peacefully on
 Tuesday 26th January 2021

Aged 88 years.

Beloved Husband of Hazel (dec.).

Loved Father and Father-in-law of David Milner
 (dec.), John and Janice Milner, and Judith and
 Frank (dec.) Mansfield.

Loving Grandfather and Great Grandfather of
 Georgina and Paul, James, Matthew, Ned and
 Max; Mark and Carissa, Tiani and Lucy; Terrina,
 Dean (dec.) and Darcy; Andrea and David, Jessica
 (dec.), and Nate and Zane.

Loved Brother of Joyce Smith (dec.), Bonnie
 Weick, Norm Milner, Joan Horrocks, Dawn
 Wurgler, Kevin Milner and Robert Milner, and
 Brother-in-law and Uncle to their families.

Brother-in-law and Uncle of the Groves, McIntosh,
 Freier and Royal Families.

A funeral service was held for Tom in the
 East chapel Rockhampton Crematorium on
 Monday 1st February 2021.

Tom's family would like to extend their thanks to
 the Renal Team at Rockhampton Hospital for care
 and support during Tom's illness.



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Deaths

PUMFREY, Kevin William 'Bill'

Passed away peacefully on
 Monday 25th January 2021

Aged 92 years

Dearly loved Husband to Gwenda.

Adored Father and Father in law to Roberta
 and Leigh, Meredith and Don (dec.).

Grandfather and Great Grandfather
 to his family.

A service was held for Bill on Tuesday
 2nd February 2021.



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SMITH, Dianne Kathleen

Of Plahn Street, North Rockhampton
 Passed away peacefully on
 Monday 1st February 2021

Aged 54 years

Dearly loved wife to Daryl. Adored Mother and
 Mother in law to Alicia and Anthony, Cassie.
 Sister and Sister in law to John, Thomas &
 Robyn, Ray and Fi, Brenton. Adored Aunt to
 their family. Niece to Aunt Marg.

Relatives and Friends are respectfully invited to
 attend a funeral service for Dianne to be held at
 the East Chapel Rockhampton Crematorium on
 Tuesday 9th February 2021
 commencing at 1pm.



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YORE, Rhys Austin 'Spud'

Of Carbeen Drive
 Has taken off on his next big adventure.

Treasured Son of Mandy and Shane.

Beloved Brother of Mitchell.

Loved and adored Grandson of Robert and
 Joy Yore, Pat and Martin Collins (both dec.).

Nephew and Cousin of the Yore and
 Collins families.

Ratbag big Brother to Toby and Locky.

Relatives and mates are respectfully invited
 to attend a Celebration of Rhys' life to be
 held at St Brendan's College Chapel on
 Monday, 8th February 2021 commencing
 at 11AM.

Rhys would request that we celebrate his
 life in the style that he lived, for us to attend
 the service in bright clothes, t-shirts, board
 shorts and thongs where you possibly can.

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REST IN PEACE

Agnes Water on show

By Rebecca Devine

The Agnes Water SLSC event this weekend was a massive weekend for Emu Park, Tannum Sands and Yeppoon Surf Life Saving Clubs.

The action of the North v South on Saturday as well as individual events on the Sunday combined for a great weekend in the water.

Rebecca Devine made her way down to Agnes Water alongside the Tannum Sands Surf Lifesaving Club and produced some quality pictures of all the action.

CQ Today would like to thank Devine for her continual support in the sports section.



Tannum Sands U13 Callie McKay looks to overtake a Bundaberg competitor in the Wade Relay in the North v South Challenge.



U14 girls taking on the swell in the board race at the WBC Premiership Series event at Agnes Water Tannum Sands U17 Sophie O'Neill skillfully negotiates the waves at the WBC Premiership Series event at Agnes Water on the weekend Battle in the beach flags – Tannum Sands U14 Oscar Wemmerslager edges out Agnes Waters Jack Conway, while Marc Lumagbas-Smith from Agnes moves through to the next heat unchallenged at the WBC Premiership Series event.



All Age Relay was closely contested in the North v South Challenge with Jakob Wardlaw (R) from Agnes Water pipping Thraves Eayrs (L) from Tannum Sands at the line.



SPORTS QUIZ

1. Which sporting team in Australia has the most members?

2. Which Swedish tennis player won the 2002 Australian Open?

3. Which two countries competed in the 2018 FIFA World Cup Final?

4. How many F1 world championships did Sir Jack Brabham win?

5. Which cricket team won the first BBL in 2011/2012?
6. Aussie Sally Pearson won a gold medal at which event at the 2012 London Olympic Games?

7. Which actor featured in two baseball-related films in the late 1980s?

8. How many Rugby Union World Cups has Australia won?

9. Which driver holds the record for the most podiums at the Bathurst 1000?

10. Which team won the first two Suncorp Super Netball titles in 2017 and 2018?

11. Which US-born Australian golf professional had a career-high world ranking of 16 in April 2008?

12. Australia's women's national rugby union team is known by what nickname?

13. Which retired Queensland-born motorcycle racer was MotoGP World Champion in 2007 and 2011?
14. Which rugby league team has won the premiership in all three seasons of the NRL Women's Premiership competition so far?

15. Which Australian athlete ended their Olympic career with a total of five gold medals, three silver and one bronze?

16. Which Big Bash League cricket team is based in Western Australia?

17. Which current NFL quarterback was selected with the 199th overall pick in the sixth round of the 2000 NFL Draft?

18. Which AFL team played its first game in 1991?

19. Which NBA team did Australian basketballer Mark Bradtke play for during the 1996–97 NBA season?

20. Which racecourse is home to The Everest, the richest horse race in Australia?

21. What two teams played in the first ever AFL Women's premiership game?



Tom Brady



Water Polo at the Olympics

22. Which tennis player is second on the WTA Tour rankings behind Ash Barty?

23. Which team finished on the bottom of the 2020-21 Big Bash League table?

24. Who defeated Conor McGregor in their Lightweight bout at UFC 257?

25. Who will captain Australia during their Twenty20 tour of New Zealand?

26. Which US state made an offer to host the 2021 Olympics if Japan decided not to host the event?
27. What is the only US city where all of their major sports teams all wear the same colours?

28. Including 2021's Super Bowl LV, how many times has quarterback Tom Brady appeared in a Super Bowl?

29. In what year did water polo make its Olympic debut?

30. Traditionally, the shortest player on a basketball team plays in what position?

Fishing with Hooked Fishing Charters

Fishing with Dags

By Darryl Branthwaite

It's Barra time!

Yip this week we saw the opening of the saltwater fishery for Barra and after the last 3 months of not seeing a luring or being left in peace to spawn the big girls are back on the menu.

This week is very typical of February being supposedly the most wet month of the year with showers across the region followed by hot steamy days.

The Shimano King of Kings fishing tournament commences tomorrow and concludes of Sunday with a presentation event at Yeppoon.

This event has 21 target species 35 Categories, and 3 crowns to be won.

The three crowns are for Barra, King or Threadfin Salmon, and Gts.

There are some big names in this teams event, such as The Mad Hueys, Justin Nye

Gladstone Fly and Sportfishing Charters, Liam Jones from Complet Angler in Gladstone as well as some corp teams from GPC, APLNG and GLNG. We even have the GAWB head Barra breeder Thomas Hayes and my lad Matty Branthwaite teaming up to test their skills out, both of these lads fishing in many tournaments at Awoonga alongside Harro, and Hodgey to name a couple.

Those are just a few of the ones competing from Gladstone and I'm sure there are people of note coming from all over the state.

The boundaries for this event appear to be basically from Ramsay's Crossing in the narrows on Curtis Island, to the south, up to just south of Port Clinton in the north, and out to Guthrie shoals to the east.

Much of the focus is on the net free zone of the Fitzroy delta and given the amount of hyacinth in the Fitzroy system at present it could present as a challenge for the big river.

This time of the year is always excellent of the likes of GT's and other pelagics which migrate through the region and I have no doubt that some gear will be broken, and arms stretched.

The likes of Barra and Threadies in the Port Alma, Fitzroy and Raglan creek system will be high on the cards and I'm pretty sure there will be a lot of metre plus fish being caught in both species.

Watch this space.

Around the rest of the region with the wind being up not much has been happening out on the reef but this weekend it'll be dynamite considering Saturday and Sunday look like glass out conditions at various parts of the day.

Those planning on coming to the coast this weekend will certainly have the pick of the weather with the breeze dropping out Saturday from the east and turning north during Saturday night and NW Sunday morning until

around midday.

Of course, all of these are predictions and you still need to check the forecast before you leave. Make sure you let either VMR Gladstone, Round hill or the Coastguard at Roslyn Bay know where you are going. Keppel Sands also has an ear out too if you are fishing the Fitzroy system.

Those looking to venture out from Gladstone Boyne or 1770 will certainly be targeting spots like Broomfield, Sykes, Fitzroy and Boulton reefs with easy access to the lee of them when its rest time.

All these areas have been fishing well leading up to this last blow, and there are plenty of bait schools around for the pelagics, where mackerel, GT's, Tuna, and Cobia are lurking.

The entrances to the creeks and harbour are also loaded with solid Queenfish and you don't have to go too far.

Until next week have a cracker weekend. Hooroo Dags

Hooked Fishing Charters excited for barra season

By Travis Lacey, Hooked Fishing Charters

Barra season is here and Hooked Fishing Charters is stoked about that!

It's time to dust off the tackle and hit the water.

Looks like there could be a break in the weather over the weekend just in time for the king of kings fishing competition which is happening 5, 6 and 7 at beaches resort Roslyn bay.

Lookout for that competition and more!



Danny Johnston with a barra.



Shannon Oliver with a great looking barra.



Hooked Fishing Charter client Jack with a barra.

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North Rockhampton Tigers captain Alyssa Kelly with Queensland Cricket Regional Manager Kade Horan in preparation for the new season ahead.



The ladies' T20 charity match earlier this year.

Women set for night clash

By Liam Emerton

It's the return of the women's cricket season this weekend and it will be all guns blazing under lights on Saturday night.

The six-round competition has expanded this year with Rockhampton Brothers boasting two squads, North Rockhampton Tigers holding their position and Capricorn Sharks entering the competition for the first time.

Captain of the North Rockhampton Tigers squad and last season's leading wicket taker Alyssa Kelly said she was excited to have the competition back this weekend.

"It's amazing, I'm glad to see how many

girls have jumped in," she said.

"The fact that we have the chance to play more games is even better.

"I'm definitely keen to have a game and have more women in the comp on the Saturday's instead of just the men.

[Last year] was really good fun, we loved it, the girls loved it and it was just a really great experience."

The all-rounder said that her squad was looking fresh and fit ahead of their opener against one of the Rockhampton Brothers squads.

"After a few training sessions we're looking

alright," said Kelly.

"We are just doing our best and training as hard as we can.

"We will try and take the top out."

Queensland Cricket Regional Manager Kade Horan said it was a fantastic opportunity to have the ladies shine.

"Saturday night is our second annual women's cricket competition," he said.

"This year we've got an extra team coming in this year to make it four teams, so we're really excited about providing opportunities for female cricket players.

"It's great news to expand to the Yeppoon

catchment as well and then we have the usual culprits in North Rockhampton Tigers and Brothers.

"We're looking forward to another big tournament and hopefully this year it's not interrupted as much by rain and certainly not interrupted by Covid as it was last year.

"Fingers crossed we can run a six-week tournament - we've got a few reserve weeks just in case too.

"It's another opportunity to provide the women in our region with cricket opportunities and I can't think of a better opportunity than Saturday night under lights."

Surprise phone call leaves Tyler's feeling torn

By Aaron Kelly

TYLER Szepanowski was sitting on the fence.

He was "torn" after a surprise phone call from new CQ Capras coach Guy Williams, who was just days into taking the helm of the Queensland Cup side.

"I was out for breakfast with my old man (Chris) and Guy gave me a call," the 21-year-old recalled of the approach to lure the Moranbah product back home to CQ.

"At first I was kind of like 'nah I'm pretty comfortable here at the (Burleigh) Bears but then I went home that night and sort of thought there might be a bit of merit in it."

The young forward had a big decision to make.

Stay at the star-studded Burleigh Bears – a Gold Coast Titans feeder-club – and wait for his chance to crack into the Queensland Cup team?

Or return home to his former stomping ground and proudly wear a Capras jersey again?

"Honestly, I thought about it and thought about it and it sounds strange but the universe works in a funny way," he said.

"So I just flipped a coin on it and all three times I flipped the coin it said to come back to the Capras."

Yes, a heads and tails call with a fifty cent piece landed Williams his first prized signing just weeks out from the 2021 season.

"Really?" Williams said when told of Szepanowski's coin flip.

"Wow, that's cool.

"I'd love to bring local talent, who may have ventured down a different path to the NRL, back to Central Queensland.

"Tyler is here to firstly play Intrust Super Cup on his way to the NRL. That's what he wants to do and he sees a pathway here at the CQ Capras.



"I'd love more of those youngsters playing lower grades elsewhere to be eager to return and play at the club with those high ambitions in mind."

Originally from Rockhampton, he moved to Moranbah "at a pretty young age" with his mining parents, Chris and Tanya.

"I played most of my junior footy for the Moranbah Miners. I came into St Brendan's (College) from grade eight to 12. Guy was actually one of the teachers when I was there."

As Szepanowski puts it. The universe works in a funny way.

During his time at the renowned Yeppoon rugby league nursery, the former First XIII captain attracted the interest from the reigning NRL premiers.

"I got a bit of interest from the Melbourne Storm when I was in grade 11 and as a 16-year-old I did camps with them," Szepanowski said.

"I actually got injured in my final year of school and had surgery on my ankle and only got back just in time for Confro (Confraternity Shield).

"I still had a bit of interest from Melbourne and after school I did the under-20s pre-season with them on the Sunny Coast.

"Melbourne sort of said to me it's the last year of NYC and they could only see me playing a few games as I was only 17. So I came back and played Mal Meninga Cup (under-18s) for the Capras.

"During Mal Meninga Cup I got signed by the Titans and moved down to the Gold Coast."

Fast-forward to now, Szepanowski said he was excited by the opportunity to play under Williams and make his long-awaited Queensland Cup debut.

"It's exciting. I'm at that age now where if I want to progress I've got to be testing myself at Q Cup level," said Szepanowski, whose surname is of Prussian heritage.

"Training has been really good, the boys are looking good and everybody is working hard.

"Personally, my goals are to test myself at Q Cup level every week and improve week in week out. With the team, if we all have that

mentality hopefully we will get the results we are looking for."

Williams said Szepanowski would get his first chance to nail down a round one starting spot in the Capras' first trial game against the Cutters in Mackay on February 20.

"Tyler's a young bloke who I feel can have a positive influence on the playing group," the young head coach and club great said.

"He's only young, but he has an old head on his shoulders and has a real determination and discipline about the way he approaches the sport."

The oldest of four siblings, Szepanowski said his hard work ethic came from his parents, Chris and Tanya.

"Dad's in the mines and mum works for a contracting company in the mines – they're pretty hard-working people," he said.

"Two of my brothers are out at Moranbah still with my mum and dad and my sister is at TCC in her final year.

"That's also one of the positives moving back, mum and dad could only get down once or twice to watch me play when I was down on the Gold Coast. So hopefully they can see me play a bit more this year."

Temporarily living with his nan and pop in Rockhampton, Szepanowski is looking forward to reuniting with his girlfriend, Kelsie, and their sausage dog, Benji, when they move up from the Gold Coast.

As for work away from footy?

"I'm a disability support worker. I've been doing that ever since I finished school. It's a rewarding job. I'm studying teaching too," he said.

"I'm working for Access Recreation. I used to work for them when I first lived here after school and I was lucky enough they put me back on."

Once again, Szepanowski's universe turning full circle after the flip of a coin.

On the Track with Tony

By Rockhampton Jockey Club CEO Tony Fenlon

G'day this is Tony.

NOT meaning to blow our own trumpet but it is fantastic that the Sunday Racecourse Markets at Callaghan Park have been such a wonderful success.

The first market was staged last Sunday week when as many as 4000 people attended.

Lone behold we had another huge crowd out at Callaghan Park for the second last Sunday.

The concept has really been endorsed by Central Queenslanders and not just Rockhampton folk.

The feedback from market stall holders and attendees has been nothing but positive.

I feel the added attractions for the kids make the Sunday Racecourse Markets the real package for families.

Also, the "Big Breakfasts" in the air-conditioned lounge has proven a winner.

I saw a few big blokes have difficulty finishing off their meals and the consensus of opinion was that it was terrific value for just \$20.

The facilities at Callaghan Park and the roomy areas available have taken the long running markets to a new dimension.

Don't forget they are on every Sunday so make a date and get over to Callaghan Park and while you are there enjoy a BIG BREAKFAST.

Not forgetting I wish to congratulate all connected with the markets as well as the RJC staff for their efforts in making the event such a success.

And don't forget it is free to attend.

On the racing side our club (Rockhampton Jockey Club) had some great racing over the two meetings on Saturday, January 23 and then again last Friday.

Crack jockey and frequent flyer, Brisbane's Justin Stanley has been on fire.

Justin rode a winning treble at both those TAB meetings.

If I thought we at the RJC had a busy week but that was just peanuts compared to Justin's.

He rode at seven race meetings throughout Queensland from our Saturday meeting on January 23 until January 31.

Justin was on duty that week as well at Cairns, Mackay, Gatton, Beaudesert and Eagle Farm as well again at Rockhampton.

Justin rode on six consecutive days from Cairns to Beaudesert.

That's unheard of.

His manic week is featured in full by a story by Tony McMahon on the RJC Facebook page which I urge you to log on to.

The Facebook page as many interesting articles as well as a Turf Talk video preview by Russell Leonard and regular updates as to what is happening at Callaghan Park.

It is very popular and I am sure you will enjoy being part of it.

Rockhampton racing is fortunate to have such prominent jockeys as Justin Stanley riding regularly at our TAB race meets.

Afterall, Justin Stanley leads the Queensland Jockeys Premiership and McMahon reports he is fourth placed in Australia.



The races were a big hit this week.

By the way, Stanley rode at Cairns last Saturday and then Gatton Sunday.

I fair dinkum couldn't believe my eyes when I saw him riding at our Callaghan Park barrier trials early Monday morning.

I reckon Justin should get his own light plane and a pilot's licence.

We know he is a very good pilot on a horse.

Rockhampton's younger brigade of trainers are really going well.

Former multiple premiership jockey and current premier trainer Adrian Coome kicked off the January 23 meeting winning with Sunrise Dancer.

Then the following race was won by Tom Smith, 19 with Oswana.

Next up, Clinton Taylor landed the money with Attackabeel who looks very promising.

Justin Stanley rode those three winners which gave him half the program, as well on the day Jared Wehlow, another young-gun trainer from Callaghan Park trained Only Wanna Sing to win.

Rockhampton racing is very lucky to have

an enlarged brigade of young trainers among the ranks at Callaghan Park.

They are the future of racing in this city.

The other two winners on the card on January 23 were Gladstone trainer Ian Prizeman's Deck Of Aces and local Kevin Miller's Ask Nino.

Just for the record Ian and Kevin, while senior trainers are by no means old-timers.

Speaking of Ian Prizeman who is a very good supporter of Rocky racing, his winner Deck Of Aces was ridden by Brisbane apprentice Marnu Potgieter.

Marnu is now indentured to Brian Smith in Brisbane.

Brian Smith was the man that put the polish on the great New Zealand champion Balmerino.

Balmerino was a champion in both New Zealand and Australia in the seventies and went on to race and win in the highest company overseas.

There I go researching again which is far more reliable guide than my memory.

Anyhow apprentice Marnu Potgieter also

rode at Callaghan Park last Friday.

The next day he rode at the Saffire Coast in the Bega Valley, NSW a couple of hundred kilometres south of Canberra.

That apparently involved a flight from Brisbane to Canberra early on Saturday morning and then three hours or so drive to the races.

Marnu didn't ride a winner there on Saturday but he got one home there on Sunday.

Now there's an effort to praise.

We are having a little breather from racing at the moment with our next Callaghan Park meeting set for Saturday, February 13.

Bye the way our race dates have not been finalised for later in the year so I can't at this stage say for sure when the Rocky Cup or Newmarket will be run.

The club is still waiting for finalisation on the dates from the head body Racing Queensland.

As soon as they are set in concrete, they will be on the RJC Facebook Page.

Until next week this is Tony.



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From the velodrome

Rockhampton Cycling Club

A good turn out of 32 riders made for a great night of racing.

The night started out with the usual Graded Scratch race to warm up the legs and riders assessed their opponents for the night.

But there was a twist in the tail of the schedule tonight and riders would be recombined into different groups for the second race of the night. They were also given the challenge of thinking about a new style of race. Not one that is as short as a Derby (3 lap strategy) and nothing as long as a usual Scratch (10 to 20 laps). The Track committee put in a 5 lap Scratch. Longer than the 3 laps riders had to decide if they could last on the front for 5 laps or take turns like in a usual Scratch and end up at the back or middle of the bunch in a not-so-ideal place by the last lap.

The U17/U19 Mens race was by far the largest field with five U17 men and six U19 men. In the end the final results was U19 men in 1st in and 2nd, followed by U17 men in 3rd and 4th, with U19 and U17 men sharing the honours for each remaining place. An excellent battle was had on the track in all classes.

The third race on the card was a Handicap where riders are staggered around the track with the fastest rider given the handicap of Scratch – starting from meter 0. Riders have a handler that supports the rider and is allowed to take 1 full step to push them off once the Commissionaire blows the start whistle.

The Tempo race finished the night the Juniors. A single point being on offer for each lap after the first neutral lap, you could almost see the riders thinking about when to head to the front to maximise their chance of points without exhausting themselves completely. The end result being 2 riders tied on points for the win. First place was decided by the rider that finished in front of his opponent on the final lap.

The seniors rode a similar but slightly more complicated Points Race were the first 4 riders across the line on the designated “points lap” receives 5,3 2 or 1 point respectively. The race has 3 to 5 points laps to gain these points. The C grade race was a hotly contested affair with all riders scoring points in the race.

Race Results Friday Night 29th January 2021 - 32 Riders:

Race 1 – Scratch

- D Grade – 1st Matthew, 2nd Summer, 3rd Riley



Action from this week’s racing.

Picture: AMANDA SMITH

- C Grade – 1st Victoria, 2nd Ashtyn, 3rd Lachlan Hi
- B Grade – 1st Will, 2nd Brett, 3rd Macca
- A Grade – 1st Lachlan Ha, 2nd Caden, 3rd Craig

Race 2 – 5 Lap Scratch

- Juniors – 1st Lachlan Hi, 2nd Hunter, 3rd Matthew
- Women’s – 1st Deneaka, 2nd Lily, 3rd Ellyssa
- U17/U19 Men – 1st Lachlan Ha, 2nd Alex, 3rd Caden
- Masters Men – 1st Ray, 2nd Brett, 3rd Neville

Race 3 – Age Handicap

- U11 Combined – 1st Riley, 2nd Brock
- U13 Combined – 1st Matthew, 2nd Lachlan Hi, 3rd Max
- Women – 1st Emylia, 2nd Victoria, 3rd Charlie

- U17/U19 Mens– 1st Will, 2nd Lachlan Mc, 3rd Bailey
- Masters Men – 1st Jamie, 2nd Neville, 3rd Ray

Race 4 – Tempo/Points Score

- U11/U13 – Tempo – 1st Matthew, 2nd Brock, 3rd Riley
- C Grade Combined – Overall - 1st Jaime, 2nd Ashtyn, 3rd Lachlan Hi, 4th Hunter
- B Grade Combined – Overall - 1st Will, 2nd Macca, 3rd Bailey, 4th Kaih
- A Grade Combined – Overall - 1st Lachlan Ha, 2nd Caden, 3rd Ray, 4th Craig

Thank you everyone for a great Friday night racing. We are sure all riders thoroughly enjoyed themselves (after they recovered). Thanks especially to Tom Waerner (Commissaire), Joe Clifton (Commentator), Renay Buchanan (Score recorder), Leah Brannigan (Lap Controller).

Footies for free to all QLD juniors

With footy fever still running hot in the Sunshine State, 2021 is shaping up to be the biggest year yet for junior footy in Queensland.

As part of its commitment to leave a legacy in Queensland following 2020, the AFL has announced it will give every junior participant who signs up to play club footy in 2021 a free footy and pump.

AFL Chief Executive Gillon McLachlan said it was part of a special thank you to Queensland.

“On behalf of the AFL, I want to again say thank you to the Queensland community who threw their support behind our game in 2020,” he said.

“Now it’s our turn to give something back. We’re sending all Queensland junior participants a free AFL footy when they sign up to play at their local club.”

“It was a monumental year for AFL in Queensland in 2020 and we’re committed to delivering a lasting legacy across the state.”

“The opportunity to grow the game not just in South East Queensland but in regional Queensland is huge.”

Brisbane Lions hero Charlie Cameron and Gold Coast SUNS stars Matt Rowell and Kalinda Howarth have been enlisted as Junior Footy Ambassadors and will help champion the push to see more youngsters playing Aussie rules in the Sunshine State than ever before.

“Off the back of the historic year that saw Queensland become the unofficial home of the AFL, we’re expecting to see around 40,000 young people playing the game here in 2021 – across our junior programs and Auskick,” said Mr McLachlan.

“It’s great to have Charlie, Matt and Kalinda on board. We’re looking forward to working with them and all of our Queensland junior clubs this year to help thousands of kids across the state kick footy goals!”

Athelstane gets lit up

By Liam Emerton

The Athelstane Tennis Club has been lit up this week with some brand new LED globes being installed.

The club received a \$28,000 boost from the previous round of the Community Benefit Funds for brand new LED lighting as well as the construction of a fence.

As well as that boost the club received a Sport and Recreation Grant last year and had solar panels installed.

The LED lights are so bright that prior to the installation the club was required to ask for permission and give notice to the Rockhampton Airport.

It can be a little difficult to instal or renovate anything in the Athelstane precinct with the Heritage sight listing making touch-ups a little tough to navigate through, however the new lights installed will bring new life to the night-time action.

The club’s old lights will have a second-life with the local club sending their previous set of lights down to Capella Tennis Club which the club is grateful for.

The Athelstane Tennis Club thanked the State Government for their continual support of their historic grounds and invited anyone to come down and have a hit.



The new lights are shining bright at Athelstane Tennis Club.

Suns to shine bright in '21

By Liam Emerton

The Gladstone Suns had a tough 2020 season with Covid-19 pausing the season and a coach having to pull out after Round 3, but 2021 could be the turning point for the side.

The first grade team has picked up a few new faces as the squad looks towards youth, with a sprinkling of experience to bring them to a competitive level.

Last season the squad picked up one win, over the Rockhampton Panthers, but played their best footy towards last season's close.

And now with their first grade coach, Shane Stone returning to complete his first full year with the club and a new president - the wheels seem to be turning for the Gladstone Suns.

The new president, Leasa Stelfox, has appointed a strong committee with three vice-presidents helping her handle the junior, senior and ladies' football around the club.

This system has given Stelfox a lot of hope for the season ahead saying the club has had a boost in confidence.

"The morale around the club is fantastic," she said.

"We've had a lot of success since the re-brand and we're continuing to build on that through the club culture.

"Certainly we had a bit of work to do there and I believe we've got the right ingredients in place.

"Since last year we've picked up a few grant applications, which is great for the club.

"It means that we can do a lot of work to the infrastructure and the facilities that we have.

"Our membership numbers are up, our ladies had a significant boost."

Stelfox talked about her new committee and how that has helped build the club into a great position for 2021

"I've been in the secretary position in the executive committee for the past three years with the Gladstone Suns," she said.

"This year I accepted the nomination for the president role and I was lucky enough to be voted in by the club.

"We've appointed a really strong executive committee again this year.

"We had a lot of the exec team stepping down after being in there for a while.

"This year we changed the structure of the executive with three vice-presidents.

"Each has a specialization, so looking after our seniors, looking after our ladies and looking after our juniors.

"I believe we have a really strong foundation for our club to move forward."

Coach Stone said that the signs of what he has seen have been extremely positive.

"We've had three weeks of training but we've been doing some heavy recruiting," he said.

"And we've been mainly trying to keep our players from last year as well.

"Dan Clay has been a handy player in the league and played for the BITS before and he



Gladstone Suns will be looking to improve from last season's performance.

came back to the Suns last year, he's going to come back and play.

"Last year we were always half-dozen players short.

"Hopefully we can pick that up and get a few of the younger kids to come through."

Stone said that the youth is key to the team's success.

"The position that the club is in and has been the last couple of years, we need those kids," he said.

"We've identified coaches that are going

into that area that can fast track those younger kids.

"Hopefully those coaches who are appointed into that area can fast track those players

"They had a bit of opportunity last year so hopefully that puts them in good stead."

Expect a spectacle: Bulls and Falcons battle in classic

By Liam Emerton

The Frenchville Falcons had been on a great run of form in the Frenchville Sports Club Capricornia Challenge after winning the local T20 competition at the end of last year.

The Falcons had soared past Capricorn Coast in Round 7 and the team was full of confidence heading into Round 8.

The Frenchville squad came up against competition front-runners Gracemere Bulls at Rockhampton Cricket Grounds on Saturday which turned out to be a spectacular show.

The Falcons won the toss and elected to bat giving opener Lachlan Hartley a chance to shine.

Hartley scored a solid 27 runs but his partner and proven dangerman Callum McMahon was dismissed for 9 by Luke Johnstone.

Johnstone doubled his tally when he claimed the scalp of Hartley soon after.

With the openers both out one of the best

of the season Joe McGahan and Brent Hartley walked to the pitch.

Hartley was dismissed for just four runs, bringing Sam Chew out to bat.

Chew managed 10 before being caught in front, while McGahan was the next batsmen dismissed scoring 18.

That left Jack Harris and William Barwick out at the crease with their team sitting at 4/80.

Harris played with strength and confidence as Barwick and the next batsman in line Travis Applewaite failed to break double figures.

Harris continued his brilliant batting spell, reaching a great knock of 50 from 66 balls.

After Harris' dismissal, the Bidgood boys were the final two wickets as the Frenchville Falcons were bowled out for a respectable 162 runs.

The Bulls started off on the right foot with

their openers Johnstone and Mark O'Keeffe putting up a 41-run partnership.

Chaice Bidgood broke the openers' partnership by dismissing O'Keeffe before securing the wicket of Johnstone seven runs later.

The Harmsworth boys were next to the crease with both scoring solid totals with Aaron finishing with 19 and Todd making 28.

Steven Munchow then came out to pitch with his side needing 64 runs for victory.

Munchow made a team-high score of 43 not out and pushed his team to a five wicket victory.

The Glen and Capricorn Coast Parkana also had a close match in Round 8 at Yeppoon Showgrounds.

Cap Coast won the toss and elected to bat but quickly found themselves down 4/39.

Daniel Caldwell and Stu Rodie were the next pair at the crease and they were able to steady this ship.

Caldwell and Rodie put together a team-

high 88-run partnership to push their side out to 127 runs before Rodie was dismissed and Caldwell was caught one run later.

The next five batsmen made just one run combined, giving the side a total 132 runs.

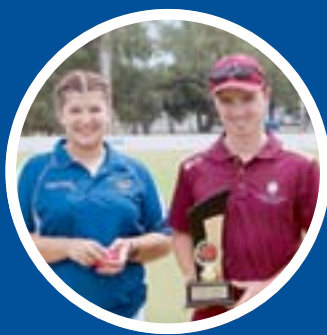
The Gladstone-based team came out to the pitch with intent as openers Sam Lowry (32) and Waqar Yunus (21) combined for 48 runs.

After Lowry's dismissal David Heymer made the game his own, scoring a round-high of 61 runs, not out.

Heymer's performance earned his squad a six wicket victory.

The final match of the Round was won by Rockhampton Brothers which took a forfeit victory over the Port Curtis Cavaliers.

In Round 9 The Glen and Gracemere Bulls will battle in a top-of-the-table clash, The Falcons will look to bounce back against the Cavs and the Brothers will be back in action against Capricorn Coast.



The Tannum Sands crew selected in the North Team for the North v South Challenge.



Sportsmanship on show – Tannum Sands U14 Kai Devine congratulates Kobi Holden from Elliott Heads after the swim in the North v South Challenge.

Tannum Sands at Agnes

By Rebecca Devine

A series of east coast lows have produced some awesome surf conditions for the annual triple carnival weekend for the Wide Bay Capricorn Branch Surf Lifesaving Clubs.

Saturday saw the U14s to masters tackle the swell and negotiate the high tides in the 2nd round of the Premiership Series before the U11s-U17s battled it out in the highly contested Craig Holden trophy in the North verse South Challenge.

The North Team have once again proven to be the dominant half of the Wide Bay Capricorn Branch by taking out the annual North verse South Challenge for the 11th consecutive year by a skinny margin of 5 points.

North Team Manager Natalie Cummings from Yeppoon SLSC was proud to part of the winning team and thanked everyone involved in the carnival.

"Without parent assistance with water safety and officials, carnivals like these cannot go ahead and thank-you also to Agnes Water SLSC for being great hosts," Ms Cummings said.

"Thanks also to all the competitors both from the North and South teams for your efforts and sportsmanship – it is such a great carnival for teamwork and a bit of friendly rivalry and it is a great little competition to prepare us all for our Branch Championships in February.

In his first representative selection, U11 Will Devlin from Tannum Sands SLSC was finding his form in the water.

"I really love the water and the waves today were challenging but so much fun," said Will.

"I love nippers so much; it is great fun and I have made some really good friends from the other clubs now too.

"It was good to race with nippers from Yeppoon and Emu Park on the North Team – next weekend we will be racing against each other again.



Tannum Sands U13 Charlotte O'Neill was not afraid to take on the big waves in the U11-17 Carnival at Agnes Water.

In his final North Team representation, Team Captain Jake Devine from Tannum Sands SLSC reflected on his previous six North v South carnivals with fond memories.

"I've always liked this carnival because it is at Agnes and we usually get some good surf which none of the north or south clubs get so it is always a challenge for everyone.

"Unfortunately I wasn't able to do the water events due to injury, but I took the opportunity

to mentor the younger nippers who were a bit nervous about the big waves.

Sunday saw another magic day on the beach and the U11s to U17s backed up to compete in the WBC U11-U17 Individual Carnival and taking advantage of the opportunity to practice racing in prime surf conditions.

A field of 80 nippers and cadets from Hervey Bay, Bundaberg, Elliott Heads, Agnes Water, Tannum Sands, Yeppoon and Emu Park,

challenged themselves and had a ton of fun taking in all the surf experience on offer.

This Sunday 7 February, the U8-U15s will compete in the final of the 3 Point Carnival series in Yeppoon before backing up to Emu Park for the Wide Bay Capricorn Junior Branch Championships on 20-21 February.

The seniors next compete on 27-28 February at Bundaberg in the Wide Bay Capricorn Senior Branch Championships.