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September's vote puts the stark matter of life and death on the agenda for all Queenslanders.

Labor member for Gladstone Glenn Butcher has told CQ Today that he supports VAD.

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An explosion at Callide Power Station left us in.....

darkened state

By Liam Emerton

Oueensland's power grid is "stable" following an explosion at the Callide Power Station which caused one of the state's worst power outages in decades.

The explosion and subsequent fire caused chaos on Tuesday, with an estimated 375,000 homes and businesses blacked out.

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"And they're all firing at full steam this morning (Wednesday)."

At the time of print, the cause of the explosion and fire was still unknown. However, the state government-owned energy company operating the station CS Energy said in a statement that three units generating energy at the time immediately went offline.

Several transmission lines were tripped leaving some residents in Gladstone, Rockhampton, Stanthorpe, Brisbane, the Gold

Coast, Gympie, Maryborough, Townsville and Cairns without power.

Mr De Brenni said no workers at the Callide Power Station were injured and the power supply was now steady.

"It is one of Australia's largest and newest power stations and as a result, it tripped out much of the network across Queensland.

"We worked hard throughout (Tuesday) afternoon to bring power back on to households and consumers.

"There was a risk that (on Tuesday) night that demand would outstrip supply so we worked closely across all agencies and with the national energy market operator and we were able to bring on additional supply."

Member for Capricornia Michelle Landry cause it could have been much worse."

and Federal Member for Flynn Ken O'Dowd released a joint statement after the event had unfolded.

"My thoughts and prayers go out to the workers of the Callide Power Station in what must have been a traumatising event. Many of my constituents are employed at the power station and I am glad to hear reports that all workers are safe," Mr O'Dowd said.

Ms Landry said: "I join with my colleague Ken O' Dowd in expressing my gratitude that all who work at the Callide Power Station are safe.

'This is a time where we need to be patient and think of those affected and be thankful be-



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"I want to thank everyone for their coopera-

In a joint statement Ergon Energy, CS Energy, Powerlink Queensland and Energex said a fire occurred in one of the turbine halls at the power station about 1.45pm on Tuesday



The Callide Power Station.

"As a result, the three units that were generating at the time went offline," the statement

"The power station was immediately evacuated and emergency services attended the site. At this stage, there are no reported injuries.

"Ergon and Energex crews were immediately on standby to restore the power supply as soon as it is safe to do so.

"Working with Powerlink we have mobilised quickly to restore power in affected areas."

Mr De Brenni said that the CS Energy team took back control of the power station in the early hours of Wednesday morning.

"We took back control of the site from the fire and emergency services at about midnight," he said.

"So our senior management team is on-site

identifying the cause of the fire.

Picture: CS ENERGY FACEBOOK

"We think one only one of the four generators on-site has been impacted, fairly badly damaged but the good news is that the other three seem to be okay."

Mr De Brenni said that the power station's maintenance logs and schedules were run

"It is one of Australia's youngest power stations, all of its maintenance and scheduled servicing was up to date," said Mr De Brenni.

"This is an unprecedented event, the cause of which is yet to be determined.

"I think it does underscore that electricity generation is a dangerous task so we want to thank all of our workforce for the work they do every day to keep our homes and businesses powered?

CQToday The editor's desk

The Queensland Law Reform Commission has proposed a draft bill to govern voluntary assisted dying (VAD) in Months of debate will now take place.

in parliament and in the private homes of Queenslanders, to assess the merits of the bill and what it might mean for our culture and way of life moving forward.

Members of parliament are expected to partake in a conscience vote sometime later this year.

This week, we offer readers a general overview of the issue and the current state of thinking among members who represent the Central Queensland region.

The ethical and legal complexities surrounding VAD are wide-ranging and difficult. A narrow and simplistic view of personal choice versus religious conviction does not give a full and proper account the issue.

Moving forward, CQ Today will distil the complexities of VAD for readers and strive to offer a balanced and comprehensive review of the VAD debate as it moves and develops. Proponents and opponents of VAD

both possess compelling arguments and we would do well to consider all of them Careful and balanced reporting and

analysis is demanded because if nothing else, VAD is a dramatic proposal. Should it pass, it would enshrine a

fundamentally new moral vision into the heart of our society. We would be changed

forever, in a deep and profound way.

- Duncan Evans



Traditional Aboriginal dancers at Browne Park on Sunday.

Reconciliation is crucial

The reconciliation movement is at a tipping

In the past year, with Black Lives Matter protests and huge numbers at Invasion Day rallies across the country, we're seeing people are understanding and speaking up on issues affecting Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.

More than a word, reconciliation is about asking people to take this awareness and knowledge, and use it as springboard to more substantive, brave action.

For reconciliation to be effective, it must involve truth-telling, and actively address issues of inequality, systemic racism and instances where the rights of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples are ignored, denied or reduced.

While we see greater support for reconciliation from the Australian people than ever before, we must be more determined than ever if we are to achieve the goals of the movement - a just, equitable, reconciled Australia.

As history tells us, this will only happen through continued and concerted action from those who are already part of the reconciliation movement to those who are yet

Moving towards a braver reconciliation requires a vision for what a just equitable and reconciled Australia looks like.

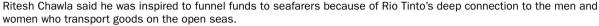
Actions - guided by the five dimen of reconciliation - are recommended in the 2021 State of Reconciliation in Australia Re-

According to the 2020 Australian Reconciliation Barometer, there is far greater awareness of the complexity and magnitude of First Nations cultures and knowledges; and many more Australians now understand the impact that British colonialism and the modern Australian state have had on First Nations families and communities.

We are seeing more people speaking up, asking the hard questions, seeing the hard facts, and informing themselves about issues affecting Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.

The 2021 theme calls on others to follow their lead by reflecting on their own contributions and striving to do more.







A support pack.

Rio steps up for seafarers

By Duncan Evans

Commodities behemoth Rio Tinto will donate \$24,000 to Mission to Seafarers Gladstone (MTS Gladstone) to provide 200 support packs for seafarers docked off the coast of Gladstone.

The support packs include essential items designed to ease the daily lives of seafarers 'trapped' off the coast and waiting for their chance to get back home.

Specifically, the packs feature an array of toiletries, which can include oral hygiene items, soaps, body lotions, razors and other essential toiletry items. The packs include comfort foods and luxury items that in an earlier time, seafarers would come on shore to purchase themselves.

The packs also have 'boredom buster' items, such as games, puzzles and books, designed to help the merchants fill out the long days on board ship.

The packs will be distributed by volunteers at MTS Gladstone in two ways.

Volunteers can go on board the ship themselves while on welfare visits and distribute the packs to the seafarers.

If restrictions are in place, the packs are placed on the ship gangways and the seafarers pick them up from there.

The donation was organised by Ritesh Chawla, the manager for Rio Tinto Marine East

In an interview with CQ Today, Mr Chawla said he was inspired to funnel funds to seafarers because of Rio's deep connection to the men and women who transport goods on the open seas.

"We rely substantially on the marine supply chain," he said.

Rio shifts massive amounts of raw commodities from Australian ports to export markets around the globe, chiefly to China, Japan, Southeast Asia and Korea. The welfare of the

men and women engaged in transporting Rio's product is naturally a concern for the company.

"At any given time, we have approximately 250 ships on charter. So we have a very strong connection with the marine fraternity."

Covid lockdowns have been especially difficult for seafarers for two key reasons. Firstly, after spending extended periods of time on a ship, docking and spending time on land gives the sailors time to decompress and recharge, a vital part of maintaining their mental health. Pandemic restrictions knocked away this outlet.

Secondly, seafarers have often found themselves locked on their ships for periods of time beyond their contractual arrangements.

"They could not go home at the completion of their contract, could not go home to their families," Mr Chawla explained.

"Last year, it got really bad, where we had hundreds of seafarers stuck on ships, unable to go home."

To offer some respite in trying circumstances, MTS Gladstone began compiling the welfare packs last year.

Mr Chawla was impressed with the program and decided to push for a Rio contribution after learning that the packs were due to run out by the middle of this year.

"The leadership and management were more than happy to take up on it," he said.

"Since we have a deep connection with marine, the motivation already existed within the organisation. We are doing a number of things, across the board at various other ports, doing what we can to support seafarers."

Mr Chawla spent 14 years as a seafarer on the open seas, stepping on a ship for the first time as a young man of 19.

Over time, Mr Chawla moved up the ranks and was Captain on Tankers before he stopped

active sailing. He once sailed on a mammoth Pacific Blue oil tanker, a ship that measured around 400m in length and 70m in width.

"It was like an island," Mr Chawla said.
Mr Chawla looks back on his life as a sea

Mr Chawla looks back on his life as a seafarer with fondness.

"The only thing I think it was wonderful. I loved it. Of course it had its pain and hardships, especially, the part where you are away from you family. You miss those times when you are not able to go out and meet your friends, but then, being on a ship, being part of that small community of 20-25 people, you end up developing that kind of kinship and relationship, that they become like a family, or close mates."

Mr Chawla received help from the Mission to Seafarers organisation during his time on the seas, and speaks highly of the organisation.

"I came to Australia quite often when I was a young officer and a young cadet back in the early 2000s, and we would dock into a port, and more often than not, there was a seafarer bus waiting for us."

"I have a lot of stories, around Christmas, you would get packages, you would be invited to parties. If you need support at any time, even now, seafarers know that they can call."

MTS Gladstone General Manager Anthony Heintze expressed gratitude to Rio Tinto's commitment when contacted by CQ Today.

"To have such a market leader get behind the Gladstone Seafarers Centre is fantastic and ensures that the welfare services we provide can be provided to both the local community and to seafarers from across the world into the future," he said.

Mr Heintze said he and his team had already received expressions gratitude from the seafarers for the packs and provided the following direct quotes from seafarers:

"Thank you for your endless support to the

seafarers. It is hard to use words to convey our heartfelt appreciation for the kind of Care-box you rendered to Seri Cenderawasih on her call to GLNG Terminal. We are indeed very grateful. Thankyou for your continuous support to the seafarer on board CAPT SUFIAN B MORKAM."

"Good Day Ma am, on behalf of officer and crew of Lambert Maru, we would like to express our sincere and warmest thankyou for the SIM cards and welfare packs that we received yesterday. Thank you very much for your continuous support to all seafarers and may God shower you with more blessings. Best regards, Captain Emmanuel B Canoy Master of Lambert Maru".

The Mission to Seafarers organisation was founded in London in 1856 as a Christian charity and an important part of the mission is providing spiritual assistance to seafarers.

Mr Heintze explained the contours of this form of assistance to CQ Today:

"With Covid-19 restrictions in place, the Gladstone Seafarers Centre has had to adapt to servicing the spiritual needs of seafarers that may not leave the ship for months at a time," he said.

"To facilitate this we have increased the number of welfare visits to the vessels. These visits may include room blessings (upon request), prayer sessions (upon request), and talking or listening to the crew members. With the assistance of 'Insite People plus Technology' along with The Department of Transport and Main Roads we have been able to provide free Wi-Fi at the ports, which has enabled the seafarers (that must remain on board the ships) the possibility of communicating with their families and loved ones, which is a tremendous mental relief to those onboard and additionally helps to relieve the boredom of confinement."

The Gladstone mission celebrated 50 years of service in 2021 and presently counts 43 volunteers among its numbers.

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Life and death on agenda

By Duncan Evans

Legislation to legalise voluntary assisted dving (VAD) was introduced into Queensland parliament on Tuesday, fulfilling a campaign pledge from Premier Annastacia Palaszczuk to bring the issue to the forefront of state politics and develop a pathway for legalisation.

Though a vote is not expected until September, CQ Today can reveal that Central Queensland representatives Brittany Lauga, the Labor member for Keppel, Barry O'Rourke, the Labor member for Rockhampton, and Glenn Butcher, the Labor member for Gladstone, all support VAD.

A spokesperson for Stephen Andrew, the One Nation member for Mirani, said Mr Andrew would not comment on his position until he had seen the legislation in detail.

In a statement released to CQ Today, Lachlan Millar, the LNP member for Gregory, said he had an open mind on the issue and would make his determination over the coming

Colin Boyce, the LNP member for Callide, could not be reached for comment.

The legislation centres on a draft bill compiled by the Oueensland Law Reform Commission (QLRC), which spent months in concentrated consultation to develop a structure and legal framework for VAD in Queensland.

According to the QLRC's report summary, a VAD law allows eligible people who are dying the option to end their life at a time of their own choosing.

'Voluntary assisted dying refers to the selfadministration of a prescribed substance or its administration by a health practitioner with the purpose of bringing about the person's death. It is based on the person's voluntary request. The process of request, assessment and administration must comply with the legislation's requirements," the report states.

"The terms of reference make it clear that

the proposed legislative scheme is for individuals who are 'suffering and dying'. It is not intended to apply to individuals who wish to die because they are tired of life or in decline, but who are not dying."

In order to be eligible for VAD, a person must have a terminal illness which is expected to cause death within 12 months. Furthermore, the person must consider his or her suffering intolerable, possess decision-making capacity in relation to VAD and act voluntarily and without coercion.

Titled the Voluntary Assisted Dying Act 2021, the bill will be now reviewed for 12 weeks by the Health and Environment Parliamentary Committee. The committee will scrutinise the bill and members of the public and stakeholders will have an opportunity to provide sub-

VAD is a complex and controversial issue which can claim both fierce supporters and committed opponents.

In an interview with CQ Today, Jos Hall, the president of Dying With Dignity Queensland, a pro-VAD lobby group, said VAD would offer people like her late father some measure of dignity as they suffered through a terminal ill-

"My father died in 1980. He had cancer of the bowel that had spread to most of his internal organs," she said.

"He did ask me to help him kill himself, and I had to say 'no, I can't, I'm sorry. I support what vou would like me to do, I agree. But I can't. I'm not prepared to go to prison.'

Munganbana Norman Miller, Convenor of the Voice of First Nations Peoples Against Euthanasia, takes a contrary view.

In a media statement released on Tuesday, Munganbana decried the potential effects of VAD legislation on Queensland's Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities.

"For Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, our connection to a spiritually defined country or land is vital. Our identity is based in real options for patients." on the land or marine habitat we come from and the people of that land we are affiliated with, past, present and future. We are connected through the story places of our country, passed down through generations," he said.

"So to die in a hospital in Cairns or elsewhere, a long way away from our country, kin and community is a tragedy. That's why we need better palliative care in our communities. We do not want a lonely death in a strange place where we cannot practice our customs.

"For First Nations Peoples, death is a community matter, not just an individual decision. The death of a person puts their whole community into mourning and normal business is stopped so 'sorry business' can be observed."

Queensland LNP Senator Amanda Stoker, meanwhile, argued in an interview with CQ Today last month that demand for VAD would decline with sufficient investment in palliative

"It would drastically reduce the demand we see in the community for what is ultimately a very drastic measure," she said.

"One of the things I would hope everyone will have in mind as they consider that legislation is how important it is that we get palliative care right. A lot of the horrific stories we hear around end-of-life care focus on the trauma that really reflects an under-investment by the state government in proper palliative care.'

The Queensland branch of the Australian Medical Association (AMA) echoed Senator Stoker's sentiments in a statement released on Monday, arguing that adequate funding for palliative care should be secured first before a vote to legalise VAD.

Specifically, AMA Queensland President Chris Perry said an additional \$275 million in palliative care funding was needed to meet growing demand.

"We expect the VAD legislation to be presented to state parliament this week and debated in September, so there's no time to waste," Professor Perry said.

"The state government must properly fund palliative care so patients have a true choice when it comes to end of life care.'

"It's proposed that VAD be accessible to those with a terminal illness, intolerable suffering and a life expectancy of 12 months. However, specialist palliative care services are only available to those with a prognosis of three months which shows there is a major gap

The 93 members who make up state parliament are expected to partake in a conscience vote on the matter in September. Forty-seven votes are needed for the bill to pass and become law.

A conscience vote means members are not obliged to vote according to a party line.

In a conversation with CQ Today last month, Ms Lauga expressed her support for VAD and in an official statement released to CQ Today this week, outlined the reasons for her support:

"I have read the bill and the Queensland Law Reform Commission's report in detail and I have decided that I will vote in support of the bill in its entirety," she said.

"I attended the Parliamentary Committee's Inquiry hearing in Rockhampton where local people presented as witnesses. I heard the incredibly painful personal stories of Central Queenslanders who had witnessed loved ones with a terminal illness die a horrible and painful death.

"This bill is about people, it's about dignity and it's about choice. Voluntary assisted dying must be voluntary, it must involve a person's medical team and it is not suicide."

In an interview with CQ Today last week, Labor member for Rockhampton Barry O'Rourke expressed his support for VAD.

"I was part of that committee that travelled the state, looking at voluntary assisted dying, aged care and palliative care. And I heard some absolutely horrendous stories, where people were in palliative care, but the medication didn't ease the pain and things like that. My vote will be for people to have choice.'

Labor member for Gladstone Glenn Butcher expressed his support for VAD in a series of statements released to CQ Today.

"This reform is something I am more than happy to support, as I openly did during the election," he said.

"I've heard from many people in the community who have seen their loved ones lying in a hospital bed, gasping for breath, and terminally ill, knowing their life is going to end.

"They're going through it in a dreadful and painful way, and the family has got to sit there and watch them suffer for days, sometimes

Should the legislation pass, Queenslanders will be able to access VAD from 2023 onwards.



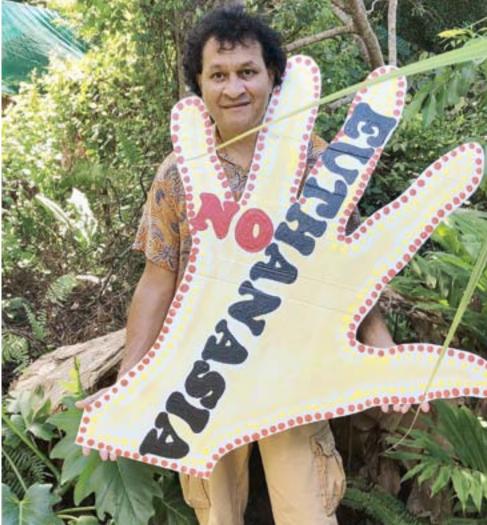
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Munganbana Norman Miller, Convenor of the Voice of First Nations Peoples Against Euthanasia, opposes VAD.

Police seek CCTV footage after attempted carjacking

A 23-year-old was punched in an alleged attempted carjacking at Norman Gardens on Monday night.

Police were called around 7pm to Bulman Street where a 23-year-old Norman Gardens man was sitting in his car and had been approached by two men.

One of the two men allegedly had a length of chain wrapped around his hand. Police say both men demanded the 23-year-old's car, punching him and trying to pull

him from the vehicle.

The pair ran off when the Norman Gardens man began beeping the car horn.

Police searches on the night failed to locate the two men.

Investigators are now appealing for public help in a bid to find them.

"We'd anyone with CCTV footage from the front of their house around that Bulman Street area to contact police and provide that information," Detective Senior Sergeant Luke Peachey said.

The first man is described as Aboriginal in appearance, skinny build, aged in his late 20s, about 167cm tall, and wearing dark clothing.

The second man is described as olive complexion, skinny build, about 172cm tall, wearing dark clothing with a shirt around his face.



Protest against Sunwater

By Duncan Evans

Landholders impacted by the Rookwood Weir infrastructure project gathered by Riverslea Bridge on May 19 to protest what they perceive as disrespectful communication practices from Sunwater, the Queensland governmentowned corporation tasked with delivering the weir.

Led on the day by Ann Kirk, the landholders said the company had not responded to their queries in a timely or professional manner on a number of matters.

"It's been difficult with them to get replies," Mrs Kirk said.

"Everyone tries to be as quick as they can to get replies back to Sunwater and then Sunwater can take months sometimes to reply to us," she said.

Of particular concern to the landholders is the issue of predicted water height following the completion of the weir.

"We're waiting on the height of the inundation of the water because we have to put new pump in, a submersible. And we're waiting still on the height of the water. Nobody along the river knows and everybody's got to re-do their pumps. And Sunwater can't they tell us where the water is coming to, and they're starting to build it, so why can't they tell us where the water mark will be?"

"The pumps have got to be actually installed, if they're submersibles, and I think everybody's is, before the weir's built, because when the water is up there it's too late," she said

"We're really wanting to know that. And negotiating with Sunwater because they're supposed to pay for the pumps, and that still hasn't been settled yet."

Rae Rowe, Mrs Kirk's daughter, emphasised the point on the day.

"That information should be forthcoming to the landholders so they can make decisions about their businesses," she said.

According to Mrs Kirk, the Sunwater contacts she and her fellow landholders connect with are based in Brisbane.

"At the beginning, they were good," she said.

"It went pear-shaped after a while."

CQ Today wrote to Sunwater and asked why the company was often tardy in its response



Senator Matt Canavan meets with the landholders.

time to the concerns of local landholders.

In a series of statements, a spokesperson from Sunwater responded as follows:

"Sunwater has had more than 2000 interactions directly with landowners and remains fully committed to open and transparent communication.

"The most recent community meeting was

held at Gogango Hall in March 2021, with the next due in June 2021. Sunwater will continue to hold community events for the duration of the project.

"There is a project hotline and website where all enquiries are responded to promptly. In the case where we are in legal negotiation with landowners through their lawyers, communication is limited to this channel."

In a separate interview with CQ Today, Mrs Kirk said she had struggled to secure timely communication on the issue of her family's compensation and the distribution of compensation payments.

The weir sits on her family's property and parts of her property were acquired to make way for the project.

The construction process impacts the ability of Mrs Kirk's family to manage and operate their business. As such, Mrs Kirk told CQ Today that the family would like to see compensation payments distributed in the present rather than the contractual deadline of 2023.

CQ Today contacted Sunwater and asked if compensation payments to Mrs Kirk's family could be distributed before 2023. However, the question was not responded to.

Landholders have also expressed disappointment that they were not invited to attend the opening of the new Riverslea Bridge.

The bridge will improve the lot of landholders and many of them had hoped to be a part of the opening celebration.

CQ Today contacted Sunwater and asked why local landholders had not been invited to the opening of Riverslea Bridge. However, the question was not responded to.

Queensland LNP Senator Matt Canavan joined with the landholders on the day and said he hoped a more constructive relationship could develop between the families and Sunwater.

"The Rookwood Weir project is all about growing more food for our region, but we won't grow more food for our region unless we work with farming families. We need Sunwater to have a constructive relationship with the farming families of Central Queensland because if they don't, we won't end up taking advantage of all this water here, and growing more food and creating jobs from it," he said.

Senator Canavan said he would write to Sunwater to ask them to improve their communication processes.

"There's no need for tension here in the relationship between Sunwater and the families of this region because the people of this region support the project, they want the project to go ahead. They want to work to get constructive, productive outcomes, so that everybody can benefit from this project," he said.





Beef Week's global reach

By Duncan Evans

At Beef Australia 2021, CQ Today was lucky enough to meet with Dr Smith Thummachua, the Minister Counsellor (Agriculture) in the Office of Agricultural Affairs at the Royal Thai Embassy in Canberra.

Dr Thummachua's presence at the event speaks to the international reach of Beef Week.

CQ Today invited Dr Thummachua to offer his perspective on the commercial relationship between Queensland and Thailand and how Queensland's agricultural producers might expand their footprint in his home country.

Dr Thummachua generously acquiesced and his insights are printed here.

Did you enjoy your time at Beef Australia 2021, and was there anything in particular that interested or impressed you throughout the week?

Definitely, I really enjoyed and was inspired by the successful Beef Australia 2021. In particular, the property tour I visited was so interesting. It was very unfortunate that I didn't have more time to join the others.

Could you tell us about the importance of Thai investments in Australia's agribusiness sector? How significant are your investments in this sector and what can we do in Queensland to develop and encourage Thai



Dr Smith Thummachua (centre) at Beef Australia 2021 with his Thai Embassy colleagues Salila (left) and Kanokthip (right).

investment in this area?

The areas of Thai investments in Queensland are in sugar mills, green energy power plants as well as wind farms. I believe that the full support from the Queensland government and its people is a key factor to keep these businesses prosperous.

What recommendations do you have for Queensland beef producers who would like to export to Thailand? What opportunities are there at present and into the future?

The window of opportunity already exits.

Thailand is one of the overseas markets for Australian products.

In 2020, Thailand imported live cattle valued at \$5.57 million, which is a 40.30 per cent increase from the previous year.

Fresh or chilled beef with a value of \$44.59 million was also imported in 2020, a 114.27 per cent increase from the value in 2019.

Frozen beef was also imported at a value of \$41.66 million, a 42.43 per cent increase.

If Queensland live cattle and beef producers desire to export their products to Thailand,

I recommend that they contact and work out with Thai Trade Centre in Sydney - the Thai government body responsible for the importexport of goods and commodities from Thailand - at the following e-mail address: thaitradesydney@gmail.com

The Office of Agricultural Affairs in Canberra - another Thai government office under the Ministry of Agriculture and Cooperatives - can also be a helping arm for Queensland's live cattle and beef producers if they would like to understand import conditions for imported agricultural products including beef and live cattle to Thailand.

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Australian beef exports to Thailand tend to compete alongside America, New Zealand and Japan in the premium beef import market. How can Australian producers distinguish themselves from these competitors and secure the loyalty of Thai consumers?

From the figures earlier presented, the increased imports of beef and live cattle last year demonstrates the strong interest in buying Australian beef and live cattle. Australian beef and other products like wine are quite popular among Thai consumers in terms of taste, quality and competitive price.

Indonesia offers plenty of promise for beef producers

By Duncan Evans

Indonesia's full potential as an export market for Queensland's beef producers has yet to be realised, according to a presentation from Trade and Investment Queensland (TIQ).

Ben Giles, the TIQ commissioner based in Jakarta, noted in a presentation at Beef Australia 2021 that Indonesia's massive population of some 260 million people and growing middle class could make it an increasingly attractive export destination for enterprising farmers wishing to tap into a new and escalating consumption base.

In addition to population size and attractive demographics, food security concerns and a diet characterised by comparatively low protein intake could see Indonesian demand for Australian beef expand over the coming years.

"Beef consumption in Indonesia is still very low. One of the lowest in the region," Mr Giles said via video link at the Telstra Network Hub.

"It's only about three kilograms per capita per annum compared to only around five kilos for the average in the region. However, it is the fastest growing in the region. It's about seven per cent growth per annum, which just goes to show that growing middle class and rise in spending power."

Mr Giles noted that Indonesia was already Australia's largest export market for live cattle



Jakarta's Old Town district. Indonesia's massive and growing population could make it an increasingly attractive export market for Queensland's beef producers.

and fifth largest market for boxed beef.

The total value of these exports clocked in at some \$1.2 billion last year.

"It's a very large market and very important partner," he said.

Mr Giles also highlighted that peopleto-people links and diplomatic relations between the two countries were strong and long-standing and this established sense of trust generated a conducive climate for increased trade. "I often say that the relationship between our two countries is extremely broad. We're in nearly every sector," he said.

"Certainly in agri-business, there's a very deep and long-standing relationship."

Beef trader Tony Gooden from Frontier International has been exporting live cattle to Indonesia for many years.

"We buy from producers, prepare the cattle as per Australian standards of export

of livestock, and consign them to their international destination and Indonesia and Vietnam are principally our biggest markets."

Last year, Frontier exported 90,000 head of cattle to Indonesia.

Mr Gooden spoke highly of his Indonesian partners when asked by CQ Today what it was like to export to the country.

"I find the relationships are very deep and there's a lot of trust. It takes some time to establish the rapport, but once you have the rapport with the Indonesian people, they're very genuine. And they're honourable and quite humble. I find them particularly good people to deal with in the main," he said.

Mr Gooden said the main feedlots were located in Central and West Java and Eastern Sumatra.

Over the years, Mr Gooden has travelled to Indonesia on hundreds of occasions.

"Following through and looking at the product and making sure everyone is happy."

When asked what advice he might have for producers looking to break into the Indonesian market, Mr Gooden said:

"It's very much a relationship-centred business. It's establishing that trust and rapport and managing expectations. Making sure you do what you say and following through on the transaction and being thorough and respectful. Nothing more than good common business practice."







Bush Poet Gary Fogarty.

Bush ballads for Bouldy

By Sean Fox

About 130 caravans were parked on the grounds of the Bouldercombe Progress Association for the Bouldy Bush Ballad Bash earlier

In its 14th year, the popular music festival delivered a great atmosphere with large crowds flocking to hear some of the country's most talented bush poets and country singers which ranged between one of their leading balladeers Jeff Brown and bush poet Gary

Held from May 10 to 16, the event attracted walk-ups and invited artists from near and far to take part in the festival which was held on the Burnett Hwy.

Organiser and performer Keith Jamieson was pleased with its success, even getting support from the committee of Charters Towers Country Music.

"People were happy to get out to another festival after nothing had happened in 2020, there were only positive comments," he said.

Caitlyn Jane Jamieson and Emily Rasmussen were the youngest guests from the Bouldercombe area to perform.

Mr Jamieson wished to thank community radio, ABC and CQ Today for their support.



Ashley Cole.

In other news, Bouldercombe's pony club will be hosting their annual Gymkhana on June 6 with involvement from various clubs in the area.

The Bouldercombe Progress Association has been hosting 'Anne's History Displays' on a monthly basis.

Inspired by local historian Anne Hinchliffe's findings on the town's hevday, they've highlighted different areas of Bouldercombe's past.

After their first exhibit on Australia Day incorporated different organisations, it was followed by a display of bakeries, butcheries and hotels which once operated in the area.

On Anzac Day, there was a memorable display of local men and women from the area who'd served in various wars.

A 'Death Penny' and a bullet shell were shown alongside other memorabilia which Ms Hinchliffe had collected over a period of years, open to discussion and admiration from the community.

The next exhibit (to be held on the last Sunday in June at the Bouldercombe Recreational Complex with free admission) will feature various sporting bodies which have visited the town, along with an acknowledgement of the town's horse racing track and speedway.



One of the leading balladeers Jeff Brown.

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Global cuisines on show

By Duncan Evans

The Central Queensland Multicultural Association (CQMA) held its Taste of the World Festival on Saturday at the Rockhampton showgrounds.

The event offered locals the chance to snack on global cuisines and watch performances from a range of foreign cultures.

Alongside the performances and food stalls selling dishes from Chinese dumplings to Turkish kebabs, a host of activities were put on for all the family to enjoy.

A cooking competition, a jumping castle, rock climbing, face painting and a lantern workshop were some of the attractions featured throughout the day.

CQ Today was on hand to cover the event. Rathika Kopian, a volunteer with the CQMA, helped people decorate the lanterns.

"We have our lantern parade in the evening, so we have a lantern workshop we are doing here. So we provided some lanterns and some stickers to decorate," she said.

Ms Kopian, originally from India, said events like these could serve as sources of connection between communities.

"We are from other countries, so when we come here we can see many other different countries and their culture here," she said.

Tara Cowen, dressed up as part of the Sabaya Belly-Dancing troupe, said she had attended with her friends to sample the delicacies on offer.

"It's beautiful," she said.

"I always try to come to Taste of the World."

The troupe is based in Rockhampton and the word Sabaya means 'group of women.'

Lauren Caesar performed with Tu Te Awaroa roopu (group), a dance troupe from New Zealand.

Speaking with CQ Today, Ms Caesar said it was an amazing experience.

"In our culture, there's something which we call Wairua," she said.

"So that's like the spirit that you can feel when we're dancing. We feel that as you perform. And it's definitely very personal for each person. That's sort of the spirit that we bring, and what we show."

Emma Rutherford attended to offer her support to Ms Caesar.

"I was mesmerized by it," she said.

Ms Caesar and Ms Rutherford are both teachers together at Bouldercombe State School.

Ms Rutherford teaches Years 3,4 and 5, while Ms Caesar teaches Years 2, 3 and 4.

Allirah Tan, a local from nearby Wandal, said it had been a fantastic event.

"I found the event on Facebook and decided to come down and have a bit of lunch."

When asked what cuisine she and her husband had sampled on the day, Ms Tan laughed and replied:

"It's kind of more like what have we not."

Ms Tan listed dumplings, crab and barramundi curry, Thai satay and coconut soft serve as some of the dishes they had snacked on throughout the day.

Yadav Bajagai, a Nepalese gentleman who



The crowd at the Taste of the World Festival in the afternoon

works as a researcher at Central Queensland University (CQU), performed a song called Bhhanchhan Kohi Jindagi for the crowd.

His voice was elegant and tender and in an interview with CQ Today, explained the meaning of the song.

"This is a traditional song and it says that there is nothing as precious as human life, so let's enjoy it with dancing and singing."

Originally from Kathmandu, Mr Bajagai has been in Australia for around 10 years.

Mr Bajagai's fellow CQU researcher Holly Hosking was in attendance.

"It's been really nice," she said.

Alex Hutchinson, who sits on the managing committee for CQMA, manned the sound console in front of the stage.

"No hiccups today," he said.

According to Mr Hutchinson, a core purpose of the CQMA is to help link immigrants and multicultural communities with local resources.

Across the afternoon, CQ Today was lucky enough to witness performances from the New Zealand dance troupe and a performance from Anmol Kaur, an immigrant to Australia from Punjab state in India.

Ms Kaur's performance was most impressive. She performed a dance called Bhangra and moved with joy and hypnotic elegance on the stage while wearing a traditional dress from Punjab.

Speaking with CQ Today after her performance, she joked that the ability to dance the Bhangra was embedded in her genes.

Though most attendees presented a favourable view of the event, some expressed disap-



Councillor Wickerson (left) with Ankalini (centre) and Abenaya during a cook-off competition.

pointment about the lack of cuisine options on offer.

Peter Devoy and Inchen Gill walked towards the gates and spoke briefly with CQ Today about their day out at the showgrounds.

"It wasn't too bad," Ms Gill said.

"We found it pretty good," Mr Devoy said.

"We would have liked to see a bit more variety in some of the more authentic foods, from the different countries."

Indeed, while culinary traditions from

many parts of the world were represented, many were left out.

All of Africa and South and North America were left out. So too most parts of Southeast Asia, the Pacific, Central Asia, Russia and Eastern and Western Europe.

Ms Gill is from Johannesburg in South Africa and noted that famous dishes from her native land were not on offer.

For more photos from this event, turn to page 36





The Rockhampton Mosque on Kent Street.

Open day for mosque

By Duncan Evans

The Rockhampton Mosque will open up its doors to the general public this Saturday to introduce locals to the thought and practice of a minority religion in Australia.

Invitations to attend the communal gettogether have been sent out to a number of prominent local officials.

The mosque, located at 132 Kent Street, was purchased by local Muslims in 2003. It was originally a Dutch church and now caters to roughly 300 Muslim families in the area.

CQ Today was struck by its low-key and spartan aesthetic during a visit last month to report on Ramadan.

The front facade is elegant but it's essentially a brick building which contains a compact prayer space, washing facilities and a small bedroom to the immediate left of the entrance

It is customary to remove one's shoes when entering a mosque and shoe racks line the left side of the entrance hall.

The carpeted prayer space stretches out to the end of the hall. Shafts of light puncture through windows but the room isn't overly bright. Multiple fans whir above from the ceiling and imbue the space with a peaceful, gentle breeze. The outside hum of traffic and noise is shut away and one gets the sense that a Muslim wishing to get closer to Allah, the Islamic term for God, could do so in this space.

A full bookshelf sits at the right corner of the room and on top of the shelf there is a framed photo of the Kaaba, a holy site for Muslims in the city of Mecca, and a framed inscription of a verse from the An-Nur chapter of the Koran.

In an interview with CQ Today, Islamic Society of Central Queensland President Abdul Razaq said the purpose of the Open Day was to develop community ties and respectful relationships.

"People can come together and interact so that to foster the kind of community cohesion. To build cohesion in the community. The essence of the Open Day is just to break down barriers," he said.

"That is the main thing here."

Rockhampton Regional Council supports the open day and will provide some decorative plants to help decorate the mosque for the oc-

"We got a request and we've done this in the past, for the event, they like to dress the place up with decoration plants, office plants if you like," Councillor Drew Wickerson said.

"We have a nursery, and for community events like this, and on application we'll assess, and we're happy to loan those out. It's really just for the event for the day, to dress it up and decorate the place.

"It's not a big deal, but we like to help out where we can."

The worshippers will decorate the mosque in preparation for the event.

"The sisters (female members of the mosque) will set up the decorations on Thursday night," Mr Razaq said.

The Open Day is a yearly event, though it was shuttered last year due to Covid restric-

Saturday's Open Day will be the sixth iteration in Central Oueensland.

An Imam from the Gold Coast, Imraan Husain, has been invited to offer the keynote speech and answer any questions the public might have about his faith.

"He can clear people's misconceptions," Mr Razaq, a local pharmacist, said. The schedule for the Open Day is as follows:

■ 10am: Arrival, meet and greet and morning

- 10.15am: Opening of the program, Quranic recitation and Mr Razaq's opening speech.
- 10.30am: Short address by invited guests
- 11am: Imam Husain's keynote speech and Q
- 12pm: Mosque tour, pick a Hadith, Try a Hijab, giveaways and lunch
- 1pm: Listen to the Azan (the Islamic call to
- 1.30pm: Program concludes

Lunch will be a packed dish of either chicken biryani or beef biryani. Attendees will also be treated to special spring rolls, made in a different fashion from traditional spring rolls.

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

Time for show to go on

By Matthew Pearce

It's certainly been a long wait, but the Yeppoon Show is back in just over a week - and organisers hope it'll be better than ever.

With the show forced to go virtual in 2020 thanks to Covid-19 restrictions, Yeppoon and District Show Society president Ken Landsberg said he hoped built-up demand would mean a bigger turn out than usual when the popular event returns on June 5 and 6.

"It's great to have the show back after missing out last year," he said.

"Normally we get about 6000 to 7000 people through the gates, but I'm hoping we get to 8000 or more this year.

"After Covid, people are wanting to get out, and I think we'll see good crowds if we can get good weather like we had for Beef Week.

"The other shows I've been to lately have all had good weather and that certainly makes a

Mr Landsberg said preparations were going which is a great educational show which ex-

well for the show, although Covid was making things more challenging. As a Covid-safe show, the event will operate under the Shows and Showgrounds Covid Safe Industry Plan.

'OR codes will be scanned as people come in the gates at Park St, and we'll also be marking out the pavilions so that traffic only goes in one way and out the other," Mr Landsberg

"The same goes for the bitumen road going down the centre of the showgrounds and the showman's area.

There will be plenty of entertainment at the show, including new attractions and some old

"Black String Puppets are coming from Perth and bringing life size puppets carved out of Huon pine. We actually hired a bigger stage so they can operate in the ring, allowing more people to see the show," Mr Landsberg

"Reptile Kingdom Australia is also back,

plains what to do with snake bites and how to handle snakes. We were afraid Covid restrictions would be a problem, but because it's out in the open there's no issue, providing it's entry one way and exit the other way and there's hand sanitiser.

"Airtime FMX motorbikes will be doing acts over a ramp, these guys are real daredevils and put on a great show.

"Other attractions will include an alpaca display - showcasing the alpacas themselves and their fibres, the SR Apiaries Beekeeping display and Kylie's Anglo-Nubian milking goats, where kids will be able to have a go at milking the goats themselves.

A true agricultural show, there will be the usual cattle and horses, as well as pavilions with all sorts of competitions - including the new Lego competition, a fireworks display, numerous food stalls and other stallholders - and of course Showmen's Alley.

Mr Landsberg said agricultural shows were important to regional areas like Central Queensland, especially when it came to educating the younger generation.

"We have to keep telling young people how important agriculture is, and remind them of where their food comes from," he said.

"It doesn't matter how much money you spend, you can't buy something that's not there. I keep telling people money's no good for you if you can't grow the food.'

Mr Landsberg said Australia was noted for its agricultural sector.

We have every type of agriculture here in Australia, it's right up there with mining and bringing in the next generation is important."

Entry to the Yeppoon Show is \$10 for adults and \$5 school children and seniors, with under school age free.

If you'd like to volunteer at the show, call Ken Landsberg on 0418 792 993 or email kenlandsberg@hotmail.com

Turn to Page 29 for our Yeppoon Show feature where we spotlight some of the ex-

Companies stepping up for RACQ Capricorn Rescue

By Duncan Evans

Local auto retailer DC Motors will sponsor the 25th anniversary ball for RACQ Capricorn Rescue, set to take place at the Rockhampton Leagues Club on July 16.

Over its 25 years of service, RACQ Capricorn Rescue has grown to become one of Central Queensland's star service providers, organising the rapid deployment of medical and rescue teams to a range of challenging situations and jobs, including major accidents, workplace incidents, inter-hospital transfers and search and rescue missions.

The star of the whole show is the helicopter, on-call 24 hours a day and manned by pilots who work in shifts.

Beginning in 1996, the operation has grown to cover a population of some 300,000 and an area of some 350,000sqkm.

On average, 1.3 tasks are completed each

Annual operating costs are roughly \$10 million a year. The cost to deploy the helicopter alone comes in at \$8000 an hour.

Some 60 per cent of funding comes from the Queensland government and the remaining 40 per cent is sourced from multiple partnerships, sponsors, events and donations.

A striking aesthetic of the helicopter, in addition to its signature blue and yellow colour scheme, is the range of logos that mark it from the propellers to the body.

The names of mammoth companies such as Glencore, BMA, Santos and Anglo American are printed onto the helicopter.

Naming rights partner RACQ takes out prime real estate, its logo stamped across the doors to the cockpit and the tail boom.

Operations Manager Kirsty Wooler said different prices were negotiated according to the position and size of the logos on the he-



licopter. Certain positions are more valuable than others because they are more immediately apparent to the eye.

The Glencore logo, for example, sits just below the propeller blades.

"Glencore is what we call a High Altitude partner," Ms Wooler said.

"There are different levels (of sponsorship) and the size of the logo corresponds

The other High Altitude partners are Australia Pacific LNG, Conoco Phillips, Rockhampton Regional Council and BMA.

Alongside High Altitude partners, there are Blue Sky partners, Lift Off partners, me-

dia partners and other local government partners.

Funds are also collected from the Rescue 300 Club, a collection of local supporters who chip in at least \$1000 to help finance the service. The club takes its name from the call sign of the helicopter and at present, the club has just over 100 members.

Goodbye to seniors club

By Matthew Pearce

Members of the Rockhampton Senior Citizens Club Inc met at the Regent Hotel on Wednesday, May 20 to say thank you to beloved longtime member Lynette Markwell.

With Lynette departing for Wellington Point in Brisbane, club president Shirley Gleeson said the seniors couldn't let her leave without a celebration.

"It was Lynette's drive that got the Senior Citizens back on the road after Covid and ensured we didn't fall by the wayside - she negotiated with the council and she made sure we got our food handlers' certificates," she said.

"We couldn't have gotten our club running again without her loving support and determination.

"Lyn has been our advisor for the past three months now, ensuring that we can draw on the historical information that she's been carrying around with her.

"She just loves everybody and now that she's moving to Wellington Point it's a bit far afield to still be involved with the club, so we'll just have to go ahead on our own.

"Her efforts in recent times are so appreciated."

Lynette said her work with the seniors club had been a big commitment over the years, but had been worth it.

"I lived on a farm for over 20 years before moving to Rockhampton, and would travel from Canoona into town two to three times a week for quite a few years," she said.

"It was a 120km round trip, and sometimes you'd be leaving in the morning when it was still a bit dark and not get home until that night.

"But that was all part and parcel of being part of the club."

She said she had filled a variety of roles with the seniors club over the years including treasurer, promotions officer and working in the kitchen.



The Rockhampton Senior Citizens Club 'working party' say goodbye to member Lynette Markwell at the Regent Hotel.

"In the past four years I'd do a lot of baking at home on Tuesday, before bringing it to Schotia Place on Wednesday, where I'd assist our cook, Jean Robinson in the kitchen," she said.

"At our functions, I'd welcome people into the building, open the club, settle everyone down and introduce the performer.

"The best part of job was definitely mixing with the people and enjoying the function itself"

Lynette also enjoyed hearing the many tales of Rockhampton's oldest residents.

"I've heard a lot of stories over the years from people I've met, mixed with and worked with," she said.

"I welcome anyone who wants to join the

club to come in and become involved, because once this era gone, it'll never happen again.

"The senior citizens of today are gradually passing away. My sister and I - people from our generation - still have stories to tell ourselves, but nothing like the older generation."

Lynette said while she'd miss her friends at the Rockhampton Senior Citizens Club terribly, it was time to move on.

"It's been a journey for me over the years, I've had ups and downs in my family as well, and I'm ready to start a new life and spend some time with my son and granddaughter, who live in Brisbane," she said.

"I don't know what I'll do down there yet, but I have a lot of ideas.

"I wouldn't mind doing some more study at



Rockhampton Senior Citizens Club president Shirley Gleeson (back) with Beth Dagan (nee Newman), Nesta Halvorsen (Demetrius) and Pam Grosskopf (Stickley). Beth, Nesta and Pam all attended high school in Bolsover Street. The old Rocky High building is now home to the Regent Hotel.

TAFE, I've always loved craft and would love to do a floral arranging course, and I also love photography.

"My husband and I would like to do a bit of travelling around Australia and I would like to understand the camera a bit better before that."

The Rockhampton Senior Citizens Club was formed in 1976 and Schotia Place in Bolsover St has been the home of the group ever



Gems set to glitter again

By Duncan Evans

Gemfest 2021 will imbue the Central Highlands with a sparkling glitter this August as the popular gemstone festival returns to full swing following last year's pandemic-induced can-

The small townships of Rubyvale, Sapphire, Anakie and the Willows Gemfields serve as the centre of gem mining and production in Queensland. Together these communities will showcase the state's rich tradition of gem mining and abundance of precious and semi-precious stones over a four-day celebration.

The event, now in its 34th year, will see traders and merchants combine with exhibitions, entertainments, workshops, prizes and demonstrations to give visitors a complete picture of the industry.

Fossicking for gems has undergone something of a boom over the last few years.

According to the Queensland Department of Natural Resources, some 18,000 fossicking licenses were issued between June 2018 and June 2020.

A license to fossick for recreation is easy to obtain and many families have taken on fossicking as a tourist experience.

A month-long license costs just \$12.40 for a family or \$8.65 for an individual. The barriers to entry are minimal, but the commercial rewards are potentially profound.

In 2017, a sapphire as large as a golf ball called the Pride of Tomahawk was discovered at Tomahawk Creek, dug up by an amateur fossicker.

Steve Dobos from the Gemmological Association of Australia told CQ Today that Central Queensland was a prime zone for gem mining because of the geological characteristics of the

"Most of the mining in Australia isn't in the parent rock of course because it's too deep. It isn't even in the lavas because the amount of material that you've got to dig through to liberate or to find a sapphire is huge. So what tends to happen is these basaltic and similar rocks weather away to form soil or dirt and the sapphires have a density, or a specific gravity of about four, which makes them quite heavy per unit volume. Quartz, which is very common, has a specific gravity of 2.65. So that basically these sapphires naturally concentrate in very ancient river beds and creek beds and are subsequently covered over by soil. And most of the prospecting and recovery is from such alluvial gem gravel.

According to Mr Dobos, a gemstone possesses three basic characteristics. Firstly, it must possess beauty, or aesthetic appeal. Secondly, it must be durable, something that can fit on a ring and last for years without degrading away. And finally, it must be sufficiently

Within this broad description, gemstones come in a variety of forms, such as diamonds,



Peter Brown at work in his underground mine circa 2017.

sapphires, rubies, emeralds and topaz stones.

These designations in turn are determined by chemical composition and crystal struc-

Alongside amateur fossickers exist a range of professionals who have built up commercial operations mining for gemstones.

Mitch Brown, co-owner of the popular Rubyvale Gem Gallery, spoke at length with CQ Today about the history of his family's business in the gem trade.

It all began with Mitch's father, Peter, who moved into the area in 1974 to dig up rough

After a price collapse hit sapphires in 1979-1980, Mr Brown turned his hand to gemcutting and over time built up a successful value-added business combining mining with cutting and retail.

In 1980, Mr Brown met his wife Eileen and in 1988, they opened up the popular shopfront that stands today at Rubyvale.

"Now we do the whole lot," Mitch said said. "We mine and cut them, and then design and manufacture the jewellery as well. Taking

it right through to retail product. Traditionally,

there would be multiple sets of hands on any

their own sapphire, which is pretty unique in the world. There's not too many places where there are valuable gemstones that the average sort of punter can just go out and dig up," he

raw product before it gets to the retail point. So

what we're doing is doing all of that ourselves.

And it's integrated with us being a tourist des-

According to Mitch, the tourism compo-

"It's really an incredible resource that is

nent of the business has escalated in recent

open to the public to go out and actually find

tination.'

"You wouldn't go looking for emeralds in Colombia or diamonds in Africa."

The Brown enterprise is not a heavy machinery-led mining operation, which requires a separate permit.

Originally, Mr Brown extracted gems by deploying a jackhammer with a shovel and wheel-barrow.

As the business grew, Mr Brown shifted to an underground hydraulic breaker and this is the method employed today.

"We break down the wash and transport it with a mechanised wheelbarrow to large bucket that we hoist up approximately 12 metres to the surface," Mitch explained.

'There it is processed by our rig that consists of a trammel, that screens the different grades of sand and gravel until we have the size that we want to go into the pulsator. The pulsator uses water and gravity to separate sapphires from the rest of the wash."

The Browns lease the land they mine from the government through a mineral exploration permit.

We're lucky. Dad had the foresight to peg claims in the late 1970s and early 80s that were the old 100m by 100m size," Mitch said.

New claims are limited to 30m by 30m blocks.

Mr Brown sadly passed away this year, but the legacy he and his wife developed over the years continues in their sons Mitch and Tyler, who have taken up the trade and appear well positioned to maintain this impressive tradi-

"It's a family business," Mitch said.

"Together with our employees, we are a family business that loves what we do and we're passionate about sharing our story with our visitors and customers.

Diverse range of electric vehicles on show at Yeppoon

A local not-for-profit community group will showcase a diverse range of electric vehicles (EVs) at the end of May. Organised by Capricorn Coast Landcare with Livingstone Shire Council's Community Centre, the free event was planned to help bust common myths about EVs and allow curious car nuts to ask car owners about their driving experiences.

The event takes place at Beaman Park on James Street in Yeppoon this Saturday from 9am to 11am.

EVs on display will include Teslas, a Nissan LEAF, Mitsubishi Minicab MiEV, a converted Toyota Hilux ute, the new MG ZS, e-bicycles, a custom built trike and a few hybrid vehicles

According to Capricorn Coast Landcare, EVs are here to stay and are becoming more popular in Queensland as drivers realise the long-term savings from owning an EV.

Sabrina Burke, coordinator at Capricorn Coast Landcare Group, speaks highly of the small electric Mitsubishi Minicab van that their group uses to carry tools and sacks of weeds and litter.

"The van costs 4c/km to run, compared to



A Tesla charges in Mittagong. The EV belongs to Arthur Hunt of Yeppoon and was taken on a recent road trip to Melbourne.

a Holden double cab ute which costs around a diesel-powered vehicle has hundreds of 16c/km to run," she said.

"It has one moving part, a motor, whereas

moving parts. Fewer moving parts means our electric van requires less periodic maintenance. No oil changes, filter replacements, periodic tune ups, exhaust system repairs, no pumps and belts. Plus it is silent, emits no smelly exhaust and has instant power when the driver accelerates."

Some EVs, like a Tesla, are prohibitively pensive for many to buy, but the latest MG EV costs less than \$45,000, and a suite of new and cheaper electric cars will be entering the Australian car market in the coming year.

EVs can attract lower registration fees and some states offer stamp duty waivers and other incentives to encourage uptake. Despite some contesting that EVs require coal-fired power to recharge, the Australian national grid is becoming increasingly powered by renewables, so recharging an EV with clean energy is becoming a reality.

Most vehicles at the event are privately or council-owned, with a couple of car dealers to show new vehicles. Some of the e-bicycles will be available to take for a trial spin.

This free event is organised by Capricorn Coast Landcare group with in-kind support from Livingstone Shire Council's Community







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Wheely good volunteers

By Sean Fox

Rockhampton's Meals on Wheels branch has celebrated National Volunteer Week with special morning teas to thank its workers for their tireless efforts.

Each day throughout last week, volunteers gathered between 10.15am and 11am to socialise and reflect on their work together.

Having served as the Business and Operations Manager in Rockhampton for the past two and a half years, Margo Haks said the organisation could not continue its service without the help of their volunteers.

"We find it important to acknowledge the time and effort our volunteers contribute to the Rockhampton Meals on Wheels service," she said.

"Without their continued support, we would not be able to operate our meal service to our clients."

The volunteers assist with the preparation and presentation of meals while others deliver meals to the customers.

"They offer a valued support to the kitchen and a daily social interaction offering a friendly smile and a chat to our clients," Ms Haks said.

"As a show of thanks, we are providing a variety of morning teas and a certificate of appreciation to all of our amazing volunteers."

There are approximately 130 volunteers

There are approximately 130 volunteers at the branch which includes the Meals on Wheels committee members, serving an average of 320 clients in the Rockhampton and Gracemere areas.

"We provide meals to the frail, elderly, people living with disabilities and those with short-term injury and health concerns," she



The 2021 Rockhampton Meals on Wheels volunteers' morning tea.

Great weekend for Rocky dog obedience club trials

By Rockhampton Dog Obedience Club

The weekend saw 20 handlers and 24 dogs at Duthie Park for the May Rockhampton Dog Obedience Club trial. The weather was perfect and the weekend was enjoyed by all competitors - handlers and dogs.

Achieving their third qualifying certificate in Novice Strategic pairs - Cathy and Luna and Renay and Archer - are eligible for their Novice Strategic Pairs Title.

Strategic Pairs is a pair's relay; two dogand-handler teams are on the course at the same time. It is conducted on a single course with 20 to 25 sequentially numbered obstacles. The teams can switch as many times as is necessary or is strategically planned with the provision that there must be at least two strategic exchanges and both teams must run at least one segment of the course. The judge uses a whistle to signal when a dog has missed an obstacle and the second dog must attempt the obstacle. If both teams fault the same obstacle, they must continue alternately attempting the obstacle until it is correctly performed before resuming the course.

Courses are not flowing in design and are usually somewhat disjointed with 180 turns and variable distances - some of them very long - between obstacles. Handlers have 10 mins to walk the course (without their dog) once it is set. During that time handlers work out what sections each team will complete and what their signals will be for the next team to start their run, also what they will call if they miss an obstacle and the other team needs to change at this point. So a good plan before the run starts can change in an instant if an obstacle is missed. This means each team must know the other's sections, in case they need to swap mid-run.

It was a great run for Cathy and Luna with Renay and Archer, with only one repeated obstacle on the last leg home, finishing with a time of 67.23 seconds well inside the maximum course time of 114.00 seconds.

The Rally trial was well supported with 14 competitors entering in the double Sunday trial. There was a very high success rate with many competitors walking away with a qualifying certificate and Christine and Mannie with their Rally Advanced Title with a score of 84/100. The objective of Rally is to provide a



Luna and Cathy with Renay and Archer, left picture, Christine and Mannie, right had a great trial for May.

fast-moving and motivational sport for both handler and dog that demonstrates competency in basic obedience exercises without the precision of formal obedience. Dogs in Rally events should demonstrate willingness and enjoyment.

Results Saturday 22/05/2021 (Qualifying Certificates = Q)

Obedience Placings

- CDX Companion Dog Excellent Wonelook We will Rock you, WIntoppi Inky, Mac
- CD Companion Dog Gracie
- CCD Community Companion Runwylde High Rola, Winnie, Dalillu Last Train to London

Games/Agility/Jumping Placings

- Masters Gamblers 1st Wonelook We Will
 Rock You
- \blacksquare Excellent Gamblers 1st Archer
- Novice Gamblers 1st Spock (Q), 2nd Luna,

- 3rd Wintoppi Inky
- Novice Agility 1st Oi (Q), 2nd Woollys Pippi, 3rd Wonelook We Will Rock You
- Masters Agility 1st Yoyo
- Open Agility 1st Zoe Zo Zo (Q), 2nd Archer, 3rd Wonelook We Will Rock You
- Open Jumping 1st Spock, 2nd Scruffy, 3rd Wonelook We Will Rock You
- Masters Jumping 1st Zoe Zo Zo
- Excellent Jumping 1st Archer (Q), 2nd Luna (Q), 3rd Ryan
- Novice Jumping 1st Spock (Q), 2nd Woollys Pippi, 3rd Wintoppi Inky

Results Sunday 23/05/2021 (Qualifying Certificates = Q) Rally Placings

- Rally Master Wonelook We Will Rock You
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- Rally Excellent Beladele Diamond Dee

- (Q), Avoka Nesslae (Q), Wintoppi Inky (Q), Bellababes Tilly (Q), Mac (Q), Nanuq Neverending Story (Q)
- Rally Advanced Bellababes Tilly (Q), Mannie (Q), Runwylde High Rola (Q)
- Rally Novice Woollys Pippi (Q), Chip (Q), Luna (Q), Dalillu Last Train to London (Q)

Games/Agility/Jumping Placings

- Open Agility 1st Spock
- Masters Agility 1st Zoe Zo Zo (Q)
- Novice Agility 1st Archer, 2nd Wintoppi Inky, 3rd Wonelook We Will Rock You
- Novice Strategic Pairs 1st Luna and Archer
 (Q)
- Open Jumping 1st Wonelook We Will Rock You, 2nd Zoe Zo Zo
 Excellent Jumping - 1st Archer (Q), 2nd
- Excellent Jumping 1st Archer (Q), 2nd Luna (Q)
- Novice Jumping 1st Wintoppi Inky (Q), 2nd Spock

A big region needs a fast response



Lifesaving link for many

RACQ CapRescue has responded to 25 tasks in the past 12 months involving riders falling from horses on remote properties across Central Queensland.

Often suffering serious injuries and hours from sufficient medical treatment, the Rescue300 crew provide the lifesaving link of medical care for these patients.

Early in April, the crew were tasked near Biloela to a 52 year old who had suffered suspected spinal and head injuries following a horse fall.

Given the potential severity of the incident, the patient remained at the scene until RACQ CapRescue arrived with the onboard medical team.

The Critical Care Paramedic and Doctor provided the vital treatment the patient required and stabilised them for the flight to Rockhampton Hospital.

Later in the month, Rescue300 were tasked to the Springsure airfield following a similar incident when a woman in her early twenties also fell from a horse.

Situated on a property hours from the hospital, via country roads, QAS paramedics were first to arrive at the scene and provide the initial treatment and stabilisation of the patient.

She was then transported a further 100km's to the airstrip to meet our Rescue300 crew.

Upon arrival at Rockhampton Hospital, both patients received scans to determine the severity of their conditions; a service that smaller, regional hospitals cannot always accommodate.

Thanks to the efficiency of RACQ CapRescue and accessibility of patients in remote areas, our rural community can rely on us when things go wrong, because we know a big region needs a fast response.



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What's the real cost?

Did you know that the RACQ CapRescue crew's uniform and safety equipment costs approximately \$23,680 each?! Yes, you heard that right. Each crew member is equipped with the latest safety gear including a helmet, night vision goggles, flight suit, complete personal floatation device, harness, boots, and gloves. All of which are required to be replaced regularly to ensure optimal safety.

Currently there are 10 crew members, costing RACQ CapRescue over \$236,800 just for crew attire and safety equipment, which is essential to providing their lifesaving service.



To help RACQ CapRescue meet the cost of saving a life, please head to caprescue.org.au and donate today.

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Davis Station in Antarctica.

On the edge with Rachael

By Duncan Evans

Rachael Robertson has intimate experience with extreme environments.

In 2005, she served as station leader for Australia's Davis Station, one of three permanent research facilities established in the desolate landscapes of Antarctica.

CQ Today was lucky enough to spend some time talking with Ms Roberston about her life-changing experience and the insights into human psychology she garnered from the mission at the Westpac marquee during Beef Australia 2021.

For nine months of the year, a dark winter prevails and the station's human footprint falls to just 18, mostly made up of tradies who work through the long months to keep the station humming and ready for the next summer's research program.

Ms Roberston led the small team throughout and survived to share with the world what it means to be so tightly enmeshed with a small group of other human beings over such a long period of time.

"It's like the Big Brother house but we can't vote people out," she said with a laugh.

Ms Roberston said regional Australians possessed a natural aptitude for working in tight-knit environments.

"We actually have a lot of regional Australians working in Antarctica because they're good at working in small communities. They're used to that lack of privacy, the living close so that people know who you are, wherever you go. So we sort of punch about our weight and have a strong representation in Antarctica for that reason."

The size of the station is comparable to a primary school, with some half-dozen buildings. Given the extremity of the environment, however, the team were mostly kept indoors.

"We were strongly discouraged from going outside, unless you absolutely need to, mainly because it's dangerous. It's dark, it's slippery, you certainly can't go out by yourself, because if you slip over and hurt yourself, no one will even know that you're out there," she said.

"So even if we do leave a station for a walk or to go and photograph penguins or something, we have to go in a group of three, so that if one of us gets hurt, one person stays with the injured party and the other one goes for help. So you literally can never get away from each other. And so knowing that, I had to think, 'Okay, well, if you can't get away from each other, how can we make it more palatable? Or an easier place to live? Knowing that we can't get away from each other."



Rachael Robertson at the Westpac marquee during Beef Australia 2021.

Talking with Ms Robertson, it all seems the perfect setting for an unsettling thriller film.

Thankfully, though, Ms Robertson's team did not disintegrate into cinematic chaos. The mission was a success and Ms Robertson's ability to embed an effective ethos into the team was a core part of that accomplishment.

She encapsulates the ethos with the phrase 'respects trumps harmony.'

"When you come to a normal job, you might be able to pretend for eight hours, or you might be able to put on a persona for eight hours," Ms Robertson explained.

"When you're living with your team for 24 hours. You can't do that. And so it was okay, given that, how do I create a culture where people would speak up? And so the mantra of our team was respect trumps harmony, and that just meant we don't always have to agree with each other, we don't have to love each other. But we will always treat each other with respect. And I did that very deliberately."

"I wanted to create a culture where people could speak up and say how they were feeling and not have to pretend or hide something because you can see it's not possible, when you are there for 24 hours a day with your work colleagues. And some of them will push buttons, you know, we're all going to have to work with someone at some stage who just pushes your buttons."

An intriguing part of Ms Roberston's story is how the experience changed her view of human psychology from before and after the event

She said people had different levels of emotional self-awareness. Some are keenly wired into their own feelings and the feelings of others and alter their behaviour accordingly to maintain a sense of harmony. Some, however, lack this understanding and require coaching to make them more aware of how their feelings could impact others.

"We had a culture of no triangles, which is,

I don't speak to you about him. I've got something to say to him, I go directly to him," she said.

"I implemented that to build respect in the team. I never thought that I'd spend two months teaching the guys how to have that conversation."

For a richer discussion of the leadership philosophy Ms Robertson pursued at Davis Station, readers may wish to consume two of her books on the subject: Leading From the Edge, published in 2013, and Respect Trumps Harmony, published last year.

As the conversation nosed towards its completion, CQ Today asked Ms Roberston whether Antarctica had imprinted something visceral and unforgettable into her mind and heart and Ms Robertson replied in the affirmative. She spoke eloquently about what her time on the stark continent had come to mean to her.

"I miss the place. I desperately miss the place," she said.

"I knew when I was leaving on the ship as we were sailing out for the two week voyage home, I knew there was a very remote chance I'd ever get back there. And I really miss it. I think what I miss most is the wildlife, you know the penguins. But I miss the colours. And I'd gone in there thinking Antarctic is just white. I didn't realise that because it's so cold, there are crystals floating in the air and the sun hits the crystals and creates these colours like purples and pinks and colours that don't even have a name And it's just visually stunning."

More than the stunning imagery, Antarctica seems to possess a penchant for transforming human beings.

"It's the scale and the remoteness of the place," Ms Robertson said.

"You spend a lot of time inside your own head. And every person I've spoken to who spent time there, even on holidays, has said it has changed their life. And I've spent a lot of time trying to understand what that is."

"And what I think it is, it's kind of like anyone who's been through lockdown with Covid-19, everything stops, so your world shrinks to just this little place where you're living now. And so we had no mobile phones, we had no distractions, no traffic. We're living in this very small little place and things just slow down. And there's nothing else to think about. So you start to think about your life, and where you are in your life, and am I where I thought it would be and what do I want to do?"

"And you get that really reflective sort of feeling. And I think that's why it changes lives because it gives us the space to stop and slow down and just reflect."

Bumper month for miner

By Duncan Evans

Central Queensland resources company TerraCom Resources booked improved results for the month of April at its Blair Athol and South African operations, offering some respite to what has been a difficult year for the company.

In an Australian Securities Exchange (ASX) announcement dated May 11, the company recorded operating earnings before interest, taxes, depreciation and amortisation (EBIT-DA) of \$7 million at Blair Athol, or an EBITDA margin of approximately \$28 per tonne.

According to a company statement, the result was underpinned by achieving a cost base of approximately \$60 per tonne.

"Coal sales at BA (Blair Athol) remain strong and all sales for the June 2021 quarter (totalling 675,000 tonnes) have been contracted," the company states.

"Export thermal coal prices remain strong, and the Company is well placed to continue to take advantage of the improved pricing position, in both Australia and South Africa."

TerraCom's South African operations booked an operating EBITDA of \$3.5 million.

Together with the results from Blair Athol, the results suggest a brighter June quarter for the company, or at least an improvement on its March quarter.

"The combined result achieved for the month of April 2021 (A\$10.5 million) equates to more than 50 per cent of the combined result achieved for the entire March 2021 Quarter (A\$14.7 million)," the company states.

The market has responded positively to the announcements.

On May 10, shares in the company were priced at 10 cents. Following the May 11 figures, the price rocketed to 15 cents.

The price has since drifted back to hover at 12 cents at the time of printing.

The improved operating performance brings some light to what has been a dark year



A mining mural in Clermont.

for the company.

TerraCom is being investigated by the Australian Securities and Investment Commission (ASIC) over possible corruption in its coal testing processes.

ASIC raided the Blair Athol site, located north of Clermont, on March 29 to collect information on the matter.

It is alleged that the company's coal may not have been certified correctly and that the calorific content, or the energy released by the coal when burned, may have been artificially inflated to elevate the perceived quality of the coal.

The ASIC raid follows a punishing March 1 report charting the company's half-year results for the period ending December 31, 2020.

The company revealed an after-tax net loss of \$60.4 million and its EBITDA booked a loss of \$27.5 million.

On that day, the stock price plummeted 32 per cent as investors grappled with some bleak realities exposed in the report.

The market capitalisation of the company declined from roughly \$100 million before the

March 1 announcement to some \$75 million at the end of the trading day as the share price crashed from 14 cents at the opening bell to 9.5 cents at the close.

Though the early months of this year have been a particularly bleak period for the company, the trend in TerraCom stock has been consistently negative for years. On March 1, 2019, stock in the company was priced at 63 cents per share.

The company is an important employer for the Central Highlands region. The Blair Athol site employs 155 people directly.



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Current Affairs Robert Schwarten



No reason to shun dogs at outdoor entertainment venues

The latest survey by insurer iING reveals that one in three pet owners regard their pets at about the same level or better than their spouses or other family. At a recent fundraiser for Autism Support Dogs a teenager addressed the 500 strong crowd telling his story of progress from non-verbal introvert to the situation we were witnessing because of his four-legged companion beside him on stage. This week there was a story about dogs sniffing out crazy ants in cane fields to aid their extermination.

Dogs are employed in fighting crime, protecting our borders, go to war in all manner of capacities and are used in many health support roles. Man's best friend loves his master unequivocally and, it has been proven, will lay down its life for him. As a society we abhor cruelty to these creatures and I recall a case many years ago when the RSPCA raised \$60,000 in just two days by public subscription to appeal a case of cruelty at Mount Morgan.

Last week, our friends from the Gold Coast were travelling through from a trip up to Mackay and stayed with us at the beach. On their way out the next day we had coffee at the lagoon at Yeppoon. They have a kindly affectionate golden retriever. We have just one dog left after age and heart-breaking euthanasia decisions took our eldest other two. Piper is an 11-year-old Kelpie, he is a very docile animal. We took our dogs with us.

The coffee was ordered, the dogs secured by their leads to the stool leg in the outdoor area. We weren't there long when an exceptionally polite young lifeguard came over and advised us we had to move beyond the council regulated area. We obliged without complaint as we should have - it is not this decent young man who made the rules. We moved to the



An Australian war dog.

grassed area as he suggested and enjoyed the scenery and the coffee.

It prompted our friends to comment on

Picture: ROYAL AUSTRALIAN AIR FORCE

travelling regional Queensland. They outlined various stories of being refused entry to all manner of hospitality because of their dog.

The reason for their surprise is that they reside at Main Beach on the Gold Coast, just a few quick steps from the busy and famous Tedder Avenue. Along that strip you will find dogs at every eatery. There's even bowls of water provided. Patrons sit happily with their hounds and there seems no problem of any sort.

So the question is, why are we different in the regions? We certainly love our dogs as much as those who live on the Gold Coast do. Our dogs are just as well behaved as their glitter strip cousins. We have identical outdoor venues. There is no logical reason, so I am hoping someone can tell me why we shun our dogs when it comes to outdoor entertainment venues. Certainly no one I have asked across a broad spectrum of people can tell me, so I'm hopeful that some reader can enlighten us.

On the subject of dogs, I would like to put in a plug for Capricorn Animal Aid. This is a great organisation of volunteers who match deserted dogs with new owners. They do a fantastic job and Judy and I are proud foster carers. I also run a program at Rocky High with kids who volunteer to build timber projects that Cap Animal Aid can sell. Our latest projects are old style timber laundry trolleys. My brother Peter recycles roof timbers discarded from the reroofing that's happening in every suburb and we do the rest. The offcuts of the process are bagged as firewood and for sale at Cap Animal Aid - it's quality seasoned stuff including pine kindling which is almost unheard of in the private market. So if you want to do your bit to help then keep an eye out for the trolleys when they come on the market soon. And if you like a fire during the colder months do not go past the wood.

Current Affairs Matt Canavan



Battling for Aussie cattle

This weekend marks the 10 year anniversary of the ABC's Four Corners documentary on live cattle that devastated many people and businesses in Central Queensland.

The documentary uncovered shocking mistreatment of cattle, exported from Australia to Indonesia. The animal cruelty was from a limited number of rudimentary abattoirs, none of which were the direct responsibility of the Australian cattle industry.

The then Labor government made the correct decision first. It banned Australian cattle being exported to the facilities identified in the documentary. However, it then buckled to a rampant pressure campaign and shut down the live cattle trade to Indonesia overnight.

Within weeks cattle prices crashed and many producers had no market to sell their cattle. A drought meant some had no choice but to cull their own herd. The impact was felt right through Australia, even for cattle producers in southern Australia who would never send cattle to Indonesia. Thousands of other jackeroos, truck drivers and helicopter pilots lost their jobs from a knee-jerk government reaction.

The Labor government's response to a backlash created another backlash as the sympathy of Australians turned to those Labor had put out of a job, and the family farmers who were at their wits' end through no fault of their own. The ban only lasted a month, the trade to Indonesia was restored and the market has gone from strength from strength since.

Cattle prices are now double what they



Northern Territory Cattle Association CEO Tracey Hayes.

were after the trade was banned 10 years ago.

The impact of these price increases were clear to see at the most successful Beef Week ever in Rockhampton a few weeks ago. I have never seen Rocky busier. There were a record 115,000 people through the gate and 63 tonnes of beef eaten - or about 250,000 steaks - work-

ing out at an average of just over two steaks per person. I might have batted above the average.

A big congratulations to Bryce Camm, Ian Mill and the whole Beef Australia team for their wonderful efforts organising such a world class event, even if the world couldn't come this time thanks to coronavirus.

If there is a silver lining from the live cattle ban fiasco, it is that it reminded us all how important the beef industry is. You only miss something when it is gone, and boy did we miss the live cattle trade. No government will ban such a large part of the beef market like that again.

One reason that won't happen is because some determined cattle producers - led by the Northern Territory Cattle Association CEO, Tracey Hayes - won a court case last year against the decision. They fought for almost a decade for justice. Finally the judge ruled last year that the then Labor government acted in 'misfeasance of public office'. A rare charge that allows those affected by a government decision to be compensated for their losses.

There was a time last year when it looked like the government would challenge this decision, delaying justice for cattle producers. Myself and other Nationals senators lobbied hard against a challenge and eventually the government agreed with us. Something like \$500 million will now be paid to cattle producers amounting to a huge injection of capital into the industry.

Such an injection comes at the right time as producers look to expand production in response to the higher demand and prices for our high quality beef. The beef industry is in such a strong position now that it would take more than a TV program to knock it off course. That is great news for us who live in and around the beef capital.

Current Affairs Michelle Landry

Families and the budget

Despite the immense challenges of the past 15 months, Australia is roaring back to life.

I'm so proud of our achievements. We have stuck together. We have looked out for each other. And we have followed the health advice which has kept our nation safe.

Our national economy is booming with unemployment falling to just 5.5 per cent. This is lower than before Covid-19 hit, which is in-

However, the job is not done. There is more to do. We are still faced with a global pandemic that continues to rage across the world.

We must secure our nation's recovery going forward and the Morrison government's 2021 federal budget puts Aussie families at the centre of this plan.

As the Assistant Minister for Children and Families, I'm thrilled that our budget will deliver record commitments in the essential services that millions of families rely on.

Aged care is something I care deeply about. To help our seniors we will provide an extra \$17.7 billion to improve the aged care system, and we will add another 80,000 new home care packages - taking the total to 275,000.

Other key elements of this package include increasing the time that nurses spend with residents, as well as providing retention bonuses and new training places. We will also strengthen the regulatory regime to monitor and enforce standards of care.



Treasurer Josh Frydenberg delivers the budget.

our government will commit a further \$13.2 billion for the NDIS.

With more than 450,000 Australians signed For people with a disability I'm pleased that up to the scheme, and 100,000 joining in the past year alone, it's crucial that the NDIS is fully funded and sustainable going into the future.

Mental health is another passion of mine.

Tragically more than 65,000 Australians attempt to take their life each year. In this budget there is an additional \$2.3 billion for mental health support, which will increase the number of Headspace Centres and strengthen suicide prevention efforts.

 $Our\,\$1.7\,billion\,child care\,package\,will\,boost$ Australia's workforce and make childcare even cheaper - benefitting about 1150 families here in Capricornia.

Since the federal coalition government was elected in 2013, we have doubled school funding. I'm delighted that \$2 billion will go into preschools, given their vital role in supporting a child's development.

To combat the horror of domestic violence there is \$1.1 billion in further funding to help women impacted by abuse - which includes new financial payments, more counselling, more emergency accommodation and more legal support.

We have also announced a \$354 million Women's Health Strategy, with new funding to address cervical and breast cancer, improve mental health support for new mums and more action to prevent premature births.

Through all these measures, this is a federal budget that puts families at the forefront of Australia's recovery from the pandemic.

If you would like further information on any of these announcements, please don't hesitate to get in touch with my office.



Gladstone Regional Council is committed to taking action towards reconciliation.

Council's Reconciliation Action Plan (RAP) is about developing strong foundations on which to build relationships to achieve a lasting and successful investment in reconciliation. Our current 'Innovate' RAP outlines actions that work towards achieving Councils unique vision for reconciliation in the Gladstone Region.

This National Reconciliation week, we look back at Councils achievements towards reconciliation over the past 3 years.

December 2018 - Formation of the Gladstone Regional Council Reconciliation Action Plan Reference Group

December 2018 - Council naming of infrastructure assets policy updated to include consultation where indigenous name **January 2019** - Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Cultural Protocol Events Policy created

February 2019 - Reconciliation Page created on Gladstone Regional Council's website

April 2019 - Aboriginal Artwork painted on four pillars attached to the Gladstone Regional Art Gallery & Museum

May 2019 - Gladstone Regional Council hosted its first Reconciliation Elders Morning Tea during National Reconciliation Week

June 2019 - Council Membership of Supply

July 2019 - NAIDOC Activities conducted

July 2019 - Gladstone Regional Art Gallery & Museum extended an invitation to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander artists to exhibit their work

May 2020 - Video for Council's Corporate Orientation Inductions was developed

June 2020 - Welcome to Country road highway signs installed

November 2020 - NAIDOC Afternoon Tea with Councillors and Community

December 2020 - GRC adopted a second RAP 'Innovate'

February 2021 - Formation of our internal **RAP Champions Group**

March 2021 - Cultural Awareness Training delivered to Councillors, Executive Leadership Team and Staff

Visit www.gladstone.qld.gov.au/reconciliationaction-plan to view Councils 'Innovate' RAP and to learn more about National Reconciliation Week.



OPINION

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A plea for a lost friend

Anyone living in the section of The Range roughly bordering Albert, West, Cambridge and Murray Streets who may have taken in a 9-month old very strikingly-coloured ginger kitten on or after February 13 - please be aware that this little darling is lost, having escaped from my home when I squeezed out the barely-open screen door with a washing basket, and he streaked past me and vanished, even though my yard is fully fenced.

Monty is microchipped and desexed. I bought him from the RSPCA on January 21 this year to help me recover from the trauma of losing my little family of two cats and one dog over a six-month period last year, from which I have never recovered. There was just me and Monty who would now be 12 months old.

If someone out there has Monty or knows where he is, please do the right thing and take him (or get him taken) to the Alma Street Vet where I am well known, and they will scan him as proof he is mine, and I can have my dear little friend back. The RSPCA put this information on their website as soon as he disappeared because I don't belong to any social media sites. I will also give a reward to any person who takes him to the Alma Street vet. That's my promise. So please leave your address with them and I will leave something in your letterbox.

Teri Robertson The Range

Praise for AstraZeneca

I believe the federal government and all concerned have done a magnificent job in developing and supplying us with a safe vaccine to combat this evil virus. There has been a lot of unwarranted scare mongering about the AstraZeneca vaccine of late causing a lot of confusion amongst the community about the possible minor effects of the vaccine.

My wife and I who are both in the over 50 age group received our AstraZeneca vaccine last week at the Rockhampton Respiratory Clinic at the Gracemere Family Practice, and I would like to let you all know that we have had no after effects at all, just a minor feeling where the needle went. I think there's a bigger chance of your car being stolen than having any effects from this vaccine and I believe if we want to control this Covid virus it's up to us to get ourselves vaccinated to ensure with winter coming on that we don't see another outbreak which we won't be able to control if there is not enough of us vaccinated.

Gary Howard, Gracemere

In support of VAD

In coming months, our 93 state MPs will vote on a proposed law to introduce voluntary assisted dying (VAD).

The state government asked the independent and expert Queensland Law Reform Commission (QLRC) to draft a VAD Bill which has now been released and will soon be the subject of scrutiny and feedback by the parliamentary health committee before being debated by MPs in September.

The QLRC's report and draft bill mark a milestone in the long and hard battle to secure VAD laws for Queenslanders.

Many people involved with Dying With Dignity Queensland have waged this fight for more than 30 years.

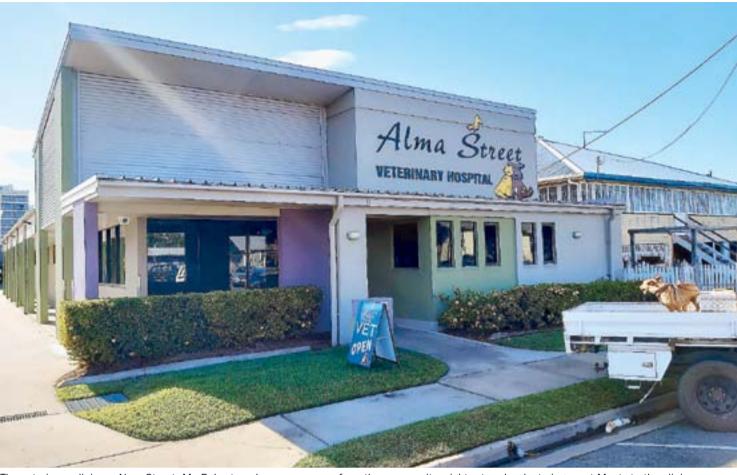
Many of them could have benefited from a VAD law but have died long before seeing the latest positive developments in the law reform

As we continue to push for VAD laws we should remember them.

VAD laws have been passed in Victoria, Western Australia, and Tasmania, and already operate in many places overseas. But there is no guarantee the Queensland bill will succeed.

So all Queenslanders wanting a better choice at the end of life must let their local MP know that they are expecting them to vote for VAD.

While MPs will have a conscience vote on the VAD Bill, they should remember that the bill is not about them.



The veterinary clinic on Alma Street. Ms Robertson hopes someone from the community might return her lost ginger cat Monty to the clinic.

It is about giving terminally ill people or those dying from a neurological condition a voluntary choice to end their intolerable suffering.

Voluntary assisted dying will not result in a single extra death but it will mean a lot less suffering.

Jos Hall, President Dying With Dignity Queensland

Covid conspiracies

In a previous edition I had a letter and part of this letter, I pointed out that a news item about a pantomime played out showing the Queensland premier with her sleeve rolled up supposedly getting a Covid injection, which was not very convincing due to the fact that the syringe still had it's protective sheath still

After this letter I received some criticism from staunch Labor party lovers that I did not know what I was talking about! Well, on tonight's (May 20) Win News I was vindicated as it was stated by the premier that neither the state's health officer nor the premier herself has fronted up to get vaccinated for Covid, which reinforces my claim that the premier and the Queensland Labor party cannot be trusted. But this is not a startling revelation about Labor.

N Timms, Bungundarra

A letter for road safety

Fatality Free Friday falls on this Friday, May 28, and is a constant reminder to be aware of the fatal five causes of road fatalities that are: drugs and alcohol, speeding, fatigue, seatbelts and distractions.

Queensland is not off to a good start when into the first five months we have had 100 casualties (impacted families). We had 76 the same time last year.

Lots of questions need to be asked in regards to why this is happening, despite all the road safety education, police enforcement and messages going into the community?

What inspires someone to get drugged or drink and drive on our roads putting their lives and the lives of others at risk? Why would someone risk overtaking on blind hill crests and over double lines where there is no clear line of sight? Why would someone drive head on into another innocent driver doing the right thing? Why would someone fail to give way at

a stop sign or at traffic lights? Why are people taking the risks that could put themselves and others into serious collisions?

Is it because that they think it could never happen to them and are prepared to roll the dice of chance despite all the warnings?

It cannot be any clearer than night time and day - if you push the envelope then it is only a matter of time before your luck runs out and you either die or become permanently injured for the rest of your life.

There is an important message on a bill-board and a memorial site approaching traffic coming from Gladstone into Rockhampton near Midgee: "The keys to road safety are in your hands".

Who is to blame as it is everyone's responsibility to drive safely when they receive their

TEXT TO EDITOR

JOANNE, C.Q.: "Bleeding hearts will not make us vegan. It will be research studies of high animal protein and fat consumption and the excessive medical costs that governments will be unable to afford that will move us towards veganism."

MARION, FRENCHVILLE: "Great article by Keith Everton 20 May on Confronting changing mores! Totally agree with your perspective Keith. The world's gone mad."

driver's license, not the police, not the government but yourself.

Leyland Barnett,

Berserker



Lynchy's Joke of the Week

Talking dog for sale

A guy spots a sign outside a house that reads 'Talking Dog for Sale'. Intrigued, he walks in.

"So what have you done with your life?" he asks the dog.

"I've led a very full life," says the dog.
"I lived in the Alps rescuing avalanche victims. Then I served my country in Iraq. And now I spend my days reading to the residents of a retirement home."

The guy is flabbergasted. He asks the dog's owner, "why on earth would you want to get rid of an incredible dog like that?"

The owner says, "because he's a liar! He never did any of that!"

ON THIS DAY

May 27 is recognised as Sun Screen Day.

On this day in history:

1679: Habeaus Corpus Act (strengthening person's right to challenge unlawful arrest and imprisonment) passes in England.

1703: Saint Petersburg (Leningrad) founded by Russian Tsar Peter the Great.

1873: Heinrich Schliemann discovers 'Priam's Treasure' a cache of gold and other objects in Hisarlik (Troy) in Anatolia.

1905: Japanese fleet destroys the Russian East Sea fleet in the Battle of Tsushima, the only decisive clash between modern steel

battleships in history.

1940: British and Allied forces begin the evacuation of Dunkirk (Operation Dynamo) during WWII.

1963: Jomo Kenyatta elected first Prime Minister of Kenya.

1999: The International Criminal Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia indicts Slobodan Milosevic and four others for war crimes and crimes against humanity committed in Kosovo.

2006: Earthquake strikes Java, Indonesia, devastating Bantul and the city of Yogyakarta, killing over 6600 people.

GYMPIE MUSIC MUSTER, SO MUCH MORE THAN JUST GREAT MUSIC

Australia's original music and camping festival is set to celebrate its 40th birthday this year from August 26th to 29th at the Amamoor State Forest within an hour of Gympie and the Sunshine Coast.

First timers who love camping and caravanning in the great outdoors, will find that the Gympie Music Muster is the perfect festival and tickets include free camping on site from August 21st.

But the 2021 Festival in the Forest will be so much more than just great music from over 100 of Australia's biggest and best artists.

Performing alongside Aussie music royalty like Lee Kernaghan, Adam Brand, Troy Cassar-Daley, Kasey Chambers, Busby Marou and over a hundred artists it will be a Muster-load of show-stopping, whip-cracking and bull-bucking fun.

From Guinness World-record holder Nathan 'Whippy' Griggs putting the 'show' into show business with his whip cracking expertise and dusty Aussie humour.

To a jaw-dropping Muster first with a bull & bronc arena guaranteeing hours of the wildest, craziest, most spine-tingling action.

And throw in the Rooftop Express Show with its Australiana comedy, awe-inspiring horsemanship and thrilling stunts, and you have the perfect mix for the biggest Gympie Muster of all time!

There is something for music-lovers of all ages to enjoy from bush poets and balladeers to line-dancing, clogging, rock'n'roll and barn dancing plus all the fun of Gympie Mazda Kids' Country.

The Muster's 40th birthday is the one party this year you do not want to miss, head to www.muster.com.au for the artist line-up and festival information.

Tickets are selling fast - go to https://www.muster.com.au/tickets/ to secure yours today.











SO MUCH MORE THAN JUST GREAT MUSIC!



OVER 100 ARTISTS IN 5 VENUES IN THE AMAMOOR STATE FOREST!

- FREE CAMPING IST TIME EVER MUSTER BULL N BRONC
- LINE DANCING, CLOGGING, BARN DANCING, ROCK N ROLL DANCING
- BUSH POETS & BALLADEERS WHIP CRACKING EXPERT NATHAN 'WHIPPY' GRIGGS

Show gets a cash boost



The Yeppoon Community Market has donated \$2000 for the sponsorship of the petting zoo at the upcoming Yeppoon Show. Stallholder Daphne Barlow presented the cheque to Ken Landsberg, President of the Yeppoon and District Show Society.

Thick-knee family spotted

While visiting family in Mackay, we went for a drive to the north one day to visit a few places that we wanted to see again.

One of these was Cape Hillsborough where I hoped to see some birds to photograph. On arrival I realised that I had picked the wrong day.

The place was so crowded with people that there was no where to park except well away back up the road and by the look of it, I didn't think any self respecting bird would be there amongst the noise and bustle.

Many years earlier, I had been teaching in the Mackay region and a friend of mine was head teacher at the lovely seaside town of Seaforth. Of course my friend had long since transferred but we decided to go to see how it looked these days.

Coming into the town, there is a drive up and along a road which runs parallel to the beach, swing left at the end of it, then left again and do a rectangular tour before coming back to the starting point.

On the first section, Glenda spotted a family of Thick-knees (commonly still called Curlews), all sitting on a grassy area right next to the road. I reversed back a little so I had a perfect view through the car window. The photos looked great and, after taking quite a few, we moved on to have a look at the beach.

On the way out, I decided to do the rectangular drive again just to have another look





A family of Thick-knees, commonly called Curlews.

at the Thick-knees. They were still at the same spot but this time, all three birds were standing, making what I thought was a wonderful composition and even better than the first lot of photos. I took another series of shots one of which is the illustration here.

I believe it always pays to check things out, rather than not go back and wonder later if you should have.

Maintenance on old cars

By Jim Armstrong

As coordinator of the Capricorn Chapter of the MG Car Club of Queensland, I often get asked what do you need to do to maintain older vehicles such as the MG. This is the first of a series of what I see as things that you should do and are required to keep your older vehicles reliable, safe and road-

Besides your brakes and steering, tyres and wheels are probably the most important components that need constant attention and there are a few myths that I would also like to dispel. Firstly, the most common myth is that legally you have to replace your tyres based on the age of the tyres. After checking with one of Queensland Transport's senior vehicle inspectors, he advised me that there is absolutely no legal requirement to replace tyres based on age*.

However, he went on to say that inspectors, private or Queensland Transport employees have the right to deem tyres unroadworthy if on inspection the tyres show signs of deterioration like sidewall cracking, blistering, tread separation, damage through rock or curb strike or tread depth which is more likely to show in older tyres. The onus is on the owner/driver to ensure that the tyres on their vehicle are sound. The only way to achieve this is through regular inspections. If you are not sure what to look for have someone, preferably qualified, to check them for you.

*TMR VSI G21.3 VSI no 15. Quote from this document: A number of manufacturers recommend tyres, tubes and liners are replaced five to six years after their manufacture date due to degradation of the rubber. However, this degradation is affected by a number of variables (exposure to ultraviolet light, heat and water, sitting for long periods, etc) and as such there is no mandatory requirement to replace tyre/tubes or linings at this time. The Department of Transport and Main Roads does however recommend tyres, tubes and liners be checked regularly for degradation by an industry expert five years after their date of manufacture.

The second common myth is that because our vehicles are light, you don't need to run at the manufacturers recommended air pressures and you can lower your pressures to get a better ride and handling.

Underinflated tyres are dangerous as it causes heat build up in the sidewall and will cause ply separation and complete tyre degradation which if happens at highway speed will cause loss of control of your vehicle and possibly an accident. Tubed type tyres like most of our MGs have, makes this problem worse.

Keep your tyres properly inflated and remember that in the handbooks for our cars were written often a long time before modern radials came on the scene in the mid 1960s so follow the tyre manufactures recommendation and not your hand book that refer to the older and now outdated cross ply tyres of yesteryear that is unless you still drive on cross ply tyres.

Underinflated tyres do not make your car handle better but to the contrary, makes your car handle poorer.

When it becomes time to replace your tyres, make sure that you get good quality tyres that are the right outside diameter and width for your wheel and most importantly replace your inner tubes and wheel spoke liners at the same time. It is quite safe to use inner tubes inside tubeless tyres.

The Capricorn Chapter of the MGCC of Qld Inc is a small group of sports car enthusiasts who meet the first Friday evening of each month in different interesting venues for dinner and go for runs to various locations each third Sunday. I am pleased to report that since writing these articles our membership is steadily growing.

Keep informed at the U3A

U3A Rockhampton and District Inc Update

U3A Rockhampton and District Inc will be holding the next monthly general meeting on June 7 at the Frenchville Sports Club, 105 Clifton St North Rockhampton.

Doors will open for the meeting at 9am, for a 9.30am start.

Members and visitors are encouraged to attend the meeting.

The meeting will provide an opportunity for the members to be informed on recent events and the various activity groups that are

Following morning tea, the guest speaker will be Elaine Jones, an Advocate and member of the Management Committee from the Capricorn Citizen Advocacy. Elaine will discuss advocacy for people with disabilities who are often disadvantaged, devalued, vulnerable and socially isolated. Elaine will explain, not only the work that volunteer advocates do, but how rewarding it is personally.

Our website lists all of our activities, newsletters, membership enquiries, and other links to important items, to assist our members and anyone interested in joining U3A.

Information is available on our website at www.u3arockhampton.org.au

Contact can be made through our Secretary at u3arockhamptondistrict@gmail.com

Our postal address is P O Box 8160 Allen-

Email your community news to: editorial@CQToday.com.au

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EMU PARK COMMUNITY CUPPA

An Emu Park community cuppa will be held this Friday at 10am at Bell Park, near the skate

Enjoy billy tea in the park. Please bring a

For more information call Lyn on 0488 739 120.

YEPPOON MORNING TEA

Yeppoon Senior Citizens will hold a Biggest Morning Tea on Thursday June 10 at their new home, the old TAFE building at 26 Tabone St,

Starting at 10am, the event will have a \$2 entry fee. Prizes will include a Keppel Cats cruise for two with lunch, a \$50 seafood voucher, meat vouchers and fruit and veggie vouchers.

There will be a money board, lucky door prize, mini cent sale, raffles and games.

Bring a small plate of food to share for

Bookings are essential for catering purposes. Call Shirley on 0418 184 892 or Joan on 4939

INDEPENDENT RETIREES MEETING

The next monthly meeting of the Capricorn

branch of the Association of Independent Retirees will be held at the Frenchville Sports Club in the Glass Room on Friday, June 4.

Meet at 9.30am for coffee and a chat, with the meeting starting at 10am and running until noon. Members are encouraged to attend and visitors are most welcome.

A guest speaker from Goldwing Australia will discuss the Clarke Creek Solar and Wind Farm north-west of Rockhampton.

This will be one of the largest electricity generation installations of its type in Australia. Goldwing will discuss the scale of the project and what it will mean to Central Queensland and to Oueensland as a whole.

Enquires: Arch on 4928 6653 and Darrel on 0438 582296.

CHAPPY WEEK EVENTS

The Rockhampton Chaplaincy Committee will hold a Chappy Dinner and a trivia night in support of Chappy Week, May 23-30.

This is a good time to encourage the work of local school chaplains.

The Chappy Dinner will be held on Thursday, May 27 at Thai Taste Restaurant, Norman Road, gathering from 6.30pm for a 7pm start.

Entree and main meal is \$25. Bookings es-

sential. Phone 0407 735 937 or email chappydinner@gmail.com

A trivia night will be held on Friday, May 28, at the Rockhampton High School Hall, Campbell St, starting at 6:30pm. Entry is \$15 which includes supper, tea and coffee. Cold drinks will be available to purchase. Maximum six school chaplaincy in the region.

Bookings damienc@chappy.org.au **MOUNT MORGAN ARTS AND**

The ladies of Mount Morgan Arts and Craft

Group want to make more friends when they meet at the Welfare House (behind the Welfare Bowls Club) on Thompson Ave near the historic town's CBD.

They converge there every Tuesday from 9am to 2pm for sewing and patchwork followed by another session between 9am and 12pm on Thursday for those wishing to knit and crochet.

A 12-month membership costs \$20, while individual weekly sessions are \$5.

Everyone is welcome to join. **OVEREATERS ANONYMOUS**

Can't stop eating? Overeaters Anonymous (OA)

welcomes you. No diets. No fees. Just men and women compulsive overeaters meeting and supporting one another through the OA program. And it works. Call Helen on 0468 903 620 for more information.

TRAIN RIDES IN THE PARK

Model Engineers & Live Stear (MELSA) Rockhampton will hold Train Rides in the Park on Sunday June 6.

Ride behind old steam engines or diesel locomotives.

The fun for all ages event is held at Leichhardt Park, corner of Cambridge and Campbell streets Rockhampton.

It runs from 9am to 12pm. Enclosed footwear is required to ride the trains.

ARCHER PARK RAIL MUSEUM

The Archer Park Rail Museum in Denison Street, Rockhampton will be open this Sunday 9am-1pm. Tram Rides start at 10am.

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.

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Comedy, music and more

Every Saturday

Yeppoon Community Markets

The Yeppoon Community Market is held each Saturday morning at the Yeppoon Show-grounds 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

Rocky Racecourse Markets are held every Sunday at Callaghan Park, Rockhampton from 6am to noon. The markets 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 is 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 and take a ride on the Purrey Steam Train. Starts at 10am.

Friday, May 28

Grace Under Pressure

Health professionals are with us when we're born, and they're with us when we die. They devote their lives to caring for us, but how do we care for them? How do they cope with the pressure?

That's the subject of a play, Grace Under Pressure, to be performed at the Pilbeam Theatre in May.

The play is based on hours of in-depth interviews with doctors and nurses about their experience of training and working in hospitals. It is a surprising, intimate and deeply moving theatre experience that reveals hidden stories of health professionals in their own words.

Starts 7.30pm at the Pilbeam Threatre

The Midnight Gang

The team behind the popular kids shows The 13-, 26-, 52-, 78- and 91-Storey Treehouses and Billionaire Boy will bring David Walliams' best-selling book The Midnight Gang to life on stage at the Pilbeam Theatre in May.

The Midnight Gang is a celebration of friendship, love and the power of the imagination, aimed at children aged 6+ and their families.



Don't miss the Rocky Racecourse Markets at Callaghan Park this weekend.

Twelve-year-old Tom unexpectedly finds himself lonely and lost in the children's ward of St Crook's Hospital, away from his family and at the mercy of evil Matron. Tom feels like he'll never leave, but his fellow young patients have other ideas.

They might be stuck in hospital, but their imaginations can take them anywhere as The Midnight Gang. Each night when the clock strikes midnight, The Midnight Gang go on a series of amazing journeys as they turn the hospital into the places they've always wanted to go and make dreams come true.

The show will be performed at the Gladstone Entertainment Centre at 6pm, Friday, May 28.

Saturday, May 29 and Sunday, May 30 Taste of Ireland

Hot off its premiere New York City run in 2020 and with over 120 shows in 2019 across Australia and New Zealand, A Taste of Ireland - The Irish Music & Dance Sensation finally returns down under.

With revamped classics like Danny Boy and Tell Me Ma, the show's live, energetic blend of well-known tunes, jaw-dropping acapella tap battles, world-class dancing, melodic folk music mash-ups and craic galore transports you through the story of Ireland's tumultuous history, complimented by stunning production and lighting.

Starring dancers from the West End's Lord of the Dance, Riverdance and Gaelforce Dance alongside a treasure trove of Irish Dancing World Champions, A Taste of Ireland delivers the very best talent in the nation.

Experience one of the most prominent Irish Dance shows in the world today, with all new sets, costumes, tunes and effects.

Starts 7.30pm, May 29 at Rockhampton's Pilbeam Theatre and 7.30pm, Sunday, May 30 at the Gladstone Entertainment Centre.

Saturday and Sunday, June 5-6 Mindfulness Meditation Workshop

Lyndi Smith will hold a Mindfulness Meditation Workshop for both new and experienced



The Midnight Gang comes to the Gladstone Entertainment Centre on Friday.



Taste of Ireland is coming to Central Queensland this weekend.

meditators on Saturday and Sunday, June 5-6, 9am to 5pm.

Venue is the Women's Health Centre, 225 Bolsover St, Rockhampton (entrance opposite VibeFitness), \$100 (\$80 concession). Payment is by cash on the first morning, this covers basic pay for the teacher.

Further donations or Dana to Lyndi are very welcome.

Lunch, tea/coffee provided.

Lyndi Smith is a nature lover and meditation teacher within the insight tradition. Her main practice is 'listening deeply' - listening to the nature outside of us, and the nature inside. This practice is akin to 'open awareness'. Having trained in both secular and traditional mindfulness, she is qualified to teach many forms of meditation, including nature connection, qi gong and self-compassion. Her main teachers have come from Burmese and Tibetan traditions.

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PILBEAM THEATRE

Monday 14 June at 11am Ph 4927 4111 | seeitlive.com.au Adults \$20, concessions available.

one of the finest tributes to Michael Bublé with a stellar line up of Bublé's biggest hits including Sway.

Save the Last Dance for Me, Moondance, Haven't Met You Yet, Feeling Good,

Cry Me a River and more!







the venue a few days

beforehand

to confirm.

morning tea with this show. Please check with

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Lyndi will help the group explore: mindfulness meditation and nature connection; awareness of the body, senses, thoughts, feelings and emotions; cultivating calm and insight; moving meditation and mindful walking; open awareness, a way of meditating that can feel very natural; cultivating love, joy, compassion and equanimity

To book please contact Sama 0478 630 888 or Irena 0417 259 669 or email: bmsmetta@gmail.com with your contact details by Thursday, June 3.

There are chairs provided at centre, but please BYO cushion and a folding chair/mat for outside meditation.

Please book early as places are limited due to Covid.

Saturday, June 5

Gracemere Lions Markets

Gracemere Lions Markets are held on the first Saturday of the month, with the next market on June 5, from 7am until noon at Conaghan Park.

A variety of stallholders and community groups will be in attendance, with craft Items, children's clothes, wind chimes, toys, plants, homemade cakes, biscuits and slices, jams and preserves, bric-a-brac, honey, local produce, and a whole lot more.

Lions will have a sausage sizzle, bacon and egg burgers, cold drinks, tea and coffee.

For more information or to book a stall, phone Judith on 0467 223 824.

Sunday, June 6

Fig Tree Creek Markets, Ross Creek Roundabout, Yeppoon

Fig Tree Creek Markets are organised by Keppel Coast Arts and held on the first Sunday

each month, adjacent to the Capricorn Coast Tourist Information Centre at Ross Creek Roundabout, Yeppoon.

Fig Tree Creek Markets stallholders display, demonstrate and sell unique, handmade, locally designed, home baked and homegrown 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.

Wednesday, June 17

Weathering Well, 7.30pm, Pilbeam Theatre

The long-range forecast is for fun, flashbacks and fashion when ABC's revered weather presenter Jenny Woodward performs her one-woman stage show at the Pilbeam Theatre.

Weathering Well is a potted history of the life and times of the popular presenter who chalks up 35 years with the national broadcaster in 2021.

Combining comedy, live music, video projections and a killer script with Jenny's natural wit and charm, Weathering Well is an 80-minute autobiographical theatre experience with a high probability of intriguing anecdotes and behind-the-scenes revelations.

Presented by Rockhampton Regional

Sunday, June 27

Causeway Lake Markets, Causeway Lake

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

The Best of Buble

A spectacular show celebrating the songs and

the story of Michael Buble awaits audiences at The Best of Buble.

International front man Rhydian Lewis leads his band to bring you one of the finest tributes to this musical sensation. Rhydian and his band are fast becoming Australia's answer to the likes of Michael Buble and Frank Sinatra with their sound recreating the era.

The show includes a stellar line up of Buble's biggest hits including, The Way You Look Tonight, Home, Everything, Lost, Sway, Save The Last Dance For Me, It Had better be Tonight, Moondance, Haven't Met You Yet, Feeling Good, Cry Me A River and many more.

Come laugh, hear stories, and be moved by some of life's truly touching music, performed by one of Australia's finest bands.

The Best of Buble will be performed at Morning Melodies at the Pilbeam Theatre on Monday June 14 at 11am and at the Gladstone Entertainment Centre on Tuesday, June 15 at 11am.

Arj Barker Comes Clean

"Do I swear to tell the whole truth? No, but I'll swear while telling the partial truth. And trust me, it's a lot more fun that way. If you truly want to laugh, then take my word for it. This is honestly the best hour of BS around; I kid you not..." Arj Barker

And he's not wrong. Australia's adopted son of comedy returns with his brand-new hour of riotous comedy in Arj Barker 'Comes Clean'.

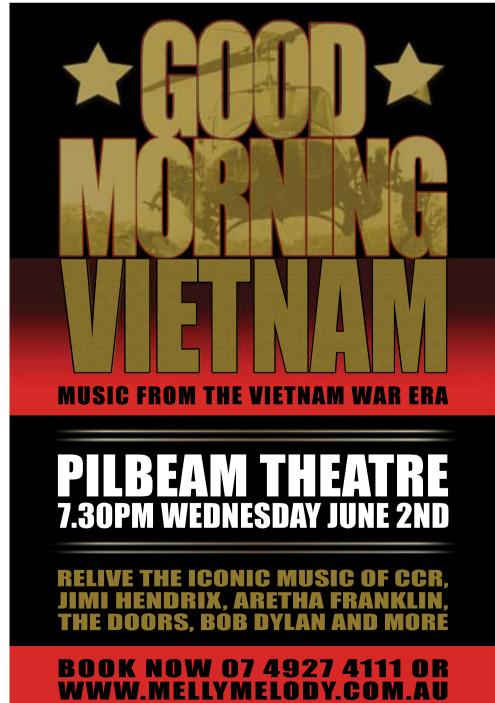
Be prepared for some home truths, some vague truths and some information none of us are ready to hear, but won't be able to forget any time soon, because Arj brings the hilarity and lots of it.

8pm, Saturday, June 19 at the Gladstone Entertainment Centre and 8pm, Sunday, June 20 at the Pilbeam Theatre.



Arj Barker is coming to Rockhampton and





What is the best advice you've ever received?

Ask why before doing anything, treat others like you would like to be treated, find something you love doing and excel at it, bite off more than you can chew and just keep chewing! The last one was from my mate Tom Wyatt.. best advice ever!

What is something you do in your spare time?

In what spare time I do have I love to compete on my trials motorbike, cook Asian inspired food, improve my sports pistol shooting and lose myself in cake decorating.

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

Most people would not know that, though I look Middle Eastern or Greek, I am actually one-quarter Chinese. My mother's family name is Yet Foy.

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

I have always loved to design. Prior to being elected as the Division 6 Councillor for RRC, I was a designer working on a diversity of huge mining equipment and structures. I always got excited putting my HiViz on and getting out on site and seeing massive machines that I had played a role in designing. Hectic high pressure work but very rewarding.

What is your favourite spot in the Central Queensland region?

My favourite spot to get away in Central Queensland would have to be Byfield. Great memories partying with Marto and Genevieve at Ferns NYE or enjoying a laid back BBQ and swim at Stoney Creek.

What would be your last meal if you could choose?

I would fast for my last meal... never too late to lose a few extra kilos.

What is something you think CQ needs?

CQ needs more people. Sharing our amazing lifestyle, natural environment and many many opportunities and attracting more people to live here will generate the economic

with Rockhampton councillor Drew Wickerson



prosperity we aspire to.

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

My dinner guests would include my gorgeous wife Debra, my late Dad as I miss him like cra-

zy, Billy Connolly, Leonardo Da Vinci and Jules Verne (would need their translators but would blow their minds that their visions are now reality!), James Cameron (I have a great idea for a Titanic sequel) and Heston Blumenthal so I don't have to do all the cooking!

THREE ...

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The Rockhampton Agricultural Show returns to the Showgrounds in less than 3 weeks! The Showman's Guild will be here with the rides, sideshow fun and showbags you know and love. Couple this with traditions like wood-chopping, fireworks, animal displays, performers and mountains of carnival food and you have a show stopping experience for the whole family. But we're not stopping there! We're bringing a blockbuster centre ring line-up including the latest show from Rooftop Express, The Capricornian Camel Races, FMX Kaos and Solo Bikes! Save time at the gate and get your tickets online now.

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Catholic News



Bishop Michael McCarthy.

Bishop Michael McCarthy with the Opera.

Message from the Bishop

Dear Brothers and Sister in Christ

May began with Beef Week here in Rockhampton. It was a great opportunity to meet many of our parishioners from properties throughout our Diocese and to reconnect with the farming industry and with one another. During the week there were many dinners, concerts and social activities. On Tuesday night, it was an incredible experience to be present for Opera Queensland's production 'Are you Lonesome Tonight?'

At the end of this month, on Sunday May 30, a procession in honour of the Blessed Mother will be held right after 9.30am Mass at St Joseph's Cathedral. The Vietnamese community will lead by carrying the statue of the Blessed Virgin Mary, followed by the community offering of flowers and religious incense to the Blessed Mother lead by children and young adults representing the various migrant communities in Rockhampton. There will be singing in various languages and melodies.

their traditional costumes. I invite you to join us on this wonderful occasion!

I look forward to the ordination of Deacon Ashwin Acharva to the priesthood next month. It will be a marvellous celebration for the Diocese as we ordain a new presbyter for the Diocese of Rockhampton. Deacon Ashwin grew up in Yeppoon and attended the local schools of Sacred Heart Primary School and St Brendan's College, and also taught at St Ursula's Col-

Migrant communities are encouraged to wear lege. He is very much a local vocation and one who experienced the call to ordained ministry within the Catholic community of the Capricorn Coast. It is so important that we invite our young people to come forward for ordained ministry and religious life within our Diocese. Michael Otto, our Diocesan Vocations Director, is only too happy to connect with our young people to assist them to discern their vocation.

With God's blessings upon you and your family during this time of May.

Catholic students shine at successful beef event

Beef Australia 2021 was once again an amazingly successful event that for a week put Rockhampton firmly in the national spotlight. It was great to see Rockhampton and surrounds buzzing with activity as the city welcomed thousands of visitors to Beef 2021 (2-8 May).

Leaders and stakeholders from every sector of the beef industry were present for the event, with Prime Minister Scott Morrison and Premier Annastacia Palaszczuk also paying a visit.

Congratulations to members of our Catholic school communities and their families who, through their participation, contributed to helping make Beef 2021 once again an outstanding event that so well showcased the beef industry and its importance to our nation's prosperity.

Students from The Cathedral College nd the honour of leading the Par Champions in the centre ring at Beef 2021. The Cathedral College Show Team led out the champions for each breed before a capacity crowd of beef producers and industry leaders with the parade being beamed across Australia.

The newly formed Judging Team from St Paul's Catholic Primary School, Gracemere, competed in their very first event at Beef 2021 after only commencing training last

Teams from Years 5 and 6 competed in the Team Judging event and 21 students competed in the Individual Judging event.

The students from The Cathedral College and St Paul's Gracemere looked resplendent in their blazers and were outstanding representatives for Catholic Education at Beef 2021.



Members of the St Paul's Catholic Primary School Cattle Judging Team (in navy blazers and red ties) front over 220 contestants in the Beef Australia 2021 Junior Judging Competition for the official event photo. Beef Australia was the first event the team had competed in.

From around the Catholic Diocese of Rockhampton

A community of believers witnessing
the good news of the Kingdom



Bishop Michael (back left) and Catholic Education Diocesan Director Leesa Jeffcoat (back right) with Year 10, 11 and 12 students from Catholic colleges in Rockhampton, Yeppoon, and Gladstone at the Diocesan Youth Pilgrim at The Cathodral College, Rockhampton in May

Youth Pilgrimage success

More than 200 students from Years 10 to 12 across all our Diocesan Catholic Colleges gathered on Friday May 14 to attend this year's Catholic Education Youth Pilgrimage held at The Cathedral College, Rockhampton.

The purpose of the Youth Pilgrimage was to provide participants with the opportunity to take time in their busy lives to explore and reflect on the theme Here I Am.

For some of the students their attendance at the Youth Pilgrimage was in person whilst others joined via live stream.

The Pilgrimage was blessed to have some outstanding presenters with the keynote addresses from renowned Melbourne-based singer-songwriter and Christian commentator, Gen Bryant as well as Diocesan Executive Officer Vocations, Youth and Family Life, Michael Otto.

Among the attendees at the Pilgrimage were Catholic Bishop of Rockhampton, Bishop Michael McCarthy and Diocesan Director of Catholic Education, Leesa Jeffcoat.

In expressing her thanks to Bishop Michael, the keynote presenters, the Pilgrims and all who had supported their attendance, Miss Jeffcoat said she hoped the event had been a lifegiving, faith-filled and enjoyable experience for all concerned.

"I congratulate these wonderful young people from our Catholic Colleges for their attendance at the Youth Pilgrimage and I thank all those involved in the planning and co-ordination of this important event on the Catholic Education calendar especially Assistant Director: Mission for Catholic Education, Di-Anne Rowan," Miss Jeffcoat said.

Catholic education in Australia celebrates 200 years

2021 is a significant year for Catholic Education in Australia as it marks 200 years since the first Catholic school was founded in Parramatta. NSW.

On Monday May 24, the solemnity of Our Lady Help of Christians, a capacity congregation gathered at St Joseph's Cathedral to celebrate Mass with Bishop Michael McCarthy presiding. Representatives from Catholic schools and colleges in Rockhampton, Yeppoon, Gracemere, Gladstone and Biloela were in attendance.

The Mass was livestreamed with many staff, students and families from Catholic schools and parishes in regional and rural centres across the Diocese tuning in to celebrate this significant milestone.

A great many people worked with passion and commitment to make the Mass a wonderful celebration of the Feast of Our Lady Help of Christians and of all that Catholic education has contributed to Australia over the last two centuries, according to Catholic Education Diocesan Director Leesa Jeffcoat.

"The Mass was a great opportunity to celebrate the gift that Catholic education has been to Australia for the past 200 years and to honour and recognise all who have been a part of the Catholic education story," Miss Jeffcost said

Banners representing every college, school and kindergarten in the diocese were processed into the cathedral to commence the celebration accompanied by the opening song - John Burland's Mary Help of Christians.

"Students in our Catholic School and College communities had featured in a delightful, heart-warming video performing this beautiful song which was produced to help commemorate this significant occasion," Miss Jeffcoat said.

Miss Jeffcoat said in addition to recognizing and thanking all who had contributed to Catholic education in Australia, the Mass was an opportunity to pray that God will continue to bless the Ministry and all who serve in it today, tomorrow and into the future.





Bright Young Minds

Students share stories

This week, we're delighted to continue with our Bright Young Minds feature, offering Central Queensland's youngsters the chance to publish their literary creations to a wide audience.

We believe the written word acts as a conduit to deeper levels of engagement, understanding and perception and we hope our short story feature will inspire children across our vast landscape to read, read and read and then put pen to paper and explore the full range of their developing minds.

Over the next few weeks, we will publish stories from students at Rockhampton Grammar School.

We begin with sharp and creative stories from Noah Vella and Riya Chakravarthy, both Year 6 students.

The imagery throughout is rich and the sentences are finely constructed. These young writers possess an impressive imaginative capacity and have a clear talent for transmitting their thoughts and perceptions onto paper.

The Black Arroe

Shadows crept over the eerie night. Leaves rustled and branches broke under heavy footsteps. A full moon's light shone through thick leaves revealing a scrawny boy, panting as he stumbled. He weaved through a thicket of trees and vaulted over a log. The wind whistled past his ears as he skidded to a halt in front of a small stream. Laying there, coated in mud, was a black stone polished by the current. It was about the size of his fist and glittered like obsidian. He let his backpack fall to the ground and stared hungrily at his prize.

A 17-year-old boy woke to a rapping on his foggy window. He rolled off his bed and rubbed the sleep out of his eyes. Through his window was a thick layer of snow and a noisy sparrow. The boy's name was Copper and the sparrow's was Sling. Sling was Copper's pet, best, and only friend. Copper's parents had died when he was six to a man with powers unknown. He had been said to wear a long black robe and carry a black stone.

Copper strode to the door to let his unhappy pet in. The door creaked and jolted open and Sling glided into the cabin. Copper let Sling nibble on some bread as he ate his own breakfast and got ready to go hunting. After washing his face, putting on a coat and placing Sling in his cage, Copper strung his bow with an arrow and set foot across the plains.

He tromped through the snow with difficulty as the freezing wind breathed down on him. He was nearing a dense forest when he saw smoke. Billowing from a nearby town, sparks flew and danced in the sky like fireworks. The buildings left standing were covered in ash and soot and the gates into the city had been blasted open.

Copper practically fell down the mountain in his panic. He jumped across gaps he would usually shy away from in an instant. As he neared the debris left of the once peaceful town, he started to sob uncontrollably. Kalgold was in ruins destroyed by fire and blasted away by explosions. At the centre of the city was a well which was consumed by an enormous burst of emerald light erupting from the sky. It sent Copper flying into a cracked stone boulder that had been soaked in ash and soot. Fire crackled in his ears and the smoke made his breathing raspy and short. As he looked up with irritated eyes, he saw a dark man cloaked in black and gold, clutching a black stone in his fist. His hair was spiked and dirty and his eyes glowed with a violent light. "So, we meet again?" the man laughed.

Copper attempted to ignore the pain; it was his only means of survival. He strung his bow with an arrow that hadn't snapped in three and shot at the man he loathed. It bounced off as if Copper had thrown a plunger at his enemy. "Bad way to treat your only family Copper," The Black Arroe spat.

James Arroe was born six years before his brother Copper. As soon as he could talk, he was obsessed with myths and legends, and by the time he was seven he could read them himself. His favourite myth depicted a black stone that could control magic. It was to be found in the woods outside Kalgold, or in the legend; 'by the village of old'. When Copper was born, he was a clear favourite child, and James hated it. He would cry himself to sleep and wake up glum and teary. On Copper's sixth birthday, James killed his parents and let his six-year-old brother starve. He found the stone and branded himself, 'The Black Arroe'.

Copper strung his bow again and aimed another arrow, this time for his brother's face. It shattered on impact and James scowled. Copper stood, stunned and backed away. James only got faster and tried to grab Copper's neck. Copper sidestepped and ran as fast as he could. He looked back at his enemy for a second, and then tripped. He landed face-first in the dirt. He rolled on his back and whimpered. Houses collapsed, buildings were forced to the ground, but Copper did not give up. James was now rapidly approaching, floating a few feet off the ground. He strung his final arrow and shot blindly at his enemy. The arrow flew with undeserved precision hurtling with a great pace. It flew at James' hand splitting his finger and piercing the black stone.

On impact the black stone burst into a cloud of purple smoke. James' eyes turned blood red and his skin bone white. Smoke spiralled around Copper's brother again and again, thicker and thicker ... It twirled into the sky and violet light shone through the fog. In the blink of an eye, the smoke dispersed into nothing, and James was gone.

Copper was lost in a whirlwind of emotions. He felt dizzy as he walked back to his cabin. The sky turned dark, and the calm winter breeze turned into a raging cyclone. His cabin was in sight when his feet riveted into the snow. Spiralling down upon him was the same smoke. It felt cool against his skin like a drug, silent and black.

Soft music seemed to ring in his ears. A sparrow sung, silhouetted in a bronze sky. The bird fluttered down to him with grace, it was Sling. His small head was just visible in the light of the moon. Copper lifted himself off the ground and prepared himself for what would come next. Copper had started a war, one that had only just begun.

Noah Vella

The Waterwill

Desperate screams, explosions, and the sounds of fighter planes echoed around the small village of Repton. The cattle lay motionless on the ground trapped in a slumber that they could not be roused from. The invasion had begun.

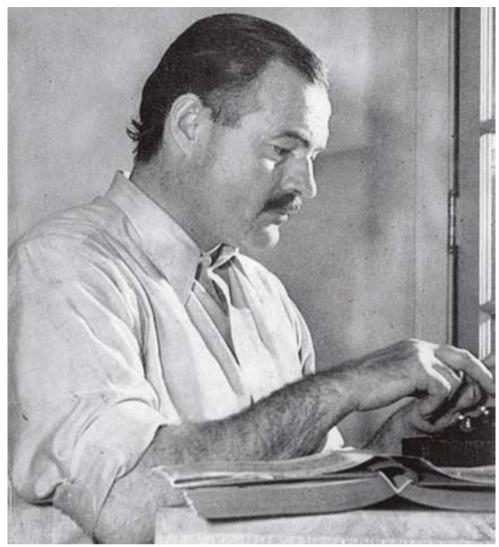
The bustling crowds surrounded Julia; her black hair floated behind her as she ran through the village. Her green eyes sparked with fear and sorrow. They darted around desperately in search of comfort, in search of love, in search of her family. In the chaos Julia stumbled on a small stone ...

Laying on the ground dazed, memories flooded in; she was suddenly, a small child again waiting to be tucked into bed. Her mother sat before her, her blue eyes bursting with love and laughter. She spoke softly, "Get into bed love, would you like to hear a special story?" Julia nodded, hypnotized by her mother's beauty. "Our family has explored and lived in Repton for centuries. Repton was once a safe and beautiful place, but the constant war continues to mount. We grew up here and we will continue to until we find, 'The Waterwill'.

Before Julia got the time to ask where and what it was, she continued. "It is a paradise, an oasis which opens up to lost souls in need of its' magical haven. Said to be guarded by a mysterious creature."

Sharply awakening, thoughts rushed around Julia's head like angry flies. Finally, "I got it. I know where I can take refuge!" thought Julia. Her old family house, it couldn't be that far, it was her only place to stay, her house had been blown up like the rest of the village. Now all she needed to do was to follow her heart.

As Julia approached her old childhood house, she noticed half of the tiles from the roof looked like they had collapsed, and win-



American writer Ernest Hemingway was a master of the short story form.



stories from an early age.

dows were shattered. The paint on the house reminded her of unripe tomatoes, but Julia hoped the person inside was more decent than the actual house.

She knocked on the door, waiting patiently for an answer. THUMP! Julia turned around swiftly expecting to see something, but she couldn't. Slowly, she examined her surroundings, then lowered her head, before her stood a creature. It was around 70cm in height, it had a body like a three-year-old child. Yet, it could stand perfectly fine.

It's face was covered in hair, who knew there mightn't have been a face behind it? But the one thing that stood out the most were it's eyes. They were blood shot red, the further you investigated them the more fires would spark. It was quite disturbing.

"Who are you?" the creature inquired with a glint in his eye.

"Um... um Julia Wane," she stuttered.

A crooked smile started to appear through the hair on his face.

"Come in," the thing said rather subtly. Julia entered. It wasn't what she thought, it was beautiful. Grassy, green plains surrounded her; a river glistened under the bright sun.

But above her on a cliff higher than Everest, stood her family. Tears filled her eyes and her heart swelled. The Wane family was together once more. Julia's soul was no longer lost, a bubble of excitement expanded within her, they had found it, they had found The Water-

Riya Chakravarthy

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Gentle alpacas on show

By Duncan Evans

The Australian Alpaca Association will put on a detailed Alpaca display at the Yeppoon Show.

Cheryl Cochrane spoke with CQ Today about what locals can expect.

"Our display will be promoting our industry," she said.

There will be two types of alpacas on display.

The Suri alpaca, which has the fleece

that hangs like a curtain.

And the Huacaya alpaca, which has

fleece much like a sheep's.

"We're also putting on display and for sale our fleeces of both types of alpacas. So if you're from an arts group, if you're looking for anything to do with that, there will be fleeces there, that will be processed and unprocessed."

By processed, the fleece has been through a machine, which makes it ready for spinners to put it straight onto the spinner's wheel.

A carding machine will also be on show and members from the association will demonstrate how the machine works. "It's everything from yarn that's been spun, to finished product in a shawl," she said

The display will cater to all age groups.

"We've got things for kids to do made from the fleece," Mrs Cochrane said.

"We've got kids' colouring pictures, if they want to do that. We've got a variety of things to cater for all sorts of interests.

"But with the alpacas themselves, the good thing about that is we give the public the opportunity, especially the young kids, to cuddle an alpaca, just to show how tame they are"

Some 20-25 alpaca breeders exist within the Central Queensland region.

Mrs Cochrane noted that many women were also involved in the industry.

"It's an animal that a woman can handle. You don't have to have brute strength. You've got to be street smart. And we approach the alpacas in a gentle way.

"Each show we've gone to, we've gotten a little bit bigger."

After Yeppoon, the alpaca show will travel to Rockhampton and Mount Larcom.

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YEPPOON SHOW

All set for some air time

By Liam Emerton

The team at Airtime FMX will be soaring into Yeppoon for the annual Yeppoon Show next week.

Airtime FMX, formally known as Showtime FMX, have never performed in the coastal town but have travelled around Australia wowing crowds on the biggest stages.

Led by their director and FMX Rider Brad Burch, the crew is ready to light up Yeppoon in the best possible way.

"They're going to see heaps of crazy tricks," said Burch.

"All of the big backflip stuff is what the crowd always wants and that's pretty much what they're going to get.

"We've all been riding together for a lot of years.

"We're all pretty competitive and always

try to out-do each other so it's good for the crowd.

"We've done major events across the country for so long now, we've done Cairns Show, Townsville Show but this is our first time in Yeppoon."

Burch will be joined by Robbie Marshall on the bikes and said they're stoked to be a part of this great event.

"I cannot wait," he said.

"We travel constantly but normally we're going south to Sydney or Melbourne where it's cold.

"We're based on the Gold Coast so I prefer to go north.

"So we're really excited - it's going to be a great weekend.

"For this one it's just the two of us and the announcer Tommy."



The lads from Airtime FMX are ready to rock Yeppoon.



Yeppoon will find out how much Air Time they can handle next week.



Brad Burch will have a few tricks up his sleeve next weekend.

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Yeppoon Show program

SATURDAY - 8am to 9pm

- 8AM: HORSES Sponsors: CQ STOCK-FEEDS/THE GREEN SHED, YEPPOON RURAL, HARCOURTS YEPPOON, ACACIA VET SURGERY
- 8AM: SHOW JUMPING Sponsored by BARLOWS EARTHMOVING, CAPRICORN TYRE AND MECHANICAL, and IAN WEIGH TOYOTA
- 9AM: WOODCHOPS Sponsored by LIFESTYLE LANDSCAPING, CQ SAND & SOIL, and MASTERS SURVEYING, BETTA HOME LIVING, ERGON ENERGY NET-WORK, AQUATIC POOL & SPA SERVICES
- 10:30AM, 12:30PM, 2PM & 3:30PM: FASH-ION PARADES - See the latest fashions with La Modelling CQ!
- Located in the Gus Moore Pavilion Sponsored by KEPPEL BAY SAILING CLUB
- 11AM, 1:30PM & 4:30PM: BLACK STRING PUPPET THEATRE - Music, fun and amazing talent of gifted puppeteer.
- On the stage! Sponsored by LIVING-STONE SHIRE COUNCIL
- 12:45PM: OFFICIAL OPENING Includes Presentation of Awards
- 4PM, 7PM: AIRTIME FMX MOTORBIKES
 Loads of STUNTS! Sponsored by THE REAL GROUP, and QUEENSLAND STATE GOVERNMENT
- ALL DAY: JOHNSON PARK PETTING ZOO
 Sponsored by YEPPOOON COMMUNI-

- TY MARKETS; ALPACA FIBRE DISPLAY; KYLIE'S MILKING GOATS (DATADOO ANGLO-NUBIANS); SR APIARIES BEE KEEPING; LUKE'S REPTILE KINGDOM See tent for various show times. Sponsored by YEPPOON SHOW SOCIETY and THE REAL GROUP
- 5PM: THE KEPPEL BAY SAILING CLUB NIGHT SHOW featuring: The Breakaways, Shawaza Dance Troupe, Aussie Cheer & Dance, and more!
- 7:45PM: MR FIREWORKS INTERNA-TIONAL - 'Poet of the Night Sky' FIRE-WORKS - Sponsored by TRIPLE M

SUNDAY - 8am to 5pm

- 8AM: HORSES/SHOW JUMPING Sponsors: BARLOWS EARTHMOVING, THE GREEN SHED & YEPPOON STOCKFEEDS
- 8AM: STOCKMAN'S CHALLENGE Sponsored by CAPRICORN TYRE & MECHANI-CAL, and YEPPOON STOCKFEED & RU-RAL SUPPLIES
- 8AM: MINIATURE HORSES Sponsored by HARCOURTS YEPPOON, ACACIA VETERINARY SURGERY and ROSEMARY MARLOW
- 8AM: CATTLE Sponsored by GLENLEE CATTLE COMPANY and SIR GRAHAM McCAMLEY and ROXBOROUGH CATTLE COMPANY
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- ALL DAY: JOHNSON PARK PETTING ZOO
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- 1PM, 3PM: SUNDAY CENTER STAGE Janelle's Academy of Dance and St Brenden's Indigenous Dancers
- 1:55PM: GRAND PARADE Parader assembly Burnett Street by 1:30 PM. Sponsors: YEPPOON SHOW SOCIETY and GJ GARDENER HOMES
- 3PM: COOKING AUCTION Located in the Indoor Bowls Pavilion Auctioneer Mr

- Bill Jackson Be on time!
- 4:10PM: AIRTIME FMX MOTORBIKES
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YEPPOON SHOW MINING

A zoo for all the family

By Duncan Evans

The travelling Trulander Petting Zoo will make its way to the Yeppoon Show, giving youngsters the rare chance to interact with animals in a safe and warm environment.

Lynn Jones, the zoo's operator, said her animals never failed to trigger some joy in the kids who stopped by.

"Their eyes just pop out of their heads," she said.

"I've been doing it for four years now. Some kids are very scared of the animals and that's why I put a brush in their hand. And then they go towards, get a little bit closer by brushing them. And it doesn't matter what type of animal, it could be a guinea pig or it could be a goat or a lamb, and within time, it could be the same day, they're actually patting the animals. Some other times it just might take a couple of more visits that they realise that animals aren't there to be scared of."

Ms Jones started the zoo in September 2017. Before that, she worked as a cook at a cafe.

When asked why she transitioned to a new career, Ms Jones replied:

"Because I love showing off my baby animals"

"I started off with two goats, and then I decided I really really wanted to do a petting zoo, and it eventuated.

Ms Jones has prepared an array of fascinating animals for all the family to see.

"I have a baby Kalahari goat at the mo-

"I have a baby Kalahari goat at the moment," she said.

"Two miniature goats less than two weeks ago, four pygmy goats less than two



weeks old, plus I've got guinea pigs, baby guinea pigs, lambs, hopefully chickens and ducklings.

"People can go in and brush them, pat them, cuddle them. Fully hands on."

Based in Capella, Ms Jones takes her pet-

ting zoo around the state in a trailer.

This will be her first appearance at the Yeppoon Show and the zoo will be open all day.

"I love showing the animals for everyone to see."





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YEPPOON SHOW MEETERS



Yeppoon's Gypsy Lane will feature in the parade.

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Two days of fab fashion

By Duncan Evans

Fashionistas take note!

The Yeppoon Show will host two full days of fabulous fashion, with four parades marked for Saturday and three for Sunday.

Julie Tickner spoke with CQ Today about what fashion lovers across Capricornia can expect from the runway spectacles.

The parades take place across different times of the day and each parade carries the same format.

"So the audience actually sees everything we've got, because some people can't fit inside and come back to watch, say, the Rip Curl one at 3 o'clock," Ms Tickner explained.

"That's not fair on the fashion houses. So we've sort of put, usually about 10 minutes or eight minutes for each fashion house in each parade so they all get the same amount of time and exposure."

A number of fashion houses, some local and some drawn from across Australia, will showcase their wares over a show ranging around the 30 minute mark.

Altogether, eight houses will present their styles to the masses.

Yeppoon's fashion sensibilities will be represented by local houses Zest Boutique, Hippie Garage, Gypsy Lane and Pegs Pinups.

"She has a lot of 50s gear," Ms Tickner said.

Other houses on display include Intersport, Jay Jays and Rip Curl.

Each parade will combine a number of different styles, including evening wear, casual wear, swim wear, sports wear and race

Young and emerging designers who might want to present their creative work to the public could also be included in the event.

"They would have to just contact us and we would go from there," Ms Tickner said.

Ms Tickner spent months with her colleagues organising the parades.

"Our parades are realistic parades. We don't just have stick-thin models, so that when people look at the parades they can go, 'Oh, I might pop down to that shop and get that. They don't go, 'I have to go on a diet for six months to actually fit into that,'" she said.

"It's healthy living parades, really."

"We try and promote through our classes and things like that, sensible eating, more so than having to diet to become a shape that you were never born to be anyway."

The 30 models for the parades have been drawn from Rockhampton and Yeppoon.

There were very few limitations on who could be a model.

"They come to classes, and if they can hold themselves and they can do the correct turns, and all that sort of stuff, then we use them in our parades. And that gives them experience, if they want to further their career, then when they go to Brisbane, they can ring the agencies down there."

The parades have been designed to appeal to all age groups, from kids to mature

"It's not just basic walking up and down a catwalk," she said.

There's sure to be something for everyone, like the Yeppoon Show itself.

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Tips for budding investors



Encouraging young people to take that next step in anything is I guess an age-old challenge, and often it's experience that is the teacher. Here are a few thoughts on the subject of making investments and avoiding losses.

Let's start with the idea of diversification. While the common interpretation is not 'putting all your eggs in the one basket', in an investment portfolio true diversification involves selecting assets, the characteristics of which are not related to each other. Generally, for example, you would think that CSL (a pharmaceutical company) is very different to Transurban (an operator of toll roads). With the onset of Covid-19, CSL would probably benefit from the increased sales of pharmaceuticals, but Transurban would suffer as road users were locked down.

This might seem obvious if you have done your homework, but remember it's not the obvious things that catch you out. Consider if CSL and Transurban, as different as they are, both carried high levels of debt. In that case, no matter how different the actual businesses are, an expectation of a rise in interest rates would hit them both. Lesson one - debt joins everything at the hip.

Reading the financial press (in particular, the Australian Financial Review) will give you a very good insight into what's happening and topical. Even good journalists however can have a propensity to ascribe movements in stock prices to some particular issue, when in fact the movements are caused by something else altogether. CSL again provides a great and recurring example. Journalists have ascribed its recent lacklustre share performance to the botched rollout of the Astra-Zeneca vaccine (which CSL now makes in Australia).

But CSL is underwritten by the federal government for the manufacture of that vaccine, so it's not that. Having followed CSL since the day it listed, I can tell you that most of the company's revenues are denominated in USD. With the AUD strengthening against the USD, revenues reported in Australian dollars will be suppressed - nothing to do with the company per se, and everything to do with the exchange rate. It is also a fact that if, contrary to the AIDS



When investing it's not the obvious things that catch you out, writes David French.

focussed press reports in 1994, an original investment of \$2.20 at the time of the float is now worth \$875.25 (the float was so unpopular they reduced the price by 10 cents).

Lesson 2 - read to remain informed, but actively apply your own learnings.

Market efficiency comprises the idea that the price of an investment will incorporate all the knowledge available regarding that investment at any point in time. A huge focus for financial types and academics, purists say there is no benefit in doing any investment specific research because there is nothing more to learn. But what if investors are prone to jumping on bandwagons or we filter what is known to suit our narrative? And people are quite capable of moving in a herd-like fashion. Consider Santos which built one of the CSG plants on Curtis Island. Excited investors initially drove the price to \$18 or so. Then cost overruns and funding problems led to an outpouring of negativity. The price drifted, and then over four

years from 2014 plummeted to about \$2.90. Headlines suggested that this almost 70-year old icon was going broke. If you had invested at \$2.90, you would now be up more than 130 per cent. Lesson 3 - look for opportunities beyond the noise - the market always overshoots.

Finally, property. If the share market is all about numbers, residential property seems to be associated with amazing emotional attachment. Lots of claims are made that 'property prices only ever rise', that you can't beat 'bricks and mortar' security. And there is absolutely no doubt that many, many fortunes have been made in property - not only by investors but also by many people who just bought a house to live in. But not all property is the same. As any real estate expert will tell you, location matters.

So does the difference between a unit and a house, and as with anything so does the time when you buy. Right now, many people are bleeding because they paid too much for recently built high-rise units in capital cities. Some that bought into booms locally found years later that the market dipped and recovered, leaving them square at best. You cannot control the market, so with such large outlays you need to make sure your investment property stacks up as an investment. Negative gearing is a trap - tax deductions soften the blow, but losses are losses and need to be made up for through capital gain. Even if capital growth is likely, you cannot be sure when. You cannot cut off a bathroom to eat, so as best as you can, make sure you are not going to need to sell into a bad market. Look for a property with a 'something extra' that others might find appealing, or that you can add value to yourself without employing too many tradies. Do some cash flow modelling so you can plan how you will pay off borrowings, without leaving yourself too tight. Lesson 4 - Always position yourself for the long game.

Hope that all helps.

Extraordinary wine in west

Last week I suffered from sleep deprivation due to receiving an invite from The London Wine Fair to attend their first ever Digital Edition Wine Master Classes.

Seeking to fit into Greenwich mean time, once again I listened in awe to the presenters. Again, I was reminded just how many different wines are produced in so many parts of the world. And the wines from Western Australia can hold their own in any company.

Western Australia is home to nine extraordinary and vast wine regions. Each region proudly crafting wines with not just an Australian appeal but a global appeal.

The nine regions are: Blackwood Valley, Central WA, Geographe, Great Southern, Margaret River, Peel, Perth Hills, Southern Forests and The Swan Valley.

Olive Farm was established in 1829 by Thomas Waters, a UK botanist. He was given a portion of land in South Guildford off the Swan River and they produced the first WA vintage in 1834. In 1859 Houghton Wines produced their first vintage and they went on to put The Swan Valley on the wine world map with their White Burgundy – which is now called White Classic.

It is The Margaret River that we recognise as their premium region. The region has more than 160 producers on wildly varying soils of which free-draining ironstone gravels are the reason for the highly sought fine reds.

Although one of the world's youngest wine regions, the Margaret River region is



something of a prodigy, achieving recognised prestige and international success at an early age. Through their minimal-intervention dynamic winemaking community they produce powerful yet elegant Cabernet Sauvignon, Chardonnay and Semillon Sauvignon Blanc blends.

"The top rank of Margaret River Chardonnay and Cabernet Sauvignon is simply, put, in the top rank in the world. And by that, I'm including the likes of Burgundy (for the Chardonnay) and Bordeaux and Napa Valley (for Cabernet Sauvignon)" - Matt Kramer, Wine Spectator

I met with Chef Christie at The Junction Cafe, Tannum Sands over the weekend to discuss our next event on Friday June 18 (tickets on sale through Eventbrite) which will feature wines from WA. As much as I seek to show the finest from each state at wine functions, it is always fun and interesting to dig deep and find something unique. And that is my goal this week.

Cheers, WineBill



Chef Christie and WineBill discussing WA Wine and Food event.



Pak Widjaya wears traditional dress from West Sumatra.



Risham, Riya and Aditi cook up some Gozleme, a Turkish dish.



The Sabaya Belly-Dancing troupe.

Foreign affairs on show

By Duncan Evans

The Central Queensland Multicultural Association (CQMA) held its Taste of the World Festival on Saturday at the Rockhampton show-

The event offered locals the chance to snack on global cuisines and watch performances from a range of foreign cultures.

It was a pleasant day, warm and bright, and CQ Today was on hand to photograph it all. Here are just some of the many wonderful people who spent some time at the showgrounds lest weekend.



Rathika, a volunteer with the CQMA.



A giant Kookaburra made an appearance.



The Power huddled in front of the terrific crowd.



The Gladstone Men's squad lining up in front of a packed home crowd.

Big crowd at the stadium

By Liam Emerton

The Gladstone Port City Power kicked off their 2021 State League campaign on Saturday night with a great crowd attending both the men's and ladies' contests.

CQ Today was down at Kev Broome Stadium to capture all the action as well as the happy faces.

The great crowd made for a terrific atmosphere with the loud chant of DE-FENCE a crowd favourite as they cheered on their home side.

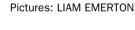
Unfortunately both of the Port City sides were defeated by the USC Rip City.



Simone and Eloise Bell having a great time watching Port City.



The Gladstone West State School were on hand to cheer on the Port City Power Breakers. ${\tt 238592}$





Bryce Jackson, Austin Lee, Quinn Lee and Kayla Jackson enjoying the basketball form the stands.



John, Nia, Anja and Anne Abbott enjoying the basketball.



Robert Best, Renee Austin, Donna Frazer and Kelly Murphy.

The Guide

TOP PICKS OF THE WEEK



SECRET SCOTLAND

If everyone in Scotland is as delightful as Susan Calman, it must be a great place to live. The Scot has no airs and graces, instead infusing her series with an upbeat, childlike appeal. Now in season two, she is clearly doing many things right. Tonight, Calman takes a closer look at her hometown, Glasgow. Highlights include a speedboat ride on the River Clyde, a jaunt inside its oldest building, the Glasgow Cathedral, a trip to the home of Scottish football, and some cute animals, too.

SUNDAY

MASTERCHEF AUSTRALIA

Many will probably watch tonight's tworound cook-off fascinated by the ingredients. But would you use them in their own kitchen? Are you "game"? Full-blown foodies are in for a treat, but can we expect an even more challenging episode dedicated to something such as offal soon? Probably not. Chicken intestines just aren't that charming, but there's a sense of adventure in cooking game meat. Tonight, the contestants have five minutes to identify 14 displayed game meats. The lowest scorers will have to concoct something delicious and impress judges Mel, Jock (pictured centre) and Andy (pictured right) in order to stay. It's not exactly lickyour-lips television, but is kind of educational.



THE LIVING ROOM

We all have some items that are simply taking up space in our lives, and tonight local hero Rosemary needs a hand from The Living Room team to sort the years of trash from the treasure. In this special decluttering episode, you might be inspired to go over your own abode with a fine-tooth comb - or perhaps simply watching others do it, in differing ways, will be more than enough to scratch that fleeting itch. Singer and TV personality Courtney Act drops by to help Amanda, Barry, Chris (above right) and Miguel clean up their space, but perhaps the biggest (and most revealing) letting go will be with Chris and Miguel when they search for their Zen in Tassie.



FRIDAY GLASS

SEVEN, 8.30pm

M. Night Shyamalan's psychologicalsuperhero-thriller trilogy (also known as the *Eastrail 177 Trilogy*) comes to its much-anticipated conclusion with *Glass*. Characters from both 2000's Unbreakable and 2016's Split (including James McAvoy, below) finally meet when they are all questioned by secretive psychiatrist Dr. Ellie Staple (Sarah Paulson) who is

determined to cure them

of their supernatural delusions. James McAvoy in particular gives another powerhouse performance as Kevin, the former zoo employee with 24 different personalities. Credit must be given to Shyamalan for trying

to break free from the conventions of the comic book genre, even if the end result is slightly underwhelming. But it is definitely worth a watch.

> James McAvoy reprises his role from *Split* in Glass.

Friday, May 28

6.00 News Breakfast. 9.00 ABC News Mornings. 10.00 Q+A. (R) 11.05 George Clarke's Amazing Spaces. (R) 12.00 ABC News At Noon. 1.00 Back Roads. (Final, PG, R) 1.30 That Pacific Sports Show. (R) 2.00 Smother. (Mal, R) 3.00 ABC News Afternoons.

4.00 Think Tank. (PG, R) 4.55 Julia Zemiro's Home Delivery. (PG, R) 5.25 Hard Quiz. (PG, R)

6.00 The Drum. 7.00 ABC News. Takes a look at today's top stories. 7.30 Gardening Australia. Clarence Slockee meets a pair

promoting their local plants. **8.30 Vera.** (Mdv, R) DCI Vera Stanhope investigates the case of a teenage boy found dead in a boatyard. **10.00 Doc Martin.** (PG, R) Ruth gets

a mental health examination. 10.50 ABC Late News. **11.05** The Vaccine. (R) 11.20 Shaun Micallef's MAD AS HELL. (R) 11.50 You Can't Ask That. (Mal, R)

12.25 Rage. (MA15+adhlnsv)

ABC TV PLUS (22) 6am Children's Programs. 5.50pm Peppa Pig. 5.55 Ben And Holly. **6.10** School Of Roars. **6.20** Bluey. **6.25** Peter Rabbit. **6.40** Shaun The Sheep. **6.45** Andy's Wild Adventures. 7.00 Grace's Amazing Machines. 7.15 Ouiz 8 30 Miniseries: The Hollow Crown 10 50 Doctor Who. **11.40** Art Works. **12.10am** Brush With Fame. 12.35 Insert Name Here. 1.10 Catalyst. 2.10 Parks And Recreation. 2.30 30 Rock. 2.55

Peep Show. **3.45** News Update. **3.50** Close. **5.00**

Rainbow Chicks. 5.05 Timmy Time. 5.20 Pocoyo.

5.25 The Furchester Hotel. **5.40** Late Programs.

NITV (34) 6am Morning Programs. 8.45 Wapos Bay. 9.05 Kagagi. 9.30 Bushwhacked! **10.00** Strait To The Plate. **10.30** Going Places. **11.00** Bamay. **11.20** Twelve Canoes. **12.30pm** MOVIE: Ten Canoes. (2006, M) 2.00 Always Blak Always Cracked. 2.30 Bamay. 3.00 Wapos Bay. **3.25** Bushwhacked! **3.55** Bino And Fino. **4.00** Musomagic. 4.30 The Storyteller. 5.00 Fraggle Rock. 6.00 On Country Kitchen. 6.30 Pete & Pio's Kai Safari. **7.00** NITV News: Nula. **7.30** Little J And Big Cuz. **8.00 MOVIE:** Rabbit-Proof Fence. (2002. PG) **9.40** Bedtime Stories. **9.50** Heart Coming Home 10.50 Late Programs

SBS(3)

6.00 WorldWatch. 7.00 Cycling. UCI World Tour. Giro d'Italia. Stage 18. Rovereto to Stradella. Highlights. 8.00 WorldWatch. 2.00 Destination Flavour China Bitesize. (R) 2.05 Michael Portillo's Abandoned Britain. (PG, R) 3.00 NITV News: Nula. 3.30 The Cook Up With Adam Liaw. (PG, R) 4.05 Cycling. UCI World Tour. Giro d'Italia. Stage 18. Rovereto to Stradella. Highlights. **5.05** Jeopardy! (PG) 5.30 Letters And Numbers. (R)

6.00 Mastermind Australia. (PG)
6.30 SBS World News.
7.30 Heliopolis: The City Of The Sun.
A discovery is made in Cairo, Egypt.
8.30 World's Most Beautiful
Pailway (P) Fellows the people

Railway. (R) Follows the people who work on the trains that run on

Scotland's railway network. **9.25 The Windsors' Lost Letters:** Rebellion. (PGad, R) Part 1 of 3. 10.20 SBS World News Late. 10.50 Beforeigners. (MA15+an) 11.45 Luther. (MA15+av, R) 3.55 Alex Polizzi: Chef For Hire. (R) 5.00 France 24 Feature. **5.15** NHK World English News. 5.30 Deutsche Welle English News.

VICELAND (31) 6am WorldWatch. 11.35 Hindi News. Noon The X-Files. 1.40 The Last Man On Earth. **3.00** Huang's World. **3.50** America: News. **4.15** PBS News. **5.15** Joy Of Painting. **5.45** Shortland Street. 6.15 Forged In Fire. 7.05 Jeopardy! Dvnamo: Magician Impossible. **9.20** Cycling. UCI World Tour. Giro d'Italia. Stage 19. Abbiategrasso to Alpe di Mera. 1.35am VICE News Tonight. 2.00 Basketball. Euroleague. First semi-final. Barcelona v Milano. **4.30** Sri Lankan Sinhalese News. **5.00** Basketball. Euroleague. Second semi-final. CSKA v Anadolu Ffes

SBS MOVIES (32) 6am Alone In Space. Continued. (2018, PG, Swedish) **7.10** A Monster Calls. (2016, PG) **9.10** All Quiet On The Western Front. (1979, PG) **Noon** Liquid Truth. (2017, M, Portuguese) 1.40 Leave No Trace. (2018, PG) **3.40** Journey To The West: The Demons Strike Back. (2017, PG, Mandarin) **5.40** Polina. (2016, PG, French) **7.40** Wimbledon. (2004) **9.30** Yardie. (2018, MA15+) 11.25 Farewell, (2009, M. French) **1.30am** One Of These Days. (2017. MA15+. Arabic) 3.10 Two Days, One Night. (2014, M, French) 5.00 Journey To The West: The Demons Strike Back. (2017, PG, Mandarin)

SEVEN (7)

9.00 The Morning Show. (PG) 11.30 Seven Morning News. 12.00 MOVIE: Jesse Stone: Innocents Lost. (2011, Mav, R) Tom Selleck. 2.00 House Of Wellness. (PG) **3.00 The Chase.** Hosted by Bradley Walsh. 4.00 Seven News At 4. 5.00 The Chase Australia. Contestants

6.00 Seven Local News. 6.30 Seven News. 7.00 Better Homes And Gardens. Adam Dovile makes a bathroom cabinet. 8.30 MOVIE: Glass. (2019, Mav) A group of people with superhuman abilities are questioned by a secretive psychiatrist. Bruce Willis, Samuel

race to answer quiz questions.

L Jackson, James McAvoy 11.15 7NEWS Spotlight: Martin **Bryant's Dark Secrets.** (R) Takes a look at Martin Bryant. 12.30 Andrew Denton's

Interview. (Ma, R) 2.00 Home Shopping. (R) 4.00 My Greek Odyssey. (PGal, R) 5.00 NBC Today.

7TWO (72) 6am Home Shopping. **6.30** All The Things. 7.00 Property Ladder UK. 9.30 NBC Today. Noon House Of Wellness. 1.00 Bright Futures. **2.00** Better Homes And Gardens. **3.30** Crash Investigation Unit. 4.00 MOVIE: M*A*S*H: Hunt. 7.30 Mysteries Of The Abandoned. 8.30 Escape To The Country. 9.30 Selling Houses Australia. 10.30 Property Ladder. 11.45 Property Ladder UK. 1am The Fine Art Auction. 4.00 Our Town Queensland. **4.30** Escape To The Country. 5.30 Home Shopping.

7MATE (73) 6am Mery Hughes Fishing. 6.30 Hook, Line And Sinker. 7.30 Creek To Coast. **8 00** American Pickers: Best Of. **9.00** Swamp People. 10.00 America's Game: The Super Bowl Champions. 11.00 A Football Life. Noon Ax Men. **1.00** Carter's W.A.R. **2.00** Storage Wars Canada. **3.00** Bull Riding. PBR Australia. **3.30** Rodeo. Coonamble Rodeo. Highlights. **4.00** Timbersports. **4.30** Canadian Pickers. **5.30** Storage Wars. **6.00** American Pickers: Best Of. 7.00 Friday Night Countdown. **7.30** Football. AFL. Round 11. Western Bulldogs v Melbourne. 10.30 AFL Post-Game Show. 11.00 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: Miss Pettigrew Lives For A Day. (2008, PGsv, R) Amy Adams. 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 Rugby League. NRL. Round 12. Wests

Tigers v St George Illawarra Dragons. **9.50 Golden Point.** A wrap-up of the Wests Tigers versus St George Illawarra Dragons match, with NRL news and analysis.

10.35 MOVIE: Tracers. (2015, Mlv, R) A bicycle messenger joins a gang of parkour street runners. Taylor Lautner, Marie Avgeropoulos. 12.30 Tipping Point. (PG, R) Hosted by Ben Shephard **1.30 TV Shop: Home Shopping.** (R) **4.00** Global Shop. (R) 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** The Gulf. 1.00 Days Of Our Lives. 1.55 The Young And MOVIE: Geordie. (1955) 5.30 The Secret Life Of The Zoo. 6.30 Antiques Roadshow. 7.30 David Attenborough's Blue Planet II. **8.40 MOVIE:** Knight And Day. (2010, M) **10.55 MOVIE:** No Escape. (2015, MA15+) **1am** TV Shop: Home Shopping.

9GO! (53) 6am Children's Programs. 10.00 Ninjago. 10.30 Pokémon Journeys. 11.00 Xtreme Collxtion. Noon Parenthood. 1.00 Timeless. **2.00** Sliders. **3.00** Malcolm In The Middle. 4.00 MOVIE: Earth To Echo. (2014, PG) **5.40 MOVIE:** The Boss Baby. (2017) **7.30 MOVIE:** 17 Again. (2009, PG) **9.30 MOVIE:** Baywatch. (2017, MA15+) 11.50 The Bi Life. 12.50am Big Fat Gypsy Weddings. 1.50 Bridezillas. 2.50 Clarence. 3.00 Beyblade Burst Turbo, 3.30 Niniago, 4.00 Pokémon. **4.30** Pokémon Journeys. **4.50** Kaijudo: Rise Of The Duel Masters. **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. (Mal) 1.00 The Living Room. (PG, R) 2.00 Entertainment Tonight. 2.30 Everyday Gourmet With Justine Schofield. (R) 3.00 Judge Judy. (PG) 3.30 My Market Kitchen. 4.00 Good Chef Bad Chef.

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. Lifestyle program.
8.30 The Graham Norton Show.

(Mls, R) Graham Norton is joined on the virtual couch by singer-songwriter Michael Bublé, and actors Michael Sheen, Martin Freeman and Daisy Haggard. Music performance by British singer-songwriter Celeste.

9.25 To Be Advised. 10.55 The Project. (R) A look at the day's news. 11.55 WIN's All Australian News. 1.00 The Late Show With Stephen Colbert. (PG) 2.00 Home Shopping. (R)

BOLD (81) 6am Home Shopping. **8.00** Motor Racing. Formula 1. Race 5. Monaco Grand Prix. Highlights. **9.00** Diagnosis Murder. **10.00** Star Trek: Voyager. **11.00** Star Trek: Enterprise. **Noon** Walker, Texas Ranger. **1.00** WIN's All Australian 5 00 IAG 700 Rondi Rescue 730 NCIS 8 30 Law & Order: SVU. 11.30 CSI: Crime Scene Investigation. **12.30am** Home Shopping. **2.00 MOVIE:** Maximum Conviction. (2012, MA15+) **4.05** Hawaii Five-0. **5.00**

PEACH (82) 6am Frasier. **7.00** Sabrina, The Teenage Witch. **8.00** Everybody Loves Raymond. **9.00** Becker. **10.00** Frasier. **11.00** The Big Bang Theory. **Noon** WIN's All Australian News. **1.00** Charmed. **2.00** Seinfeld. **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** The Conners. **10.30** Charmed. **11.30** Friends. **Midnight** Home Shopping. 1.30 Everybody Loves Raymond. 2.30 Becker. 3.30 A Million Little Things. 4.30 Home Shopping.

Saturday, May 29

6.00 Rage. (PG) 7.00 Weekend Breakfast. 10.00 Rage. (PG) 12.00 ABC News At Noon. **12.30** George Clarke's Amazing Spaces. (R) **1.20** David Stratton's Stories Of Australian Cinema. (Madnsv, R) **2.20** Love On The Spectrum. (PG, R) 3.30 Anh's Brush With Fame. (PG, R) 4.00 Ask The Doctor. (Final, R) **4.30** Landline. **5.00** Soccer. A-League. Round 23. Melbourne City v Newcastle Jets.

7.00 ABC News. Takes a look at today's top stories. **7.30 The Durrells.** (PGas, R) Louisa

throws caution to the wind by embarking on a relationship with Hugh.

8.20 Sanditon. (Ma) Charlotte sets out to avoid Sidney, until a serious accident forces them together. When Tom brings a new doctor to the town, he and Lady Denham clash. Clara makes a bold move in her bid to outplay Sir Edward and Esther.

9.05 Wakefield. (Mls, R) Nik is relieved after applying for a new role at the ward, and his desire for Kareena evolves into an invitation.

10.10 MotherFatherSon. (MA15+dlns, R) A fractured family is pulled back together. 11.10 Miniseries: Dark Money. (Madl, R) Part 3 of 4.

12.05 Rage. (MA15+adhlnsv) Music video clips.

ABC TV PLUS (22) 6am Children's Programs. **7.15pm** Sir Mouse. **7.30** Spicks And Specks. **8.00** The Set. **8.30** Unprotected Sets. **9.30** Black Mirror. 10.20 Sammy J. 10.25 Live From The BBC. 11.15 Insert Name Here. 11.45 The Moaning Of Life. 12.30am The Stand Up Sketch Show. 12.55 To Be Advised. 1.25 John Mulaney: New In Town. 2.10 Would I Lie To You? 2.40 Escape From The City. 3.40 News Update. 3.45 Late Programs.

NITV (34) 6am Morning Programs. 11.40 Heart Coming Home. 12.40pm Bamay. 12.55 Rugby Union. South Australia League. 2.25 Rugby Union. WA Premier Grade. 3.55 The 77 Percent. 4.25 Indian Country Today. 4.55 APTN National News. 5.25 Te Ao With Moana. **5.55** NITV News: Nula. **6.25** Going Places. 6.55 Yokayi Footy. 7.30 NITV News Update. 7.40 Croker Island Exodus. 8.55 Dhakiyarr Vs The King. 9.55 Takeover. 11.25 Late Programs.

SBS(3)

6.00 WorldWatch. 7.00 Cycling. Giro d'Italia. Stage 19. Highlights. **8.00** WorldWatch. **2.05** Motorcycle Racing. FIM Superbike World Championship. Round 1. 3.05 Cycling. UCI Europe Tour. Tour of Hungary. Highlights. **4.05** The Great Pyramid Race. **4.35** True Evil: The Making Of A Nazi. (PGa, R) 5.30 Cycling. UCI World Tour. Giro d'Italia. Stage 19. Abbiategrasso to Alpe di Mera. Highlights.

6.30 SBS World News. 7.35 The World's Most Scenic Railway Journeys: Spain. (PGw, R) Follows a scenic railway journey through northern Spain from León to Ferrol.

9.25 MOVIE: Chef. (2014, MI, R) A chef quits his job at a prominent Los Angeles restaurant after refusing to compromise his creative integrity. Jon Favreau, Sofía Vergara, Robert Downey Jr.

11.30 MOVIE: Birdman. (2014, MA15+I, R) An actor tries to restore his reputation. Michael Keaton.

1.30 MOVIE: A United Kingdom. (2016, PGa, R) David Oyelowo

3.30 Alex Polizzi: Chef For Hire. (R) 4.45 Destination Flavour Scandinavia Bitesize. (R) 5.00 France 24 Feature. 5.15 NHK World English News.

5.30 Deutsche Welle English News.

VICELAND (31) 6am Morning Programs. 10.00 Basketball. WNBA. Chicago Sky v Los Angeles Sparks. **Noon MOVIE:** The Deep. (2012, M) **1.40** Suspect Moustache. **2.10** New Girl. 4.00 WorldWatch, 5.30 Basketball, NBL, South East Melbourne Phoenix v Cairns Taipans. 7.30 Lee Lin Chin's Fashionista. 7.40 World's Greatest Hotels

8.30 The X-Files. **9.20** Cycling. UCI World Tour. Giro

d'Italia. 1.35am Late Programs. SBS MOVIES (32) 6am Morning Programs. 7.00 Leave No Trace. (2018, PG) 9.00 Death Defying Acts. (2007, PG) **10.45** The Little Witch. (2018, PG, German) **12.40pm** Polina. (2016, PG, French) **2.40** A Matter Of Life And Death. (1946, PG) **4.40** Wildwitch. (2018, PG, Danish) **6.35** A Street Cat Named Bob. (2016, PG) 8.30 Eurovision Song Contest: The Story Of Fire Saga. (2020, M)

10.45 Late Programs.

SEVEN (7)

6.00 NBC Today. **7.00** Weekend Sunrise. 10.00 The Morning Show: Weekend. (PG) 12.00 Horse Racing. Sporting Chance Cancer Foundation Day, Derby Day and Caulfield Race Day. 2.00 Football. AFL. Round 11. Brisbane Lions v GWS Giants.

6.00 Seven News. 7.00 Surveillance Oz. (PG) Teenagers get stuck in a lift.

5.00 Seven News At 5.

5.30 Creek To Coast.

7.30 MOVIE: Captain America: The First Avenger. (2011, Mv, R) During World War II, a young man volunteers for a top-secret research project which turns him into a superhero. Chris Evans, Hayley Atwell.

10.00 MOVIE: Wind River. (2017, MA15+asv) An animal tracker stumbles on the body of a murdered Native American girl.

Jeremy Renner, Elizabeth Olsen. 12.15 Motor Racing. Supercars Championship. Round 5. Winton SuperSprint. Highlights.

1.15 The Zoo. (R) 2.00 Home Shopping. (R) 4.00 Get Arty. (R) 5.00 House Of Wellness. (PGa, R)

7TWO (72) 6am Morning Programs. **10.00** Insider Trading. **11.00** Bargain Hunt. **Noon** The Great Australian Doorstep. 12.30 Weekender. 1.00 House Of Wellness. 2.00 Horse Racing. Sporting Chance Cancer Foundation Day, Derby Day and Caulfield Race Day. **5.00** Creek To Coast. **5.30** Charlie Luxton's Homes By The Sea. **6.30** Dr Harry's Animal Encounters. **7.30** The Yorkshire Vet. **8.30**

Escape To The Country. **11.30** Late Programs.

7MATE (73) 6am Morning Programs. **11.00** Roll With It. **11.30** Life Off Road. **Noon** Bull Riding. PBR Australia. 12.30 Timbersports. 1.00 Blokesworld. **1.30** Storage Wars. **2.00** American Pickers: Best Of. **3.00** Canadian Pickers. **4.00** Heavy Rescue: 401. **5.00** Picked Off. **6.00** American Restoration. **7.00** AFL Pre-Game. **7.30** Football. AFL. Round 11. Gold Coast Suns v Hawthorn. **11.00** Late Programs.

NINE (5)

6.00 Easy Eats. (R) 7.00 Weekend Today. **10.00** Today Extra: Saturday. (PG) **12.00** Our State On A Plate. 12.30 Animal Embassy. (R) **1.00** Reel Destinations. **1.30** Celebrity Apprentice Australia. (PGI, R) 3.00 Netball. Super Netball. Round 5. Queensland Firebirds v Melbourne Vixens. From Nissan Arena, Queensland. 5.00 News: First At Five. 5.30 Getaway. (PG)

6.00 Nine News Saturday. **7.00** A Current Affair. 7.30 David Attenborough's

A Perfect Planet: Volcano. (Premiere, PG) An examination of the impact of volcanoes, without which life on Earth would never have begun.

8.40 MOVIE: Jurassic World: Fallen Kingdom. (2018, Mv, R) Two former staff of the Jurassic World theme park try to rescue dinosaurs from a volcanic eruption. Chris Pratt, Bryce Dallas Howard, Rafe Spall. **11.10 MOVIE: Get Out.** (2017, MA15+lv, R)

A man meets his girlfriend's parents. Daniel Kaluuya. 1.05 New Amsterdam. (Mam, R) 2.00 TV Shop: Home Shopping. (R)

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

9GEM (52) 6am Morning Programs. **11.00** Avengers. **Noon** The Baron. **1.00** MOVIE: Saturday Island. (1952, PG) **3.00 MOVIE:** A Hole In The Head. (1959) 5.30 MOVIE: Foreign Intrigue (1956, PG) **7.30** Rugby Union. Super Rugby Trans Tasman. Round 3. Queensland Reds v Chiefs. **9.45** Super Rugby Trans Tasman: Post Match. 10.00 MOVIE: The Spy Who Loved Me. (1977, M) 12.35am Late Programs.

9GO! (53) 6am Children's Programs. **1.30pm** Social Fabric. **2.00** Road Trick. **2.30** The Break Boys. 3.00 Children's Programs. 3.15 MOVIE: Pokémon: The Rise Of Darkrai. (2007) 5.05 MOVIE: The Adventures Of Sharkboy And Lavagirl. (2005) 7.00 MOVIE: The Mummy Returns. (2001, PG) **9.35 MOVIE:** The Mummy: Tomb Of The Dragon Emperor. (2008, M) **11.50** Japandemonium. **12.20am** The Bi Life. **1.20** Late Programs.

WIN (8)

6.00 WhichCar. (PG, R) 6.30 Ent. Tonight. (PG, R) **7.00** Escape Fishing. (R) **7.30** The Offroad Adventure Show. (R) 8.30 All 4 Adventure. (PGI, R) 9.30 St10. (PG) 12.00 GCBC. (R) **12.30** Everyday Gourmet. (R) **1.00** My Market Kitchen. (R) 1.30 Healthy Homes Aust. 2.00 To Be Advised. 3.00 What's Up Down Under. 3.30 The Living Room. (R) 4.30 Farm To Fork. (PG, R) 5.00 10 News First.

6.00 Advancing Australia.

Presented by Guy Pearce. 6.30 Bondi Rescue. (PGa, R) Bondi lifeguards Will and Mario go out to investigate a reported body sighting off the coast. 7.00 The Dog House. (PG) Gold-winning Olympic cyclist Victoria Pendleton looks for

a dog she can co-parent with her mum. **8.00 MOVIE: A Quiet Place.** (2018) A family struggles to survive in a post-apocalyptic world where humans are hunted by monsters. John Krasinski,

Emily Blunt, Millicent Simmonds. 10.00 999: What's Your Emergency? (MA15+I, R) Police deal with a family who are responsible for theft, assaults, joy-riding and public disorder.

11.00 NCIS. (M, R) The team track a stolen laptop.

12.00 Home Shopping. (R) 5.00 Hour Of Power.

BOLD (81) 6am Home Shopping. 9.00 Star Trek: Voyager. **10.00** Diagnosis Murder. **Noon** JAG. **2.00** The Doctors. **3.00** Diagnosis Murder. 4.00 Bondi Rescue. 4.30 iFish. 5.00 Escape Fishing With ET. **5.30** Scorpion. **7.30** NCIS. **8.30** NCIS: New Orleans. (Final) **10.20** To Be Advised. **11.20** Hawaii Five-0. **1.10am MOVIE**: Forced Vengeance. (1982, MA15+) **3.35** Escape Fishing With ET. **4.05** The Doctors. **5.00** Home Shopping.

PEACH (82) 6am Sabrina, The Teenage Witch. 7.00 Posh Frock Shop. 8.00 Everybody Loves Raymond. 9.00 Becker. 10.00 The Dog House. **11.00** MasterChef Australia. **2.50pm** Frasier. **3.40** Friends. **6.00** Columbo. **7.30** Kojak. **8.25** Spyforce. 9.20 The Big Bang Theory. 9.45 Friends. 10.45 MOVIE: Cockneys Vs Zombies. (2012, MA15+) 12.30am Home Shopping. 1.30 Charmed. 2.30 Supernatural. 3.30 100% Hotter. 4.30 Shopping.



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Sunday, May 30

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. (PG, R) **11.30** Songs Of Praise. (R) **12.00** ABC News At Noon. **12.30** Landline. **1.30** Gardening Australia. (R) 2.30 Doc Martin. (PG, R) 3.30 Restoration Australia. (PG, R) **4.30** Back Roads. (Final, R) **5.00** Art Works. (R) **5.30** Antiques Roadshow.

6.30 Compass: Instagram Utopia? (PG, R) A look at the world of Byron Bay influencers. 7.00 ABC News Sunday. 7.40 Spicks And Specks. (PG)

Hosted by Adam Hills. **8.30 Wakefield.** (MA15+I) In the lead-up to the wedding of Nik's sister, a significant detail from his traumatic past comes to light. 9.30 Smother. (Mal) With Calum missing,

the Aherns question his recent violent behaviour as Val confronts Rory. 10.20 Unforgotten. (Mal, R) Cassie works on a new theory.

11.10 Glitch. (Mlv, R) 12.05 Miniseries: Dark Money. (Madl, R) **1.00 Rage.** (MA15+adhlnsv) **3.10** Miriam's Big American Adventure. (PG, R) **4.10** Unforgotten. (Mal, R) **4.55** Insiders. (R)

ABC TV PLUS (22) 6am Children's Programs. **7.15pm** Sir Mouse. **7.30** Spicks And Specks. **8.00** Compass. **8.30** Louis Theroux: Shooting Joe Exotic. **9.15** Love On The Spectrum. **10.10** Catalyst. **11.05** Tate Britain's Great British Walks. 11.55 You Can't Ask That. 12.25am Black Mirror. 1.15 Restoration Australia. 2.15 News Update. 2.20 Close. 5.00 Rainbow Chicks. 5.05 Timmy Time. 5.20 Pocoyo. 5.25 Late Programs

NITV (34) 6am Morning Programs. **10.00** Football. QAFLW. **11.45** Football. AFL. Heartland Footy. Murray League. **1.30pm** Rugby League. NRL NT. 3.00 Ice Hockey. SA Premier League. 4.30 Football. NT Women's Premier League. **6.00** NITV News: Nula. 6.30 Behind The Brush. 7.20 NITV News Update. **7.30** Australia In Colour. **8.30** Wik Vs Queensland. 10.00 Island Paradise: Living In The Torres Straits. 11.00 Late Programs.

SBS(3)

6.00 WorldWatch. **7.00** Cycling. UCI World Tour. Giro d'Italia. Highlights. **8.00** SBS News Flood Special. **8.30** WorldWatch. **1.00** Motorcycle Racing. ProMX Championship. Round 3. 3.30 Cycling. National Road Series. Grafton to Inverell. Highlights. 4.00 Eva Braun: Hitler's Wife. (PGav, R) 5.00 SBS News Flood Special. (R) 5.30 Cycling. UCI World Tour. Giro d'Italia. Highlights.

6.30 SBS World News. 7.30 Henry VIII And The King's Men: The Unexpected King.

(Premiere, PG) Part 1 of 3. 10.30 Grand Tours Of Scotland's Lochs: Lost In A Landscape. (PG, R) Presented by Paul Murton. **11.00 Cycling.** UCI World Tour.

Critérium du Dauphiné. Stage 1. 1.00 8 Out Of 10 Cats Does Countdown. (Mls, R) 2.50 Alex Polizzi: Chef For Hire. (R) 4.00 VICE Guide To Film. (Malv, R) 4.50 Destination Flavour

Scandinavia Bitesize. (R) 5.00 France 24 Feature. 5.15 NHK World English News. **5.30** Deutsche Welle English News.

VICELAND (31) 6am WorldWatch **Noon** The Goddam Election! With John Safran. 1.00 New Girl. 2.30 WorldWatch. 3.00 Basketball. NBI Illawarra Hawks v Adelaide 36ers 5.00 Basketball. NBL. NZ Breakers v Brisbane Bullets. **7.00** Monty Python. **7.35** Abandoned Engineering. 8.30 The UnXplained With William Shatner 9.20 Cycling. UCI World Tour. Giro d'Italia. Stage 21. Senago to Milano. 2am Late Programs.

SBS MOVIES (32) 6am Morning Programs. **8.50** Wildwitch. (2018, PG. Danish) **10.45** Journey To The West: The Demons Strike Back. (2017, PG, Mandarin) 12.45pm A Street Cat Named Bob. (2016, PG) 2.40 A Monster Calls. (2016, PG) **4.40** The Little Witch. (2018, PG, German) **6.35** The Falcons. (2018, PG, Icelandic) **8.30** Frozen River. (2008, M) 10.20 Mulan. (2009, M, Mandarin) **12.25am** Late Programs.

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** Kochie's Your Money & Your Life. 1.30 To Be Advised. 3.00 Dog Patrol. (PG, R) 3.30 Border Patrol. (PG, R) 4.00 Better Homes And Gardens. (R) 5.00 Seven News At 5. 5.30 Weekender.

6.00 Seven News. 7.00 7NEWS Spotlight: Ride Of Your Life.

8.15 Crime Investigation Australia: **Most Infamous: The Moorhouse** Horrors. (Mav) Details the shocking crimes of David and Catherine Birnie.

9.30 The Real Manhunter: The Murder Of Christopher Donovan. (Madv) Hosted by Colin Sutton 10.30 Criminal Confessions: Who

Killed Little Mama? (Madlv) 11.30 The Blacklist. (Mv) **12.30** Motor Racing. Supercars C'ship. Round 5. Winton SuperSprint. H'lights. From Winton Motor Raceway, Victoria. 1.30 RSPCA Animal Rescue. (R) 2.00 Home Shopping (R) **3.30** Million Dollar Minute. (R) **4.00** NBC Today. 5.00 Seven Early News. 5.30 Sunrise.

7TWO (72) 6am Morning Programs. 7.30 Leading The Way. 8.00 David Jeremiah. 8.30 Shopping. **9.00** To Be Advised. **9.30** Life Off Road. **10.00** House Of Wellness. **11.00** The Surgery Ship. **Noon** Dr Harry's Animal Encounters. **1.00** The Zoo. **1.30** Our Town. **2.00** The Bowls Show. **3.00** My Greek Odyssey. **4.00** Escape To The Country. **7.00** Border Security. **8.30** Air Crash Investigation. **11.30** Late Programs.

7MATE (73) 6am Morning Programs. 11.00 Oz Fish TV. 11.30 River To Reef: Retro. Noon The Fishing Show. 1.00 Fish'n With Mates. 1.30 On Tour With Allan Border. 2.00 Merv Hughes Fishing. 2.30 Step Outside. 3.00 Canadian Pickers. 4.00 Storage Wars Canada. **4.30** Graveyard Carz. **5.30** American Restoration. **6.30** MOVIE: Fantastic Four. (2015, PG) **8.35 MOVIE:** Men In Black: International. (2019, M) 10.55 Late Programs.

NINE (5)

6.00 Easy Eats. (R) 7.00 Weekend Today. 10.00 Sports Sunday. (PG) 11.00 NRL Sunday Footy Show. (PG) 1.00 Netball. Super Netball. Round 5. Adelaide Thunderbirds

v Sunshine Coast Lightning. **3.00 Rugby League.** NRL. Round 12. Newcastle Knights v Manly Sea Eagles.

6.00 Nine News. **7.00 Celebrity Apprentice Australia.** (PGIn) The celebrities

design and model swimwear. 8.40 60 Minutes. Current affairs program, investigating, analysing and uncovering the issues affecting all Australians.

9.40 Nine News Late. Takes a look at the latest news and events from Australia and around the world.

10.10 Law & Order: Organized Crime. (Mav) Detective Elliot Stabler returns to the NYPD to battle organised crime after a devastating personal loss. 11.10 Tennis. French Open. Day 1.

4.00 The Xtreme CollXtion. (PG, R) 4.30 Reel Destinations. (R) 5.00 News Early Edition. **5.30** Today.

9GEM (52) 6am Morning Programs **7.30** In Touch. **8.00** Beyond Today. **8.30** The Incredible Journey. 9.00 TV Shop. 10.00 The AFL Sunday Footy Show. Noon Getaway. 12.30 MOVIE: Devil Girl From Mars. (1954, PG) 2.05 MOVIE: Kings Of The Sun. (1963, PG) 4.15 MOVIE: Donovan's Reef. (1963. PG) 6.30 French Open Tennis Pre-Show. 7.00 Tennis. French Open. Day 1. 11.10 Late

6am Children's Programs. 1.30pm The Break Boys. 2.00 Dance Moms. 3.00 MOVIE: Take The Lead. (2006. PG) 5.30 MOVIE: The Spy Next Door. (2010. PG) **7.30 MOVIE:** Jupiter Ascending. (2015, M) 10.00 MOVIE: Underworld. (2003, MA15+) **12.30am** The Bi Life. **1.30** Dance Moms. 2.30 The Break Boys. 3.00 Power Rangers Dino Super. **3.30** Thunderbirds. **4.30** Pokémon The Series: Sun & Moon. **4.50** Late Programs.

WIN (8)

6am Morning Programs. **8.00** Pooches At Play. (R) **8.30** Freshly Picked. (R) **9.00** Australia By Design: Architecture. (R) **9.30** St10. (PG) **12.00** Advancing Australia. (R) **12.30** Left Off The Map. (R) **1.00** My Market Kitchen. (R) 1.30 GCBC. (R) 2.00 MasterChef Aust. (R) **3.10** Everyday Gourmet. (R) **3.30** Hotels By Design. (PG, R) **4.00** Fishing Aust. (R) 4.30 Taste Of Australia. 5.00 News

6.30 The Sunday Project. Joins panellists for a look at the day's news, events and hot topics.

7.30 MasterChef Australia. Amateur cooks compete to impress judges Andy Allen, Melissa Leong and Jock Zonfrillo.

9.00 FBI: Most Wanted. (Final) Follows the FBI fugitive task force as they investigate and apprehend elusive criminals. 10.00 FBI. (Mdv, R) A husband and

father is kidnapped after accidentally getting involved in illegal dealings. 11.00 The Sunday Project. (R) Joins panellists for a look at the day's

news, events and hot topics. 12.00 Home Shopping. (R) 4.30 CBS This Morning Morning news and talk show.

BOLD (81) 6am Shopping. **7.30** Key Of David. **8.00** Bondi Rescue. **8.30** ST: Voyager. **10.30** Escape Fishing. **11.00** Scorpion. **1pm** The Doctors 2.00 Diagnosis Murder 3.00 The Offroad Adventure Show. **4.00** Pooches At Play. **4.30** What's Up Down Under. **5.00** iFish Summer. **5.30** Advancing Australia. **6.00** JAG. **7.00** Bondi Rescue. 7.30 NCIS. 9.30 Motorcycle Racing. MotoGP. Grand Prix of Italy. 11.15 Late Programs.

PEACH (82) 6am Sahrina The Teenage Witch. **7.00** The Neighborhood. **8.00** Neighbours. **10.30** MasterChef Australia. **12.50pm** 100% Hotter. **1.50** The Neighborhood. **2.50** Friends. **6.00** The Big Bang Theory. **8.30** Friends. **10.00** 2 Broke Girls. **11.30** Mom. **Midnight** Home Shopping. **1.30** Posh Frock Shop. **2.30** Charmed. **3.30** A Million Little Things. 4.30 Home Shopping.

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Monday, May 31

ABC TV (2)

6.00 News Breakfast. 9.00 ABC News Mornings. 10.00 Landline. (R) 11.00 Hawke: The Larrikin And The Leader. (Final, PG, R) 12.00 ABC News At Noon. 1.00 The Durrells. (PGas, R) 1.50 Agatha Raisin. (Final, Mv, R) **3.00** ABC News Afternoons. **4.00** Think Tank. (PG, R) 4.55 Julia Zemiro's Home Delivery. (PG, R) **5.25 Hard Quiz.** (PG, R)

6.00 The Drum. 7.00 ABC News. Takes a look at today's top stories. **7.30 7.30.** Presented by Leigh Sales. 8.00 Australian Story. Australians tell personal stories

8.30 Four Corners. Investigative journalism program that leads national debate and confronting issues that matter.

9.15 Media Watch. (PG) Paul Barry takes a look at the latest issues affecting media consumers. 9.35 Baby Surgeons. (Ma) Part 2 of 3.

10.20 ABC Late News. Detailed coverage of the day's events. 10.55 Love On The Spectrum. (PG, R) 11.50 MotherFatherSon. (MA15+dlns, R) 12.50 No Offence. (Malv, R) 1.40 Rage. (MA15+adhlnsv) **3.30** Ice Wars. (MA15+ad, R) **4.25** The Drum.

(R) **5.25** 7.30. (R)

ABC TV PLUS (22) 6am Children's Programs. **7.15pm** Odd Squad. **7.30** Spicks And Specks. **8.00** Ql. **8.30** David Attenborough's Natural History Museum Alive. 9.35 Doctor Who. 10.25 Back In Time For Dinner. (Final) 11.25 The Set. Midnight Escape From The City. 12.55 Extras. 1.25 Parks And Recreation. 1.50 30 Rock. 2.10 Peep Show. 3.05 Back In Very Small Business. 3.35 News Update. **3.40** Close. **5.00** Late Programs

NITV (34) 6am Morning Programs. 1.30pm Behind The Brush. 2.30 Barnay. 3.00 Wapos Bay. 3.25 Bushwhacked! 3.55 Bino And Fino. 4.00 Musomagic. **4.30** The Storyteller. **5.00** Fraggle Rock. **6.00** On Country Kitchen. **6.30** Pete & Pio's Kai Safari. **7.00** Our Stories. **7.15** Nyoongar Footy Magic. **7.20** News. **7.30** Australia In Colour. **8.30** Living Black. **9.00** Vote Yes For Aborigines. **10.00** News. **10.10** Coniston. **11.10** Late Programs.

SBS(3)

6.00 WorldWatch. **6.30** This Week. **7.00** Cycling. UCI World Tour. Giro d'Italia Highlights. 8.00 WorldWatch. 2.00 Destination Flavour China Bitesize. (R) 2.05 Michael Portillo's Abandoned Britain. (PGa, R) 3.00 Railway Journeys UK. (PG, R) 3.35 The Cook Up With Adam Liaw. (PG) 4.05 Cycling. UCI World Tour. Giro d'Italia. Highlights. 5.05 Jeopardy! (PG) 5.30 Letters And Numbers. (R)

6.00 Mastermind Australia. (PG) 6.30 SBS World News. 7.35 Secrets Of The Tower Of London. (PGav, R) Takes a

look at the Tower of London. 8.30 Secret Scotland: Glasgow. (PG) Susan Calman visits the home of Scottish football and meets the only Scot ever to have won a football world cup.

9.25 24 Hours In Emergency: Field Of Dreams. (M) A 42-year-old is hit by a car whilst crossing the road.

10.20 SBS World News Late. 10.50 Darklands. (MA15+lv) 11.45 Agatha Christie's Criminal Games. (Mav, R) 1.30 Years And Years. (Mals, R) 2.35 Alex Polizzi: Chef For Hire. (R) 3.45 24 Hours In Emergency. (Malw, R) 4.45 The Diver. (MA15+a) 5.00 France 24 Feature. 5.15 NHK World English News. 5.30 Deutsche Welle English News.

VICELAND (31) 6am Basketball. EuroLeague. C'ship Game. Continued. **7.00**WorldWatch. **Noon** The X-Files. **1.40** The Last Man On Earth. **3.00** Curse Of Oak Island. **3.45** Lee Lin Chin's Fashionista. 3.55 WorldWatch. 4.20 This Week. **5.15** Joy Of Painting. **5.45** Shortland Street. **6.15** Forged In Fire. **7.05** Jeopardy! **7.35** 8 Out Of 10 Cats Does Countdown. **8.30** Taskmaster. **10.20** Late Programs.

SBS MOVIES (32) **SBS MOVIES (32) 6am** Morning Programs. **8.10** The Falcons. (2018, PG, Icelandic) 10.05 A Matter Of Life And Death. (1946, PG) **12.05pm** Mulan. (2009, M, Mandarin) **2.10** Wildwitch. (2018, PG, Danish) **4.05** Belle And Sebastian 3. (2017, PG, French) 5.45 Mr. Holmes. (2015, PG) **7.40** Dede. (2017, M, Georgian) **9.30** Above The Law. (2017, MA15+, French) **11.05** Late Programs.

SEVEN (7)

6.00 Sunrise. **9.00** The Morning Show. (PG) 11.30 Seven Morning News. 12.00 MOVIE: Maid Of Honor. (2006, Mv, R) 2.00 Autopsy USA: George Michael. (Mads, R) 3.00 The Chase. 4.00 Seven News At 4. 5.00 The Chase Australia.

6.00 Seven Local News. 6.30 Seven News. 7.00 Home And Away. (PGa) 7.30 Big Brother. (PGal) Twelve housemates are locked up together under 24/7 surveillance.

9.00 9-1-1. (M) The members of the 118 make calls to save a bride at a disastrous wedding. Athena uncovers a secret. 10.00 S.W.A.T. (Mv) Criminals steal

a mass arsenal of assault rifles. 11.00 The Latest: Seven News. 11.30 Station 19. (Ma) Andy and Jack deal with a collapsing bowling alley. 12.30 Splitting Up Together. (PGdls, R) 1.30 Trial & Error. (Ms, R) 2.00 Home Shopping. (R) 4.00 NBC Today. 5.00 Seven Early News.

5.30 Sunrise.

7TWO (72) 6am Shopping. **6.30** All The Things. **7.00** Property Ladder UK. **9.30** NBC Today. 10.30 Kochie's Your Money & Your Life. 11.00 The Bowls Show. Noon House Of Wellness. 1.00 The Surgery Ship. **2.00** My Greek Odyssey. **3.00** Australia's Deadliest. 3.30 Air Crash Investigation. **4.30** M*A*S*H. **5.30** Escape To The Country. **6.30** Bargain Hunt. **7.30** Doc Martin. **8.30** Judge John Deed. **10.30** Autopsy USA. **11.30** Late Programs.

7MATE (73) **7MATE (73) 6am** Morning Programs. **2pm** American Restoration. **2.30** Graveyard Carz. **3.30** Motor Racing. Supercars Championship. Round 5. Winton SuperSprint. Highlights. **4.30** Motor Racing. Supercars Championship. Round 5. Winton SuperSprint. Highlights. **5.30** Storage Wars. **6.00** American Pickers. **7.00** Pawn Stars. **7.30** Aussie Pickers. **8.30** MOVIE: Heartbreak Ridge. (1986, M) 11.15 Late Programs.

NINE (5)

6.00 Today. 9.00 Today Extra. (PG) 11.30 Morning News. 12.00 The Ellen DeGeneres Show. (PG, R) 1.00 Explore. (R) 1.15 Celebrity Apprentice Australia. (PGIn, R) 3.00 Tipping Point. (PG) 4.00 Afternoon News.

6.00 Nine News. 7.00 A Current Affair. 7.30 Celebrity Apprentice

4.30 Millionaire Hot Seat.

5.30 Nine News Local.

Australia. (PGI) Advisor Janine Allis puts up \$20,000 for the team that best launches a new Boost Juice flavour.

9.00 Emergency. (Ma) In Royal Melbourne Emergency, a teen jockey has been crushed under a horse, fracturing her pelvis. Dr Scott Taylor uses a clever hack for removing rings from swollen fingers. **10.00 100% Footy.** (M) Features the

latest rugby league news, with exclusive insights from an expert panel. 11.00 Nine News Late. Takes a look at the latest news and events from

Australia and around the world. **11.30 Tennis.** French Open. Day 2. 5.00 News Early Edition. 5.30 Today.

9GEM (52) 6am TV Shop. 7.00 Creflo. 7.30 TV Shop. 9.30 Danoz Direct. 10.30 The Ellen DeGeneres Show. 11.30 My Favorite Martian. Noon The Gulf. **1.00** Days Of Our Lives. **1.55** The Young And The Restless, 3.05 Antiques Roadshow, 3.35 MOVIE: Tender Mercies. (1983, PG) 5.30 Antiques Roadshow. 6.30 French Open Tennis Pre-Show. 7.00 Tennis. French Open. Day 2. 11.30 Late Programs.

9GO! (53) **6am** Children's Programs. **11.00** Xtreme Collxtion. **Noon** Parenthood. **1.00 9GO!** (53) Timeless. **2.00** Sliders. **3.00** Liquid Science. **4.00** Police Interceptors. (Premiere) **5.00** Malcolm. **6.00** The Nanny. **6.30** 3rd Rock From The Sun. **7.00** That '70s Show. **7.30** RBT. **8.30 MOVIE:** Death Race. (2008, MA15+) **10.30** Paranormal Caught On Camera. **11.30** 3rd Rock From The Sun. **Midnight** The Bi Life. **1.00** Late Programs.

WIN (8)

6.00 Headline News. **8.30** Studio 10. (PG) **12.00 Dr Phil.** (PGadl) 1.00 MasterChef Australia. (R) 2.30 Entertainment Tonight. 3.00 Judge Judy. (PG) 3.30 My Market Kitchen. 4.00 Good Chef Bad Chef. 4.30 The Bold And The Beautiful. (PG) 5.0010 News First.

6.00 WIN News.

6.30 The Project. A look at the day's news. 7.30 MasterChef Australia. Amateur cooks compete to impress judges Andy Allen, Melissa Leong and Jock Zonfrillo.

8.30 Have You Been Paying Attention? (Malns) A fast-paced look at news, with Sam Pang and Ed Kavalee joined by other celebrity panelists to compete to see who can remember the most about events of the week. Hosted by Tom Gleisner.

9.30 To Be Advised. 10.00 Just For Laughs. (Mls, R) Hosted by Tommy Little. 10.30 The Project. (R) A look at the day's new

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

4.30 CBS This Morning.

BOLD (81) 6am Home Shopping. 8.00 JAG. 9.00 Diagnosis Murder. 10.00 Star Trek: Voyager. Noon Walker, Texas Ranger. 1.00 WIN's All Australian News. 2.00 NCIS: Los Angeles. 3.00 Diagnosis Murder. **5.00** JAG. **7.00** Bondi Rescue. **7.30** NCIS. **10.20** To Be Advised. **12.10am** Home Shopping. **2.10** Motorcycle Racing. MotoGP. Race 6. Grand Prix of Italy. Replay. 3.40 Escape Fishing With ET. **4.10** Elementary. **5.05** Star Trek: Voyager.

PEACH (82) 6am The Neighborhood **7.00** Friends. **8.00** Sabrina, The Teenage Witch. **6am** The Neighborhood. 10.00 Cheers. 11.00 Friends. Noon WIN's All Australian News. **1.00** Charmed. **2.00** The Big Bang Theory. **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** Seinfeld. **11.00** The Conners. **Midnight** Shopping. **1.30** Late Programs.

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Tuesday, June 1

ABC TV (2)

6.00 News Breakfast. 9.00 ABC News Mornings. 10.00 Four Corners. (R) 11.00 Antiques Roadshow. (R) 12.00 ABC News At Noon. **1.00** Sanditon. (Ma, R) **2.00** Parliament Question Time. 3.15 ABC News Afternoons 4.00 Think Tank. (PG, R) 5.00 Julia Zemiro's Home **Delivery.** (PG, R) **5.25 Hard Quiz.** (PG, R)

6.00 The Drum. **7.00** ABC News. **7.30 7.30**. Presented by Leigh Sales. **8.00 Anh's Brush With Fame:** Missy Higgins. (PG) Anh Do

paints singer Missy Higgins. **8.30 Love On The Spectrum.** (PG) After a successful first date, Ronan cannot believe his luck when he sets up the second date of his life.

9.25 Louis Theroux: Shooting Joe **Exotic.** (MA15+I, R) Part 2 of 2. 10.10 China Tonight. (R) Hosted by Stan Grant.

10.40 ABC Late News.

11.15 Q+A. (R) **12.20 A Life In Ten Pictures**. (Ml, R) **1.10** Rage. (MA15+adhlnsv) **3.30** Ice Wars. (Madl, R) **4.25** The Drum. (R) **5.25** 7.30. (R)

ABC TV PLUS (22) 6am Children's Programs. **7.15pm** Odd Squad. **7.30** Spicks And Specks. 8.50 Back. (Final) 9.20 Doctor Who. 10.10 Extras. (Final) 10.40 The Games. 11.05 Would I Lie To You? 11.35 Live From The BBC. (Final) 12.25am Unprotected Sets. 1.20 Parks And Recreation. 1.40 30 Rock. 2.05 Peep Show. 2.55 Back In Very Small Business. 3.25 News Update. 3.30 Close. 5.00 Rainbow Chicks. 5.05 Late Programs.

NITV (34) 6am Morning Programs. 1pm Coniston. **2.00** The Other Side. **3.00** Wapos Bay. 3.25 Bushwhacked! 3.55 Bino And Fino. 4.00 Musomagic. 4.30 The Storyteller. 5.00 Fraggle Rock. 6.00 On Country Kitchen. 6.30 Jackie Robinson. 7.30 The Point. 8.30 Fair Game. 9.30 Basketball, NBL, Round 18, South East Melbourne Phoenix v Cairns Taipans. Replay. 11.30 Late

SBS(3)

6.00 WorldWatch. **11.00** Spanish News. **11.30** Turkish News. **12.00** Arabic News F24. **12.30** ABC America: World News Tonight. **1.00** PBS NewsHour. **2.00** Destination Flavour China Bitesize. (PG, R) **2.10** How The Victorians Built Britain. (R) 3.00 Living Black. (R) 3.30 The Cook Up With Adam Liaw. (PG) 4.05 The Great House Revival. (R) 5.05 Jeopardy! (PG) 5.30 Letters And Numbers. (R)

6.00 Mastermind Australia. (PG) **6.30 SBS World News**. **7.30** Who Do You Think You Are? Lisa Wilkinson. (PGa, R)

Lisa Wilkinson explores her roots. 8.30 Insight. Takes a look at the people who made the choice between pursuing their dreams and sticking with reality.

9.30 Dateline. Takes a look at Portugal. **10.00** The Feed. 10.30 SBS World News Late. 11.00 The Point. (R) 12.00 Taken Down. (MA15+ads) 1.00 Blinded.

(Mdlsv, R) 2.45 Alex Polizzi: Chef For Hire. (R) **3.55** 24 Hours In Emergency. (Mal, R) **4.55** Destination Flavour Scandinavia Bitesize. (R) 5.00 France 24 Feature. 5.15 NHK World English News. 5.30 Deutsche Welle English News.

VICELAND (31) 6am WorldWatch. Noon The X-Files. 1.40 The Last Man On Earth. 3.00 Curse Of Oak Island. 3.50 WorldWatch. 5.15 Joy Of Painting. **5.45** Shortland Street. **6.15** Forged In Fire. **7.05** Jeopardy! **7.35** 8 Out Of 10 Cats Does Countdown. 8.30 Patriot Brains. 9.20 Creamerie. **10.20** Cycling. UCI World Tour. Criterium du Dauphiné. Stage 3. Langeac to Saint-Haon-le-Vieux. 12.20am Late Programs.

SBS MOVIES (32) 6am Mr. Holmes. Continued. (2015, PG) **6.35** Hacker. (2019, PG, Danish) 8.20 Belle And Sebastian 3. (2017. PG. French) 10.00 The Ideal Palace. (2018, PG, French) Noon Dede. (2017, M, Georgian) 1.50 The Falcons. (2018, PG, Icelandic) **3.45** Ragnarok. (2013, PG, Norwegian) **5.35** Chalet Girl. (2011, PG) **7.30** In Your Hands. (2018, M, French) 9.35 The Immortal. (2019, MA15+, Italian) 11.45 Late Programs.

SEVEN (7)

6.00 Sunrise. 9.00 The Morning Show. (PG) 11.30 Seven Morning News. 12.00 MOVIE: New York Prison **Break: The Seduction Of** Joyce Mitchell. (2017, Msv, R) 2.00 Autopsy USA. (Mad, R)

3.00 The Chase. 4.00 Seven News At 4. 5.00 The Chase Australia.

6.00 Seven Local News. 6.30 Seven News. **7.00 Home And Away.** (PGa) **7.30 Big Brother.** (PGal) Hosted by Sonia Kruger.

9.00 The Good Doctor. (M) The St Bonaventure team travels to Guatemala on a surgical mission to help patients at a rural hospital.

10.00 The Resident. (M) Conrad

and Nic welcome a baby girl 11.00 The Latest: Seven News. 11.30 Station 19. (Ma) 12.30 The Aussie Property Flippers. (PG, R)

2.00 Home Shopping. (R) 4.00 NBC Today 5.00 Seven Early News. 5.30 Sunrise.

7TWO (72) 6am Home Shopping. **6.30** The Outdoor Room With Jamie Durie. **7.00** Property Ladder UK. 9.30 NBC Today. Noon House Of Wellness, 1.00 Cold Feet, 2.00 The Windsors. **2.30** Sydney Weekender. **3.00** The Zoo. **3.30** Air Crash Investigation. 4.30 M*A*S*H. 5.30 Escape To The Country. 6.30 Bargain Hunt. 7.30 Pie In The Sky. **8.30** Inspector George Gently. **10.30** Robbie Coltrane's Critical Evidence. 11.30 Late Programs.

7MATE (73) 6am Morning Programs. **9.00** Swamp People. **10.00** America's Game. **11.00** A Football Life. Noon Ax Men. 1.00 Carter's W.A.R. **2.00** Heavy Rescue: 401. **3.00** Swamp People. 4.00 Fish'n With Mates. 4.30 Highway Thru Hell **5.30** Storage Wars. **6.00** American Pickers. **7.00** Pawn Stars. **7.30** Highway Patrol. **8.30** Outback Truckers. **9.30** MegaTruckers. **10.30** Supertruckers. 11.30 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** Getaway. (PG, R) 1.30 Celebrity Apprentice Australia. (PGI, R) 3.00 Tipping Point. (PG)

4.00 Afternoon News. 4.30 Millionaire Hot Seat. 5.30 Nine News Local

6.00 Nine News. 7.00 A Current Affair. **7.30 Celebrity Apprentice Australia.** (PGI) The celebrities need to turn trash into treasure as they're

set loose in a giant junkyard. 9.00 The Weakest Link. (PG) Quiz show featuring eight contestants who answer general knowledge questions, with the 'weakest link" voted out by their peers after each round. Hosted by Magda Szubanski.

10.00 Kath & Kim. (PGls, R) Kath plans a big party for Kel's 50th birthday, a milestone that has Kel suffering a mid-life crisis. **11.10 Nine News Late.** A look at

the latest news and events. 11.40 Tennis. French Open. Day 3. 5.00 News Early Edition. **5.30** Today.

9GEM (52) 6am Tennis, French Open Day 2. Continued. **7.00** Creflo. **7.30** TV Shop. **9.30** Danoz. **10.30** Ellen DeGeneres. **11.30** My Favorite Martian. **Noon** The Gulf. **1.00** Days Of Our Lives. **1.55** The Young And The Restless. **3.05** Antiques Roadshow. **3.35 MOVIE:** Spring In Park Lane. (1948) **5.30** Antiques Roadshow. **6.30** French Open Tennis Pre-Show. **7.00** Tennis. French Open. Day 3. **11.40**

9GO! (53) 6am Children's Programs. **11.00** Xtreme Collxtion. **Noon** Parenthood. **1.00** Timeless. 2.00 Sliders. 3.00 Malcolm. 3.30 The Nanny. 4.00 3rd Rock From The Sun. 4.30 That 70s Show. **5.00** Malcolm. **6.00** The Nanny. **6.30** 3rd Rock From The Sun. 7.00 That '70s Show. **7.30 MOVIE:** The Core. (2003, M) **10.10 MOVIE:** American Assassin. (2017, MA15+) **12.20am** Late

WIN (8)

6.00 Headline News. 8.30 Studio 10. (PG) 12.00 Dr Phil. (PGadl) 1.00 MasterChef Australia. (R) 2.00 Entertainment Tonight. **2.30** Everyday Gourmet With Justine Schofield. (R) **3.00** Judge Judy. (PG) 3.30 My Market Kitchen. 4.00 Good Chef Bad Chef. 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 MasterChef Australia. Amateur cooks compete to impress judges Andy Allen, Melissa Leong and Jock Zonfrillo. 8.40 How To Stay Married. (PGals)

Greg and Em continue to struggle through the day-to-day problems of school, work and family life.

9.10 NCIS. When members of an NCIS training team are killed during an explosion, NCIS Special Agent Jessica Knight helps crack the case.

11.00 WIN's All Australian News. 12.00 The Project. (R) 1.00 The Late Show With Stephen Colbert. (PG) 2.00 Home Shopping. (R) 4.30 CBS This Morning.

BOLD (81) 6am Home Shopping. 8.00 JAG. 9.00 Diagnosis Murder. 10.00 Star Trek: Voyager. 11.00 Star Trek: Enterprise. Noon Walker, Texas Ranger. **1.00** WIN's All Australian News. **2.00** NCIS: Los Angeles. **3.00** Diagnosis Murder. **5.00** JAG. **7.00** Bondi Rescue. **7.30** NCIS. **8.30** Blue Bloods, 10.25 NCIS: New Orleans, 11.20 To Be Advised. 12.15am Shopping. 2.15 MOVIE: Forced Vengeance. (1982, MA15+) 4.10 Late Programs.

PEACH (82) 6am Frasier 7.00 Cheers 8.00 Everybody Loves Raymond. 9.00 Becker. 10.00 Frasier 11.00 Friends Noon WIN's All Australian News. 1.00 2 Broke Girls. 1.30 Seinfeld. 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. 11.35 Frasier. Midnight Shopping. 1.30 Raymond. 2.00 Late Programs.

Wednesday, June 2

ABC TV (2)

6.00 News Breakfast. **9.00** ABC News Mornings. 10.00 Gardening Australia. (R) 11.00 Can We Save The Reef? (R) 12.00 ABC News At Noon. 12.30 National Press Club Address. 1.35 Media Watch. (PG, R) 2.00 Parliament Question Time. 3.15 ABC News Afternoons. 4.00 Think Tank. (PG, R) 4.55 Julia Zemiro's Home Delivery. (PG, R) 5.30 Hard Quiz. (PG, R)

6.00 The Drum. **7.00** ABC News. **7.30 7.30.** Presented by Leigh Sales.

8.00 Hard Quiz. (PG) Hosted by Tom Gleeson.

8.30 Shaun Micallef's MAD AS HELL.

Host Shaun Micallef presents a round-up of important news stories of the week. 9.00 You Can't Ask That:

Lesbians. (MA15+s) Nine empowered women share their insights on what it is like to be a lesbian.

9.35 QI. (PGIs) Hosted by Sandi Toksvig. 10.05 The Set. (R) 10.35 ABC Late News. 11.10 Four Corners. (R) 11.55 Media Watch. (PG, R) 12.10 Baby Surgeons. (Ma, R) 1.00 No Offence. (Mal, R) 1.45 Rage (MA15+adhlnsv) **3.30** Ice Wars. (Mal, R) **4.30** The Drum. (R) 5.25 7.30. (R)

ABC TV PLUS (22) 6am Children's Programs. **7.15pm** Odd Squad. **7.30** Spicks And Specks. **8.00** Would I Lie To You? **8.30** Art Works. 9.00 Tate Britain's Great British Walks. 9.45 The Art Of Collecting. (Premiere) 10.15 Doctor Who. 11.05 Restoration Australia. (Final) 12.05am Louis Theroux: Shooting Joe Exotic. **12.50** Parks And Recreation. **1.10** 30 Rock. **1.35** Peep Show. **2.25** Late

NITV (34) 6am Morning Programs. **2pm** Jackie Robinson. **3.00** Jarjums. **4.30** The Storyteller. **5.00** Fraggle Rock. **6.00** On Country Kitchen. **6.30** Pete & Pio's Kai Safari. **7.00** Our Stories. **7.15** Nyoongar Footy Magic. **7.20** News. **7.30** Wellington Paranormal. **8.00** Yokayi Footy. 8.35 Over The Black Dot. 9.30 NITV News Update. 9.40 Rugby League. NRL. WA Premiership. Replay. 11.30 Late Programs.

SBS(3)

6.00 WorldWatch. **9.30** Greek News. **10.30** German News. **11.00** Spanish News. **11.30** Turkish News. 12.00 Arabic News F24. 12.30 ABC America: World News Tonight. 1.00 PBS NewsHour. **2.00** Destination Flavour China Bitesize. (R) 2.05 Dateline. (R) 2.35 Insight. (R) **3.35** The Cook Up With Adam Liaw. (PG) **4.05** The Great House Revival. (PG, R) **5.05** Jeopardy! (PG) 5.30 Letters And Numbers. (R)

6.00 Mastermind Australia. (PG) 6.30 SBS World News. 7.35 Britain's Cathedrals With Tony Robinson: York Minster. (PGav, R)

Sir Tony Robinson visits York Minster. 8.30 The Secrets Of Coca-Cola: The Billion Dollar Beverage. (PGad, R) Explores how Coca-Cola, a murky brown medicine invented in 1886, became the best-selling soft drink of all time.

9.40 Bloodlands. (M) Tom continues to search for Pat's kidnapper. 10.45 SBS World News Late. 11.15 Stella Blomkvist. (MA15+asv)

12.10 Blood. (Malv) 2.50 Alex Polizzi: The Fixer. (PG, R) 3.55 8 Out Of 10 Cats Does Countdown. (Mas, R) 4.50 Destination Flavour Scandinavia Bitesize. (R) 5.00 France 24 Feature. 5.15 NHK World English News. 5.30 Deutsche Welle English News.

VICELAND (31) 6am WorldWatch Noon The X-Files. 1.40 The Last Man On Earth. 6am WorldWatch. 3.00 Curse Of Oak Island. 3.50 WorldWatch. 5.15 Joy Of Painting. **5.45** Shortland Street. **6.15** Forged In Fire. **7.05** Jeopardy! **7.35** 8 Out Of 10 Cats Does Countdown. **8.35 MOVIE:** Source Code. (2011, M) 10.20 Cycling. UCI World Tour. Criterium du Dauphiné. Stage 4. Firminy to Roche-la-Molière **12.20am** Late Programs.

SBS MOVIES (32) 6am Belle And Sebastian 3. Continued. (2017, PG, French) **6.55** Ragnarok. (2013, PG, Norwegian) 8.45 Mr. Holmes (2015, PG) **10.40** Chalet Girl. (2011, PG) **12.35pm** In Your Hands. (2018, M, French) **2.40** Kiwi Flyer. (2012, PG) 4.15 From Up On Poppy Hill. (2011, PG) **5.55** Hacker. (2019, PG, Danish) **7.40** Wajib. (2017, M, Arabic) **9.30** Burning. (2018, M, Korean) 12.10am Late Programs.

SEVEN (7)

6.00 Sunrise. 9.00 The Morning Show. (PG) 11.30 Seven Morning News. 12.00 MOVIE: Midwives. (2001, Ma, R) 2.00 Autopsy USA: George Harrison. (Mdv, R) 3.00 The Chase. 4.00 Seven News At 4.

6.00 Seven Local News. 6.30 Seven News. 7.00 Home And Away. (PGa) 7.30 Big Brother. (PGal) Hell Week reaches it dramatic conclusion with a terrifying challenge.

5.00 The Chase Australia.

9.00 MOVIE: The Hangover Part III. (2013, MA15+In, R) The Wolfpack find themselves faced with the consequences of Doug's bachelor party, four years earlier. Bradley Cooper, Zach Galifianakis, Ed Helms. 11.05 The Latest: Seven News.

11.35 Reckoning. (MA15+av) Leo struggles to keep his demons in check. 12.35 Instant Hotel. (PGI, R) 2.00 Home Shopping. (R) 4.00 NBC Today. 5.00 Seven Early News. 5.30 Sunrise.

7TWO (72) 6am Home Shopping. **6.30** The Outdoor Room With Jamie Durie. **7.00** Property Ladder UK. 9.30 NBC Today. Noon House Of Wellness. 1.00 Robbie Coltrane's Critical Evidence. 2.00 Our Town. 2.30 Kochie's Your Money & Your Life. **3.00** The Zoo. **3.30** Mighty Cruise Ships. **4.30** M*A*S*H. 5.30 Escape To The Country. 6.30 Bargain Hunt. 7.30 The Coroner. 8.30 A Touch Of Frost 10.50 Mighty Rivers. 11.50 Late Programs.

7MATE (73) 6am Morning Programs. **9.00** Swamp People. **10.00** NFL 100 Greatest. 11.00 A Football Life. Noon Ax Men. 1.00 Storage Wars Canada. **2.00** Gold Fever. **3.00** Classic Restos: USA. **3.30** Blokesworld. **4.00** Fish'n With Mates. 4.30 Highway Thru Hell. 5.30 Storage Wars. 6.00 American Pickers. **7.00** Pawn Stars. **7.30** The Simpsons. **9.00** Family Guy. **9.30** American Dad! **10.30** Family Guy. **11.00** 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** Driving Test. (PGI, R)

1.30 Celebrity Apprentice Australia. (PGI, R) **3.00 Tipping Point.** (PG) 4.00 Afternoon News. 4.30 Millionaire Hot Seat. 5.30 Nine News Local.

6.00 Nine News. 7.00 A Current Affair. 7.30 Travel Guides. (PGlsv) Takes a look at the historical wonders of Mexico City and

the authentic southern region of Oaxaca. 8.30 Doctor Doctor. (PGal) Penny must decide between her loyalty to the hospital and her feelings for Hugh. Meryl's corruption trial takes a surprising twist, and Ajax takes a stand to win back Hayley.

9.30 New Amsterdam. (Mamv) A doctor shakes up the status quo on his first day as medical director of the New Amsterdam, the oldest public hospital in the US, while simultaneously dealing with his own personal and health issues.

10.30 Nine News Late. A look at the latest news and events. 11.00 Tennis. French Open. Day 4. 5.00 News Early Edition. **5.30** Today.

9GEM (52) 6am Tennis. French Open. Day 3. Continued. **7.00** Creflo. **7.30** TV Shop. **10.30** Ellen DeGeneres. 11.30 My Favorite Martian. Noon The Gulf. **1.00** Days Of Our Lives. **1.55** The Young And The Restless, 3.00 Antiques Roadshow, 3.30 MOVIE: Happy Go Lovely. (1951) **5.30** Antiques Roadshow. **6.30** French Open Tennis Pre-Show. **7.00** Tennis. French Open. Day 4. **11.00** Late

Programs.

9GO! (53) 6am Children's Programs. 11.00 Xtreme Collxtion. Noon Parenthood. 1.00 Timeless. 2.00 Sliders. 3.00 Malcolm. 3.30 The Nanny. **4.00** 3rd Rock From The Sun. **4.30** That '70s Show. **5.00** Malcolm. **6.00** The Nanny. **6.30** 3rd Rock From The Sun. **7.00** That '70s Show. **7.30** Paranormal Caught On Camera. **8.30 MOVIE**: xXx: Return Of Xander Cage. (2017, M) **10.35** All New Traffic Cops. **11.35** Late Programs. **WIN (8)**

6.00 Headline News. 8.30 Studio 10. (PG) 12.00 Dr Phil. (Ma) 1.00 MasterChef Australia. (R) 2.00 Entertainment Tonight. 2.30 Everyday Gourmet With Justine Schofield. (R) 3.00 Judge Judy. (PG) 3.30 My Market Kitchen. 4.00 Good Chef Bad Chef.

4.30 The Bold And The Beautiful. (PG) 5.00 10 News First.

6.00 WIN News. 6.30 The Project. The hosts and guest panellists take a look at the day's news, events and hot topics. 7.30 MasterChef Australia. Amateur

cooks compete to impress judges Andy Allen, Melissa Leong and Jock Zonfrillo. 8.40 Bull. (Mv, R) Bull defends a medical student who claims he was forced to murder his brother to prevent him from killing a judge as part of a plan

by his family to cause a mistrial in the

case of their crime boss father. **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) 4.30 CBS This Morning.

BOLD (81) 6am Home Shopping. **8.00** JAG. **9.00** Diagnosis Murder. **10.00** Star Trek: Voyager. 11.00 Star Trek: Enterprise. Noon Walker, Texas Ranger. 1.00 WIN's All Australian News. 2.00 NCIS: Los Angeles. **3.00** Diagnosis Murder. **5.00** JAG. **7.00** Bondi Rescue. **7.30** NCIS. **8.30** NCIS: Los Angeles. 10.20 NCIS. 12.10am Home Shopping 2.10 48 Hours. 3.10 Star Trek: Enterprise. 4.05 Diagnosis Murder. **5.00** Walker, Texas Ranger.

PEACH (82) PEACH (82) 6am The Unicorn. **7.00** Sabrina, The Teenage Witch. **8.00** Everybody Loves Raymond. **9.00** Becker. **10.00** Frasier. 11.00 Friends. Noon WIN's All Australian News. **1.00** Mom. **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. 9.20 2 Broke Girls. 11.35 The Unicorn. **Midnight** Shopping. **1.30** Late Programs.

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Thursday, June 3

6.00 News Breakfast. 9.00 ABC News Mornings. 10.00 Australian Story. (R) 10.30 Anh's Brush With Fame. (PG, R) 11.00 The Pool. (Final, PG, R) 12.00 ABC News At Noon. **1.00** Hard Quiz. (PG, R) **1.30** Shaun Micallef's MAD AS HELL. (R) **2.00** Parliament Question Time. **3.15** ABC News Afternoons. **4.00** Think Tank. (PG, R) **5.00** Julia Zemiro's Home Delivery. (PG, R) 5.30 Hard Quiz. (PG, R)

6.00 The Drum. **6.55 Sammy J.** (PG) **7.00** ABC News. **7.30 7.30.** Presented by Leigh Sales. 8.00 Foreign Correspondent.

(Return) International affairs program. **8.30 Q+A.** Interactive public affairs program featuring a panel of experts and commentators answering questions.

9.35 A Life In Ten Pictures: Tupac Shakur. (Mal) Takes a look at Tupac Shakur's life. 10.30 ABC Late News. 11.00 MOVIE: On A Clear Day.

(2005, PG, R) Peter Mullan. 12.40 Louis Theroux: Shooting Joe Exotic. (MA15+I, R) 1.30 No Offence, (Malv. R) 2.20 Rage. (MA15+adhlnsv) **4.25** The Drum. (R) **5.20** Sammy J. (PG, R) **5.25** 7.30. (R)

ABC TV PLUS (22) 6am Children's Programs. **7.15pm** Odd Squad. **7.30** Spicks And Specks. 8.30 Would I Lie To You? 9.00 To Be Advised. 9.30 Hard Quiz. 10.00 Shaun Micallef's MAD AS HELL. 10.30 Doctor Who. 11.15 That Pacific Sports Show. **11.45** You Can't Ask That. (Final) **12.15am** David Attenborough's Natural History Museum Alive. **1.20** Back. (Final) **1.45** Parks And Recreation. 2.10 30 Rock. 2.30 Late Programs.

NITV (34) 6am Morning Programs. 1.20pm Footprints On Our Land. **2.05** Bamay. **3.00** Wapos Bay 3.25 Bushwhacked! 3.55 Bino And Fino. 4.00 Musomagic. 4.30 The Storyteller. 5.00 Fraggle Rock. 6.00 On Country Kitchen. 6.30 Kriol Kitchen. **7.00** Our Stories. **7.15** Nyoongar Footy Magic. **7.20** NITV News Update. **7.30** Going Places With Ernie Dingo. **8.30 MOVIE:** Tudawali. (1987, M) **10.05** News. **11.45** Late Programs.

6.00 WorldWatch. **11.30** Turkish News. **12.00** Arabic News F24. 12.30 ABC America: World News Tonight. 1.00 PBS NewsHour. 2.00 Destination Flavour China Bitesize. (R) 2.05 How The Victorians Built Britain. (PG, R) 3.00 Great British Railway Journeys. (R) 3.35 The Cook Up With Adam Liaw. (PG) 4.05 The Great House Revival. (R) 5.05 Jeopardy! (PG) 5.30 Letters And Numbers. (R)

6.00 Mastermind Australia. (PG) **6.30 SBS World News**. **7.35 Robson Green: Walking Hadrian's Wall.** Part 1 of 3. 8.30 Miniseries: The Unusual Suspects. (M) Part 1 of 4. 9.30 The Handmaid's Tale. (MA15+)

June confronts Fred and Serena.

10.25 SBS World News Late. **10.55 The Sleepers.** (MA15+av) **12.00** Dublin Murders. (Malsv, R) **2.15** Cruising With Jane McDonald. (R) **3.05** Alex Polizzi: The Fixer. (PG, R) 4.15 VICE Guide To Film. (MA15+alsv, R) 4.45 Frances And Annie. (Ma, R) 4.55 Destination Flavour Scandinavia Bitesize. (R) 5.00 France 24 Feature. 5.15 NHK World English News. 5.30 Deutsche Welle English News.

VICELAND (31) 6am WorldWatch. **Noon** The X-Files. **1.40** The Last Man On Earth. 3.00 Huang's World. 3.50 WorldWatch. 5.15 NBL: Overtime, 5.45 Shortland Street, 6.15 Forged In Fire. **7.05** Jeopardy! **7.35** 8 Out Of 10 Cats Does Countdown. **8.30** The Curse Of Oak Island. **9.20** Shrill. (Return) **10.20** Cycling. UCI World Tour. Criterium du Dauphiné. Stage 5. Saint-Chamond to Saint-Vallier. 12.20am Late Programs.

SBS MOVIES (32) 6am Hacker. Continued. (2019, PG, Danish) 6.10 Chalet Girl. (2011, PG) 8.05 The Orator. (2011, PG, Samoan) **10.10** Ragnarok. (2013. PG. Norwegian) **Noon** Burning. (2018, M, Korean) 2.40 Land Of The Bears. (2014, French) **4.15** Kirikou And The Men And Women. (2012, PG, French) **5.55** Kiwi Flyer. (2012, PG) **7.30** Mississippi Grind. (2015, M) **9.30** Siberian Education. (2013, MA15+) 11.25 Late Programs.

SEVEN (7)

6.00 Sunrise. 9.00 The Morning Show. (PG) 11.30 Seven Morning News. 12.00 MOVIE: My Neighbor's **Keeper.** (2007, Mv, R) 2.00 Idris Elba Meets Paul

McCartney. (PGa, R) 3.00 The Chase. 4.00 Seven News At 4. 5.00 The Chase Australia.

6.00 Seven Local News. 6.30 Seven News. 7.00 Home And Away. (PGa) 8.30 10 Years Younger In 10 **Days.** (PGa) Cherry Healey shows a mother who has dedicated her life to

her children how to care for herself. 9.30 How To Look Good Naked. (Man) Super-stylist Gok Wan returns to transform the low self-esteem of sisters-in-law Donna and Katie. 10.30 The Latest: Seven News.

11.00 The Front Bar. (M) Takes a lighter look at all things AFL. 12.00 Zumbo's Just Desserts. (PG, R) **1.15** The Zoo. (R) **2.00** Home Shopping. (R) **4.00** NBC Today. **5.00** Seven Early News. **5.30** Sunrise.

7TWO (72) 6am Home Shopping. **6.30** The Outdoor Room With Jamie Durie. **7.00 7TWO** (72) Property Ladder UK. **9.30** NBC Today. **Noon** House Of Wellness. 1.00 Robbie Coltrane's Critical Evidence. **2.00** Weekender. **2.30** Creek To Coast. 3.00 The Zoo. 3.30 Mighty Rivers. 4.30 M*A*S*H. 5.30 Escape To The Country. 6.30 Bargain Hunt. 7.30 Father Brown. 8.30 Inspector Morse. 10.50 Murdoch Mysteries. 11.50 Late Programs.

7MATE (73) 6am Morning Programs. 7.30 Creek To Coast. 8.00 American Pickers. 9.00 Swamp People. **10.00** NFL 100 Greatest. **11.00** A Football Life. **Noon** Ax Men. **1.00** Storage Wars Canada. **2.00** Gold Fever. **3.00** Fishing Addiction. 4.00 Fish'n With Mates. 4.30 Highway Thru Hell. 5.30 Storage Wars. 6.00 American Pickers. 7.00 Pawn Stars. **7.30** Towies. **8.30 MOVIE:** War For The Planet Of The Apes. (2017, M) 11.20 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 Doctor Doctor. (PGal, R) 2.00 Desperate Housewives. (Mas) 3.00 Tipping Point. (PG) 4.00 Afternoon News. 4.30 Millionaire Hot Seat. 5.30 Nine News Local

6.00 Nine News. 7.00 A Current Affair. 7.30 Rugby League. NRL. Round 13. St George Illawarra Dragons v

Brisbane Broncos. From Netstrata Jubilee Stadium, Sydney. **9.45 Thursday Night Knock Off.**

Post-match NRL news and analysis of the St George Illawarra Dragons versus Brisbane Broncos. 10.30 Nine News Late. Takes a look

at the latest news and events from Australia and around the world. 11.00 Tennis. French Open. Day 5. From Roland-Garros Stadium, Paris, France.

5.00 News Early Edition. **5.30 Today.** The latest in news, current affairs, sport, politics, entertainment, fashion, health and lifestyle.

9GEM (52) 6am Tennis, French Open Day 4. Continued. **7.00** Creflo. **7.30** TV Shop. **10.30** Ellen DeGeneres. 11.30 My Favorite Martian. Noon The Gulf. (Final) **1.00** Days Of Our Lives. **1.55** The Young And The Restless. **3.05** Antiques Roadshow. 3.35 MOVIE: Manuela. (1957, PG) 5.30 Antiques Roadshow. **6.30** French Open Tennis Pre-Show. **7.00** Tennis. French Open. Day 5. **11.00** Late

9GO! (53) 6am Children's Programs. 11.00 Xtreme Collxtion. Noon Parenthood. 1.00 Keeping Up With The Kardashians. 3.00 Malcolm. 3.30 The Nanny. 4.00 3rd Rock From The Sun. **4.30** That '70s Show. **5.00** Malcolm. **6.00** The Nanny. **6.30** 3rd Rock From The Sun. **7.00** That '70s Show. **7.30 MOVIE:** Anger Management. (2003, M) **9.35 MOVIE:** Bad Neighbours. (2014, MA15+) **11.30**

WIN (8)

6.00 Headline News. **8.30** Studio 10. (PG) 12.00 Dr Phil. (Ma) 1.00 MasterChef Australia. (R) **2.00** Entertainment Tonight. **2.30** Everyday Gourmet With Justine Schofield. (R) 3.00 Judge Judy. (PG) 3.30 My Market Kitchen. 4.00 Good Chef Bad Chef. 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 MasterChef Australia. Amateur cooks compete to impress judges Andy Allen, Melissa Leong and Jock Zonfrillo. 9.00 Law & Order: SVU. Garland

asks Benson to investigate an unusual domestic violence case when his neighbour is found injured. 10.00 Blue Bloods. (Mv) Eddie and her

partner are heralded for their bravery for stopping an active shooter 11.00 WIN's All Australian News. 12.00 The Project. (R) A look

at the day's news. 1.00 The Late Show With Stephen Colbert. (PG)

2.00 Home Shopping. (R) 4.30 CBS This Morning.

BOLD (81) 6am Home Shopping. 8.00 Motorcycle Racing. MotoGP. Race 6. Grand Prix of Italy. Replay. 9.30 Stories Of Bikes. 10.00 Star Trek: Voyager, 11.00 Star Trek: Enterprise, Noon Walker. Texas Ranger. **1.00** WIN's All Australian News. **2.00** NCIS: Los Angeles. **3.00** Diagnosis Murder. **5.00** JAG. **7.00** Bondi Rescue. **7.30** NCIS. **8.30** Hawaii Five-0. 10.30 SEAL Team. 11.30 NCIS. 12.30am Shopping. 2.00 Late Programs.

PEACH (82) 6am Frasier. 7.00 Sabrina. The Teenage Witch. 8.00 Everybody Loves Raymond. **9.00** Frasier. **10.00** Becker. **11.00** The Big Bang Theory. **Noon** WIN's All Australian News. **1.00** 2 Broke Girls. **3.00** Everybody Loves Raymond, 4.00 Becker, 5.00 Frasier, 6.00 Friends. 6 30 Neighbours 700 Friends 8 00 The Rig Bang Theory. **9.30** Seinfeld. **11.00** The Unicorn. Midnight Shopping. 1.30 Late Programs.

SUDOKU

No. 030

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

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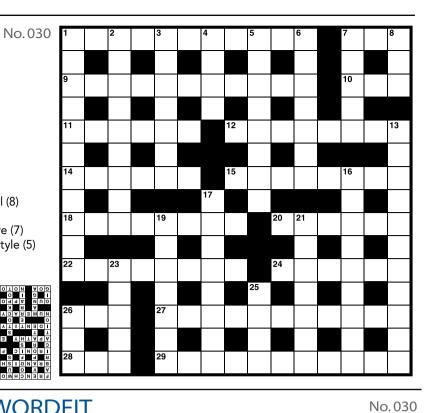
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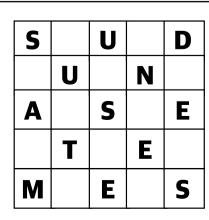
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QUICK QUIZ



What is the official name of the Southern Cross constellation?

SPICE

- Which element has the symbol
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- What is the largest inland body of water by area in the world?
- And what five countries is it bounded by?
- Ursine refers to what kind of animal?
- 7 What kind of being is Totoro in the film My Neighbour Totoro by Hayao Miyazaki (pictured)?
- What dressing consists of oil, egg yolk and vinegar or lemon juice?
- In what European country did the cravat originate?
- 10 Which US actor and comedian was born Eric Marlon Bishop?

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Dinner honours the RAAF

Gracemere and District RSL Sub Branch held a Combined Services Dinner held at Frenchville Sports Club on Saturday 22 May in commemoration of the 100 years of the Royal Australian Air Force and to honour "local" ex-RAAF servicemen and women.

The Dinner was mostly funded by RSL Queensland through a grant obtained from RSL Pioneer-Fitzroy-Highlands District and was a huge success for the organisers and the 220 guests in attendance.

Tributes were paid to the history of the RAAF by two guest presenters, Keith Neven, ex-RAAF serviceman of 21 years who paid tribute to the women of the RAAF in particular one of the first who not only passed her Flying course in 1988 but was Dux of the Course, Robyn Williams; then Pat Martin who paid tribute to her father Flt. Lt. C H (Digger) Fry, who joined the RAAF June 1936, but due to Australia having more pilots than aircraft and vice versa for the United Kingdom, he was seconded to the 112 Squadron of RAF for 5 years flying Gladiators and Hurricanes.

However he was shot down over Crete and taken Prisoner of War for 4.5 years. He was awarded the British Distinguished Flying Cross (DFC) and Greek DFC. Pat's impressive collection of memorabilia is one of only 2 complete collections in Australia, and well worth a look.

Chaplain Gordon Kerkham also spoke on excerpts from a unique 32pp booklet entitled Battle of Britain which is an Air Ministry Account of the Battle published in 1942. Such history on all accounts.

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View of some of the crowd at the Combined Services Dinner to commemorate 100 years of RAAF showing the AF100 Centenary Logo on the big screen (heading footage provided courtesy of the AF100 Centenary Committee of an address by the Duke of Cambridge, Prince William along with other historic footage through the years). In the background is Dining President, Keith Neven standing beside the Australian National Flag and RAAF Ensign which are in front of a portrait of the Queen (for one of the toasts).



Air Force Cadets Staff members, Christopher Dunne, Daniel Farlow, Sharon Nagata, Brenden Goerg. Sharon had the privilege of reciting The Ode on this historic night.



Emily and Robert Holmes, President of Cockscomb Veterans' Retreat Association at one of the tables shared by Cockscomb Veterans and Rats of Tobruk Association.



Tony Harris, Ceremonial Coordinator, Gracemere RSL and his wife Ruth Harris, Secretary, Gracemetre RSL enjoying the night.



Rockhampton Highlanders Pipe Band pose in between performances at the Combined Services Dinner. During entrée guests were treated to performances by Highland Dancers who had joined the Pipe Band for the evening.



Keith Neven, ex-RAAF, Dining President stands beside 89-year-old ex-RAAF veteran, Colin Barlow, Capricornia RSL Sub Branch, as Colin prepares to cut the ceremonial cake which was made by Helen Russell, as her tribute to her father's World War II service in the RAAF.



Paul Tyler, Open Arms Counselling and member of Gracemere RSL, with his wife Judy soaking up the atmosphere.



Dyson Marten-Keepa, Matthew Pettigrew, Karen McHugh, Barry Nicholson, both members of Gracemere RSL as well, Judy Nicholson; (Standing L to R): Ayla Koetsveld, and Young Veterans Tiffany Ahuja and Jon Felton with Jon's wife Sarah.



Paul Tyler, Open Arms Counselling and member of Gracemere RSL, with his wife Judy soaking up the atmosphere.



Jim and Sylvia Fern, both ex-service members of Gracemere RSL.





Kelvin McCully, who did the toast to the 2nd hundred years of RAAF, is ex-RAAF and a member of Gracemere RSL and is pictured with his wife Margaret.



Marcia Peacock, daughter of Norm Peacock, 96-year-old WWII RAAF veteran who was unable to make it to the dinner, Val and John Phillips, National Servicemens' Association. John visits Norm regularly and had Norm's Log Book on display as well as photos and articles about local boys Sqn Leader E Jarman DFC and FLT Sgt John Marsh, neither of whom came home from WWII.



Pat Martin holding up a 1945 Women's Weekly magazine which contains an article and photo of her father, Flt. Lt. C H (Digger) Fry, the subject of her speech delivered at the dinner.



Celebrating 30 Years of Business in Wandal



Celebrations for the first anniversary of Quick Fit Tyres.

Familiar face in Wandal

By Matthew Pearce

Working in Wandal for 30 years, Peter Robinson from Robo's Tyreworks is one of the most well-known faces in the southside suburb.

But his history in the automotive industry goes back even further.

In the late 1970s, Robo ran Mobil City, Rockhampton's first self-serve servo. Later he would work at Toowoomba and Yuleba, halfway between Roma and Miles.

After selling the Yuleba Roadhouse, Robo moved his young family home to Rockhampton in 1990, arriving just after that year's Rockhampton flood.

In April he bought the Shell service station on Wandal Road, which he would operate for 10 years.

Eventually the business grew to encompass petrol, mechanical repairs and tyres.

"When the mechanical side grew too big, we moved it down to what used to be Barry Graham's car yard at 4 Wandal Rd, opposite the showgrounds," he said.

"Eventually the tyre side of the business grew too big for the servo as well, so it moved down to the same location."

Finally Robo's MotorWorks spun off into its own business in North Street, covering vehicle servicing and repair, with Robo's Tyreworks remaining on Wandal Road.

In 2013, long term supplier Fulcrum Suspension advised of their plans to open a franchise in Rockhampton and asked if Robo's would take it on.

Seeing the need for the business, Robo's agreed, establishing Fulcrum Suspension at the MotorWorks site before it moved to its own location in Alma Street.

Eventually Fulcrum would merge with



Peter 'Robo' Robinson, manager Toni Linsket and Andrew Robinson at Robo's Tyreworks. Toni has been working for Robo's for 12 years and was a customer from the beginning.

Active Gear in Elphinstone St.

"While Fulcrum was still at Alma Street, we discovered Dave Williams, a mechanic of 40 years experience who used to work for Brad's Service Centre, was in need of a job," Robo said.

"We ended up creating a business around Dave called CQ Manual Gearbox and Differential which then ended up moving with Fulcrum to Active Gear which is where it now resides."

But the expansion didn't stop there.

The Robinsons also established Cycle Works on Gladstone Road, started trade business Robo's Battery Plus, servicing Gladstone, Blackwater and Rockhampton, and purchased Tom Leyden Tyres in Gracemere about six years ago.

"I kept the Tom Leyden name because of its history," Robo said.

"When it came on the market I thought, 'Wow, it'd be great to own the tyre shop that I used to buy from when I was young'.

"We saw it as an opportunity to service our western customers while taking advantage of Gracemere being a growing area."

While the initial business started off with just the Robinson family and three staff, now the whole Robo's group of companies has 34 employees.

Robo said he wasn't planning any more expansion, but the family would "keep powering on with what they've got".

"Of all the businesses, Leyden's was the hardest nut to crack. For whatever reason, we never really got on top of it like we



Robo would operate the service station on Wandal Road for 10 years.

should have, but it's all good now, we've got the right mechanics and a good team."

The Robinsons believe its the strong family culture of their businesses that keep customers - and staff - coming back after all these years.

"We have a lot of cross-generational customers, where the children of customers now come to the business with their cars," Robo's son Andrew said.

"That's where we've always been very strong."

Andrew remembers himself and siblings Peter Jr and Maree working as 'underage employees' at the family business.

"Dad found that with three milk crates and three chocolate Paddle Pops he had some pretty cheap labour," he said.

"We all had to stand on a little chair, including me, and do the customers' windscreens"

Robo remembers picking up 'half a dozen old school desks and about a dozen school chairs' at an auction at Yulebah.

"I don't think I've got any of the chairs left now because they all eventually got wrecked kids from the kids standing on them to clean windscreens," he said.

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"Everybody would say, 'Jeez, I've never seen anything like that before' and they'd take photos.

"A lot or people still mention that even today when they talk about the old servo days."

Today, Andrew looks after the tyre stores whilst Peter Jr runs Active Gear/ Fulcrum Suspension.

Most of Robo's customers are regulars, with many dating back to the service station days.

'Even our manager Toni at Tyreworks used to be a customer of ours 30 years ago before eventually joining our team," Robo said.

"A lot of the accounts we had for fuel followed us down here, and Motorworks kept most of their customers as well.

"Our old customers look at the kids now and they say, 'Well, they won't be able to stand on those little chairs now, will they?

While he plans to semi-retire, Robo has no intention of disappearing and will remain active with his businesses.

"We've definitely had some characters come through the business over the years, customers and staff," he said.

"There's been good and bad, but overall it's been good. I've had a lot of fun with a lot of great people."

While things have changed over the years, Andrew said his father's commitment to the business - and his family had never wavered.

"Dad was into speedway quite a lot in his younger years, and I think a lot of business expansion started as a way of financing us kids and getting us into karts, but eventually it became about handing something over to the kids about Robo's legacy," he said.



Peter 'Robo' Robinson and Peter Robinson Ir share a love of all things mechanical.



Robo's Tyreworks on Wandal Rd. in 2021.



More photos on page 49 Robo's Tyreworks, opposite the Rockhampton Showgrounds, is a thriving business today.

CONGRATULATIONS

on 30 years of business in Wandal

Our fleet of vehicles have been regular customers at Robo's over the years and service has always been excellent.

Well done Robo! Best wishes from Carl, Mark, Luke, Gavin and the Staff at Stanke Group.



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CONGRATULATIONS!

Well done Peter, we at Central Coast Alarms (Est 1988) have grown with you by securing your business over those 30 years.

Thank you for servicing our vehicles



Congratulation to Peter, family and Team at Robos on your 30 years in business.

What a fantastic achievement and we couldn't have asked for a better partner with us in the trade.



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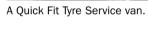


Wombat the team mascot.



QUICK FIT TYRE SERVI

Quick Fit Tyres on Wandal Road.





Peter Jr, Andrew and Maree played a big part in the business from a young age.

Congratulations on your 30 years in Business Robo & Team.

It's a pleasure doing business with you and we look forward to continuing for the years to come.

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Fears for premier's son



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

In our 20th excerpt, we look at 1985 and the time Graham saved the life of the Queensland Premier's son.

The Bjelke-Petersens' family property was 50 miles south of Tartrus, further down the MacKenzie River.

John, the adult son of Premier Joh, was missing. He had headed out on his motorbike early in the morning to inspect some cattle.

That was the last anyone had seen of him and John did not return home that evening.

Premier Joh, in his inimitable style, had made a number of enemies during his time in office.

A letter bomb addressed to the premier had been sent to Government House a few years earlier, injuring two of his staff. Kidnapping threats had been made against his son.

Recently, son John had received another death threat. The police and secret service took it all seriously - and when John Bjelke-Petersen failed to return home to the property The Ten Mile, they swung into action, convinced he had been kidnapped.

Hundreds of people, including 16 uniformed police, two inspectors and a number of plain clothes detectives, combed through the harsh terrain, searching for John.

The rescue chopper had been called but without a GPS, those aboard were unable to find The Ten Mile, so returned to Gladstone overnight.



Kingaroy cattle farmer John Bjelke-Petersen, the son of Sir Joh, today.

of Sir Joh, today. Picture: LOCK THE GATE

"The pilot of the rescue chopper had a map with the property marked, same as I had, but a lot of pilots were not very good at finding an isolated property without GPS."

It was at that point that somebody had suggested they call Graham. Everyone knew he had a helicopter - it was unusual enough at the time.

Graham lifted off. With no GPS it was difficult to navigate in the dark, but he followed the reflection of the Mackenzie River.

He arrived before daylight.

Ron Howland was a local, familiar with the area. He knew the muster strategy and the paddocks. Graham knew Ron would be there somewhere.

He scanned the people on the ground, including the 16 police who seemed to just be standing around.

"They'd given up, pretty well, after they'd looked all night, on the ground. So they decided he'd been kidnapped - or killed. They were fully convinced that's what it was.

"Ron knows the country," explained Graham, urgently.

Graham had been told which paddock John had been making for and he knew Ron would be able to help locate it and help him with the search.

The two men took off.

Graham and Ron thought there was no

point looking in the yard but flew over it anyway. They flew down around the paddock John was supposed to have been checking.

There was nothing.

In the next-door paddock, however, they spotted a single skid mark on the grass.

"And then we saw another skid mark that led us down over a big breakaway creek bank. The bike had ended up in the bottom of the dry creek"

There were too many tea-trees in the place where the bike had ended up, so Graham landed the chopper right at the top of the bank.

The two men made their way down towards the bike. They could see where he had been sick. And where the bike had hit a big eucalyptus log, half buried by silt from many years of floods.

"When we looked toward the log, we could see what had happened. The bike had come down on top of him."

So they climbed the bank again. They looked around for clues to where he might have gone. First they found his notebook. Next they found his boots.

Graham and Ron decided to go back to the chopper and continue their search. Then, below them, they saw John's socks. They were definitely going the right way.

To be continued next week.

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.

Hats off to all the honest hard workers out there

"When you live for a strong purpose, then hard work isn't an option. It's a necessity" - Steve Paylina.

We can be hard workers beyond the office, too. People work hard in health, in their family life and in their side passion projects; for today though, I want to focus mainly on those in the work environment.

I want to acknowledge these hard workers this week. The people who aren't after the accolades, who operate with resilience, initiative and integrity, who show up even when they aren't at their best. I am in absolute awe of these kinds of people. They don't let setbacks set them back, at least not for long, and they are loyal and reliable to the nth degree.

I wholeheartedly appreciate the incredible attitudes and ethics of hard workers. They are extraordinary humans facing their stresses like everyone else behind closed



doors but they don't let it affect their work. They simply continue to slip on their armour every day and show up to do the job and do it so very well.

They can maintain healthy boundaries with their work but their passion and pride marks it one of their priorities sometimes even beyond clock-off time. They genuinely care about what they do and they don't let a dollar sign determine how much effort

they put into their workload. I feel like our hard working people are not glorified nearly enough so this week, I am making it about them.

More often than not, the toilers are the ones that obtain the most valuable degree: common sense. Simple but logical thinking is the foundation that supports their success. They can read people and situations, embrace learning processes, they own their mistakes and move on to improve accordingly.

Not all heroes wear capes. Most heroes wear rolled-up sleeves and a can-do attitude.

Our hard working people aren't huge talkers, they are doers. They have made many sacrifices to get where they are in their careers. They don't build pedestals for themselves, they build profiles. They inspire me on so many levels for all of these reasons and I genuinely feel like they are greatly respon-

sible for the prosperity in society.

So for our employers out there, be sure to show those loyal hard workers your appreciation. They will never do what they do to seek validation but you will strengthen that fire that's in them and let them know their incredible efforts don't go unnoticed; this goes a very long way.

They may seem like self-sufficient superhumans capable of getting through many challenges on their own but this shouldn't determine how much support they receive because they are still human. They struggle and have bad days just as much as anyone else but they are the ones who wear the brave face very well; too well sometimes.

To all of our amazing toilers out there, thank you for all that you do and cherish those moments you get to see all of your hard work pay off.

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Styles of CQ

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A fashionable high tea

High Tea events are a very popular way to gather people who may or may not have met before in a semi-formal vibe. It's less formal than a dinner but also much less casual than a drink at a bar.

High Tea is a British tradition that began in the 19th century. It has carried over to Australia as a part of Australia's British inheritance.

During Beef Australia 2021, I had the opportunity to witness one of the most fashionable events in Rockhampton, the famous Westpac High Tea.

Some 500 fashionable ladies attended the event dedicated to women's empowerment.

It was a beautiful setting and featured an inspiring keynote speaker: Rachael Robertson.

The ladies looked fabulous across a variety of styles. This week's Styles of CQ is for them.











A Theodore update

On May 1, Annie Fulton and Jack May held their wedding at the always charming Adora

Their ceremony was so heartfelt and made even more special as it was officiated by Jack's

There were 120 guests who travelled from far and wide, some from Sydney, Townsville, Tambo and most from Annie and Jack's hometown of Theodore.

Annie's brother Lachlan walked her down the aisle, she looked absolutely stunning in her Wendy Makin gown.

The newly married couple honey mooned at Airlie Beach.

Business open

Theodore's redeveloped and upgraded cafe On the Boulevard has finally opened after some serious renovation and upgrades.

The new owner-managers from Moura plan to open Wednesday to Sunday from about 7.30am on weekdays.

They are also aiming for an evening trade Fridays and Saturdays.

Over the next few weeks the menu will be released

The outdoor area has already received a substantial upgrade with a shade sail soon to be installed.

The work has all been carried out by local trades to a very high quality.

Signage is expected up be in place in the next week or so.

Hotel Theodore

Hotel shares are again open to purchase.

They are only available to locals.

Shares give local residents attend and vote at the AGM held in September.

The cost of each share is 25 cents however there are dividends are paid.



Annie and Jack.

Cancer event

The Cancer Council Queensland Gladstone Branch is hosting Australia's Biggest Morning Tea today (Thursday May 27).

The event is happening at the Gladstone Bowls Club in Ferris Street Gladstone.

Doors open at 8.30am for a 9.30am start.

There will be a lucky door prize, multidraws and entertainment.

For enquiries ring Jan 0414 669 603 or email gjmoller2@gmail.com

Colour run

Tickets are on sale now for RACQ Capricorn Rescue's colour fun run in Biloela on August 1.

To be held in the incredible Rainbow Street Sports Complex, the inaugural Colour Me Capricorn, presented by CS Energy and RACQ Capricorn Rescue, will be covering the gardens in a cloud of co-

Registrations are open to families and individuals who are looking to have some fun, be active and raise money for a vital local organisation.

Run, walk, dance, or stroll your way along the garden path, covering the Rainbow Street Sports Complex in a cloud of colour starting at 8am.

Participants will have two distance options:

■ 2.5km - Colour Me

tickets).

Picture: CARLY KELLY

■ 5km - Colour Me More!

Everyone is welcome to either walk or

Tickets are \$25 for adults (13 years and over) and \$15 for youth (3 - 12 years). Families can register for \$70 (2 adults and 2 youth) or teams for \$80 (4 adult

Attention small business owners withless than \$300K turnover.

The Queensland Government has announced a new \$5,000 business grant program to help grow your business, and we can help you apply - at no cost.

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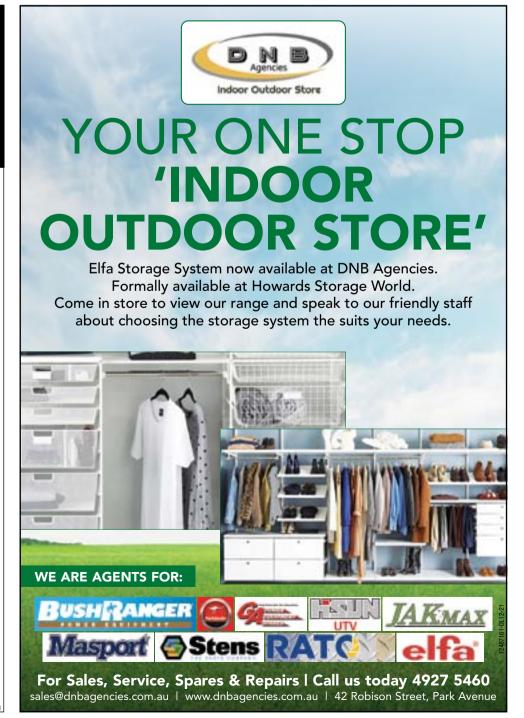
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FROM the moment you lay eyes on this property you will immediately be able to realise it truly is something special.

Previously being the Rockhampton Squash Centre which has later on been transformed into a 3 unit complex with a true industrial vibe normally reserved for apartments usually found in Manhattan or Soho.

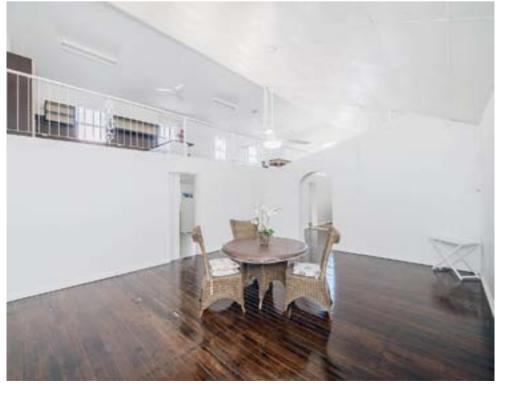
With a mixed use of textures this loft style apartment is sure to impress.

As you enter the front door you are

greeted by a large living area equipped with kitchenette and bathroom. Walk through the doorway and watch the ceiling height expand as you enter into a large lounge room, a separate rumpus room and two large bedrooms. The master suite here also offers and ensuite.

There is also a mezzanine level which overlooks the entire apartment which also holds the oversized kitchen, dining area and is complimented by rich polished timber floors.





HOME ESSENTIALS

Address: 1/2 Gillespie Street, WANDAL Description: 3 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, 2 garage Auction: On site Saturday, 19 June, 2021

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28-36 Bunya Road Rockyview

This home is positioned on a 2.03ha block and is offered to the market for the second time in 41 years. **Upper Level Features:**

- * 3 bedrooms / 2 with built ins
- * Main with WIR & renovated ensuite
- * Renovated main bathroom

Lower Level Features:

- * Large combined living, dining and renovated kitchen with granite bench tops
- * Second living area with bar









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3 Mortensen Street Park Avenue

This highset home is situated in the handy location of Park Avenue. It is within walking distance to schools, shops and parks. It features a very spacious lounge room upstairs and all rooms are fitted with airconditioning and fans. The main bedroom also includes a built-in wardrobe. Sitting on a very comfortable 605m2 block, this home also offer side access. The large back yard makes it perfect for families and includes a shaded concrete area to entertain.









View

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67 Cocoanut Point Drive Zilzie

With everything you need for you and your family! This is a very beautiful Home! It's a must see home! The property consists of:

- * Four good sized bedrooms with carpet, ceiling fans and built-ins, blinds
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295 Everingham Avenue Frenchville

The spacious and easy flowing floor plan throughout this two levelled home is perfect for the growing family. Upstairs you'll find the open plan kitchen and dining leading out onto the back veranda, down the hall is the master bedroom featuring an ensuite, accompanied by 3 bedrooms serviced by the second bathroom. Travelling down the internal stairs you'll find the large rumpus room, laundry and additional bathroom featuring a shower - perfect retreat for the teenager of the family or guests.







For Sale \$435,000

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Contact

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136 Guymer Street Frenchville

This Split level, three bedroom home has been fully renovated so there is nothing to do but move in and start living the dream in Frenchville. Coming through the front door you instantly see the newly polished timber floors and fresh, bright paint throughout the open plan living area and kitchen. It is then a few steps upstairs to the spacious bedrooms and brand new bathroom. Situated on a 663sqm block and in close proximity to schools and shopping, the property is a great find and won't sit for long.









View

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This three bedroom, split level home is being introduced to the Wandal market for the first time. In beautiful condition, it has been lovingly cared for by it's owners but it is time for this home to find a new family. With a large kitchen and new carpet throughout, this original home also has a new roof and front awning. The front and back verandahs are perfect to sit and enjoy the breeze and shady yard. Three good sized bedrooms and the bathroom are on the top level.







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- Open plan living area w/ a/c separate lounge Kids' playroom/office, and Solar
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EXQUISITE COASTAL ABODE

THIS distinctive property is perched at the top of Freeman Street where you are treated to the best of both worlds with sensational sunsets over the hinterland mountain ranges, across to the twinkling lights over Yeppoon's CBD at night, to watching the boats sail by to explore the Keppel Islands by day, these mesmerising views are pure pleasure.

Take a step inside and you'll soon feel how special this home is as it exudes effortless style with a fusion of coastal and country charm, luxury and warmth. The hub of the home is the open plan living area emphasised by lofty high ceilings & basking in natural light with spectacular views from every aspect. The marble kitchen is a dream with a breakfast bar, Miele appliances, ample storage and tastefully accented by American oak shelves and flows on to the generous dining space to easily sit 8-10 family members for a meal over Easter.

No matter when you are entertaining, this home caters for all weather conditions whether you would like to be on the deck having a drink looking out to the ocean, or undercover out of the rain in the expansive entertaining deck with rural views of an afternoon or taking a dip in the pool whilst cooking pizzas in the pizza oven, this home has it all!

Wake up each morning and start the day with spectacular simplicity of being greeted by the sunrise over the ocean right from the comfort of your king size master bedroom. The elaborate ensuite features marble tiles, spacious walk in shower, dual



basins and even a view from the shower where you can watch the birds. Get ready in the master bedroom dressing room with so much space. There are 3 more bedrooms in the home all with built-in robes, fans and air-conditioning along with 2 more elegantly styled bathrooms including a decadent stand alone bath tub to soak in. The lower level bedrooms accompany a second living space, perfect for the kids or guests to have their own retreat.

The attention to detail and immense thought & planning that has gone into this one-of-a-kind home is evident from the Travertine stone French laid tiles around the pool, to the addition of a new matte colourbond roof to stop any glare, the biscuited hardwood ironbark deck that is low to no maintenance for 40+ years, aluminium balustrading, quality plantation shutters, fully air-conditioned, irrigation throughout the established gardens, 4kw solar system





and a full security system. The buyer for this home will be positively benefiting from much more than meets the eye for years to come.

Located right in the heart of town with a bird's eye view, you'll love the lifestyle of being so close to all the shops, schools, cafes and beaches, yet enjoying the quiet privacy of this exceptional address. Does this sound like your new home? We invite you to come & experience for yourself the magnificence of this iconic property, call today!

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Address: 20 Freeman Street, YEPPOON Description: 4 bedrooms, 3 bathrooms, 2 garage Price: \$1,175,000 Inspect: By appointment



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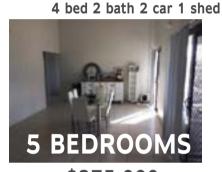
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A cool and dynamic duo

By Duncan Evans

A pair of local Rockhamptonites are developing remarkable innovations in the refrigeration space through their company B&Z Refrigeration Solutions, a start-up founded in July 2020.

CQ Today was lucky enough to speak at length with one of the businessmen to get a better understanding of the company and the revolutionary improvements it may well deliver to the world of medical and logistical services.

Broadly speaking, the company offers custom made, cold-chain management technology.

Its star product to date has been the CleanAir Plasma Relabelling Freezer, designed by the director and head of research and development before being put into production by the pair earlier this year.

The device promises to replace the need for expensive and hazardous dry ice in the labs with its unique, open-air freezer specifically designed for the blood plasma relabelling process. It uses an innovative new design to create an ultra-cold environment, with benchmarks of -35 degrees celsius, enabling blood plasma samples within the tub to maintain the correct temperature range ensuring quality is met without the need for a lid or doors.

In this way, it has completely changed the way the staff in this industry perform their invaluable work.

"Our head of R&D came up with the idea behind it and after some initial discussions with the Australian Red Cross, who were keen to move forward with an opportunity to use it in their labs, we built the first prototype. Trials began early last year with our first working prototype achieving amazing results and it has naturally progressed from there," General Manager Zane Borg told CQ Today.

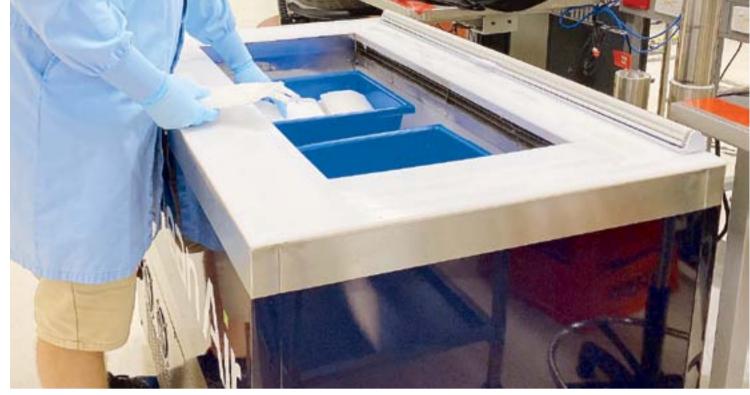
Essentially, CleanAir is a chest freezer without a lid and has an ultra-low temperature cooling capacity. Its open-air function combined with the sub-zero temperatures is what makes it so unique and innovative.

"From our designs we had the initial fabrication completed so we could begin piecing our vision together. We then simply adapted it until we had produced a fully functioning design that was ready for testing and the freezer has evolved into the finished product we have now," Mr Borg said.

In February this year the emerging company launched into its first contract and, at present, the final versions of these ingenious devices are in circulation with the Red Cross Lifeblood labs located in Brisbane, Sydney, Melbourne and Perth. So far, the results have been fantastic and the company is in discussions for further units planned for the latter half of 2021.

In addition to the CleanAir, B&Z Refrigeration Solutions also has the -80C Portable ULT Vaccine Freezer now added to its product range and the company hopes the freezer will improve the distribution of medical services to rural and regional Australia.

"Originally it was designed to transport the Covid-19 vaccine and get it to remote parts of Australia where dry ice just won't be sufficient



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enough to ensure it remains effective and safe for everyone. We're also concerned about the potential shortage of dry ice in the future," Mr Borg said.

"We have been in discussions with the government regarding the rollout and the main thing we want out of it was to help everyone, everywhere in Australia, get the vaccine without any deterioration because of poor transport methods."

Though this was initially their prime objective, the freezer has excited interest from a range of stakeholders engaged in a wide variety of fields.

"It's very safe, lockable, has alarm systems and we'd like to see it used everywhere as dry ice can often be expensive and hard to come by in regional Australia."

The duo is also set to launch their latest product, the Cryo-Pallet Cooler, which uses a similar cooling technology but is designed specifically for bulk transportation of temperature-sensitive cargo.

"It will allow our customers to safely transport bulk quantities of temperature-sensitive goods, anywhere between 8 degrees celsius



The B&Z Clean Air Plasma Relabelling Freezer promises to replace the need for expensive and hazardous dry ice in the labs with its unique, open-air freezer specifically designed for the blood plasma relabelling process.

and minus 35 degrees celsius, without the need for specialised vehicles to do so," Mr Borg said

One of the men has a background in finance, while the other has an extensive background in the refrigeration and cooling space, which makes for a good business foundation.

"Ben is very innovative in the way he thinks and is always looking for alternative ways to do things. His main focus going forward will be continuing to make our products better and helping clients with new alternatives to solve their issues," Mr Borg said.

Altogether, the company's technological innovations look set to sharpen and improve the distribution and performance of a wide range of services across Australia. Though Rockhampton is renowned as a centre of coal and cattle production, B&Z Refrigeration Solutions has demonstrated that sophisticated technological innovation is also a core feature of this region.

Further information: http://bnzsolutions.com







Fitzroy Basin Association (FBA) CEO Elyse

FBA's great week at Beef

Record-breaking attendance at this year's Beef Australia was testimony that Rockhampton has its finger on the pulse of the global beef industry and was able to deliver exactly what 115,000 people came to see, hear, and experience in one place during Beef Week.

Fitzroy Basin Association (FBA) joined the festivities with a campaign of guest speakers and presenters who attracted audiences of land managers, professionals, and academics in five packed days.

Over 1000 guests filed through FBA's marquee between Monday and Friday enjoying a schedule of presentations from top names and trusted advisors to the beef industry who shared their time, wisdom, and expertise.

As a land manager and grazier, FBA Chief Executive Officer Elyse Riethmuller has also built a reputation as an innovative and commercially astute leader with expertise in natural resource management, regenerative agriculture, and stakeholder engagement. She was full of praise for the diversity and relevance of how FBA's content was received.

"FBA was honoured to host enthusiastic conversations around the relevance of many agriculture topics to help land managers find better and more affordable solutions for their enterprise and environment," said Ms Riethmuller.

"We are fortunate to have dedicated expert staff passionate about the beef industry and outstanding relationships with leading professionals and educators. With so much going on in technology, it was important to understand that audiences still wanted down to earth discussions about sustainable grazing practices



FBA's wrap up of Beef.

and how it relates to them."

Pasture expert and renowned agronomist Ross Newman, fresh from featuring on ABC's Landline program, opened FBA's schedule with a passionate address on ecologically sound pasture regeneration for healthier and more productive beef production.

A much-anticipated presentation followed with CQU associate professor Dana Stanley about pasture dieback. With thousands of properties directly effected by the mysterious and virulent dieback disease, land managers,

academics and business owners assembled at FBA to hear the very latest research performed on 30 local farms by Dr Stanley.

Not only did FBA guests get some of the latest research available, but they were also able to hear from their grazier peers who are pioneering new methods to regenerate country.

Cam Gibson from 'Coonabar' north of Rolleston has been planting thousands of trees on his grazing land for over 10 years. Sharing data on how treescapes improved temperature control and enhanced weight gain for cattle that could access shade compared to those that grazed on open paddocks excited the audience.

Following his presentation, members of the audience were keen to pick his Mr Gibson's brain about how cattle, trees and pasture could not only cohabitate, but could thrive and be profitable while at the same time improving land value and generating income from carbon farming.

"We couldn't have asked for a better attendance at the FBA marquee with guests genuinely seeking out new connections, sharing their own personal experience among peers and contributing to important discussions about the future or land management in the Fitzroy region.

"The success of the event was down to the devotion of the Beef committee and their enthusiasm to see exhibitors and partners like FBA have a rewarding and professional presence and I congratulate them on an outstanding success, and we look forward to working with them again in 2024," concluded Ms Riethmuller.

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SMW Group kicking goals

What do a remote-operated industrial cleaning truck, a revolutionary heavy haulage tray and a weekend game of rugby all have in common?

They're backed by SMW Group, an awardwinning innovator, employer and supporter of the local community.

Since publicly listing in June last year, SMW Group's operations have gone from strength to strength. Last week, their Mackay branch took home the Resource Industry Network's Out of the Box Award for their remote-operated hot wash truck, with judges saying the company had shown a long-term systematic approach to thinking differently.

SMW Group CEO Jack Trenaman is proud of the company's fourth recognition for innovation in the last eight years, saying it's reflective of their 'engineering continuous improvement' ethos.

"As a contractor on many Bowen Basin mine sites, we see problems every day that can be solved by clever engineering. The remote-operated hot wash truck is one of those solutions - it keeps operators out of harm's way, eliminating major safety risks with technology. It also means we can deliver an industrial clean more quickly and efficiently.

"We developed the remote-operation technology in the hopes of selling units to diversify our income streams. This is particularly important as a service-based business in a market that has plenty of ups and downs."

While SMW Group is the only publicly listed company headquartered in Rockhampton,

Mr Trenaman says that he's optimistic about the future of Central Queensland.

"This year, we're starting to see real progress on all the major projects that economic development organisations have been talking about for years."

With SMW Group teams working on the Rookwood Weir, several new mining projects and even recently beginning supply of heavy haulage trays to Bravus's Carmichael project, the company has doubled down on local employment and community support.

"I've seen plenty of companies coming into town to nab major project work, but unfortunately the only economic contribution they make is to pay rent for a small CBD office and pay their employees to fly in and fly out," said Mr Trenaman.

"SMW Group will always put local employment first, and support the local community where we live, work and play. For us, it's the only way to build a long-term business."

This commitment was showcased perfectly in the weekend's QRL's Indigenous Round at Browne Park, as players donned SMW Group branded jerseys. Even the referees are supported by SMW Group in a decades-long partnership.

Mr Trenaman says that no matter if it's on the field or off the field, there won't be a time that he stops cheering for Central Queensland.

"We wouldn't have grown into the business that we are today without the community. As we grow, we'll keep doing what we have always done in giving back."



CQ Capras Players with SMW Group jerseys - QRL Indigenous Round.



SMW Group Remote Hot Wash Truck and Operator.





The Capras Squad with the SMW Group sponsored jerseys.

Pathways to employment

SMW Group are proud to be championing a new joint venture with Capras Community Care called Pathways to Employment.

The Pathways to Employment program is a holistic mentoring program, supporting Indigenous teens to remain engaged at school and complete Year 12. The program provides mentors from local community, creating a space of belonging and building self-esteem, confidence and leadership skills.

Teens are matched with local workplaces, who also provide experience and training, alongside the potential for apprenticeships or traineeships with the company's support.

CQ Capras CEO Peter White says that the program fits perfectly with SMW Group's community support and local employment commitments.

"As a long-term partner and major sponsor, SMW Group are ideal to help us launch Pathways to Employment in Central Queensland. They walk the talk when it comes to creating local jobs and putting their money where their mouth is in community commitments."

Mr Trenaman commented that with the Capras' reputation for developing local talent on the sporting field, it makes sense to develop the education and long-term career opportunities of teens off the field as well.

"We've seen some amazing rugby league talent come from Central Queensland, but our workforce of continuous innovators comes from Central Queensland as well. If we can help develop that talent and get Indigenous teens interested in working with our industry, it's a win all around for us."



The CQ Capras Ladies with their SMW Group sponsored jerseys.



SMW Group's Bravus Ultrahaul tray.



Bundy port growing

Gladstone Ports Corporation's Bundaberg Port is growing, with Pacific Tug Group commencing works on the new Pacific Marine Base in the coming weeks.

Pacific Tug Group, an Australianowned provider of specialised maritime services, confirmed the development at GPC's Port of Bundaberg Port Users group meeting earlier this month.

The new marine base is expected to provide a number of services including transhipment, sea and harbour towage, land base logistics, lines handling, technical services as well as project support.

The project will include a focus on a cargo barge facility suitable for intrastate and Pacific Island trade, with future expansion on the cards to support the growing renewables trade.

Chief executive officer of Pacific Tug Group Chris Peters said the new Pacific Marine Base would be state-of-the-art.

"We've been working on the project for five years, including working closely with GPC and we are excited that our state-ofthe-art facility is set to commence construction," Mr Peters said.

Port of Bundaberg manager Jason Pascoe said the project was not just a win for Pacific Tug and GPC but for the entire region

"The Pacific Marine Base spearheaded by Pacific Tug is a really exciting prospect in terms of both jobs and port capability," he said. "At GPC we are preparing for the next 50 years and integral planning is central to our strategy to future proof Bundaberg and Queensland.

"GPC looks forward to continuing to support Chris and the team at Pacific Tug as they ready their shovels in the ground."



Tunuba staff attend the Darumbal Welcome to Country Ceremony at Shoalwater Bay Military Training Area with mayors Tony Williams and Andy Ireland.

Tunuba welcomed

Staff at CQ Indigenous business Tunuba Pty Ltd, which is 50 per cent owned by Darumbal Enterprises and CQG Consulting, were thrilled to be part of the Darumbal Welcome to Country Ceremony for the 6RAR training exercise at Shoalwater Bay Training Area on May 19.

The event was also attended by Rockhampton Mayor Tony Williams and Livingstone Mayor Andy Williams, and included a traditional smoking ceremony by Darumal elders.

Tunuba is growing from strength to

strength securing recent contracts for fauna management, dune restoration works, vegetation clearance surveys, fauna spotter catcher, fencing and weed spraying in the region.

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Benefit from 'fund run'

Local community groups are being given a chance to apply as the community beneficiary for Gladstone Ports Corporation's new-look 'fund run', Port to Park 2021.

The community beneficiary funding will go towards helping one worthy group with their community project or initiative.

Executive general manager for people and community, Rowen Winsor said GPC's fun run initiative had been running for more than a decade

"The community beneficiary is quite special this year because it will be the first to kick off our new-look fun run," she said.

"We know, now more than ever, local groups would really appreciate this funding and will put it to good use to support our community after enduring one of the most challenging years' due to Covid-19."

"Port to Park is such a great way to raise our community spirit, help those who need it most and support our local schools and of course, to get active and have fun doing it!"

Previous Community Beneficiaries of GPC's FunD run initiative, previously known as the Botanic to Bridge, have included the Gladstone Hospital Children's Ward through Give Me 5 for Kids, Roseberry House, the Gladstone PCYC and the Boyne Island Environmental Educational Centre.

All proceeds from the Port to Park fund run event go back into the local community including helping primary and secondary schools with new sporting and outdoor equipment.

Port to Park also includes two new course routes which showcase GPC's waterfront parklands. Beneficiary applications close at 4pm on Friday, June 4.

To find out more information and to apply visit https://www.gpcl.com.au/port-to-park-community



Curtis the Turtle from the Gladstone Ports Corporation with (front) Mayor Matt Burnett, representing Gladstone Entertainment Convention Centre and the Gladstone Regional Council, and Gladstone Ports Corporation executive general manager people and community Rowen Winsor. Also pictured are (not in order) Port to Park sponsors Kylie Williams from Santos GLNG, Najah Pearce from SMIT Lamnalco, Peter Lynch from CQ Today, Robert Gibb from APLNG, operated by ConocoPhillips Australia, Trent Attard from Wiggins Island Coal Export Terminal, Suzie Lane from Orica, Pete Carseldine from 7 News, Crystal Hudson from Southern Cross Austereo and Leeanne Katsanevas from Gladstone News and Elevate.



Careers event inspires

St Ursula's College, Yeppoon, Year 10 students stepped out of their comfort zones and up to the challenge at last week's Communication to Careers (C2C) event.

The C2C event, hosted by the college in collaboration with the Regional Industry Networking Group (RING) and CQ Today, provided St Ursula's Year 10 cohort the opportunity to participate in a series of speed interviews (two-minute conversations) with representatives from local businesses, tertiary and training providers, and industry.

Cap Coast Home Loans Principal Broker, Ms Helen Schweikert, said she participated in C2C as it was a small event within the community that could potentially make a big difference to students.

"C2C is a great initiative for the students, especially to have them start to think about their career aspirations now so they can structure their next two years in preparation," Ms Schweikert said.

Careers Advisor at St Ursula's, Mrs Natasha Oldham, said C2C was an annual event on the college's calendar where students gained valuable information and insight from representa-

"The opportunity to practice communication skills with professionals is priceless," Mrs Oldham said.

'Through these speed interviews and formal conversations, students learn about organisations' employment processes, industry expectations, and career pathways.

"The communication and feedback process assists students to build the beginnings of their own industry networks and increases their interpersonal skills, holding them in good stead to participate in job interviews.'

"We are grateful for the support received from the local business community every year; this event is a very structured activity that is energetic and uplifting, for both representatives and students.



Members of the Queensland Police Service talking to students at the event.



Representatives from Central Queensland University was on hand to talk to students



St Ursula Students after learning from all different industries at the C2C. The exhibitors at the C2C.



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CQ Today's Key Account Manager Peter Lynch was on hand for CQ Today.



Students from St Ursula's listening to Capricorn Enterprises' ideas.



The Defence Force talking to the students about potential career opportunities.



Students around the many exhibitors at St Ursula's.

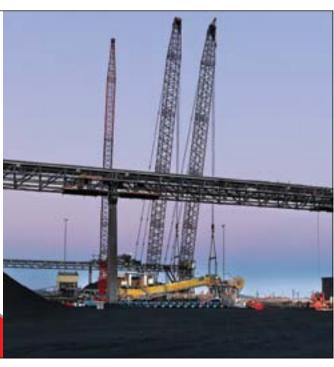






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EcoSmart Solar has edge

By Duncan Evans

In a world of flattened mass production, product quality and bespoke service stands apart and serves as a significant competitive advantage for any company operating in a crowded marketplace.

EcoSmart Solar, a local Rockhampton solar power company located at 256 Denison Street, offers precisely that.

The company offers three broad products streams: solar power, solar batteries and solar hot water and promises customers an experience with solar that will benefit them for multiple years into the future.

Central Queensland is one of the world's best destinations for solar power, given the abundance of year-round sunshine. More broadly, Queensland is going through something of a solar boom. At present, one in three detached houses across the state have some form of power generation attached to them.

The Queensland government hopes to encourage further solar uptake to meet its target of generating 50 per cent of the state's energy consumption from renewable sources by 2030.

A rush of companies trying to get rich quick by offering cheap but low quality product is the inevitable by-product of such a heated market.

"The problem with the solar industry these days is there's a lot of solar sales companies out there. And then the solar sales companies sell their product at the cheapest possible price," Jeff Hoare, the General Manager of EcoSmart Solar, said in an interview with CQ Today.

"And what then happens is generally when the client has problems, because the quality of the product is low, when the client starts having problems in four or five years' time, generally the sales companies, they're gone.'

EcoSmart Solar operates on a different philosophy. The company has been carefully and precisely building itself up since 2004, dedicated to offering its customers a long-term commitment and in-house expertise instead of a rushed grab for money.



LG Mono X Plus Solar Modules.

"See what we do, because we're a local business, we put on two apprentices per year. So the tradesmen we currently have in our business are grown from within, meaning, these are guys that have been with us, some of them over 10 years and actually did their apprenticeship with us," Mr Hoare explained.

"The business growth that we have comes from within.

First started by Mr Hoare's father, the business has since grown to encompass 25 em-

"We take in kids, but more importantly, we also give adult apprentices a go. So these are guys that are that have tried to get an apprenticeship for many years. And, and because you've got to pay him a little bit more, a lot of companies don't see the value in that. So we generally start one adult apprentice and and two kids every year. And most of them we get through their time.

Its focus on expertise is also reflected in the suppliers it chooses to work with.

EcoSmart Solar sources its panels primarily

from LG, an established South Korean company, and its inverters from SMA, a German

"They are high quality and they're the best," Mr Hoare said when asked why he worked with LG and SMA.

"There's real warranty support. If there's any issues, it gets cleared up quickly. We've been around a long time now and learned, unfortunately, sometimes the hard way, in relation to quality manufacturers. And as a result, we only partner with manufacturers that will be here long-term to support us long-term.'

Alongside high-skilled labour, extensive experience and sourcing from the finest solar manufacturers in the world, EcoSmart Solar is also a bespoke service, offering tailored support to each job it takes on.

"Every system we install is individually designed, it's not a one size fits all, mass produced lowest quality with the lowest quality components. Our installation is done by us, we do everything in house." Mr Hoare said.

"So we sell the system, we design the system, we install the system, we monitor the system for the life of the system, and also maintain the system as well. And all of that is done in-house by our in-house team. So it's not like we sell a system and then find the cheapest subcontractor to install the system.

The benefits for consumers in taking an EcoSmart Solar's approach to solar are clear.

"The systems we sell from quality manufacturers are the type of systems that make a massive difference to people's long term financial benefits," Mr Hoare said.

"Because of the quality of the system, we're talking about, you know, solar panels that will last 30 plus years. And solar inverters with a 15 plus year life span. Install a high quality now, come back in four or five years and add a battery to the system. And then they (the customers) still get another 20 plus years of hassle free solar experience.'

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Gardening Neil Fisher



The winter season is here

WINTER TRANSPLANTING

This time next week it will be winter and the cooler change in the weather means it is a good time for any transplanting that is required in the garden. Winter is the best time to move any shrub or small trees that are not doing as well as they should in their present position. Ailing evergreens, especially azaleas, often grow a whole lot better after they have been transplanted from a spot where they have not been doing well. Fortunately, azaleas don't have deep root systems, but they do have a widespread surface root system.

Lift the plants by first using the shovel to dig a line around the drip-line of the plant, making as clean a cut in the ground as possible, then working the spade deeper and under the root structure. Once the root ball can be lifted, make a similar sized hole in the new position to take the plant. It will need to be a fraction wider than the root ball, so that plenty of good soil can be worked in, around and below the old roots. Soak liberally once the plant has been shifted to the new hole, but do not feed any fertiliser at this stage.

By the time we start getting warmer spring weather, the transplanted shrubs should be in a good position to start producing masses of new growth foliage, and extending their root system. This would be the time to use a good organic.

WINTER GARDENING

When planning home gardens, it is always good to look around for winter-flowering shrubs, groundcovers and climbers, for future garden colour features to brighten the drabbest time of the year for most gardens.

Just a patch of flowering annuals like Alyssum, Amaranthus, Begonia, Cosmos, Celosia, Carnations, Chrysanthemum, Dianthus, Gazania, Gomphrena, Impatiens, Marigold, Nasturtium, Petunia, Phlox, Portulaca, Salvia, Sunflower, Verbena and Zinnia can make a dif-

This is also a good time to look for new additions to the garden as well. Walking around the streets of Rockhampton at the moment you could not help but notice the spectacular sight of the purple-flowering Lasiandras or Tibouchinas. This shrub combines rich velvet green leaves and deep violet to purple flowers is quite adaptable to Rockhampton climatic

If you prefer bright splashes of colour, maybe the planting of Euphorbia pulcherrima, or poinsettia, is a suggestion. Long known for their red, cream or pink flowers, which are actually not flowers at all, but bracts, there are now many colour variations available in the new hybrids. It is now not uncommon to have red with pink flecks, cream with a white petticoat, and even a yellow flowering variety. Remember that it is important to prune heav-

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Clerodendrum Splendens.

ily after flowering and only water lightly at this time of the year.

Even our western garden enthusiasts can select attractive winter-flowering shrubs that will tolerate not only the bleak weather, but those cold winds that we are starting to experience. One variety of plants that comes to mind is the Eremophilas or Australian Fuschias or Emu Bushes, with several varieties coming into full bloom at the moment. Probably one of the best displays of Eremophilas can be found in centre median plantings in the town of Dalby.

Just the use of a creeper such as Clerodendrum splendens or bleeding heart, on a fence or trellis, can highlight a garden during this time of the year. This creeper can even be used as a groundcover, where the sprays of red flowers form a flowing splash of colour.



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WINTER REMINDER

This is a reminder that with the cold weather having arrived, avoid heavy watering in shady



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AgForce has been calling for regular, consistent water quality testing of six catchments to reveal the quality of the water on the Great Barrier Reef.

A long way to go

AgForce Reef Taskforce Chair Alex Stubbs

Don't get me wrong; when the Minister for the Environment and Great Barrier Reef Meaghan Scanlon said she wanted to "acknowledge farmers and graziers for their efforts to move away from using practices that pose a high risk to water quality," I was happy.

AgForce, industry groups, and hundreds of cane farmers and beef cattle graziers affected by, or about to be affected by, the government's reef regulations and standards have battled long and hard for some recognition when it comes to the fantastic work done over many years to ensure our methods produce clean runoff.

But pretty quickly I became disillusioned and disappointed as I realised that in just a few

days yet more regulation - this latest raft for new expanded commercial cropping - will be introduced.

Yes, I'm happy that our talks with the government have resulted in some concessions being made to these new regulations, and hopefully more will come to pass in the days before June 1.

But the problem I have is that despite our calls for regular, consistent water quality testing of all six catchments so that we can accurately know the quality of the water on the reef - it still hasn't happened.

Instead, the science used by Minister Scanlon to both praise and regulate us is more than two years old - the results taken from the Reef Water Quality Report Card 2019.

If we were improving our nutrient and irri-

gation management based on 2019 practices, then we must be, and are, flying now.

And yet rather than being rewarded with less regulation, we're the scapegoats for a range of other industries and factors that go ignored because green groups like a target.

So while I and others like me enjoy the praise, at least for a moment, those at the coal-face of regulation and an overwhelming array of reporting requirements wait for the real science.

If you're a producer living in a reef catchment area, you can't afford to miss the government's online or in-person sessions to assist farmers learn about the new requirements for expanding cropping, taking place from May 18 to June 24. To register to attend, visit qld.gov. au/ReefRegulations or phone 13 74 68.



Rural Aid volunteers on the forefront.

Thanks to Rural Aid volunteers

Australia's leading rural charity couldn't function without its generous team of volunteers, its CEO has said.

Rural Aid CEO John Warlters said the charity wouldn't be where it is today without the hundreds of volunteers who had dedicated their time, energy and money to bettering the lives of others.

"We are so fortunate to have such a wonderful team of volunteers ready to drop everything and help out Aussie farmers and their communities," Mr Warlters said.

"Just last month, we had more than 20 volunteers put their lives on hold, on short notice, to help out flood-ravaged farmers in New South Wales.

"Our volunteers consistently give their all to Rural Aid.

"Volunteers are integral to the Our Town makeover events, the Farm Army work program and to the running of the Rural Aid office.

"They travel hundreds of kilometres, sometimes forgoing their own beds, and spend their days toiling away, for the betterment of our farmers. It's truly inspirational."

Mr Warlters said their work didn't go unnoticed.

"We are so grateful to these everyday Aussies. A huge, heartfelt thanks for all the invaluable work you do," he said.

Rural Aid is always welcoming of new volunteers. To find out more, head to the www.ruralaid.org.au or call 1300 327 624.

Good quality offering at CQLX Gracemere saleyards

CQLX Gracemere combined agents had an increased yarding of 3477 head on May 19, comprising of 1885 steers, 1135 heifers, 269 cows and 111 bulls

Cattle were drawn from the usual local areas along with drafts from Moranbah and Collinsville. A good quality offering included several larger drafts in most categories.

Condition was good throughout the yarding. The usual processor panel was supplemented by an extra operator which improved averages. There was also good competition from restockers.

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE DAY

- Stan Fordham, Collinsville Sold Charbray Cross Feeders Steers No.0 for 402c weighing 486kg to return \$1955/hd
- JG & MA McCartney Marlborough Sold No.0 Brahman Steers for 426ckg weighing 384kg to return \$1637/hd
- GA & IR Maher, Mount Morgan Sold Charbray Cross Steers for 560c/kg weighing 261kg to return \$1,465/hd
- Amaroo Partnership, Nebo Sold 78 Brangus

Steers for 365c/kg weighing 552kg to return \$2014/hd

- Oakdale Pastoral, Proserpine Sold Brangus Steers for 357c weighing 596kg to return \$2128/hd
- Goomally P/L Duaringa Sold Brahman Steers to 646c weighing 167kg to return \$1085/hd
- JW & WJ Grant, Collinsville Sold Charbray Cows for 297c weighing 652kg to return \$1937/hd
- Yacamunda Investments, Collinsville Sold Brahman Cows for 304c weighing 625kg to return \$1900/hd
- S Ross Miriam Vale Sold No.8/9 Brahman Cross Heifers to average 344ckg weighing 480kg to return \$1650/hd
 Brookston Pastoral, Nebo Sold Charbray
- No.1 Heifers for 424c weighing 350kg to return \$1486/hd
- B Armstrong, Wowan Sold Droughtmaster Cross Heifers for 406c weighing 459kg to return \$1866/hd
- NJ & MA Holland, Rannes Sold Brangus Weaner Heifers for 522c weighing 202kg to return \$1059/hd



Condition was good throughout the yarding.

Colder nights are coming

By weather forecaster Mike Griffin

END OF AUTUMN ECLIPSE

Wednesday evening's lunar eclipse was the top astronomical event of the year. Central Queensland had a perfect view with the autumn cool clear nights.

The last time this event like this happened was in January 2019. There were four penumbral eclipses in 2020, not as impressive as this one. We are very lucky as eastern Australia, the Pacific to Alaska will get the full view.

Because the moon's orbit is closer than usual it will seem large; hence the term a 'super moon'.

The 'blood moon', or red colour, is caused by the sunlight filtering through the earth's atmosphere, as the earth passes between the moon and the sun.

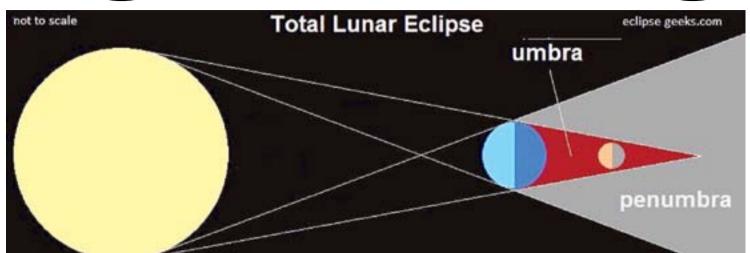
The next lunar eclipse is in November. This will not bring the badly needed rain. We have to go back to the third week of March before any effective double figure rainfall occurred.

In March, Rockhampton's normal rainfall of 42mm was 50 per cent down on average, while May was 100 per cent down. Even though there was that 4x2 rainfall in North Rocky of over 20mm two weeks ago, the rest of the Capricornian grasslands are turning brown. Keep watering the gardens!

Yet Neville Kayes, who died at 96 last week, had a few drops of rain at his funeral. Tears from heaven is a Celtic sign of a good life. The strong South East Trades kept up during the week with gusts over 32 knots (60kmh) with seas about 2.5 metres, plus the odd brief shower north of Yeppoon.

FORECAST

On the Synoptic Chart, a small high over South East Queensland is associated with early morning low cloud and fog. Early low cloud over Stockyard Point to Byfield and Shoalwater 'may' herald a fog risk for Capricornia after



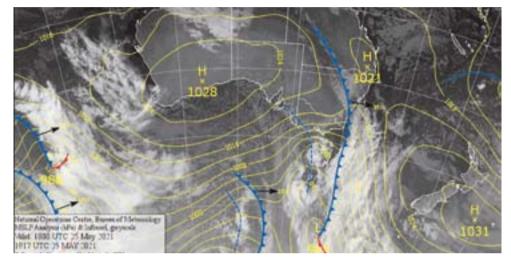
the blood moon.

A front passing through Victoria/NSW dumped 20-30mm for the eastern Murray River. This was followed by very cold dry frosty air with light snow for higher areas of Tasmania/Victoria/NSW.Melbourne is expecting its coldest morning in over 60 years with frosty 2C. This cold air will pass into NSW and Queensland causing more frosts for the Darling Downs and Granite Belt, reaching CQ over the weekend with single figure minimums.

Frosts for Mount Morgan to Bilo are on the cards. They may reach north to Mackay and inland to Mout Isa.

Be wary of the cold nights being a trap for the 'novice boaties!' The cold nights are usually associated with flat seas, early morning inshore and fresh southerlies around Great Keppel Island. These offshore winter winds (OSWW) usually whip up seas very quickly then die during the middle of the day before blowing up again at night.

An odd squally brief shower may develop



about the Bunker Group. If a low develops in the Tasman Sea over the weekend then the cold nights will extend into mid next week, yet days will be sunny and around 25C next week.

Fogs in the far south may sneak into CQ late next week if the cloud from the west hangs back. So get the blankets and jackets out of the cupboards. Welcome to winter!

- 1. From which tournament did Ash Barty retire injured in the quarterfinals recently?
- 2. Who won the 2020-21 FA Cup?
- 3. In which AFL season did the Lions play their last AFL game as Fitzroy?
- 4. Which Super Rugby team has won the most championships?
- 5. What Australian city will be home to a new state-of-the-art football facility for the Matildas?

Ben Simmons

- 6. What team will the Australian Cricket Team play on an overseas tour in July?
- 7. Which country has won the most Olympic table tennis medals?
- 8. What is a period of play in a polo match known as?
 - 9. The Major League Baseball World Series is a best-of how many games?
 - 10. What NBA star was known by the nickname by Dr J?
 - 11. Where was the 2018 FIFA World Cup held?
 - 12. Which Australian basketball player holds the record for most points scored in a single **WNBA** game, with 53?

- 13. The Australian Triple Crown of Thoroughbred Racing consists of winning the Randwick Guineas, Rosehill Guineas and which other race?
- 14. Which two years did Pat Rafter win the US Open?
- 15. Who won the first rugby league State Of Origin match played at the MCG in June 1994?
- 16. What year was Collingwood player Dane Swan awarded the **Brownlow Medal?**
- 17. What sport do the Newcastle Northstars and CBR Brave both play?
- 18. Which Australian golf professional shot a final round of 59 to win the 2010 Greenbrier Classic by one stroke?
- 19. What was the name of the racing yacht that won the 1983 America's Cup for the Royal Perth Yacht Club?
- 20. How many games did the Penrith Panthers win out of their first 10 games of the 2021 NRL season?



- 21. Which team does leading A-League goal scorer Jamie Maclaren play for?
- 22. How many times has Ben Simmons been named an NBA All-Star?
- 23. What is the national sport of the Netherlands?
- 24. What sport returned to the Olympics in 2016 after a 112-year absence?
- 25. What country with the Australian Cricket Team play in a one-off test in November 2021?
- 26. Which martial art is set to debut as an Olympic sport in Tokyo this year?

- 27. Rachael Sporn holds the record for most career points and rebounds in which sporting league?
- 28. Australian equestrian rider Andrew Hoy has competed in how many Olympic Games?
- 29. Grace Hamilton is the current captain of which Australian national team?
- 30. Which Australian athlete lit the Olympic cauldron at the 2000 Sydney Olympics?

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Announcements

ANDERSON, **Lionel Wilson**

Of Benevolent Home, Rockhampton Passed away peacefully on Thursday 13th May 2021

Aged 89 years

Dearly loved partner to Alison and families. Private service was held for Lionel on Friday 21st May 2021.



FINLAYSON & McKENZIE (AFDA) 56 William Street, Rockhampton Phone 4922 1269

FRAWLEY, **Marie Cecilia**

formerly of Church Street, Allenstown Late of Benevolent Living Passed away peacefully on Wednesday, 19th May 2021

Aged 91 years.

Beloved Wife of Jack (dec). Loving Mother and Mother-in-law of Debby, John, Judy and Garry Cornick, Andrew and Lynda, Melinda and Scott Kennedy. Loved Nana of Haley, Beau, Michael, Ashleigh, Lydia, Angus. Adored Great Nana of Adelaide, April, Taylor, Leo, Arthur, Alliana, Avery. Loving Sister, Sister-in-law and Aunt of the Frawley and Martens families.

Relatives and friends are respectfully invited to attend a Prayer Service for Marie to be held in St Joseph's Cathedral, William Street. Rockhampton on Friday, 28th May 2021 commencing at 10:30AM.

After Prayers the committal to proceed to North Rockhampton Cemetery.



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JARVIS, **Irene Mae**

of Benevolent Living, Rockhampton, formerly of Elphinstone Street, North Rockhampton Passed away peacefully on Saturday 15th May 2021

Aged 92 years.

Dearly loved Wife to Colin (dec). Much loved Mother and Mother-in-law to Chris and Marilyn, Gail and David, Stephen and Lori. Grandmother to 6 Grandchildren and 6 Great grandchildren.

A private service was held for Irene as per her wishes.





McDONALD. (nee Larkin)

Philomene Terese 'Phil'

Late of Bethany Nursing Home, formerly of Albert Street, passed away peacefully on Wednesday 12 May 2021.

Aged 88 years.

Loved daughter of James and Mary Larkin (both dec'd).

Beloved wife of Arthur McDonald and adored Mother of Neil, Mary (dec'd) and Paul McDonald.

Loved sister, sister-in-law and relative of Mary and Richard Bauman (both dec'd), Brian and Phillip Bauman; William Larkin (dec'd); Kevin Larkin (dec'd); Jim and Ella Larkin (both dec'd); James and Sandi Larkin, Conner and Amy, Karen and Michael Thompson, Aiden and Dominic; Jan and Barry (dec'd) Algar, Vicki Tiegs and Ross Farrell; Rob and Sandra (dec'd) McDonald; Megan and Nev Hansen, Grady and Grace, Karyn and Simon Boyd, Oliva

Lifelong friend of Joan Golby (Brisbane); Dawn and Noel (dec'd) Barker Yeppoon and Family; Gail and John Thomson and Family (New Zealand).

and Raya.

A service was held at St Joseph's Cathedral William Street Rockhampton on Tuesday 18 May.



RAISKIO,

Of Bethany Home, formerly of William and Cairns Street, Rockhampton, passed away peacefully on Tuesday 25th May 2021

Aged 90 years

Dearly loved Wife to Felix (dec). Adored Mother to Elsa and Arthur. Sister to Lillian and Margaret.

Relatives and Friends are respectfully invited to attend a Celebration of May's Life to be held in Finlayson & McKenzie Chapel, 56 William Street, Rockhampton on Friday 28th May 2021 commencing at 2pm.



WALKER, **Shirley**

Of Gracemere formerly of Mount Morgan passed away in Toowoomba on Saturday 15th May 2021.

Aged 71 Years.

Much Loved Mother and Mother-in-law of Danny, Damien, Katrina, Walter, Shirley-Anne and their partners

Loved Grandmother of 15, Great Grandmother of 9. Loved Daughter of Robert and Ivy Walker (both dec'd). Sister, Sister-in-law and Aunt of Bobbie, Betty, Ronnie,

Donnie, Margaret, Keith (all dec'd) Glenda and their families Relatives, Family and Friends are respectfully invited to attend Shirley's Funeral Service to be held at

St Mary's Anglican Church, Gordon Street Mount Morgan Monday 31st May 2021 commencing at 10:30am to move to Mount Morgan Cemetery for Committal.

> HARTS FAMILY FUNERALS 247 Ford Street, North Rockhampton 4701 Phone All Hours: 07 4926 9985

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BRUIGOM, **Gordon Charles**

Of Larcombe Street, Kawana, formerly York Street, Kawana Passed away suddenly on Sunday 23rd May 2021

Aged 76 years

Dearly loved Wife to Sandra. Loving Father and Father-in-law to Angela and Andrew, Bradley and Caroline. Adored Grandad to Jake, Demi, Rory, Blair, Cameron.

Brother to Joyce and Brother-in-law to Julie. Relatives and Friends are respectfully invited to attend a Celebration of Gordon's Life to be held at the East Chapel of the Rockhampton Crematorium on Wednesday 2nd June 2021 commencing at 10am.

For funeral confirmation please refer to Finlayson & McKenzie's website or phone (07) 4922 1269.





REST IN PEACE 4

NORTH, **Beryl Evelyn**

Late of Bajool and Gracemere. Passed away peacefully on Saturday 22nd May 2021.

Aged 82 years.

Wife of Rod North.

Dearly Loved Mother of Phillip, Darryl and Shelley.

Cherished Mother-in-law, Grandmother, Great-grandmother and Great-greatgrandmother of their families.

Loved Sister, Sister-in-law and Aunty of the Ramm and North families.

Relatives and Friends are respectfully invited to attend a Service to celebrate the life of Beryl to be held in the East Chapel, Rockhampton Crematorium this Tuesday 1st June 2021 commencing at 10am.

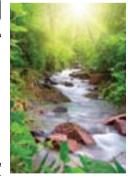




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Jules Holland showing local kids the techniques of Bush Art.

The brilliant Sandy Krak

Asides from a bit of mildly annoying winds, the Sandy Krak Reef Festival went off without a hitch over the weekend at Emu Park

Visitors enjoyed a healthy splash of markets, tasty food vendors, reef themed sandcastle building comp and a variety of talented performers kept us immersed through the

The entertainment didn't stop there as the live music 'kraked' on until late in the evening at the Pine Beach Hotel.

Over 250 patrons piled in for a Kraken good time and helped make it the most memorable Sandy yet. The musicians and artists thoroughly enjoyed themselves and look forward to coming back next year.

A big sandy thanks to all that made it happen including sponsors, artists, performers, volunteers, stage and audio team, stall holders, graphic and video designers and the committee that put it all together.

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Talia Ferguson working on some brilliant art.

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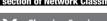
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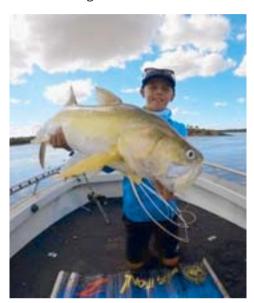
Fishing scene heating up

With the weather cooling off the fishing scene in Central Queensland sure is heating up

Thanks to the Robertson family for sharing their awesome pics of a couple of great catches form the weekend.

And on Hooked Fishing Charters Riley Sheppard was taken out off Port Alma where he hooked this King Thread Salmon.

The phones at Hooked Fishing have been running hot ever since the team was featured on the popular Creek to Coast on Saturday night so look out for plenty more catches coming in.



Riley Sheppard out off Port Alma where he hooked this King Thread Salmon.



John, Jack, Beau and Kona Robertson with a great catch on the weekend.





John, Jack, Beau and Kona Robertson with another cracker.

Ready to serve up a great Rocky Open

By Allan Clarke

Entries have been received and draws are being finalised in preparation for the annual Rockhampton Open Table Tennis Championships that are being staged at the Leichhardt Park Table Tennis Centre at 157 Campbell Street this Saturday and Sunday.

Whilst the very busy state and national tournament calendars have taken a toll on overall numbers to attend the championships, this year's Rocky Open has attracted some very good players and plenty of excellent matches are expected to be on show.

In the prestigious Bernie's Pies men's open singles event, current state champion Bruno Levis (Brisbane club) will sit at the top of the draw and locals Joel Coughlan, Matthew Pettett and Rayden Smith will be out to run him down should they get half a chance. One of Bundaberg's best players, Brett Fourro, who is not long out of the junior ranks, has a strong game and on his day can cause an upset or two.

Mackay's champion, and former national youth representative, Rebekah Stanley is favourite in the Bolsover Radiology women's open singles, however locals who are more than capable of giving her a run include newly adopted Kelsey Le Maistre, Ann-Louise Stewart, Erica Nolan and the consistent Monica Deeth, while state under-15 girls champion Emily Steffen can take her game up to participants much older than her. Bundaberg's veteran campaigner Lorraine Fourro has been in solid form at tournaments this year and can be very hard to handle by players to whom she gives a few years.

There will not be any easy matches in the open men's and women's doubles as well as the mixed pairs where most of the leading lights have joined forces.



Matthew Pettett, Ann-Louise Stewart, Monica Deeth and Joel Coughlan participating in their last fixture match in preparation for the annual Rocky Open. 238895

The strongest entry is in the Chauvel Industrial Services ratings events where competitions in six sections across both singles a doubles will be staged. The arrangement these days is that all players in the state have an individual rating based on previous results at tournament competitions, so the intended concept is that contestants in each section are fairly even in standard. These events have replaced the grading system that existed for decades until a few years ago.

Locals Matthew Steffen and Nick Green should go well in the upper sections and Colte and Cruz Nolan the lower age-divisions in the Lawless-Pyne Electrical under-21 and junior events. The Rockhampton Pest Control's veteran events have been well supported by locals and visitors alike. Events are being played for both males and females across the over-30, 40, 50 and 60 age groups.

Play will commence at 9.00am on the Saturday morning with some of the age-events and the top liners will grace the courts from 5.00pm with the open section played out on the night. The tournament will conclude on Sunday after some age and ratings competitions have played out.



A Grade finalists Aiden Massingham, Adrian Christiansen, Kurt Truelson, Justin Haines, Barry Harth and Alan Harwood. 238900



Roystan Horton, George Karooz, Terry Tappin, Patron of Rockhampton Tennis Association Des Campbell, Mark Hutchinson and President of Rockhampton Tennis Association Barry Harth. 238912

A Town and Country ritual

By Liam Emerton

The Rockhampton Tennis Association held its 96th annual Town and Country event this weekend with massive numbers through the door.

Around 140 players turned up to play at the beautiful Victoria Park Tennis Complex on Saturday for a great day of tennis action.

In the A Grade men's contest the Drop Bears 2.0 were able to win 24-6 to take out the championship.

The Gods from Gladstone served their way to victory defeating the Good Times in the B Grade final

And in the Ladies Division one competition the team Ladies Get the Tradies walked away with the top prize.



Sylvia O'Sullivan serving. 238900



A Grade finalists Wayne Bennett, Andrew Lack, Javier Martinez, Lleyton Parle and Glen Vickery. 238900



lan Bates, Adam Muller, Ryan Dupreez and Wesley Zipf. 238900



The Gods from Gladstone took out the B Grade title. 238912



On the track with Tony

By Rockhampton Jockey Club CEO Tony Fenion

There are busy times ahead for us over at Callaghan Park with the Winter Racing Carnival just around the corner so to speak.

Of course everyone would be aware by now that the Wizard of The West, the one and only champion jockey William Pike, with be our special guest and racing ambassador from Perth

The Rockhampton Jockey Club is delighted to have William on board for all the festivities on the Carnival week and naturally riding on Rocky Newmarket Day, Friday, 9 July and Rocky Cup Day, Saturday, 10 July.

Since the announcement less than a fortnight back, Rockhampton punters have jumped on board the Pike band wagon with good results.

William rode a double in Perth on Saturday, 15 May and a treble there last Saturday.

Anyhow back to what is coming up.

The RJC is elated and naturally excited to have local band Relic performing at this year's Club 150 Draw/Winter Carnival Racing launch on Thursday, 10 June at Callaghan Park after the completion of the races that day.

We (RJC) want you all to come along and join us for a great night of entertainment including Relic performing live from 8pm.

The package is costed at \$50.00 per person and includes drinks for two hours and canapes (6pm-8pm) with a cash bar running through from 8pm till midnight.

We are inviting you to stay on after the races on that Thursday (June 10) for a fabulous night as we welcome in our Winter Racing Carnival. To get more information of this terrific night of celebration please contact the RJC on telephone 49.374000 or email kelly@rjc.com.

On the RJC Facebook page we have commenced a feature tagged Countdown to The Rocky Cup, Saturday, 10 July.

The first of these features ran last week on dual Melbourne Cup winning jockey Peter Cook.

The series is being compiled by Tony Mc-Mahon and he provided a deep insight into his friend Peter Cook.

Peter rode at the RJC Winter Racing Carnivals in 1992 and 1993 and he was a big hit with all he met.

I suggest you log on to the RJC Facebook page as this article on Peter, and those on other top jockeys who have ridden at the RJC Winter Racing Carnival, are must reads,

You would be surprised to know just how many Melbourne Cup winning jockeys and other champion jockeys have ridden at Callaghan Park over the years.

The best way to find out is to read up on the RJC Facebook page.

As I have recorded before in this column, I cannot get over how racing has changed in our neck of the woods particularly in regards to Rockhampton trainers travelling horses.

They are on the road all over the place.

Just last weekend was a fine example.

A number of Rockhampton trainers ventured out to Emerald, and granted, nothing new there.

Nick Walsh enjoyed success with the Herman family-owned Bollente which won a

\$10,000 heat of the Battle Of The Bush.

Bollente will take his place in the \$200,000 Final at Eagle Farm next month.

Also out at Pioneer Park, Emerald, our local trainer Zoe Hohn enjoyed success with Ruffin' It, which has been racing in great form.

I just have to mention that my daughter Tahlia made her riding debut at Emerald last Saturday and my wife Jodie and I were very proud as she rode two second placegetters.

Naturally, Tahlia was chuffed as well.

This Saturday she hopes to go one better when riding at Gladstone races.

Then Rockhampton trainer Tim Cook hiked up the highway to Home Hill races to provide his apprentice Alisha Donald with her raceriding debut courtesy of Jink and Jive,

The pair were placed but what a great effort by Tim to go that far because Home Hill is a decent hike.

As a matter of fact, it is almost seven hours' drive and that is without towing a horse float carrying two horses.

Tim also took up Rocky trainer Kevin Miller's Manilla Miss which was placed.

Then there was trainer Adrian Coome who has his horses stabled at Bouldercome.

Adrian went out to Wandoan with three horses but while not managing a win he had two placegetters.

In days gone by trainers from Rockhampton rarely travelled as much with their horses but then again racing was run at Callaghan Park every Saturday.

It doesn't matter where you go to race these days as the certainly is it is difficult to win anywhere.

We had a very strong meeting – seven race TAB program at Callaghan Park just this Tuesday.

Brisbane jockey Ryan Wiggins was on fire with four winners and all of them were well in commission.

Looking ahead I thought the performance of the William Weeks trained Hinvictus – second in the Class 1 (1200m) was a beauty,

I would suggest you keep an eye on Hinvictus as he should win a race at Callaghan Park in the very near future.

Also, Ricky Vale who is really churning out winners this season has Stubai coming along very nicely.

His win over a mile on Tuesday with 63kg was very brave.

Stubai should keep on winning and I have always thought Stubai would make a Cups horse particularly as he should get in them at Rocky and on the Northern circuit with very little weight.

Just so you can keep your racing diaries up to date here are the dates of the Rockhampton race meetings coming up.

- Next Tuesday, June 1.
- Thursday, June 10.
- \blacksquare Saturday, June 19 which should be a beauty,
- Friday, June 25 features the Tattersall's Open Sprint (1200m) running for \$30,000 in stakes.
- Sunday, June 27 the RJC stages the \$30,000 Tattersall's Cup (1600m) with the winner exempt from the ballot if nominated for the Rockhampton Cup (1600m) on July 10.

So that takes you up until the conclusion of June.

Until next week this is Tony.

Hungry Crocs to hunt down Drovers at The Stockyard

By Liam Emerton

The Rugby Union Capricornia competition saw just one match played on the weekend but it was a cracking contest.

It was Cap Coast Crocs' legend Brent Shackleton's 400th match as the Crocs came face-to-face with the Frenchville Pioneers.

A Tristan Butcher double, and a single penalty goal, saw Frenchville score 13 points, but Cap Coast matched that with a try to Tristan Stephensen, a conversion by John Sleaford, as well as two penalty goals.

That made the final score 13-13 in the only men's match played on the weekend.

After that tremendous draw the Pioneers will have a week off in round-10 having drawn the bye this week.

The Crocs will face an eerie task of travelling to The Stockyard to play the Dawson Valley Drovers who haven't been beaten on their home paddock this season.

Biloela Cockatoos will take on the might of the Gladstone Goats which have picked up their performances since stuttering at



The Colts Rugby Club will host a special 50th anniversary game day this weekend. 238735

the beginning of the season.

Bilo are always incredibly tough to beat at home and with the loud, intimidating Bilo crowd supporting the match, along with the club's charity day, the match could steal the show. In the final match of round-10, the Colts will face their Rockhampton rivals, Rocky Brothers in a celebratory 50th-year anniversary classic.

The Colts have been impressive this season but were forced to forfeit last weekend

due to insufficient numbers.

This weekend the team from Tom Nutley Field will have the chance to do the double on the Brothers after beating the side at Victoria Park 28-26 in the reverse fixture.

In the women's competition only the Colts and Frenchville battled it out last weekend.

And it was the Pioneer's 7s that pulled off three big wins to move up to second place on the competition table.

Frenchville won 22-7, 27-0 and 14-0 in a display of dominance against the Colts.

The Colts and Pioneers are scheduled to face again this Saturday with the inclusion of Brothers' 7s, which will add a different element to the fray.

In Biloela, the third-placed Cockatiels will look to charge back into championship contention when it takes on the current league leaders Gladstone Grufettes.

A perfect three-match performance from the Bilo 7s would take them above the Grufettes and possibly into the top spot depending on how Frenchville performs.

Rivalries revisited

By Liam Emerton

Red-hot rivalries are on the ready this weekend when the CQ Premier League competition enters round nine.

The Men's Central Queensland Premier League has a new league leader with the guys in green going top after a seven-goal thriller.

The Gladstone-based soccer team, Clinton FC, is now sitting atop of the Premier League after knocking the Capricorn Coast Eagles off their perch by winning 4-3 at Apex Park on Saturday.

The Eagles had been undefeated this season until it faced the might of Clinton, which remain the only team not to have dropped any competition points this season.

The guys from Gladstone are a perfect five from five but will face a tough task this weekend when it takes on its hometown rivals Cen-

Despite being in third place, Central have had a bag of mixed results this season, winning three and losing three.

But Saturday's loss could be the toughest of them all having been beaten by a brilliant Bluebirds United squad, which dismantled

That result will not do Central any good going forward in the competition, especially when it faces a clinical Clinton side that now has a stronghold on top of the ladder.

In another surprising result, the Nerimbera Magpies were able to secure a point from their home clash against reigning premiers Frenchville Roos on Saturday.

Neither side could break the deadlock as



Clinton FC will be ready for a big contest when it takes on rivals Central FC this weekend after booming to the top of the table on Saturday.

the match ended in a nil-all draw, making the match just the second time the Roos have dropped points this season.

Despite their back-to-back draws, Frenchville still remained undefeated and could progress up the ladder with a win this weekend.

But their weekend opponents will be anything but easy beats with the Roos locking up with their bitter rivals Bluebirds United this

The sides have played out so many classics in recent memory with Frenchville usually getting the edge over the side from Webber Park.

But this contest at Ryan Park could prove United's night, having gained all the momentum after thrashing Central in round eight.

The CQ Premier League women's competition will also have plenty of rivalries on show especially when Central FC take on Clinton FC in the battle for Gladstone.

The two southern sides have been the high flyers this season having scored a whopping 98 goals in just 15 games combined.

That's due to the two most prolific strikers in the competition leading the line for the

Central's Kallie Peurifoy leads the golden boot race with a whopping 32 goals in six games, while her crosstown rival, Clinton's Skye Alexander, is snapping at her heels with 30 goals in seven matches this season.

The two ridiculously talented strikers have combined for 62 goals this year alone meaning they have scored more than any other teams in the competition.

Both teams will be full of confidence heading into the clash of the titans after Central defeated a strong Bluebirds United White 3-1 and Clinton trashed the Capricorn Eagles 7-0.

Speaking of confidence, the Magpies will be looking to swoop in another victory when it comes up against Bluebirds United Blue after pumping Frenchville 8-0 in round eight.

Gracemere Redbacks were the surprise of the weekend having defeated United Blue 3-0 for their first victory of 2021.

The Redbacks, which moved up two spots from last to sixth on the table, will face the Cap Coast Eagles who will be eager to get back to winning ways.

In the final match of the round Bluebirds United White will travel to Ryan Park to take on the Frenchville Roos.

The Roos were able to secure a victory two weeks ago but will come up against a squad ready to prove its worth in the competition.

Back to the start for CQHL

By Liam Emerton

The Central Queensland Hockey Association men's competition is back to the top of the fixture list this weekend and there are two cracking matches awaiting local fans.

The opening match of the men's comp promises to be as tight as they come with Park Avenue taking on the Wanderers for the second time this season.

In the reverse fixture back in round one the Wanderers and Park Avenue squads couldn't be separated, settling for a 2-2 draw.

In that contest Wanderers' Jai Cass and Andrew Landsberg scored their side's two goals while Jarred Burns and Tristian Howell helped level proceedings for Park Avenue.

It will be a great watch at Kalka Shades complex when the two sides collide at 4pm.

In the second match of the men's competition the Southern Suburbs will look to repeat their round-one performance when they take on the Sparks.

The opening-round fixture between these two clubs saw Southern Suburbs smash the Sparks 15-1.

Devonte Fraser scored an incredible seven goals that day but is yet to score in the two games since that match. A repeat performance from Fraser

could spell disaster for the Sparks who currently sit win-less at the bottom of the COHL ladder.

In the women's competition the Souths will travel to Gladstone to battle the Meteors in the opening match of the

Those two sides are yet to clash this season and it will be intriguing to see if the Meteors' home form can continue when they travel on the road this week.

The Souths were unable to secure a win last week, suffering a 3-1 loss to the Sparks, hindering their momentum heading into a tough clash against the Gladstone-based Meteors.

The incredibly tough Wanderers squad will face off against the Frenchville Rovers this weekend.

The Rovers sit at the bottom of the table while the Wanderers linger up the peak of the ladder.

And in the final game of the round the Southern Suburbs will entertain the

The Sparks will be jumping after its 3-1 win on Saturday and will need to maintain that energy when it comes up against a strong Southern Suburbs

BITS break their duck but now face Bulls

By Liam Emerton

The Boyne Island Tannum Sands Saints have finally picked up their first win of the season after defeating a depleted Rockhampton Panthers squad this weekend.

On Saturday the Rocky side travelled down to Tannum Sands undermanned having to field eight under-17 players to make up a full

The BITS Saints took full advantage of their Panthers' situation winning 12.9 (81) to 3.7 (25) to pick up its first victory of 2021.

The Panthers' efforts shouldn't go unnoticed with many sporting teams forfeiting if they were forced to field such a young squad.

The BITS' celebration may not be longlived however when it shapes up against the ferocious Glenmore Bulls this weekend.

The Bulls gave the Gladstone Suns no mercy this weekend, shining in a 20.19 (139) to 1.6 (12) victory at Clinton Park.

Glenmore has been near unstoppable apart from a loss against the Yeppoon Swans earlier this season but the Saints will be hoping their momentum can carry them to an upset vic-

Touching on the undefeated Yeppoon Swans, the club marched forward in their con-

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The BITS Saints picked up their first win of the 2021 season on the weekend, 238641

quest for 100 straight victories with a demolition job on the Brothers Kangaroos.

It wasn't the greatest game to judge the newly-appointed coach and 1995 Western Bulldog draftee Shaun Baxter, who opened his coaching campaign with a tough 21.14 (140) - 3.2 (20) loss to the Swans.

Baxter, who never played a match of AFL due to health reasons, will be eager to rally his side to a victory this weekend when they take on the Rockhampton Panthers.

The Rocky derby will be an interesting contest for both sides with Baxter hoping to break his coaching duck early.

In the women's competition, Glenmore continued its perfect streak with a dominant 8.8 (56) - 0.2 (2) win over the luckless Glad-

That moves the Bulls to a perfect five-match winning streak and keeps them at the head of the table while the Suns remain at the bottom.

That streak will come under fire when it faces the BITS Saints at Stenlake Park in round six.

The Rockhampton Panthers scored an impressive 11.9 (75) - 0.3 (3) victory over the Saints on Saturday and will look to continue their roll when it takes on Brothers at Rockhampton Cricket Grounds this weekend.

Brothers are coming off a massive victory against the Yeppoon Swans which saw the travelling side pull together an 11.10 (76) - 1.0 (6) performance.

And in the final match of the round, the Swans will travel to Gladstone to face the Suns.



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Funding will build a stable platform for Capras ladies

By Liam Emerton

A call for more funding and additional services for our Central Queensland Capras BHP Premiership women's squad has come from the coach this week.

The Capras' coach Amanda Ohl spoke after the ladies' massive 56-6 victory over the Valkyries at Browne Park on Sunday.

The team were only getting together hours prior to their match every week for a quick training session before playing their scheduled match.

Despite this, the team won their first match of the season, downing the West Brisbane Panthers 26-16 in round-one.

But since that match the Capras women had lost every game up until this week's performance against the bottom-dwelling Valkyries.

Speaking with the media after their win, which saw the side finish the competition in seventh position, Ohl said more financial investment in the team would help them progress in the 2022 campaign.

"To be honest, with all the pathways and what's going on with the local league, I really do hope that the women's Capras are a force to be reckoned with," she said.

"We didn't put the points on the board that we expected too this year.

"If we're going to continue the Capras entity for the women's match we will need to have a real good look at spending a little bit more money, and open the budget to maybe bring the girls in for that seven-week period.

"So we can have a consistent training program, this getting together one hour before a game or the night before is just not working for us

"And it shows we're a better team than the ladder says this year.

"It all comes down to things not gelling on the field properly.

"To move forward that would be my push, to have a lot of girls move to Rocky and be based out of here."



The BHP Premiership Ladies CQ Capras squad together after winning their final game of the season. 238795

Ohl said she will be taking a step back and a breather to recollect herself ahead of deciding if she will put her name down for the coaching role next season.

"I am going to take a few months off and have a really good think about whether I'll be back next year," she said.

"It's been a long road, we started two years ago with that year off with Covid.

"I need to freshen up a little bit before I make my decision whether I come back or not."

In another bombshell dropped that afternoon, Capras' captain and star player Chelsea Baker announced that she would be not

taking the field for the Central Queensland side next season.

"I have zero more years," said Baker.

"This is me for Capras, I'm happy to sit back out of rep footy from now on.

"My kids are 10 and 11, nearly 12, and my little fella is right into rep footy.

"I'm just happy to be the footy mum that travels around from now on and just do that.

"It's been really special, I love these girls.

"I love being with this group, to just show what we can do without training and just for them to come out with such big hearts, it's been really special for me."



Mackenzie Reid barnstorms her way over the tryline in the Capras' win on Sunday afternoon. 238795

One giant leap for Mam

By Liam Emerton

The Rockhampton Leagues Club Central Queensland Capras faced two Brisbane Broncos fringe players on Sunday afternoon but it was a rookie who stole the show.

The Capras once again played a tremendous first half, leading the Souths Logan Magpies 12-10 at the break thanks to a terrific defensive display and tries from Nathan Bassani and Caleb Daunt.

But after already putting himself on the scoreboard in the first half, young debutant Ezra Mam carved up the Capras in the second stanza, adding two more tries to his performance helping the Magpies to a 34-20 victory.

Mam, who wasn't scheduled to play until late Saturday night due to Anthony Milford being pulled from the squad, was helped by Bronco's fringe play-maker Tom Dearden, who helped control the game from five-eight allowing Mam the freedom to roam.

Dearden had an impressive performance and continued to stand up despite facing some crunching tackles from CQ's gun second-rower Nixon Putt.

Fellow Bronco, and Central Queensland's own Corey Oates, was solid without making a tremendous impact on the match, his side only conceding one try down his edge - which came on the hooter.

What was great to see was Oates, despite his jam-packed schedule, sticking around on Browne Park after the match to take photos with our local rugby league supporters.

"It was good, I had a few family members around and a few boys who I grew up with, played footy with so it was good fun," said Oates.

"[Capras] play all the way to the 80th minute and we just had to stick with what was going to work.

"We went away from that in the first half but



Young gun debutant Ezra Mam crossed for a hat-trick including this break away try in the first half.

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we were smart enough to get back into it in the second half and yeah it worked out well for us.

"The young fella [Mam] filled in his spot and did a great job, a hat-trick on debut, I don't think you want much more.

"He had to leave 10 minutes early to catch a plane so full credit to the kid, he only found out last night and he's a heck of a player."

Former Tannum Sands Seagull Jyde Dwyer said it was a tough game for the CQ boys but said the team hasn't dropped its collective head.

"It's disappointing, I think through the whole season there's only one game that's truly blown out," he said.

"We're always leading at half time and then it's just disappointing coming into the second half, it seems to break away from us. "Full credit to the boys though because every Monday when we get back to training all the heads are up and the spirits are high.

"That comes back to Guy [Williams], his professionalism and the role he plays is huge. "We will bounce back and hopefully bigger

and better next week.'

A packed crowd at Browne Park provided some terrific atmosphere for the entire match.

"It is always good and we always get a good crowd out here," said Dwyer. "It's a shame we could get points on the

board but couldn't come away with the win for the people who come and support us.

"But nevertheless they're always here, always loud and always get behind us."

Dearden was on hand to rate his own performance, despite having a late shift in the half



Brisbane Broncos' fringe playmaker Tom Dearden made a case for a return to the NRL side after a controlling display against the Capras. 238524



Corey Oates bursts off his wing against the Capras on Sunday. 238524

when Anthony Milford was pulled from the squad.

"I was happy, I thought I controlled the game well, I thought I created good opportunities for young Ezra Mam who was making his debut," said Dearden.

"It was really awesome to see him get a hattrick on his debut, he's a gun little player and one to look out for in the future.

"My game was always just to control the team and get the team around the park.

"Ezra is a pretty off-the-cuff player so I just had to do my job and create some opportunities for him and take the pressure off him."

The CQ Capras will break for a week before heading south to take on the intimidating Burleigh Bears in round nine of the CQ Intrust Super Cup.

Pantano set to light it up

By Liam Emerton

After their tough loss in their opening match of the season the Gladstone Port City Power will receive a much needed surge.

Aron Pantano could be the man that the Power desperately needed and he's looking ready to return this weekend.

Pantano hasn't played competitive basketball for an extended period but offers some dead-eye shooting and a much-needed experience head among a young Port City squad.

The small forward has played in the old Queensland Basketball League before, starting for the Toowoomba Mountaineers and has featured in the South East Australian Basketball League (SEABL) as well as a competition in Spain.

The new Port City man has adjusted to life in Gladstone having moved originally from Melbourne.

"It's beautiful up here," said Pantano.

"I have pretty fond memories of playing here. Obviously it's a great crowd and it's always buzzing.

"Just the community is terrific, everyone is so nice and welcoming.

"I've been very lucky, the club has taken care of me and made me feel part of the family.

"I've been down at the beach a lot recovering and training."

Pantano said he hasn't played basketball since even before the original Covid lock-down occurred and said his body is going to have to readjust to life on the court.

"I'm from Melbourne so I've been locked down with Covid for 12 months. I think I worked out the other day it has been around 568 days since I've actually played a game of basketball," he said.

"So I'm really looking forward to it.

'[The body] is going to be pretty sore and that's to be expected.

"It'll take a couple of weeks to get a bit of match fitness and to get the body where it needs to be.

"It is what has to happen but I'm happy to dig my heels in and get on with the job.'

Touching on his relationship with newlyappointed head coach Mick Catlin, Pantano revealed that he was originally set to sign for the Bundaberg Bulls before Covid-19 took away the competition last year.

"Mick recruited me a couple years ago to go play in Bundaberg but that fell through because of Covid," he said.

'We've stayed in touch and we've had many conversations over the last couple of years and he really sold me on Gladstone.

'We have a great relationship, I think he has a lot to offer the program and I'm looking forward to playing under him."

Pantano's role as the older head in a group of young talent will be to mentor the team and he's looking forward to that opportunity.

"It's all hands on deck, it's not going to depend on one player," said Pantano.

"We have a really talented team, they're a young team but the young guys have played at a high level before.

'It's honestly all about learning to play together and team chemistry.

"Even though it was a bad loss on the weekend we're not throwing the baby out with the bathwater, it's all in our control.'

The team will host Brisbane this weekend at home which will likely be Pantano's first taste of the Queensland State League.

The Port City Breakers women's squad will also shape up against Brisbane after suffering a brutal 99-31 loss to USC on Saturday.



The Port City Power in a pre-match huddle on Saturday night. 238833



Port City Power's newest signing Aron Pantano is ready for a big first match. 238833

An early show of strength

By Liam Emerton

Two glaring results have established the sides that could dominate the Gladstone Rugby league competition this season and those games have set up a mouthwatering fixture this weekend.

It was great to see rugby league back on our local grounds this weekend after such a long absence due to Covid-19.

In a rematch of the 2019 grand final, the Gladstone Brothers were too strong and too good for the Valley Diehards at Marley Brown Oval.

A strong crowd helped create a great atmosphere at the footy, which saw the Brothers run over the top of the Diehards 40-18.

Second-rower Michael Bruton looked phenomenal as he crashed over the try-line twice for a double in the season return.

The comeback to the local rugby league competition for the Wallaby's wasn't great

The side travelled to Tannum Sands where it faced off against the might of the Tannum Sands Seagulls.

The Seagulls flexed their strength on the Wallabys by winning 46-6 in a blowout vic-

Tannum Sands' fullback Lochlan James was a standout for the winning side, scoring a hat-trick to secure an opening-round victory.

Those victories set up a clash of the titans

when the Brothers Rugby League club steps out onto Marley Brown Oval to come face-toface with the Tannum Sands Seagulls.

That will be the opening match in an A Grade double header at Gladstone's premier rugby league venue as the Wallabys and Valleys compete later in the evening.

But the main event between Brothers and Tannum could provide an insight of which team is primed for the local championship.

Although a lot can change in the remaining 10 rounds, this match has a feel that it could be a decisive fixture in the season.

A win for either side would secure their first-place standing and establish the winning club as the only remaining undefeated team in the competition. The two mammoth scorelines of round

one are impressive, but this match will come down to the most solid defence in the league with neither side wanting to concede any early points.

Seagulls' fullback Lochlan James will be the danger man with Brothers needing to find an early way to control him for the 80

For Gladstone, their methodical play could be critical in maintaining control of the contest, especially through their five-eight and captain Matt Baker.

The second match of the day between Wallabys and Valleys also feels crucial in the early season.



Gladstone Brothers' Tomas Wright with a monster hit on Valley Diehards' Shane Eilola on Saturday, 238749

With only three teams making finals, a win for either side will help the victor rise from the bottom of the table.

A loss could be devastating for either club, setting them at least a win back behind the rest of the competition.

In the Roy Rowe reserve grade competition, those two first-grade results were flipped on their heads with Valleys and Wallabys both picking up victories.

In round two, the Calliope Roosters will make their rugby league comeback having not played in the opening round.

The Roosters will battle Brothers while the Vallevs will host Tannum Sands with those matches taking place as openers to the A Grade matches at Marley Brown Oval.

Pictures from the A Grade contest between Brothers and Valleys can be found on

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Young gun steals the show **PAGE 78**





Brothers in crunching early form

By Liam Emerton

The Gladstone Brothers Rugby League Club has come out of round-one of the local competition with terrific momentum.

The side were able to dismantle Valley Diehards 40-18 in the opening round and cruise to second place on the Gladstone Rugby league table.

Their impressive defensive display, shown in the tackle from Tomas Wright, helped Brothers create a 22-point gap.

Tannum Sands Seagulls also returned to the winners circle when they took down the Wallbys 46-6 on Saturday afternoon.

Gladstone Brothers' Tomas Wright with a monster hit on Valley Diehards' Shane Eilola on Saturday. 238749

SOS Call - Save our sport

By Liam Emerton

An urgent call for new senior referees has come from the local rugby league referee's president in a bid to save the Gladstone competition.

With just five senior referees in the district there is a genuine worry that the senior contests could be postponed or even cancelled due to a lack of senior officials.

And Gladstone Rugby League Referee Association president Dan Larose is so concerned with the lack of referees that he is holding another level-1 referees course this weekend.

Juniors are more than welcome, but it is adults who the association needs to continue their terrific work.

Without referees our competitions stop - it is as simple as that.

"Since Covid hit, we didn't have a competition last year, which means we didn't get any



The Gladstone Referee's Association is calling people to get involved in Rugby League refereeing. 238839

new referees come in," said Larose.

"We've also lost our yearly outtake who graduate school and go down to uni or leave

"It's been very short, we've had a few new

referees doing grades where they have been thrown into the deep end.

"We've really struggled with numbers and referees have had to do multiple games a day when they shouldn't have to.

"We've got a few young ones coming through at the moment which is great.

"But we've only got a core group of about five senior referees who can do the games and that also depends on who is available with other commitments.

"We really struggle with senior referees refereeing senior games."

Larose said there is a genuine possibility that games might have to be postponed due to this lack of capable referees.

"Postpone it or cancel it, it could happen," he said.

"Then we have an issue with players who won't play the game that they paid to play.

"We don't want to see that happen.

"If you want to get involved you can jump online and search ref rugby league or you can give us a call on 0456 099 025.'

Larose said that there's plenty of benefits to refereeing any sport including rugby league.

"Even though you're refereeing you're going out there and working as a team," he said.

"It helps you build teamwork and resilience. "Another big bonus of it is that you're get-

ting paid and being paid to get fit. "You're out there doing something you enjoy and you're getting paid for it as well as building on your fitness.

The association is holding a foundation-1 referee course this Saturday at 8:30am at Marley Brown oval.

You can register by searching referee rugby league and following the prompts to foundation-1 course in Gladstone.

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