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Rain can't stop carols

Rain couldn't dampen the festive cheer of the Boyne Island Lions Club Christmas Carols, with the event going ahead as scheduled despite the wet weather on Sunday, 28 November.

The popular annual event was held

inside at Tannum Sands State High School instead of Bray Park, with former Member for Gladstone Liz Cunningham acting as MC.

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St Francis Catholic School at the Boyne Island Lions Club Christmas Carols.

Picture: MIKE RICHARDS

Albo pledges new industry hub for Bilo

Biloela could be the home of a New Industry Hub with the ALP promising more jobs in more industries for the Banana Shire, if elected.

The \$2 million dollar Hub would have the potential to create up to 100 skilled local jobs.

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The season of giving

The Salvation Army is hoping to raise \$3 million this year throughout Queensland as they launch their annual Christmas Appeal in Gladstone to support Aussies doing it tough this festive season.

"Christmas is the busiest time of the year for The Salvation Army across Queensland," Captain Chris Ford of the Gladstone Corps said.

"We need the generosity of the public this year to once again partner with us in support of locals doing it really tough."

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Awoonga on alert

By John Bell

While there's been plenty of rain lately, the downpours of the past two weeks haven't been reflected in high water levels at Awoonga Dam.

Despite water levels rising by 1.5 metres in less than a week, the dam is only at 58 per cent capacity and Gladstone residents still face a drought restricted 'Low Water Supply Alert'.

Gladstone Area Water Board chief executive

officer Darren Barlow explained that just because people see green parks and gardens, they may not realise that capacity at Awoonga Dam continues to fall and that the Gladstone region remained drought declared.

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"The Low Supply Alert was declared earlier this year following prolonged drought conditions and three consecutive failed wet seasons.

"Gladstone residents must be mindful of their water consumption and the Low Supply Alert remains place despite promising water inflows."

However, he said that there is no danger of Gladstone running out of water, explaining

that under the Drought Management Plan, the Low Water Supply Alert is still declared when there is five years reliable water supply remaining in Awoonga Dam.

"The Met. Bureau is predicting a wetter than average summer, but our message remains the same, as we all need to play our part and make every drop count," he said.

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There's good news in this week's vaccination data.

Gladstone now leads all other Central Queensland local government areas in terms of first dose rates, sitting at 84.9 per cent as of November 29.

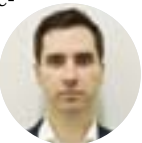
On these numbers, the Gladstone region will likely reach the 80 per cent fully vaccinated threshold by the time the borders give way on December 17, and should hit the 'mid-80s' in the New Year.

Covid is coming, and the suspended state of safety we've all enjoyed in Queensland these last two years will not hold.

Most of us will probably be hit with Covid at some point in our lives.

All we can do is get vaccinated and hope the virus isn't too vicious and doesn't produce any long-term effects.

- Duncan Evans



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Tracey Smith (artist) and Marion Hayes (director of Rainbow Valley Early Learning Centre).

Kids explore the great outdoors

By Khrysti Balanay

The kids at Rainbow Valley Early Learning Centre have connected to nature and human activity's impact on the environment.

This has extended outside the classroom, with the kindergarten classes going on adventure walks within the local community.

Learning has been collected into artwork which is currently being displayed at the CQUniversity Gladstone Marina Campus.

The exhibition titled Whispers from the Studio showcases children's narratives in response to walking through the community.

Owner and director Marion Hayes said the walks were around Yallarm (Barney Point) in term three, which means the place of shells in the Gooreng Gooreng language.

"I occasionally work with our artists to manage projects within the kindergarten," she said.

"Tracey Smith is one of our artists, who poses a question across the kindergarten and brings them into the studio to explore.

"We want to listen to the children's narratives on what they discover, notice, or imagine.

"The children are making connections and developing knowledge.



"We have researched it, spoken about sustainability, understanding the problem with litter in the environment."

The artwork incorporates a range of materials and designs to reflect the memories of the



children's experience at Yallarm.

"We had five visits to Yallarm to keep uncovering what is there," Ms Hayes said.

"The children have then created many stories on their experiences within the space."

Cr Burnett over the limit

Gladstone Mayor Matt Burnett has appeared in court this week after being caught drink-driving.

Cr Burnett, who is also the ALP candidate for the seat of Flynn in the next federal election, was found to have a blood-alcohol concentration of 0.05 per cent after being pulled over for a random breath test on September 17.

In a statement released to the media, Cr Burnett said he'd been drinking at the Under the Trees Eve event at Boyne Island and did not realise he was over the limit.

"It was entirely my fault, and I am embar-

rassed, but I take full responsibility for my actions," he said.

"I had three beers in three hours and thought I was OK to drive home. I was wrong.

"I want to take this opportunity to apologise to the community I love for my actions.

"I only hope that my experience can serve as a reminder to others to be safe on our roads and not to risk driving if there is any chance you could be over the limit."

Cr Burnett pleaded guilty to driving over the general alcohol limit. He was fined \$400 and disqualified from driving for one month.



Gladstone Mayor Matt Burnett.



The Awoonga Dam water level is only at 58 per cent despite recent rain.

Dam still low despite rain

By John Bell

Gladstone residents still face a drought restricted 'Low Water Supply Alert', despite torrential downpours of rain over the past two weeks.

The Awoonga Dam water level is only at 58 per cent, despite water levels rising by 1.5 metres in less than a week and Gladstone residents have been asked to save water.

Gladstone Area Water Board chief executive officer Darren Barlow explained that just because people see green parks and gardens, they may not realise that capacity at Awoonga Dam continues to fall and that the Gladstone region remained drought declared.

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water levels have increased by more than eight percent since November 22," he said.

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"Gladstone residents must be mindful of their water consumption and the Low Supply Alert remains in place despite promising water inflows."

However, he said that there is no danger of Gladstone running out of water, explaining that under the Drought Management Plan, the Low Water Supply Alert is still declared when there is five years reliable water supply remaining in Awoonga Dam.

"The Met. Bureau is predicting a wetter than average summer, but our message remains the same, as we all need to play our part

and make every drop count.

"Our alert will remain until more stringent level one supply restrictions are deemed necessary or, alternatively, when there are significant inflows and it can be removed."

"But as the weather warms up, we typically see increased water consumption across the region, so we're asking everyone to be aware and make every drop count this summer.

"Long term water security in the Gladstone region is our number one priority and we're working with our community, industrial customers and the Queensland Government to respond to water supply challenges brought on by drought, climate change and customer demand."

In positive news, Mr Barlow said Gladstone Area Water Board had begun downstream wa-

ter releases for the first time since 2016.

Under the Awoonga Dam Resource Operations Licence, GAWB is required to start downstream water releases following four or more consecutive days where inflows are greater than 3210 megalitres a day.

"These releases are very controlled and highly regulated to ensure we balance dam capacity, environmental compliance and, of course, the health and safety of our downstream neighbours," he said.

"The purpose of releasing water is to manage and maintain the environmental health of the waterways downstream of Lake Awoonga. It's a matter we take very seriously."

The Pikes Crossing community located downstream of Awoonga Dam is urged to remain aware of changing water levels.



GAWB says there is no danger of Gladstone running out of water.

Water levels at Lake Awoonga

Latest dam level (December 1, 2021): 32.3m height; 448,338ML volume, 58 per cent capacity

Lowest level (February 4, 2003): 20.84m height; 57,803ML volume, 7.44 per cent capacity, 1298 ha area

Highest level (January 27, 2013): 40.3m height; 1,498,586ML volume, 192.9 per cent capacity, 10,810 ha area



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Water board tech chief on ‘national leaders’ list

Kiran Kewalramani, Gladstone Area Water Board Head of Technology, has earned a spot in CIO Australia's annual CIO50 list as one of Australia's top 50 senior technology and digital leaders.

Mr Kewalramani was nominated in recognition of his leadership and approach to the regional water utility's technology and digital transformation over the last four years.

Mr Kewalramani said it was a humbling experience to be recognised alongside some of the IT sector's best leaders and executives.

“GAWB's transformation journey is driven by its desire to become a digital utility with a focus on evidence based decision making and improved interoperability of systems across the organisation,” he said.

“For aregional water entity based in Central Queensland, digital transformation is not just a buzzword, it's delivering value at a grass roots level – for our customers, community and people.

“It is a privilege to work with such a highly motivated and capable IT team who are dedicated to supporting our frontline in delivering safe and reliable water to our region.

“This, coupled with our leaders who help drive an inclusive and collaborative culture at GAWB, sets us up for success now and into the future”, Mr Kewalramani said.

Despite the challenges that have arisen due to Covid-19, Mr Kewalramani and his team were able to continue supporting the business with its transformation journey.

GAWB Chief Executive Officer Darren Barlow said the organisation's digital transformation journey was key to delivering safe and reliable water services to the region.

“With Kiran's guidance, we are improving the way we deliver and respond to the need's of our customers. As the region's bulk water provider, our customers expect reliability and our digital strategy is key to doing that,” Mr Barlow said.

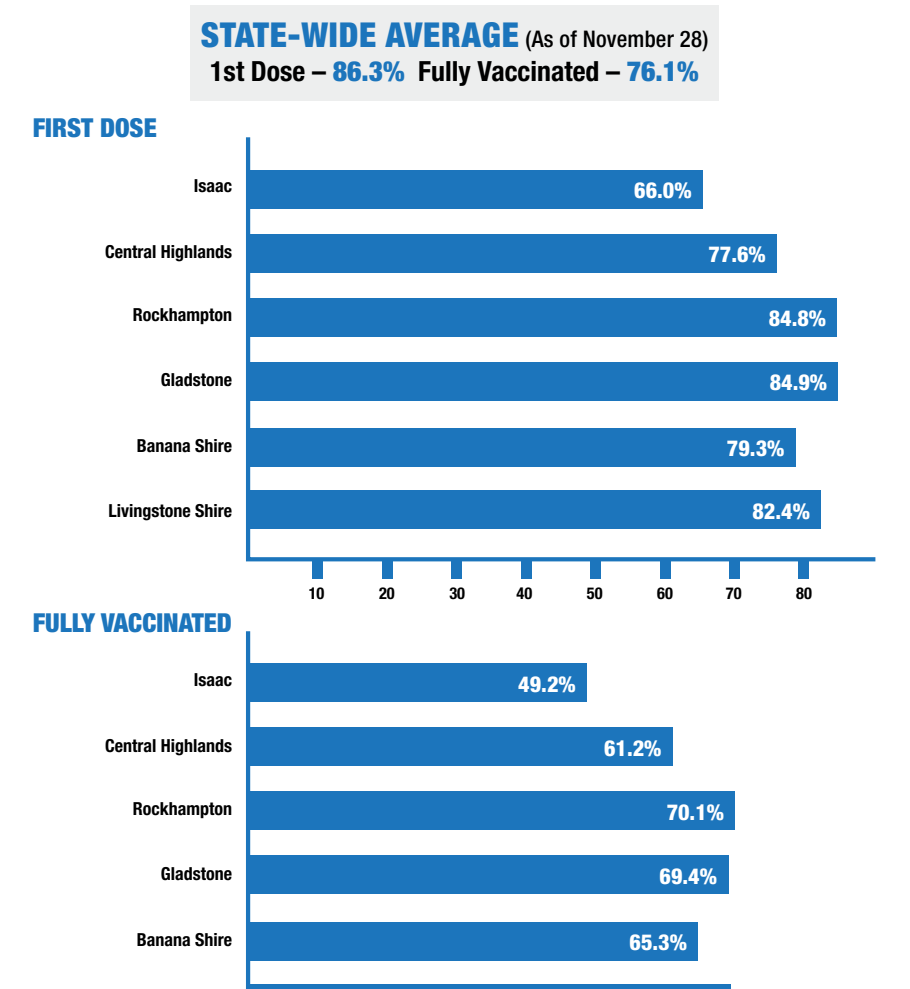
Since joining GAWB in 2017, Kiran has also volunteered his time to mentor Gladstone's next generation of digital entrepreneurs as part of GAWB's involvement in the Start Up Gladstone Youth Innv8tors program.

Read more about Kiran's achievements: <https://www2.cio.com.au/article/693039/cio50-2021-26-50-kiran-kewalramani-gladstone-area-water-board/>



Kiran Kewalramani, Gladstone Area Water Board Head of Technology, has earned a spot in CIO Australia's annual CIO50 list

Central Queensland Vaccination Rates as of November 29



Gladstone edges ahead

By Duncan Evans

The Gladstone, Rockhampton and Livingstone Shire portions of Central Queensland continue to record healthy ‘first dose’ vaccination rates.

As of this week, some 84.9 per cent of eligible residents in Gladstone have received their first dose and nearly 70 per cent are fully vaccinated.

This makes Gladstone the ‘most covered’ local government area (LGA) in Central Queensland in terms of first dose rates, but only just.

Rockhampton comes in a close second, with 84.8 per cent of eligible residents having received their first dose. Just over 70 per cent are fully vaccinated.

In Livingstone Shire, 82.4 per cent of eligible residents have received their first dose, and 69.7 per cent are fully vaccinated.

With these numbers, the three most populous parts of Central Queensland should enjoy

an 80 per cent fully vaccinated rate by the time the borders open up in mid-December and push towards the ‘mid-80s’ as the New Year approaches.

First dose rates across Isaac, the isolated LGA the takes in much of the coal-rich Bowen Basin, have also increased markedly over the last two weeks.

As of this week, 66.0 per cent of eligible residents have received their first dose, a 3.2 per cent increase from last week. Across the last two weeks, first rose rates have expanded by over three per cent each week.

Despite this acceleration, Isaac remains the least covered LGA in Central Queensland and when the borders open up in mid-December, the region will be vulnerable to a Covid outbreak.

On these numbers, less than two-thirds of Isaac residents will be fully vaccinated by mid-December.

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Here for Gladstone

Investing in the future

An Albanese Labor Government will deliver more jobs in more industries for the Banana Shire with a major investment in building the Biloela New Industry Hub.

Mayor of Gladstone and Labor's Candidate for Flynn Matt Burnett said the \$2 million Biloela New Industry Hub has the potential to create up to 100 skilled local jobs.

"This facility will give local entrepreneurs the workshop space they need to compete for more industrial work, leading to more skilled jobs for local workers," said Mr Burnett.

"Through this commitment, Labor is backing up to 100 local jobs for boilermakers, electricians, fitters and turners, carpenters, operators, machinists and fabricators.

"The Biloela New Industry Hub will bring jobs in servicing energy generation and transmission projects, advanced manufacturing and fabrication, and setting the local business up for future export opportunities through Inland Rail, which is now the subject of a business case.

"If we're going to double our State's energy output, Central Queensland is the powerhouse that is going to get us there, and Biloela will play a critical role in that future.

"What this means is more jobs in more industries in Biloela."

"It's not just jobs in construction. It's jobs in operations, jobs in manufacturing, jobs in agriculture, jobs in transport, jobs in resources, and jobs in exports."

Shadow Minister for Northern Australia and Queensland Resources Senator Murray Watt said it was critical to regional towns like Biloela that governments were securing the jobs of today and investing in their diverse industrial future.

"Central Queensland deserves to get its share of the new jobs that are coming in energy generation and advanced manufacturing," Senator Watt said.

"Matt Burnett and I have been calling on the Morrison Government to get behind this project for months, but to no one's surprise they're nowhere to be seen.

"Matt Burnett has a proven track record of securing Gladstone's industrial future through hydrogen production, supercharging the port, and fighting for the Inland Rail to CQ.

"It was Labor who got Inland Rail underway with investments of \$900 million to progress this project to the construction stage.

"While we look forward to the results of this business case, we're getting on with the job in setting up the economic opportunities of towns like Biloela that can tap into the potential of any future Inland Rail development.

"It's obvious to anyone in Biloela and right across Central Queensland that Matt Burnett has the commitment, vision and ability to deliver that has been lacking in the region for 8 long years."

Banana Shire Mayor Nev Ferrier was excited about how the partnership would help drive industrial innovation and set up the region's future.

"The Banana Shire has a proud agricultural and resources heritage but we need to grow



Matt Burnett, Nev Ferrier, and Murray Watt.



Artistic Concept - Biloela New Industry Hub.

our skilled workforce and create more job opportunities for locals."

"This Biloela New Industry Hub will provide low-cost business start-up capacity for new innovative industrial businesses servicing

the Biloela and Banana Shire region.

"Wind and new energy projects are already being built in the Banana Shire; this new hub means Biloela locals will also have the opportunity to get the jobs that are coming in manu-

facturing, servicing and maintenance."

The commitment would fund the cost of the facility; comprised of a large industrial, and fully serviced, workshop shed with five distinct leasable areas.



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Lindsay Wassell, Gladstone Maritime History Society.

Helping hand to community

Dozens of community groups from Rockhampton, Gladstone and Bundaberg recovering from the impact of the pandemic have received a welcome boost in funding thanks to Gladstone Ports Corporation's (GPC) Community Investment Program.

This year more than \$115,000 worth of funding from GPC has supported such areas as educational projects, critical care and non-for-profit charities providing community services.

Some of the funding recipients include Gladstone's Special Olympics, The Martin Hanson Memorial Art Awards, Central Queensland Special Children's Christmas Party, Guide Dogs Queensland Volunteer Trolleys, Calliope River Men's Shed and Cancer Patients Foundation.

Last month, GPC also donated almost \$15,000 worth in flight helmets to support LifeFlight's pilots and medical crews in Bundaberg and Rockhampton.

Chief Operating Officer Craig Walker said GPC is proud to support community services with critical funding and training resources.

"Our local community services are in need of support from the community more than ever after enduring the impacts of COVID-19," Mr Walker said.

"During the 2020/2021 financial year, GPC's community investment program provided grants and donations of \$115,396 to support 20 worthy community groups," he said.

"It is a privilege for GPC to be in position to support the important groups benefiting from the program and using the funding on projects to enhance the thriving communities in which we operate,"

"From art awards, to school bursaries and youth services – the funding is so important to these groups and individuals whom make our communities a better place for us all,"

"We have a rich history of providing in-kind support, such as educating and resourcing in areas such as school engagement, science and marine awareness programs, provision of bursaries to Gladstone, Rockhampton and Bundaberg high schools and facilities for such organisations as the Gladstone Maritime Museum."

"At GPC, we are home to more than 750 of our employees who work and live in the region with their extended families and friends."

GPC's grants and donations category caters for community groups and organisations looking for assistance with an event, small project or purchase of equipment.



Green thumbs wanted to help grow gardening skills

Gladstone Regional Council's Community and Neighbourhood Centre is seeking volunteer gardeners to help play a role in growing a community-led garden at the recently opened Philip Street Communities and Families Precinct.

As a Community Gardener you will learn and share gardening skills and join in the growth of a community-led garden project growing fruit and vegetables to harvest and share with anyone who needs fresh locally grown produce.

"The Gardeners will work as part of a team undertaking different gardening activities including weed removal and control, seedling propagation, watering and harvesting," Gladstone Region Councillor Darryl Branthwaite said.

"We are looking for people who are friendly and approachable, and who are also able to build and maintain connections with our



Gladstone Regional Council's Community and Neighbourhood Centre is seeking volunteer gardeners to help play a role in growing a community-led garden. Picture: FILE PHOTO

community and between the service providers located at the precinct.

"Applicants must have a valid Blue Card to work with children and the Gladstone Community and Neighbourhood Centre can assist in this process if needed."

To find out more, visit <https://conversations.gladstone.qld.gov.au> and click on the Philip Street Communities and Families Precinct tile.

From there, click 'Read more!' underneath the EOI – Friends of Philip Street Volunteers heading.

The full URL can be accessed here: conversations.gladstone.qld.gov.au/philip-streetcommunities-and-families-precinct/expression-interest-friends-philip-street-volunteers

Alternatively, you can contact the Gladstone Community and Neighbourhood Centre via email communities@gladstone.qld.gov.au or by phoning 4976 6300. The Community Garden project is funded by Gladstone Community and Neighbourhood Centre funding from the Department of Communities, Housing & Digital Economy.



High Risk Solutions offers business in scaffolding, rigging, work at height safety, and specialist equipment.



High Risk Solutions was established in 2012 by David Nunn.



The 2022 intake for scaffolding trainees is now open.

Scaffolding open day

By Khrysti Balanay

For young people aged 18 to 21 looking at starting a career in scaffolding, High Risk Solutions is hosting an open day.

The purpose of the event is to showcase what is required for the position and have live demonstrations.

David Nunn, the managing director of High Risk Solutions, said the open day is an oppor-

tunity to offer five candidates a traineeship in 2022.

"The point of this day is to show our candidates in real-time what they will be exposed to," Mr Nunn said.

"Our expectations are quite high, as scaffolding is a tough industry.

"But the job is rewarding for the right people."

Candidates who receive a traineeship offer will be entitled to an entry-level job with long term prospects.

"We have had some really successful kids come through our traineeship programs,"

"We will be looking for people who show initiative and work well in a team."

High Risk Solutions was first established in 2012 and now has 95 employees spread across three locations, including Gladstone, Rock-

hampton, and Emerald.

The scaffolding open day is open to people all around the Central Queensland region.

Applicants are required to register for the scaffolding open day, which is to be held on Saturday, 4 December at 46 Handson Road, Gladstone.

For more information or to register for the Scaffolding open day see highrisksolutions.com.au or visit their Facebook page.

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Mayor Matt Burnett, Santos GLNG representative Kylie Williams, Gladstone MP Glenn Butcher and 4CC's Barry Hamilton with Santa.

All set for Friday's carols

Deck the halls with 4CC and Kix Country at the 2021 Santos GLNG Mayors Carols.

The family Christmas spectacular takes place on Friday, 3 December at the GPC Marina Parklands.

Set to bring the magic of Christmas alive, the Mayor's Carols is packed with fun fam-

ily entertainment, including special guest Normie Rowe.

It is a night under the stars with, sing-along Christmas Carols, Roaming Quartet and Curly Lou creating balloon characters for Pre-entertainment, local food markets, famous Prize Drop and of course the guy in the big

red suit... SANTA.

To end the night with a bang, 4CC will make the sky sparkle, with a fantastic fireworks display.

This year, the Mayor's Carols will showcase 8 local Primary Schools, 4 High Schools and 13 local singer soloists.

The 2021 Santos GLNG Mayors Carols is not possible without the amazing support from local Schools, Volunteers and the Major Sponsor's, Santos GLNG and Gladstone Regional Council.

For more information visit: 4cc.com.au

Support The Salvos in Gladstone this Christmas

The Salvation Army is hoping to raise \$3 million this year throughout Queensland as they launch their annual Christmas Appeal in Gladstone to support Aussies doing it tough this festive season.

As we near the end of a second year impacted by the social and economic burden of COVID-19, the Salvos anticipate the needs of some Queenslanders at Christmas will reach a new peak under the pressure of the pandemic.

"Christmas is the busiest time of the year for The Salvation Army across Queensland, and we expect this year to be no different. While Christmas is a time of joy and celebration for many, others doing it tough in our community find it an extremely difficult period for them personally," Captain Chris Ford of the Gladstone Corps said.

"The increased isolation, financial stress and mental health impacts of COVID-19 this year will only exacerbate these issues. The Salvos want to leave no one in need this Christmas, and we need the generosity of the public this year to once again partner with us in support of locals doing it really tough."

Last year during the Christmas period, The Salvation Army in Queensland distributed over 9,000 hampers and vouchers worth close to \$300,000 to those finding it almost impossible to make ends meet and gave out gifts and toys to nearly 4,000 families in need.

During the past twelve months, the Salvos also supported the vulnerable by provid-

ing nearly 20,000 meals across the state and 10,000 nights of accommodation for those needing a place to stay.

"Anyone in need this Christmas can reach out to their local Salvation Army centre or by calling 1300 371 288 and we'll do all we can to support you. We don't want anyone to go it alone this year, if you need food, gifts, financial support or are feeling lonely, please get in touch with us," Captain Ford said.

The Salvation Army's network of for-purpose retail stores, Salvos Stores, also provide a great affordable option for your Christmas shopping this year. Whether it's a fresh Christmas Day outfit, present ideas for the family or a DIY decoration project for the house, there is always something special to be found.

"Christmas offers us a time to reflect and connect with one another and celebrate the joy of community. Connection will be more important than ever this year, so look out for your mate, check in on family and embrace the true meaning of Christmas. From all of us at The Salvos, we wish you a very happy Christmas," Captain Ford said.

To leave no one in need this Christmas, please donate to The Salvation Army's Christmas Appeal at salvationarmy.org.au or by calling 13 SALVOS (13 72 58).

Donations can also be made in person at any Salvos Store and Kmart store or round up your in-store purchase at any Myer store.



Gladstone Salvation Army Corps Officers Lieutenant Chris Ford and Lieutenant Kay Ford.



GPC receives international accreditation for its clean and fish friendly Marina.

Clean tick for marina

One of the peak marina bodies in the Asia Pacific has given international accreditation to Gladstone Ports Corporation (GPC) for its clean and fish friendly Marina with the port achieving a high score of 99 per cent.

GPC's Marina undertook strenuous audits by the Marina Industries Association (MIA) with more than 40 criteria requirements to check off including storm water runoff, oil changes and facility cleaning.

Marina superintendent David Osmond said the Marina team always went above and beyond to make sure the facilities and services were five-star for both residents below and above the waterline.

“The process was very strict and involved a two-part self-assessment of the marina, a site visit from an auditor, the assessors report and approval from the Clean Marina Committee,” Mr Osmond said.

"A minimum score of 85 per cent needs to be achieved for the Marina to be accredited so we're very proud to have gone well beyond that and it goes to show how hard our team works to keep our beautiful marina shipshape," he said.

“We’re not going to take our foot off the accelerator though, we know that the health of our Marina is incredibly important and not only attracts an abundance of marine life but also boaters from far and wide who spend their time and money in the region supporting our local economy,”

"This international accreditation demonstrates that we are not only operating in harmony with our environment – but we are actively enhancing it through our operations, community engagement and education,"

"In three years we will re-apply for reaccreditation and undergo another full site review of the water and our land facilities."

Chief Operating Officer Craig Walker said the accreditation for Clean Marina and Fish Friendly, is important for all marinas across the globe.

"We have a very professional and dedicat-



Gladstone Marina.

ed team at GPC who ensure the sustainable operation of our facility, from our marina experts to our environmental specialists, our teams are passionate about what they do and the accreditation is proof of that," Mr Walker said.

The Marina Industries Association (MIA) is the peak representative body for marinas, slipways, boatyards, berthing, mooring and other marine storage facilities as well as sailing and cruising clubs.

Membership of MIA comprises in excess of 85 per cent of the major Australian marinas as well as an increasing number of members from overseas, including NZ, Asia-Pacific and the Middle East. MIA's mission is to contribute to the sustainable development of the industry through the promotion of marinas and the provision of education, environmental accreditation and research programs and policies.

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Pedestrians and pushbikes

Gladstone Regional Council has commenced construction of a shared footpath at Tannum Sands, linking two main thoroughfares often utilised by school students and nearby residents.

Council’s road crews will construct a 560m-long, 3m-wide footpath along Coronation Drive adjacent to Tannum Sands State High School (TSSHS) from Cremorne Drive to Tannum Sands Road, Tannum Sands.

Works are expected to be completed by mid-March 2022, weather permitting.

Gladstone Region Mayor Matt Burnett said the shared path will have the necessary width to accommodate pedestrians and cyclists.

“Currently there are no existing footpaths along either side of the road from the start of Coronation.

Drive up to the intersection of Winton Way, from there a small 1.2m wide sealed gravel path provides minimal footpath space along the road to TSSHS entrance,” Councillor Burnett said.

“This project will connect the existing con-

crete footpath at Tannum Sands State High School with the existing concrete and asphalt footpath on Tannum Sands Road.”

Works will include site preparation and minor earthworks, construction of new footpath, construction of associated kerb and kerb ramps and installation of a Local Area Traffic Management (LATM) raised priority crossing.

Removal and replacement of barrier fence, drainage works, supply and install of signage and pathway markers and landscaping adjacent to path will also occur.

Works will be carried out Monday to Friday, 7am to 5pm with some noise and dust expected at the site. Traffic management will be in place during certain times.

Cr Burnett said the \$550,000 project will be jointly funded by Gladstone Regional Council and the Department of Transport and Main Roads through the TMR Cycle Network Local Government Grants 2021-22.

“Gladstone Regional Council and the Queensland Government are definitely on the

same page when it comes to promoting walking and cycling as an alternate mode of transport,” he said.

“This is another infrastructure improvement for our region made possible with support of the Queensland Government.”

Member for Gladstone Glenn Butcher was pleased to see works getting underway.

“This project will provide better connectivity with the high school for all those students who walk or ride to and from school,” Mr Butcher said.

“Investments like this will help get more people riding more often, especially vulnerable users like school children, around the Gladstone community.”

Minister for Transport and Main Roads Mark Bailey said the Palaszczuk Government was committed to working with local councils to deliver positive outcomes for communities.

“We all know I am a big advocate for active transport, so I’m pleased to see projects like this underway across the state,” Mr Bailey said.

“Since 2015, we’ve invested more than \$244

million in bike-riding infrastructure, planning and programs, and into walking initiatives across the state.

“This year we also awarded more than \$141,000 to 15 community groups across the state for projects to encourage more bike riding through the first round of the Bike Riding Encouragement Community Grants Program.

“We know that, on average, every dollar we invest in bike-riding infrastructure will return nearly five dollars in economic benefit to Queensland with improved health outcomes, reduced traffic congestion, and lower transport costs.

“That’s why the Palaszczuk Government has committed \$252 million in funding over the next four years to support and encourage bike riding across the state, including projects across the Gladstone region, to improve facilities for locals and tourists alike.”

This Cycle Network Local Government Grants project is jointly funded by the State Government’s Cycle Network Local Government Grants 2021-22 and Gladstone Regional Council.

Alarming lack of safe smoke alarms in Gladstone

Data reveals 75 per cent of rental properties around the Gladstone and Biloela areas do not have interconnected smoke alarms in place, despite being required by law in the new year.

Property technology company Console has revealed only 25 per cent of rental properties in the region were compliant with the 2022 smoke alarm requirements. Across the state just 42 per cent of properties are ready for the new laws.

From January 1, all rental homes are required to have photoelectric, interconnected smoke alarms, with a unit to be placed in every bedroom, connecting hallway, and level of a property. The alarms must be hardwired or be powered by non-removable 10-year lithium batteries. If one alarm is triggered, all of them are to go off.

The laws were introduced in 2017, with a phased 10 year roll out. By 2027, all Queensland homes will have to have interconnected smoke alarms.

Console Chief Operating Officer Matt McGown said the race was on for Central Queensland property managers and landlords to ensure their rentals adhere to the new laws.

“Our Console Cloud data shows a lack of compliant smoke alarms is particularly a problem in Gladstone, with only a quarter of rental properties in the region meeting the requirements.

“This is a trend across the regional parts of the state, with north and central Queensland districts recording the lowest percentage of compliant properties.”

Mr McGown said ensuring rental properties are always compliant, with inspections and certifications kept up to date was a large part of a property manager’s role.

“With thousands of properties needing

the new smoke alarm systems to be installed, property managers and landlords will be under a lot of pressure to meet the impending deadline.

“Considering hardwired smoke alarms must be installed by a licensed electrician – the time to install smoke alarms is rapidly running out.”

Top Least Compliant Areas / Percentage of properties with 2022 compliant smoke alarms

- Townsville - 11.81%
- Bowen Basin (North) - 12.14%



Leah Chynoweth-Tidy from Kissing the Flint.
Inset: Cover of the band's latest single *100 or less*.

Flying the flag for Gladstone from the south of Scotland

Gladstone singer-songwriter Leah Chynoweth-Tidy (one half of band Kissing the Flint) has released a new single titled *100 or less*, a song that takes a not-so-subtle dig at COVID-19 restrictions that have stifled the music industry.

Currently based in her father's native Scotland to provide some long overdue family support, Leah penned *100 or Less* in just a few hours on a wave of escalating frustration during the first 2020 Australian lockdown.

Leah and her bass-player husband Ken saw livelihoods, including their own, begin to evaporate as the Australian music industry screeched to a halt.

Despite being located on the other side of the world, the born-and-raised Gladstone musician is still well connected to the region and helps promote the Agnes Blues Roots & Rock Festival – a festival Kissing the Flint has performed at previously.

"I'm a Gladstone girl so I'm always proud to fly the flag for the region," Leah said.

"We've played at quite a few Gladstone Region events and you guys (Gladstone Regional Council) have always supported local artists at your events."

Leah said the Regional Arts Development Fund (RADF), a partnership between the Queensland Government and Gladstone Regional Council to support local arts and culture in regional Queensland, helped increase Kissing the Flint's profile.

The duo received a RADF grant in May 2019 that helped them record music videos on location at

Deepwater with the aim of promoting positive recovery following bushfires that raged through the area in 2018.

"We partnered with filmmaker Wezzy Cruze and William Dubois from Photopia Studio who did the stills when we filmed," Leah said.

"We filmed that during the recovery process so that was really valuable for us to get our music out visually as well as audio-wise."

Leah said any artist, musician or creative that hasn't considered applying for a RADF grant should consider it.

"Due to circumstances, that's the only RADF funding we've gone for, but I know Council puts on free workshops on how to prepare grants," she said.

"Having done the workshop, they take you through all the stages and paperwork you need to fill out, get your budgets in place and work out what the cost might be for your project – it's very important to do your research and have that information handy."

"Every step of the way I was liaising with the ladies from GRAGM who are always on the end of the phone or the end of an email if you get stuck."

100 or less is the first single from Kissing the Flint's forthcoming album *Standing on The Fringe of Rooms* and is available to listen on digital stores and platforms such as Spotify, Apple Music, Deezer and YouTube.

Bookings for RADF Round One 2021/22 funding will open on 1 February 2022, register your interest by emailing gragm@gladstone.qld.gov.au or phone 4976 6766.



Baby turtles are expected to hatch in early January.

Turtle nests take over Tannum

Female turtles have wasted little time at the beginning of nesting season with two nests recently discovered at Tannum Sands Beach.

The nests are located near the southern beach entrances of the surf club and depending on sand temperatures, it will take about six to eight weeks for these eggs to hatch.

This means we could see baby turtles making their way to the ocean around the new year!

During this time, it's important these nests are not interfered with by humans, and animals such as foxes and dogs.

To report a sick, injured or dead turtle, phone the Queensland Government Wildlife Hotline on 1300 130 272.

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Video champions the arts

Following the recent release of her single ‘100 or Less’, Gladstone region artist Leah Chynoweth-Tidy has fired more shots in support of undervalued artists.

Her music video for ‘100 or Less’ premiered last Saturday.

“This isn’t just a music video. It’s a cinematic-quality work of art,” Leah said.

“Stunning imagery vividly represents the song’s vital message, aimed squarely at those in power still ignoring challenges faced by the Arts around the world.”

The film was shot over five days in the South of France with UK musicians and film-makers, Jason Carter and wife Lydia Carter-Martin, who are based in the area. The internationally-acclaimed duo devised concepts, scouted locations, filmed, directed and produced the collaborative project.

“Creating a story board from Leah’s lyrics was an exciting challenge, and we made a conscious decision to plan a shot list incorporating a mix of figurative, literal and metaphoric imagery whilst always leaving room for creative freedom within each shoot,” says Jason. “Not all musicians find it easy to perform in front of camera and as Leah did not have a background in acting, it was wonderful to see how she grew as an on-screen performer and always took direction very well. “Working with Leah and her bass-player husband Ken was an absolute joy from start to finish and we wish them every success with this new release.

The music video was shot on BlackMagic Cinema cameras and Canon FDL lenses from the 1970’s for an organic cinematic look.”

The film pays vibrant visual homage to the song’s powerful narrative, namely government indifference to the plight of an undervalued Arts Industry. Faceless masked men in suit and ties across various landscapes menace a despairing yet still defiant artist struggling to make a living.

Scenes showcase the streets and alleys of the Medieval village of Sauve; the drifting sand dunes, Mediterranean Sea and vast skies of Le Grau-du-Roi in The Camargue, famed for flamingoes, white horses, black bulls and fla-



menco music that flows from just about every bar and restaurant. It’s also the place that international artists Gipsy Kings call home.

Recorded with Dave Beacon at High Lion Studio, who co-produced, mixed and mastered Leah’s 2019 debut EP ‘Unconditionality’,

‘100 or Less’ is the first single to be lifted from Kissing The Flint’s forthcoming album Standing On The Fringe of Rooms.

Invasive plant species to be removed across region

Gladstone Regional Council’s biosecurity team has identified more than 100 African tulip trees requiring removal on Council land throughout the region.

The African tulip tree (*Spathodea campanulata*) is a category 3 restricted invasive plant under the Biosecurity Act 2014 and listed as a ‘containment’ species under the GRC Biosecurity Plan 2021-25.

Under the Biosecurity Act 2014, Council is responsible for ensuring that invasive biosecurity matter within the local government’s area are managed in compliance with the Act.

However, the decision to remove these trees was prompted by community feedback, as community engagement conducted in September 2020 for the development of Council’s new biosecurity plan identified that African tulip trees were of a concern for residents.

Additionally, in 2021 Council has received more than 30 customer service requests to date in relation to the trees.

Gladstone Region Mayor Matt Burnett said African tulip trees are a serious environmental weed in coastal Queensland, where they are highly invasive and form dense stands in gullies and along streams, crowding out native vegetation.

“The African tulip tree is native to tropical Africa and has been popular as an ornamental garden tree or street tree in tropical and subtropical parts of Queensland due to its showy, red tulip-shaped flowers,” he said.

“In recent years, it has been discovered that the nectar and pollen of these trees contain toxins that are extremely harmful to insects, particularly native stingless bees.

“Unfortunately, while these trees are aesthetically pleasing, they have been identified as a concern and action will be taken as a result.

“It’s also worth noting that other Local Government Areas in Queensland, such as

the Fraser Coast Regional Council, have also been removing African tulip trees from their landscape in recent months.”

Cr Burnett said the removal program will target 127 trees and be rolled out across six zones with the region, beginning from Zone 1 (Agnes Water, Benaraby, Bororen, Miriam Vale and Turkey Beach) from Monday, 29 November.

“Work will be undertaken by a professional tree services company and will include the cutting, mulching and removal of the trees,” he said.

“A mulching vehicle will be parked in roadside parking areas while this work occurs, however it is important to note that Council is mindful of residents’ access to homes, businesses and other community facilities, with this work likely to cause only minimal disruption.

“Public safety will also be taken into consideration with some of the work taking place in public areas such as footpaths, easements, near house fences, next to driveways or near street corners, with traffic management in place where applicable.

“Naturally, some noise will be generated during the removal process, but work will only occur during normal business hours from Monday to Friday.”

Locations for tree removal are:

- Zone 1 – Agnes Water, Bororen, Turkey Beach, Miriam Vale, Benaraby
- Zone 2 – Boyne Island, Tannum Sands
- Zone 3 – Barney Point, Sun Valley, Telina, Toolooa, Kin Kora
- Zone 4 – New Auckland
- Zone 5 - Gladstone Central, South Gladstone, West Gladstone
- Zone 6 – Callemondah, Clinton.

Please visit gladstone.qld.gov.au/biosecurity for more information on Council’s various biosecurity measures.



Help craft marine zoning

As the popularity of Lake Awoonga continues to grow, the Gladstone Area Water Board (GAWB) is reviewing its marine zoning requirements, and local residents are invited to have their say on the popular local waterway.

With the number of Lake Awoonga recreational users increasing every week, GAWB is proposing to convert the existing 6 knot area around the Riverston Bay Parkland to a motorised watercraft exclusion zone, as a result public use of all motorised watercrafts will not be permitted in the area.

GAWB Land and Catchment Manager Jamie Petrie said the Lake Awoonga Riverston Bay Marine Zone Proposal aims to create a waterway that is safe and easily accessible for all visitors.

"The purpose of introducing an exclusion zone is to balance the amenity experience and safety of the many different user groups who enjoy Lake Awoonga," Mr Petrie said.

"This proposal will consolidate this area as the first choice for families and users who wish to use the water for general recreation. Our number one priority is safety for everyone who enters the water at Lake Awoonga and we're committed to implementing the appropriate measures to ensure that happens.

"We recognise the Gladstone community's deep connection to Lake Awoonga and really encourage all of our users to have their say and contribute to the public consultation process. We want to hear from everyone.

"The proposal has been informed by the Lake Awoonga Recreation Strategy that was prepared in consultation with our Community Consultation Forum."

GAWB Chief Executive Officer Darren Barlow said the Riverston Bay Marine Zoning project was identified as a community need in the 2020-2025 Lake Awoonga Recreation Strategy.

"Our Recreation Strategy sets out several initiatives which are aimed at upgrading or



Residents are invited to have their say on the popular waterway.

maintaining existing recreational facilities at Lake Awoonga, as well as opportunities for new recreational facilities," Mr Barlow said.

"As a follow up to the Recreational Strategy, we have also finalised the Lake Awoonga Recreational Area Master Plan, which will provide the framework for consistent planning, devel-

opment, delivery and resource allocation to implement the Recreational Strategy.

"The Riverston Bay Marine Zone Proposal is a key element of our strategy and it's important that our community are involved in this process and get to have their say."

The public consultation period is now open

and will close on Thursday 6 January 2022.

The proposal can be viewed online at the Gladstone Area Water Board website at gawb.qld.gov.au or at Maritime Safety Queensland's website at msq.qld.gov.au

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Proud moment for students

A bright future is now on the horizon for 25 students who graduated from Integreat Queensland's

Skilling Queenslanders for Work (SQW) program last Friday.

The students, who come from all over the world and now live in Gladstone, celebrated the completion of Certificate III in Individual Support and Community Services under the Queensland Government's Skilling Queenslanders for Work program.

Integreat Queensland general manager Julie Pettitt said it was a proud moment for the students after all their hard work.

"Families and friends came to support the students at their graduation and witness the next step on their continued journey of learning," Ms Pettitt said.

"Friendships were formed, skills learned, and connections made with organizations such as Integreat Queensland have been a significant experience for the students.

"The Queensland Government's Skilling Queenslanders for Work program served them well as they now go into the workplace, some for the first time since moving to Gladstone."

Integreat Queensland, formally Welcoming International Neighbours, offers numerous of community-based programs to open opportunities for everyone from everywhere to get involved, feel welcome, learn new things, and contribute to a strong, thriving local community.

Ms Pettitt said the success of Integreat



Integreat Queensland staff and Skilling Queenslanders for Work graduating students.

Queensland's Skilling Queenslanders for Work program will continue as the multicultural organisation was successful only last week in receiving further funding from the Queensland Government.

"Integreat Queensland are proud to announce we will continue to deliver Certificate

III in Individual Support and Community Services as well as Certificate III in Hospitality in 2022 as we have been successful in receiving funding via the latest round of the Skilling Queenslanders for Work program"

Ms Pettitt added those interested in participating in the 2022 program are encouraged

to register their interest by emailing admin@integreatqld.org.au.

Skilling Queenslanders for Work is a suite of targeted skills and training programs supporting Queenslanders to gain the skills, qualifications and experience needed to enter and stay in the workforce.



Keep mosquitoes at bay.

Protect community from mosquitoes

Gladstone Regional Council's Mosquito Management Plan highlights the importance of keeping mosquitoes at bay to protect the community from mosquito-borne diseases throughout the entire year.

Wet weather can see a rise in mosquito numbers impacting residents and Council works hard to ensure numbers are kept at a minimum across the region through environmentally friendly mosquito management measures as well as community education.

Gladstone Region Councillor Rick Hansen

said mosquitoes are part of our natural environment and can breed in both fresh and saltwater, so we cannot eradicate them completely, but everyone can take precautions to protect themselves from being bitten.

"There are many things people can do to protect themselves and their homes from mosquitoes," he said.

"Removing any stagnant water from around the house and yard, keeping roof gutters clear from blockages, screening rainwater tanks and keeping swimming pools maintained are just a

few ways to help reduce breeding in your own backyard.

"Managing the mosquito population in the Gladstone Region is a priority for Council year-round and particularly from October to May where there can be an increase in the major breeding sites due to the wet season."

For more information on mosquitoes in the region, council's Mosquito Management Plan or to report a mosquito issue, visit gladstone.qld.gov.au/mosquitoes

Electrical safety alert

As Queenslanders prepare to light up their homes and neighbourhoods for Christmas, Ergon Energy Network is urging everyone to ensure it's done with electrical safety in mind.

Area Manager Trevor King said Christmas lights were essentially an electrical appliance and should be treated with the same level of caution as other powered devices in the home.

"What people should remember when setting up Christmas lights and other mains-powered decorations is they are working with electricity and it can be dangerous if the appliance is faulty or they don't take care," Mr King said.

"With this in mind, we're urging the community to check their decorations for faults or frayed cords before plugging them in and if they have any concerns, they should get them checked by a qualified electrician or throw them away.

"If you're buying new lights or electric decorations ensure they meet Australian safety standards, which should be displayed on the packaging. Quality lights are only marginally more expensive but can help prevent electrical hazards and other issues, such as house fires.

"We're also asking people to ensure if they're using powered decorations outside that they are rated for outdoor use because if indoor-only rated lights get wet they can pose a safety risk."

Mr King also said in the past crews have noticed people placing decorations, including lights, on Ergon's equipment which can not only endanger those installing them, but also crews who have to work on the power network.

"Each Christmas we've seen everything from lights to inflatable Santas tied to our power poles, padmount transformers and other equipment," he said.

"Our crews love Christmas decorations as much as anyone, but anyone placing them on our network may not only inadvertently be putting themselves at risk, when our crews need to access the equipment it causes another hazard for them while they're responding to already dangerous situations, such as storms and floods."

OPINION

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WE TAKE IT TO THE STREETS

What do you think of electric cars?



I think they are a good idea for ease of use with cheaper running costs. But I wouldn't buy one. Not yet, no, as I'd need to do more research on the availability of electric cars.

- Luke Mulline



Electric cars are a good idea, but they are not really available yet. I'm concerned about electric cars' charging ability and battery life. I'd be worried about the number of charging sites between here and Brisbane, as there should be more. I'm also not sure that the battery life of electric cars is good enough yet. Plus I doubt the life of electric car batteries in the second hand market, which is obviously a problem.

- Paul Howlett



I think the number of electric cars is growing and there are heaps of Teslas about. But I think they are a little way yet off the market, especially as they are not cheap to buy. Hybrid cars are more practical, especially Toyotas, where every model has a hybrid option.

- Brett Schulz



Electric cars may be very good, but I come from England where they can't make electric cars work over short distances. But unlike England, Australia has big expanses and driving all the way to Mackay would be very difficult. I'm also worried about the environmental disposal cost of electric cars, as I suspect their environmental foot print would be more than for conventional cars.

- Sharon Swift

Cost over quality

Today's View

There has been a gradual change over the years in the way consumers view the items that they are buying. When once the main priority was the quality, local availability, and cost, it seems that the buying decision is now dominated by the cost.

The older residents will tell you that purchasing was once about locals first, supporting the businesses around your community, these businesses supplied local jobs, supported local events, and helped to develop and grow the local communities.

The price paid at the register was not about how cheap it was, more about paying that little extra to make sure your community benefited. Over time the "buying local" preference has given way to buying at the cheapest price.

Helping to drive this change has been the availability of the item that the buyer is chasing, with greater access to a larger number of suppliers keen to sell at a cheaper price.

The consumer is now better educated on price and product, with research easier than ever, they can find the best price on any product from any supplier in a matter of minutes.

In conversations, nobody mentions the quality and benefit of what they brought but instead lead with the price they paid.

Most reading this article will also know of a shopper in their circle who it seems always buys at a price that is cheaper than most. The perceived best buys always going to the best negotiator.

Our shops and outlets once relied on once-a-year sales and progressively our consumers are now presented with the realisation that the sales are always on, wrapped around seasonal messaging enticing you to buy now at a never to be repeated price. It is common to have Black Friday sales, Birthday sales, Christmas sales, Halloween sales and never to beaten on price sales.

Australia's manufacturing base has been a casualty of this purchase preference, with the quality of living in this nation at a higher standard than other countries, Australia's produced items will come at a higher cost. Initially our consumers preferred locally made with a slightly higher cost, this was also driven by limited choice at a time when imports weren't as prevalent.

The loss of the major Australian makers, Holden, Ford, and Toyota have come due to



The United States' post-Thanksgiving Black Friday Sales have been imported to Australia.
Picture: AAP IMAGE/LUIS ASCUI

the focus on price from the consumer and profit from the manufacturer. The ever-increasing move away from the customer centric business to the one the centers mostly on profits has helped to drive the imports of cheaper products. With the current disruption in the world there has been talk of bringing the manufacturing base back to Australia, with each level of Government committing to helping to establish manufacturing hubs in the regional areas. For this to be successful our consumers cannot have it both ways.

It is amazing that you can purchase a jug to boil water for \$8 in some of our outlets, this appliance comes with a 12-month warranty which by the ways is less than buying two cups of coffee at a local cafe and the jug can conceivably be returned in 11 months for a new one because it isn't working as it should.

This all leads to the question about the viability of creating local manufacturing once again, does the market or consumer have the appetite to pay the extra cost to enable the profitability of making it local?

With a little additional money on the purchase price would it be possible to manufacture again in Australia, maybe the supply chain disruption has changed the mentality of our nation around building on Australian soil. Will the first question asked be around how much extra do we have to pay?

ON THIS DAY

2 DECEMBER IS THE INTERNATIONAL DAY FOR THE ABOLITION OF SLAVERY

1804: General Napoleon Bonaparte is crowned Emperor of the French at the Notre Dame de Paris in a ceremony officiated by Pope Pius VII

1823: US President James Monroe declares the "Monroe Doctrine" opposing European colonialism in the Americas, arguing any European political intervention in the New World would be a hostile act against

the United States

1845: US President James K. Polk announces to Congress that the United States should aggressively expand into the West, a widely held belief termed "manifest destiny" by newspaper editor John O'Sullivan

1929: First skull of Peking man found in the caves of Zhoukoudian, 50 km outside of Peking, China. Later dated roughly 750,000 years old.

1976: Communist revolutionary Fidel Castro becomes President of Cuba, replacing Osvaldo Dorticós Torrado



LYNCHY'S JOKE OF THE WEEK

Several men are in the locker room of a very well to do golf club.

They had just finished their round showered and getting dressed when a mobile phone on a bench rings and one of the men engages the speaker function and begins to talk while he is still getting dressed.

Everybody in the room stops to listen.

The Guy answers "Yes".

The woman in the conversation says, "I'm at the shops at the moment and found this beautiful leather coat. It's only \$1000. Is it OK if I buy it?"

Guy: Sure, go ahead if you think it is good quality and you like it that much.

By this time the other guys in the room were all looking at each other.

Woman: I also spotted the new 2022 Mercedes out in the dealership as I was

driving past. I popped in and the salesman told me it was \$198,000 it looks great.

Guy: Okay buy it if you wish but make sure that for that amount of money make sure it comes with all of the options.

Woman: Great! Oh and one more thing, the house I was looking at last year is back on the market and they are asking \$1.8 million less than what it was last year.

Guy: Well then go ahead and make an offer for \$1.7 and see how you go but if it's cheaper than last year you are still ahead.

Woman: Okay I will see you later! I love you so much! You're so generous, darling.

Guy: You're worth it. Bye

The guy continues getting dressed and all of the other guys in the room are just standing and staring.

Then the guy turns around and says, "hey does any of you know who's phone this is?"

OPINION

Matt Canavan



Science and ethics split

Scientific discoveries save lives, make it easier for us to clean our house and let us travel all around the world effortlessly.

But science also puts pressure on what is the difference between right and wrong.

Most laws, going right back to when Hammurabi was a boy, outlaw certain conduct, like killing or assaulting others.

This is known as the natural law approach to ethics, based on the idea that we can discover what is “good” by investigating the true essence of human nature.

The good of protecting human life is almost always part of any natural law.

Alongside the development of science, however, has been the rise of another ethical approach, utilitarianism.

Under a utilitarian approach there are no strict bans on what not to do.

Instead, we should do the greatest good for the greatest number.

When there are no taboos things start to get murky.

We now have the scientific ability to genetically engineer a human life so as to remove defects that cause disease, or to enhance our strength, height or fertility.

A utilitarian would say if these things make for greater happiness then we should do them.

Fortunately, our laws still retain much of the old wisdom of the natural law.

Genetically engineering an embryo is illegal, as is human cloning, which uses similar techniques.

This week, however, the Federal Parliament is debating laws that would relax these restrictions.

If these laws pass it would be legal to create a baby that has genetic material from three parents so as to reduce the risk of mitochondrial disease.

Mitochondria are the things in our cells that allow us to convert food into energy.

One in every 200 Australians have some form of defect in their mitochondria, and around one in 5,000 have serious defects that

can cause muscle or neurological defects.

In some cases, the disease can be fatal.

There is no cure but scientists think they can remove the issue in vitro through genetic engineering.

We get most of our mitochondria from our Mum, so under the proposed technique, material would be taken from two different eggs, and the father's sperm, to create a new embryo without the mitochondrial defects.

The resulting new life would be implanted in the mother through IVF techniques.

Some of these methods propose creating two embryos (or zygotes) and transferring genetic material between them to remove the defects.

One of these embryos is then discarded, which brings us back from science to ethics.

Is it right to create an embryo, which I would consider a human person, simply for the purposes of using this life to help another life?

I am uncomfortable with the idea that any

human life, no matter how young, is simply a tool to help someone else.

Notwithstanding the benefits of potentially removing a debilitating disease, using human life as a mere instrument to help others opens a dangerous door to a world where life is no longer sacred, but simply another input to the utilitarian, ethical spreadsheet used to maximise “happiness”.

There are also risks that this form of genetic engineering will change the human “germline”.

That is the changes made to remove the defective mitochondria will persist for all future generations, and we are not sure of the ramifications of this.

Each Member of Parliament will vote with his or her conscience on these issues.

There are no party positions.

I will be voting no because I do not think we should violate the fundamental law that every human life is sacred.

OPINION

Murray Watt, Labor Senator for Queensland



‘War chest’: Morrison’s disaster lies leave CQ at risk

Summer is officially here, and Central Queenslanders have already experienced the start of storm season.

Heavy rain and flash flooding have thrashed the region this week. Wet weather has inundated the Gemfields, with the Gregory Highway resembling a river rather than rural road.

And with the Bureau of Meteorology officially declared a La Nina warning last week, we’re likely to see more floods and extreme weather before summer is over.

Our brave emergency workers and volunteers have been preparing for months.

CQ homeowners have cleared their gutters and have their properties ready for what’s looming.

The one group not doing their bit is the Morrison Government down in Canberra.

Instead, it’s hoarding funds that it promised would keep Central Queenslanders – and all Australians – safe.

For well over two years, Scott Morrison has sat on a massive war chest that he promised would help natural disaster victims and protect us from future events.

The Emergency Response Fund was announced by the Government in April 2019 and supported by Labor. Now, it’s just one more example of Scott Morrison making big promises, but not delivering.

The Government told us this \$4 billion fund would pay for up to \$200 million per year in disaster recovery and prevention.

But over two years on, only \$17 million has been released. And there’s not a single project to show for it.

It’s turned out to be an Empty Resilience Fund from an empty Prime Minister.

Even worse, by keeping this money in the bank, Scott Morrison’s government has earned itself over \$700 million in interest. Forty times what it’s paid out!

This idle fund has now ballooned to \$4.7 billion. It’s helping the Government’s bottom line when it should be helping disaster-prone communities.

When challenged, the Prime Minister says he’s doing this, with other funds.

Tell that to the disaster victims still clean-



As storm season begins, Senator Watt writes this week about the Emergency Response Fund.

ing up – from recent floods or even the Black Summer bushfires two years ago. Sadly, not even disaster victims are safe from Scott Morrison’s lies.

Think of the flood levees, evacuation centres and telecommunications improvements that we could have built by now, to keep Central Queenslanders safe and reduce the repair bill for taxpayers.

Not to mention reducing insurance costs, which are heavily influenced by disaster risk levels.

Instead, we enter the third disaster season since this fund was created, with Central Queensland exposed to the floods and cyclones that we all know are coming.

If you think this is familiar, you’re right.

Two years ago, Scott Morrison was warned of intense bushfire risks across our nation. Meteorologists warned him, ex-fire chiefs warned him, but he wouldn’t even agree to meet them.

As history now shows, Scott Morrison ignored the warnings, disappeared to Hawaii, and said he didn’t hold a hose, as the country burned.

We owe it to the 33 Australians who lost their lives in the Black Summer bushfires to be better prepared.

Closer to home, we owe it to the residents of Deepwater, Mount Larcom, Cobraball, Gracemere and more, to keep people and property safe, after their recent bushfires. Or those flooded after Cyclone Marcia a few years before.

Properly investing in disaster mitigation is a crucial part of this.

The funds are there – they don’t need to be found. We just need our government to use them, like it promised.

We can all see the Morrison Government is falling apart. Distracted by internal divisions over vaccination, integrity issues and leadership spills.

But Australians shouldn’t pay the price for a distracted Prime Minister, who’s always slow to act.

We are running out of time. La Nina is coming.

The Morrison Government needs to act now – before it’s too late.

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Q&A

with Gladstone Region Councillor Chris Cameron

What is the best advice you've ever received?
"In all that you do strive for excellence" – Rev Bruce Macarthur Cameron.

What is something you do in your spare time?
I go fishing and play golf. Haven't been fishing in three months and have had two games of golf in two years.

What is something most people don't know about you?
When I was about 16 my father received a phone call from Scotland from a historian tracing the true Earl of Badenoch. It would appear that my father is the current true Earl of Badenoch, that title will pass to me, then to my son Andrew.

We have just learned that my son Andrew and his wife Jenna are expecting a baby boy, yet to be named. Tradition was that the first-born son was to be named Charles, my Grandfather was Charles, first born son was Charles (Dad's brother). When I was born, I was named Christopher with great protest from Grandmother Cameron who insisted I be named Charles.

What's your favourite spot in the Gladstone region?
Yellow Patch off Cape Capricorn.

What would be your last meal if you could choose?
Starter: Seafood hot pot with crusty bread, lemon sorbet, Torbreck Woodcutters White Semillon.

Entree: Mud crab, mango sorbet, more Torbreck Woodcutters white Semillon.
Main: Steamed whole coral trout Chinese style, more Torbreck.

Desert: Tiramisu, Penfolds Grandfather Port.
60mg Nexium and 250 ml Gaviscon.

Which celebrity guests (dead or alive) would you invite to a dinner party?
Can't think of one, rather have my friends and colleagues.

Who is your favourite movie star and what do you admire about him or her?
Sean Connery – best James Bond ever.



Cr Chris Cameron from Gladstone Regional Council.

What is one of your greatest achievements?
My three children, all high achievers, high ethics and morals. I'm a very proud Dad.

you on a trip to a deserted island, which would they be?
In no particular order: My boat, my beautiful lady and my wine fridge.

THREE ...
Places to visit
around the region

1 Blackdown Tablelands
Rising high above the surrounding plains, the park protects deep gorges, spectacular lookouts and scenic waterfalls. Rock faces display traditional Ghungalu artwork.

2 Heron Island
A dreamy getaway favoured by photography enthusiasts for its ample natural beauty. Dive off the jetty or boat a little further out to sea, where you can snorkel and introduce yourself to the local population of reef sharks, stingrays and manta rays.

3 Agnes Water & Town of 1770
Agnes Water & 1770 offers pristine beaches, unique activities, and abundant wildlife within a proud, diverse community. Located at the Southern end of Australia's Great Barrier Reef, it's a perfect holiday destination

Hosted Getaways
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Remarkable Rocks, Kangaroo Island

The Kimberley

Whale watching, Great Australian Bight

Kangaroo Island Discovery
Adelaide - Adelaide
5 days/4 nights departing 20 April 2022

Uncover the wilderness sanctuary of Kangaroo Island, travelling from Adelaide. A scenic ferry crossing brings a holiday of new discoveries.

- Tour host.
- Lunch & wine tasting in McLaren Vale.
- Return ferry to Kangaroo Island.
- 2 night stay at the Aurora Ozone Hotel in Kingscote.
- 2 night stay at the Kangaroo Island Seafront in Penneshaw.
- Daily breakfast, most lunches & dinners.
- Tasting platter & drink at False Cape Wines.
- Emu Bay Lavender Farm tour.
- Emu Ridge Eucalyptus Distillery.
- Raptor Domain.
- Seal Bay Conservation Park tour.
- KI Wildlife Park.
- Remarkable Rocks & Admirals Arch at Flinders Chase National Park.
- Island Beehive tour & tasting.

From \$1,899[^] pp twin share, from \$2,299[^] pp single

Great Australian Bight Whale Watching
Adelaide - Port Lincoln
6 days/5 nights departing 27 July 2022

Have a whale of a time on the Eyre Peninsula - Australia's major seafood hub & a place of natural beauty, with spectacular landscapes & coast lines.

- Tour host.
- 6 day luxury coach tour of the Eyre Peninsula including a 2-hour whale watching cruise.
- 5x breakfasts, 6x lunches & 5x dinners.
- 5 nights accommodation in the best quality option available:
 - 1 night stay in Port Augusta at the Majestic Oasis Apartments.
 - 1 night stay in Streaky Bay at the Streaky Bay Motel & Villas.
 - 2 night stay in Coorabie at Coorabie Farm.
 - 1 night stay in Ceduna at the Ceduna Foreshore Hotel Motel.

From \$2,549[^] pp twin share, from \$2,889[^] pp single

Kimberley Adventure
Darwin - Broome
13 days/12 nights departing 27 July 2022

Remarkable landscapes, spectacular gorges & unique wildlife experiences can be found in every corner of the incredible Kimberley region.

- 12 night small group tour travelling via private coach from Darwin to Broome with all accommodation, touring & the following inclusions:
 - 12x breakfasts, 5x lunches & 10x dinners.
 - Darwin sightseeing tour.
 - Spirit of Darwin Dinner Cruise.
 - Visit to Litchfield National Park.
 - Nitmiluk Gorge Cruise with candlelit Dinner.
 - Lake Argyle cruise.
 - Tour of Kununurra.
 - Visit to Mirima National Park.
 - Tour of Wyndham.
 - Visit to El Questro Station.
 - Jiliwang Diamond Mine tour.
 - Lunch at Fitzroy River Lodge.
 - Geikie Gorge Cruise.
 - Pearl Luggers Tour.
 - Cable Beach Dinner.

From \$7,399[^] pp twin share, from \$8,779[^] pp single

GladstoneToday COMMUNITY EVENTS BILLBOARD

DECEMBER

Thursday 2 December

Garden Tours

Be guided through the gardens by our own Friends of the Gardens Visitor Services Volunteers. A wealth of knowledge about the Gardens is shared with visitors. The volunteers who run the Tour are trained in scientific facts about the various plants and animals and the history and stories behind Tondoon.

Time: 10am to 11:30am

Location: Tondoon Botanic Gardens, 672 Glenlyon Road, Gladstone.

For more information, call 4971 4444 or email tondoon@gladstone.qld.gov.au

Friday 3 December

2021 Santos GLNG Mayor's Carols

Set to bring the magic of Christmas alive, the Mayor's Carols is packed with fun family entertainment, including special guest Normie Rowe. It is a night under the stars with, sing-a-long Christmas Carols, electric dancing from Raw Creative for pre-entertainment, local food markets, famous Prize Drop and of course the guy in the big red suit...SANTA. To end the night with a bang, 4CC will make the sky sparkle, with a fantastic laser and fireworks display.

Time: 5:30pm to 9pm

Location: Gladstone Marina Parklands, Bryan Jordan Drive, Gladstone.

For more information visit www.4cc.com.au

Saturday 4 December

Curtis Coast F500 Club - Cent Sale

Lucky door prizes, raffles, kids prizes and cakes.

Time: 11am to 4pm

Location: Gladstone Bowls Club, 6a Ferris Street, Gladstone.

For more information contact Sharleen on 0400 707 960

Beach Arts Music Markets

Live entertainment, great food and a huge variety of market stalls. Bring a blanket and some chairs and make an afternoon of it.

Time: 2pm to 7pm

Location: Millennium Esplanade, Tannum Sands.

For more information see their Facebook page.

Sunday 5 December

Calliope River Historical Village Markets

Regular country markets are held at the Calliope River Historical Village. The attractive settings on the banks of the Calliope River, with its shady trees and birdlife. The variety of food and drink stalls cater for the needs of hungry and thirsty visitors.

Time: 7:30am to 12:30pm

Location: Calliope River Historical Village, 50951 Old Bruce Highway, River Ranch, Calliope.

For more information see the Gladstone Events website.

Gladstone Gymnastics Club presents Power

Get ready to be blown away as our gymnasts discovered their Super Power through gymnastics. This extraordinary show is not to be missed.

Time: 10am to 12pm

Location: Gladstone Entertainment Convention Centre, 56 Goondoon Street, Gladstone.

For more information see their Facebook page.

Christmas Street Party

The free community event celebrates the lighting of the City's

Christmas Tree in the Library Square. With market and food stalls, live entertainment, a visit from Santa, free children's activities, and the lighting of the Christmas Tree, the GRC Christmas Street Party is an event not to be missed.

Time: 4pm to 8pm

Location: Goonoon Street Entertainment Precinct

For more information see the Gladstone Events website.

Tuesday 7 December

General Meeting of Council

This meeting will also be live-streamed on Council's Facebook and a recording of the meeting will be posted on social media.

Time: 9am

Location: Council Chambers - Civic Centre, 101 Goondoon Street, Gladstone.

For more information contact Council on 07 4970 0700.

Thursday 9 December

Gladstone Central State School Awards Ceremony and Graduation

This is an exciting event that we encourage our students to participate in and invite our school community to attend.

Time: 9:30am to 2pm

Location: Gladstone Entertainment Convention Centre, 56 Goondoon Street, Gladstone.

For details see the Gladston Central State School's website.

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Saturday 11 December

En Pointe Dance Christmas Blitz

Come and join us for an afternoon of music and dance that will simply blow you away.

Time: 2pm to 4pm

Location: Gladstone Entertainment Convention Centre, 56 Goondoon Street, Gladstone.

For more information see the Gladstone Entertainment Convention Centre website.

Sunday 12 December

Discovery Coast Markets

Featuring food stalls, live entertainment, arts and creation stalls and lots more, making this event an awesome family-friendly outing. (Note: dogs are allowed on leads).

Time: 8am

Location: 1770 SES Grounds on Captain Cook Drive, Agnes Water.

For more information email dcrmarkets@gmail.com

Monday 13 December

PlayTime at the Precinct

Join us for a morning of games, laughter, and play for children aged 12 months to 5 years.

Time: 10am to 11:30am

Location: Philip Street Communities and Families Precinct, 1 Pengelly St, West Gladstone

For more information see the Gladstone Regional Council website.

Tuesday 14 December

A Holly Christmas - Morning Melodies

Deck the Halls with Buddy Holly and celebrate all that is Christmas with an incredible collection of Christmas favourites performed by Scott "Buddy" Cameron and his band.

Time: 11am

Location: Gladstone Entertainment Convention Centre, 56 Goondoon Street, Gladstone.

For tickets see <https://gladstoneentertainment.com/events-3/>

Thursday 16 December

Garden Tours

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Time: 10am to 11:30am

Location: Tondoon Botanic Gardens, 672 Glenlyon Road, Gladstone.

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Friday 17 December

Treasure Island

This is a swashbuckling tale of adventure on the high seas! Join Long John Silver and his ferocious pirate band, Squire Trelawney, Jim Hawkins and the rough and tough ladies of the CWA in the search for buried treasure, true love and Mrs Hawkins's culinary delights!

Time: 6pm

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Time: 6pm

Location: Gladstone Entertainment Convention Centre, 56 Goondoon Street, Gladstone.

For tickets see <https://gladstoneentertainment.com/events-3/>

Sunday 19 December

Rotary Charity Markets

Come along and see the beautiful Tondoon Botanic Gardens come alive with food, craft, fruit and vegetables and much more.

Time: 7am to 12pm

Location: Tondoon Botanic Gardens, 672 Glenlyon Road, Gladstone.

For more information, see the Gladstone Regional Council website.

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Time: 8am

Location: 1770 SES Grounds on Captain Cook Drive, Agnes Water.

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Thursday 23 December

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Time: 10am to 11:30am

Location: Tondoon Botanic Gardens, 672 Glenlyon Road, Gladstone.

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Sunday 26 December

Discovery Coast Markets

Featuring food stalls, live entertainment, arts and creation stalls and lots more, making this event an awesome family-friendly outing. (Note: dogs are allowed on leads).

Time: 8am

Location: 1770 SES Grounds on Captain Cook Drive, Agnes Water.

For more information email dcrmarkets@gmail.com

Calliope Gold Cup Races (Boxing Day)

Racegoers will flock to JS Neill-Ballantine Park on Boxing Day for the running of the 109th Gold Cup race meeting.

Time: 10am

Location: Calliope Racecourse.

For more information call Jim on 0487 748 913 or Marg 0419 748 913.

Thursday 30 December

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KNOW OF AN EVENT HAPPENING IN OUR REGION?*

To add it to our Community Events Billboard, contact editorial@todaygladstone.com.au

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Janine Lester.



Tannum Sands State School at the Boyne Island Lions Club Christmas Carols.

Festive fun at the carols

Out and About

Festive cheer was in abundance at the Boyne Island Lions Club Christmas Carols at Tannum State High School on Sunday, 29 November and photographer **MIKE RICHARDS** was in hand to immortalise the occasion.



Gladstone Thistle Pipe Band members in the festive spirit.



Conducting the Tannum Sands State High School Transition Band.



Benaraby Boyne Island Combined Recorder Band.



Tannum State High Transition Band.



Tannum Sands High School Transition Band.



Mushrooms add a new depth to a family favourite.

Just add the mushrooms

By **Tania Phillips**

Looking for something quick, easy and tasty? Why not take a mushroomy twist on traditional pork san choy bao.

Sticky Mushroom & Pork San Choy Bao

Ingredients:

- Serves 4
- Prep 15 mins; cooking 14 mins
- 2 garlic cloves, chopped
- 3cm piece ginger, peeled, chopped
- 1 long red chilli, deseeded, chopped
- 2 tbs peanut or vegetable oil
- 300g Swiss Brown, cup or button mushrooms, quartered
- 400g lean pork mince
- 2 tbs ketchup manis or hoisin sauce
- 1 tbs oyster sauce
- 8 ice berg lettuce, trimmed to serve
- Coriander sprigs, thinly sliced red chilli and fried Asian shallots, to serve



With plenty of gorgeous Asian flavours and the added bonus of mushrooms this one is sure to become a family favourite.

Method

1. Combine garlic, ginger and chilli in a small food processor. Process until finely chopped.
2. Heat a wok over high heat until hot. Add half the oil and the mushrooms. Stir-fry for 3 minutes until light golden, remove to a bowl. Add remaining oil and mince, stir-fry until mince changes colour. Add garlic mixture, stir-fry 2 minutes until aromatic. Return the mushrooms then add the ketchup manis

- and oyster sauce, stir-fry until sticky.
3. Spoon into lettuce leaves, top with coriander, chilli and shallots. Serve.
4. Tip No Asian shallots at home, use roasted salted peanuts or crispy fried noodles
5. Going Meatless - turn this into a meatless main meal, replace the pork with an extra 500g mushrooms, so in total you need 800g mushrooms (a combo of flat, cup and Swiss Brown)

Slice just the tonic for a memory lane pick-me-up

Hi all.
How has everyone's week been?
I've had a week of being sick and feeling sorry for myself, so to cheer myself up I made a simple and yummy slice to have with the many cups of tea I've drunk while watching TV.
This slice was actually my brother's favourite when we were growing up. Mum made it quite a lot so I dug into the little wooden recipe box and found the card it's written on.

Coconut Caramel Squares

Ingredients:

- 125g butter
- ¼ cup caster sugar
- 1 cup coconut
- 1 cup self raising flour

Method:

Base

1. Preheat oven to 150°.
2. Grease and line a slice tin.
3. Cream butter and sugar until light and fluffy.
4. Stir coconut and sifted flour in to make a firm dough.
5. Press into prepared tin and bake for 30 minutes or until lightly golden.
6. Prepare topping as below.
7. Remove base from oven and spread topping on while it's hot.
8. Leave to cool in the tin then cut into squares.

Topping

Mix all ingredients together and stir well until smooth.

Tips and Tweaks

1. It will seem like the topping is not going to spread but just keep slowly pushing it out and the heat from the base will soften it enough

CUT OUT AND KEEP RECIPE

GRANNY GAY



I hope you all enjoy this little stroll down my memory lane.
Let's bake!

Topping

- 30g soft butter
- 3 tablespoons condensed milk
- 1 cup icing sugar
- ¾ cup coconut
- 2 teaspoons cocoa, sifted

to become spreadable. I put it on in spoonfuls all over rather than putting the whole thing on at once and trying to spread it out. I've not added anything to this but you could put some chopped pecans in the topping for a bit of extra crunch.

Happy cooking. Stay safe!



Coconut Caramel Squares.

Your year ahead
Set out into this new year confident that somebody up there likes you; so different from recent months when, against all odds you've had to survive several crises. December brings a swan song for one particular aspect in your life. A career connection may dissolve, a friend may relocate, or you might move. Whatever occurs, take it in your stride. The adage "when one door closes another opens" rings true. Leave all the trauma behind, Sagittarius. There are many new opportunities out there, just begging for the taking. Jupiter helps by sneaking you into the right place at the right time. The rest is up to you.



ARIES
(Mar 21 - Apr 20)

If recent events have left you disheartened, remember that few situations are set in stone. When one way is blocked, find another. Life constantly shifts and changes Aries, as the week ahead sets to prove. The upside: there should be more joy in your relationships, as well as the motivation to find better work prospects.
Best Day: Sunday 5th



TAURUS
(Apr 21 - May 20)

Everyone has their own unique perspective about how things have happened. Before you leap to conclusions - untangle any confusion first, or you'll never know the real facts. Important personal decisions made this week mark a fresh start. Who or what you choose to embrace will influence your life for years to come.
Best Day: Tuesday 7th



GEMINI
(May 21 - Jun 21)

You long to confide in someone, but you're not sure who to trust. Holding your cards too close to your chest isn't the best idea either, since you need someone to help you process all those confused thoughts. Just don't call that gossipy friend, or someone you casually know. Dial up a true confidante. You could also book a spa session to simply relax.
Best Day: Sunday 5th



CANCER
(Jun 22 - Jul 22)

A revitalised Sun steps forward and, with it, Cancerians rise like a phoenix from the ashes. Take this as your cue to step back into the limelight. Relationship worries and career setbacks start to become a distant memory. You've triumphed over tragedy, now you can get back to what you do best - enjoying this lovely world of ours.
Best Day: Monday 6th



LEO
(Jul 23 - Aug 23)

This week could find you a little wiser, and much happier. For some, this relates to work matters. If so, put forward projects - no matter how daunting they seem. Thanks to a single-minded Sun, other Leos look to resolve a long standing mystery. A sudden epiphany, perhaps, could stir that special "a'ha" moment.
Best Day: Friday 10th



LIBRA
(Sep 23 - Oct 23)

If you have anything to announce to the world, do it now. You're in the mood to tell it like it is. Insights come out of the blue, so give yourself permission to dream big. At the same time, be sure to involve others. Network your way towards success. Just be sure to give everyone equal attention to avoid hurt feelings.
Best Day: Tuesday 7th



SAGITTARIUS
(Nov 23 - Dec 21)

Be assertive, Sagittarius. Extract yourself from everyone's beck and call and teach them self-management. You have your own needs to attend to. If something's no longer working, you're probably ready to make changes. A tough ask, perhaps, but by discarding outworn attitudes, you'll be carrying less baggage - making life easier.
Best Day: Friday 10th



CAPRICORN
(Dec 22 - Jan 20)

A kindred spirit may present an exciting proposal or opportunity. Sure, you prefer to be your own unique mastermind. Intellectual, and sometimes stubborn, Capricorns like to have the first idea and the last word, but this is one time when you should at least consider another viewpoint. Projects move slower than usual, but there's no real rush anyway.
Best Day: Wednesday 8th



AQUARIUS
(Jan 21 - Feb 18)

Life suddenly seems less stressful for many Aquarians. Daily worries give way to a sense of calm and security. Increased self-awareness also brings a deeper understanding of what you truly want from life. And you're more willing to share. Your cosmic reward? The more you give, the more you gain.
Best Day: Saturday 11th



PISCES
(Feb 19 - Mar 20)

Recent planetary shenanigans may have left you feeling a tad overwhelmed. But this week helps lift exhaustion, or sagging spirits. To top it off, finances look sharper than they have been for a while. So should the cosmos signal the time's right for extravagance, don't argue. Stay amenable for surprising events.
Best Day: Thursday 9th




VIRGO
(Aug 24 - Sep 22)

Don't let it get to you, Virgo. If this week runs more like a comedy of errors, try to laugh with every turn. If it all becomes too confusing, things will just run amuck - so whatever you've had planned may not happen. This needn't be a disaster, even if it is unscheduled. If still pushed for direction, be inspired by your amazing creativity.
Best Day: Saturday 11th



SCORPIO
(Oct 24 - Nov 22)

Some extra cash should finally arrive, encouraging a new image and a happier social life. But despite most things going to plan, the week may still throw the occasional curve ball. If battling against an authority figure, stay in control. Bullies will always try to rob you of your rights. Best solution? Simply step away.
Best Day: Wednesday 8th

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The Guide

PICK OF THE WEEK

NCIS
10, Tuesday,
8.30pm

Can a long-running series be the same when an integral, much-loved character takes a back seat? This is what fans are wondering as season 19 of the police procedural premieres tonight. In perhaps a merciful move, the show's writers appeared to kill off Special Agent Leroy Jethro Gibbs (Mark Harmon) via a massive boat explosion in last season's finale, planting the seed that the central protagonist's days were numbered after 18 years on the beat. In "Blood in the Water", the team searches for Gibbs after discovering the wreckage of his boat, and find out he was tracking a serial killer. Harmon bows out this season, with limited appearances promised in future.



MADDY THE MODEL
SBS Viceland, Friday, 9.50pm

Swedish filmmaker Jane Magnusson embarked on a four-year, round-the-world journey following Brisbane-born Madeline Stuart (pictured) and her mother Rosanne to film this intimate documentary. It tells the story of how Maddy, who was born with Down syndrome, became a star on the New York Fashion Week runway, and how her remarkable career unfolded while the media watched with fascination. At its core, it's an exploration of the bond between a mother and daughter who have gone up against the odds with optimism and a can-do attitude, and an examination of the concept of disability and beauty.



TOTAL CONTROL
ABC TV, Sunday, 8.40pm

The penultimate episode of season two of this piercing political drama is bolstered by excellent performances from its stars Deborah Mailman (pictured), Rachel Griffiths and William McInnes. At a short and sharp six episodes long, its perhaps enough time for viewers to marinate in the absurdity and selfishness of politics; one can easily imagine certain scenes playing out across the country as political leaders hustle to keep their jobs. This week, the identity of Alex's (Mailman) troll is finally uncovered, and he's someone she knows. Meanwhile, Alex and Rachel (Griffiths) band together to ultimately decide who will be the next PM.



TRAVEL, COOK, REPEAT WITH CURTIS STONE
SBS Food, Monday, 6.30pm

Curtis Stone (pictured) is living the travelling chef dream. The Aussie, who now resides in LA with a Michelin-starred restaurant under his apron, obviously loves to eat, cook and create. In this leisurely series, he adds travel into the concoction for the perfect mix of escapism and food because, let's face it: travel is food's best friend. In this six-part sojourn, he begins in Western Australia, with further episodes indulging in Rome, Umbria, Rioja, Sonoma and New South Wales. Tonight, mud crabs are the star when Stone catches some at the beach. The result is a delicious Vietnamese salad.



Chain of command:
Mark Harmon has played **NCIS** stalwart Special Agent Gibbs since 2003.

Friday, December 3

<p>ABC TV (2) 6.00 News Breakfast. 9.00 ABC News Mornings. 10.00 Q+A. (Final, R) 11.05 Searching For Superhuman. (PG, R) 12.00 ABC News At Noon. 1.00 Barrie Cassidy's One Plus One. (R) 1.30 The Sound. (R) 2.00 Re-Frame 2021. (MI) 3.00 ABC News Afternoons. 4.10 Think Tank. (PG, R) 5.05 Grand Designs Australia. (R)</p> <p>6.00 The Drum. Analysis of the day's news. 7.00 ABC News. Takes a look at today's top stories. 7.30 Gardening Australia. Millie Ross shows how to shop smart at the nursery. 8.30 Endeavour. (Masv) Part 2 of 3. A taxi driver who owes a large debt to a colleague is found dead in his vehicle. 10.00 Talking Heads. (PG) A woman befriends her neighbour. 10.40 ABC Late News. Detailed coverage of the day's events. 10.55 The Vaccine. (R) Presented by Jeremy Fernandez. 11.10 Gruen. (R) Presented by Wil Anderson. 11.45 Peppers. (Mls, R) 12.20 Rage. (MA15+adhlvnsv)</p> <p>ABC TV PLUS (22) 6am Children's Programs. 6.10pm Hey Duggee. 6.20 Bluey. 6.25 Shaun The Sheep. 6.40 Andy's Prehistoric Adv. 7.00 Dino Dana. 7.15 Odd Squad. 7.30 Spicks And Specks. 8.00 Hard Quiz. 8.30 MOVIE: My Girl. (1991, PG) 10.10 Doctor Who. 11.10 MOVIE: Jaimen Hudson: From Sky To Sea. (2021, M) 12.05am Art Works. 12.30 Brush With Fame. 1.00 Live At The Apollo. 1.50 Would I Lie To You? 2.20 Sick Of It. 2.40 Community. 3.05 Parks And Recreation. 3.25 ABC News Update. 3.30 Close. 5.05 Five Minutes More. 5.10 Sarah & Duck. 5.20 The Hive. 5.30 Digby Dragon. 5.40 Late Programs.</p>	<p>SBS (3) 6.00 WorldWatch. 7.30 Italian News. 8.10 Filipino News. 8.40 French News. 9.30 Greek News. 10.30 German News. 11.00 Spanish News. 11.30 Turkish News. 12.00 Arabic News F24. 12.30 ABC America: World News Tonight. 1.00 PBS NewsHour. 2.00 No Distinguishing Features. (PGa, R) 3.30 Specially For Me. 3.40 The Cook Up With Adam Liaw. (PG, R) 4.10 Focus On Ability Film Festival 2021. 5.05 Jeopardy! (PG) 5.30 Letters And Numbers. (R)</p> <p>6.00 Mastermind Australia. (R) 6.30 SBS World News. 7.30 Inside Balmoral: 1955-1997. (PG) 8.30 Empire With Michael Portillo. (Mad, R) Part 2 of 4. 9.25 Dig World War II. (R) Part 2 of 4. 10.20 SBS World News Late. 10.50 The Back Side Of Television. (MA15+, R) 11.25 Miniseries: The Hunting. (Malns, R) 3.25 Sinkholes: Deadly Drops. (PGa, R) 4.20 VICE Guide To Film. (Madlv, R) 4.50 Poh & Co. Bitesize. (R) 5.00 France 24 Feature. 5.15 NHK World English News. 5.30 Deutsche Welle English News.</p> <p>SBS VICELAND (31) 6am WorldWatch. Noon Letterkenny. 1.55 Gymnastics. FIG Artistic World Challenge Cup. H'lights. 3.55 WorldWatch. 5.25 Takeshi's Castle. 5.55 Shortland Street. 6.25 Rockwiz. 7.05 Jeopardy! 7.35 8 Out Of 10 Cats Does Countdown. 8.30 MOVIE: Code Of The Freaks. (2020) 9.50 Maddy The Model. 10.55 The Search For Sexy. 11.25 Project Blue Book. 12.15am Letterkenny. 12.45 Nirvana The Band The Show. 1.45 VICE. 2.20 The Big House. 3.00 Thai News. 3.30 Bangla News. 4.00 Punjabi News. 4.30 Sri Lankan Sinhalese News. 5.00 Korean News. 5.30 Indonesian News.</p>	<p>SEVEN (7) 6.00 Sunrise. News, sport and weather. 9.00 The Morning Show. (PG) The latest news and views. 9.30 Motor Racing. Supercars Championship. Round 12. Bathurst 1000. 4.30 Seven News At 4.30. 5.00 The Chase Australia. (R) Contestants race to answer quiz questions correctly to avoid being caught by The Chaser.</p> <p>6.00 Seven Local News. 6.30 Seven News. 7.00 Better Homes And Gardens Summer. Hosted by Johanna Griggs. 8.30 MOVIE: This Means War. (2012, Mlsv, R) Two CIA operatives find themselves vying for the affections of the same woman. Reese Witherspoon, Chris Pine, Tom Hardy. 10.30 MOVIE: The Campaign. (2012, MA15+ls, R) Two men vie for a political office. Will Ferrell. 12.25 MOVIE: Jailhouse Rock. (1957, PGav, R) Elvis Presley. 2.30 Home Shopping. (R) 4.00 Million Dollar Minute. (R) 5.00 NBC Today.</p> <p>7TWO (72) 6am Home Shopping. 6.30 Jabba's Movies. 7.00 Mighty Ships. 8.00 Harry's Practice. 8.30 Million Dollar Minute. 9.30 NBC Today. Noon House Of Wellness. 1.00 Million Dollar Minute. 2.00 Better Homes And Gardens. 3.30 RSPCA Animal Rescue. 4.30 M*A*S*H. 5.30 Escape To The Country. 6.30 Bargain Hunt. 7.30 Billy Connolly: Made In Scotland. 8.30 The Amazing Homemakers. 9.30 Australia's Big Backyards. 10.30 The Mentalist. 12.30am The Fine Art Auction. 3.30 Travel And Eat With Dan & Steph. 4.00 Better Homes And Gardens. 5.30 Home Shopping.</p>	<p>NINE (8, 9) 6.00 Today. 9.00 Today Extra. (PG) 11.30 Morning News. 12.00 MOVIE: The Flight Before Christmas. (2015, PGa) 1.45 Garden Gurus Moments. (R) 2.00 Pointless. (PG) 3.00 Tipping Point. (PG) 4.00 Afternoon News. 4.30 Millionaire Hot Seat. (R) 5.30 WIN News.</p> <p>6.00 Nine News. 7.00 A Current Affair. 7.30 Taronga: Who's Who In The Zoo: Nala's Pup. (PG) Staff and vets care for a sea lion pup. 8.30 MOVIE: The Green Mile. (1999, MA15+alv, R) An elderly man recalls his time as a prison guard where he befriended a man with an unusual gift. Tom Hanks, Michael Clarke Duncan, David Morse. 12.00 Tipping Point. (PG, R) 1.00 Destination WA: Discovering The East Kimberley. (PG, R) 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)</p>	<p>TEN (5, 1) 6.00 The Talk. (PGa) 7.00 Judge Judy. (PG, R) 7.30 The Bold And The Beautiful. (PG, R) 8.00 Studio 10. (PG) 12.00 Dr Phil. (PGad, R) 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. (R) 4.00 Farm To Fork. (PG) 4.30 The Bold And The Beautiful. (PG) 5.00 10 News First.</p> <p>6.30 The Project. 7.30 The Living Room. Barry Du Bois tackles a tricky renovation. 8.40 The Graham Norton Show. (R) Graham Norton chats with Will Smith, Richard Osman, Lin-Manuel Miranda and Yola. 9.40 The Montreal Comedy Festival. (MA15+s, R) Stand-up performances from comedians. 10.40 Just For Laughs. (Mls, R) 11.10 The Project. (R) 12.10 The Late Show With Stephen Colbert. (PG) 1.00 Home Shopping. (R) 2.30 Infomercials. (PG, R) 3.00 Home Shopping. (R) 5.30 Infomercials. (PG, R)</p>
			<p>9GEM (81, 92) 6am TV Shop: Home Shopping. 7.00 Creflo Dollar Ministries. 7.30 TV Shop: Home Shopping. 10.30 Pointless. 11.30 My Favorite Martian. Noon Death In Paradise. 1.10 Days Of Our Lives. 2.05 The Young And The Restless. 3.00 Antiques Roadshow. 3.30 MOVIE: Billy Liar. (1963, PG) 5.30 Murder, She Wrote. 6.30 Antiques Roadshow. 7.30 Saved & Remade. 8.30 MOVIE: Star Trek: The Motion Picture. (1979) 11.10 Memory Lane. 12.30am Antiques Roadshow. 1.00 TV Shop: Home Shopping.</p>	
<p>NITV (34) 6am Morning Programs. 8.00 Raven's Quest. 8.10 Wolf Joe. 8.20 Wapos Bay. 8.40 Bushwhacked! 9.30 The Magic Canoe. 10.00 Going Places. 11.00 On The Road. Noon MOVIE: Fruitvale Station. (2013, M) 2.00 MOVIE: The Fade. (2012, M) 3.00 Wapos Bay. 3.25 The Magic Canoe. 3.50 Aussie Bush Tales. 4.00 Project Planet. 4.30 Grace Beside Me. 5.00 Shortland Street. 5.30 Chefs' Line. 6.00 Pete & Pio's Kai Safari. 6.30 Kriol Kitchen. 7.00 Our Stories. 7.15 Nulla Nulla. 7.20 NITV News Update. 7.30 MOVIE: Lord Of The Flies. (1963, PG) 9.05 Bedtime Stories. 9.15 The Song Keepers. 10.45 Late Programs.</p>	<p>SBS WORLD MOVIES (32) 6am Every Day. Continued. (2018, PG) 7.35 Remi Nobody's Boy. (2018, PG, French) 9.35 The Boy And The Beast. (2015, PG) 11.45 Chevalier. (2015, M, Greek) 1.45pm Blinded By The Light. (2019, PG) 3.55 Little Nicolas On Holiday. (2014, PG, French) 5.45 Gagarin. (2013, PG, Russian) 7.50 Source Code. (2011, M) 9.30 The Iron Lady. (2011, M) 11.30 Tanna. (2015, M, Bislama) 1.25am Microbe And Gasoline. (2015, M, French) 3.20 Aloys. (2016, M, Swiss German) 5.00 Little Nicolas On Holiday. (2014, PG, French)</p>	<p>7MATE (73) 6am ITM Fishing Show: Best Of The Best. 6.30 Mark Berg's Fishing Addiction. 7.30 Creek To Coast. 8.00 Storage Wars: Texas. 8.30 Seven's Motorsport Classic. 9.30 Pawn Stars. 10.00 America's Game: The Super Bowl Champions. 11.00 A Football Life. Noon Storage Wars Canada. 1.00 Ink Master. 2.00 Ink Master: Redemption. 2.30 Pawn Stars. 3.00 Barter Kings. 3.55 MOVIE: Inside Out. (1975, PG) 6.00 Motor Racing. Supercars Championship. Round 12. Bathurst 1000. Pit Lane. 7.30 MOVIE: The Water Diviner. (2014, M) 9.45 MOVIE: Where Eagles Dare. (1968, M) 1am American Pickers. 2.00 Late Programs.</p>	<p>9GO! (82, 93) 6am Children's Programs. Noon Supergirl. 1.00 Revenge Body. 2.00 America's Top Dog. 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 MOVIE: Casper. (1995, PG) 8.30 MOVIE: The Hobbit: The Desolation Of Smaug. (2013, M) 12.10am Desperate Housewives. 2.10 Revenge Body With Khloé Kardashian. 3.00 Teen Titans Go! 3.30 Ninjago: Masters Of Spinjitzu. 4.00 Pokémon. 4.30 Transformers Bumblebee: Cyberverse Adventures. 4.50 Bakugan: Armored Alliance. 5.10 Yu-Gi-Oh! 5.30 Yu-Gi-Oh!</p>	<p>10 BOLD (53, 12) 6am Home Shopping. 7.00 Infomercials. 8.00 The Doctors. 9.00 Diagnosis Murder. 10.00 JAG. Noon MacGyver. 1.00 Star Trek: Discovery. 3.00 Diagnosis Murder. 5.00 JAG. 7.00 Bondi Rescue. 7.30 NCIS. 8.30 Law & Order: SVU. 11.30 CSI: Crime Scene Investigation. 12.30am Home Shopping. 1.00 Infomercials. 1.30 Home Shopping. 2.00 Madam Secretary. 3.00 NCIS: New Orleans. 5.00 Diagnosis Murder.</p>

ABC TV (2) 6.00 Rage. (PG) 7.00 Weekend Breakfast. 10.00 Rage. (PG) 12.00 ABC News At Noon. 12.30 Endeavour. (Masv, R) 2.00 Restoration Australia. (PG, R) 2.55 Dream Gardens. (PG, R) 3.30 Landline. 4.00 Basketball. WNBL. Round 1. Southside Flyers v Bendigo Spirit. 6.00 Rick Stein's Secret France. (Final, R) Rick approaches the end of his journey. 7.00 ABC News. Takes a look at today's top stories. 7.30 The Larkins. (Ms) Mariette's heart is being pulled in many directions with the arrival of Charley and Tom Fisher. 8.20 Miniseries: Ridley Road. (Final, Mv) Part 4 of 4. With time running out, Vivien risks everything to make one last attempt to sabotage the fascists. 9.15 Total Control. (MA15+, R) The day of the election arrives and Alex and her team make a final push to win over the voters of Freeman. 10.10 Call The Midwife. (Ma, R) Barbara's friends continue to wait for more news. 11.10 Father Brown. (PG, R) A woman is found dead in the church. 11.55 Rage. (MA15+adhlmsv)	SBS (3) 6.00 WorldWatch. 8.10 Filipino News. 8.40 French News. 9.30 Greek News. 10.30 German News. 11.00 Spanish News. 11.30 Turkish News. 12.00 Arabic News F24. 12.30 ABC America: World News Tonight. 1.00 PBS NewsHour. 2.00 Figure Skating. ISU Grand Prix. Round 6. Rostelecom Cup. Highlights. 3.30 Lucknow. (PG, R) 3.40 Life Is A Battlefield. 5.35 Nazi Megastructures. (PGa, R) 6.30 SBS World News. 7.30 Celebrity Letters And Numbers. (M) Hosted by Michael Hing. 8.30 The World's Greatest Hotels: Bellagio, Las Vegas. (PG) Takes a look at The Bellagio in Las Vegas, one of the most expensive hotels ever built when it was first opened. 9.25 Russia To Iran: Across The Wild Frontier. (PGa, R) Part 4 of 5. 10.20 8 Out Of 10 Cats Does Countdown. (Mals, R) 11.15 MOVIE: The Girl With The Dragon Tattoo. (2009, MA15+lsv, R, Swedish) 1.55 MOVIE: Love And Other Drugs. (2010, MA15+as, R) Jake Gyllenhaal, Anne Hathaway, Oliver Platt. 4.00 VICE Guide To Film. (MA15+av, R) 4.50 Poh & Co. 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Round 12. Bathurst 1000. Top 10 Shootout. Replay. 2.30 Home Shopping. (R) 4.00 Get Clever. (R) Educational kids' program. 5.00 House Of Wellness. (PG, R)	NINE (8, 9) 6.00 Animal Tales. (PG, R) 7.00 Weekend Today. 10.00 Today Extra: Saturday. (PG) 12.00 Animal Embassy. (R) 12.30 Destination WA. 1.00 What If...? The Brandon Wilson Story. (PGa) 1.30 My Way. 2.00 Bondi Lifeguard World Adventures. (PG) 2.30 Explore. 2.40 MOVIE: The Christmas Gift. (2015, PGa) 4.30 Garden Gurus. 5.00 News. 5.30 Good Food Christmas. (PG) 6.00 Nine News Saturday. 7.00 A Current Affair. 7.30 MOVIE: Gladiator. (2000, Mav, R) After a successful Roman general is betrayed and his family murdered by the emperor's heir, he seeks revenge. Russell Crowe, Joaquin Phoenix. 10.35 MOVIE: Conan The Barbarian. (2011, MA15+sv, R) A barbarian seeks revenge. Jason Momoa, Stephen Lang. 12.35 Bondi Lifeguard World Adventures: Road Boss Rally Pt 1. (PG, R) The Bondi boys compete in a rally race. 1.05 Australia's Top Ten Of Everything. (Msv, R) 2.00 TV Shop: Home Shopping. (R) 4.30 Global Shop. (R) 5.00 TV Shop: Home Shopping. (R) 5.30 Wesley Impact With Stu Cameron. (PG)	TEN (5, 1) 6.00 Reel Action. (R) 6.30 Leading The Way. 7.00 Healthy Homes Aust. (R) 7.30 Escape Fishing. (R) 8.00 All 4 Adventure. (PGl, R) 9.00 Freshly Picked. (R) 9.30 St10. (PG) 12.00 Farm To Fork. (PG, R) 12.20 The Living Room. (R) 1.30 4x4 Adventures. (R) 2.30 All 4 Adventure. (PGl, R) 3.30 Waltzing Jimeoin. (PGan, R) 4.00 Roads Less Travelled. (R) 4.30 Taste Of Australia. (R) 5.00 News. 6.00 Soccer. A-League Men. Round 3. Sydney FC v Newcastle Jets. From Netstrata Jubilee Stadium, Sydney. 9.00 Ambulance. (Mm, R) It is a wild payday weekend in London, and as revellers pack the streets ambulance crews are called to attend the scene of a double shooting, a stabbing, a brawl and a grandmother in need of CPR. 11.00 FBI. (Mv, R) When a shooting at a girl's 15th birthday leaves two people dead, the team questions who was the intended target and decides the best plan is to use a witness to take down their prime suspect. 12.00 Home Shopping. (R) 1.30 Infomercials. (PG, R) 2.30 Home Shopping. (R) 5.00 Hour Of Power. Religious program.
ABC TV PLUS (22) 6am Children's Programs. 7.15pm Sir Mouse. 7.30 Spicks And Specks. 8.20 Live At The Apollo. 9.05 Whose Line Is It Anyway? 9.50 To Be Advised. 10.20 Schitt's Creek. 11.05 Catastrophe. 11.35 GameFace. Midnight Unprotected Sets. 12.25 Red Dwarf. 12.55 Escape From The City. 1.55 Stuffed. 2.15 ABC News Update. 2.20 Close. 5.05 Five Minutes More. 5.10 Sarah & Duck. 5.20 Late Programs.	SBS VICELAND (31) 6am WorldWatch. 11.00 SBS Courtside. 11.30 Basketball. NBA. Dallas Mavericks v New Orleans Pelicans. 2pm WorldWatch. 2.30 Cloning The Woolly Mammoth. 3.00 The Djam Djams. 3.30 Munchies Guide To Basque Country. 4.20 WorldWatch. 5.50 Megafactories. 6.40 The Story Of The Songs. 7.35 Brooklyn Nine-Nine. 8.30 Creamerie. 9.30 The X-Files. 12.05am Late Programs.	7TWO (72) 6am Home Shopping. 8.30 Travel Oz. 10.00 House Of Wellness. 11.00 Horse Racing. 4.30pm Weekender. 5.00 Creek To Coast. 5.30 Ed And Karen's Recipes For Success. 6.30 The Hotel Inspector. 7.30 The Yorkshire Vet. 8.30 Escape To The Country. 10.30 The Mentalist. 12.30am The Fine Art Auction. 3.30 Travel And Eat With Dan & Steph. 4.00 Weekender. 4.30 Creek To Coast. 5.00 1 Man And A Bike. 5.30 Shopping.	9GEM (81, 92) 6am Newstyle Direct. 6.30 TV Shop: Home Shopping. 10.00 Seaway. 11.05 Edgar Wallace Mysteries. 12.20pm The Avengers. 1.20 MOVIE: Huckleberry Finn. (1974) 3.45 MOVIE: Hawaii. (1966, PG) 7.00 MOVIE: Dune. (1984, PG) 9.45 MOVIE: Star Trek II: The Wrath Of Khan. (1982, M) Midnight Seaway. 1.00 TV Shop: Home Shopping.	10 PEACH (52, 11) 6am The Late Show With Stephen Colbert. 6.55 The King Of Queens. 7.55 Becker. 8.55 The Middle. 10.25 Frasier. 11.25 The King Of Queens. 12.20pm MOVIE: Father Of The Bride Part II. (1995) 2.30 Friends. 6.00 The Big Bang Theory. 9.45 2 Broke Girls. 12.10am Home Shopping. 1.10 Infomercials. 4.10 Nancy Drew. 3.30 Undercover Girlfriends. 4.30 Home Shopping.
NITV (34) 6am Morning Programs. 10.00 MOVIE: Lord Of The Flies. (1963, PG) 11.35 The Song Keepers. 1pm Boxing Night To Remember V. 2.00 Baseball. SA Super League. 4.00 Rugby League. NRL NT. 5.00 Indian Country Today. 5.30 APTN National News. 6.00 Karla Grant Presents. 6.30 Going Places. 7.30 NITV News Update. 7.40 Through The Wormhole With Morgan Freeman. 8.30 MOVIE: Ray. (2004, M) 11.10 Late Programs.	SBS WORLD MOVIES (32) 6am Morning Programs. 9.00 Gagarin. (2013, PG, Russian) 11.05 Microbe And Gasoline. (2015, M, French) 1pm Remi Nobody's Boy. (2018, PG, French) 3.00 Jungle Book. (1942, PG) 5.00 Kir			

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ABC TV (2) 6.00 Rage. (PG) 7.00 Weekend Breakfast. 9.00 Insiders. (Final) 10.00 Offsiders. (Final) 10.30 World This Week. (R) 11.00 Compass. (PG, R) 11.30 Praise. (R) 12.00 News. 12.30 Landline. (Final) 1.30 Gardening Aust. (R) 2.30 Pilgrimage: Road To Rome. (PG, R) 3.30 Rick Stein's Secret France. (R) 4.30 Everyone's A Critic. (PG, R) 5.00 Art Works. (PG, R) 5.30 The Sound. 6.00 Antiques Roadshow. Hosted by Fiona Bruce. 7.00 ABC News Sunday. 7.40 Death In Paradise. (Ma, R) A wealthy coffee magnate is shot. 8.40 Total Control. (Mal) Alex and a small group of independents meet in Canberra to decide the future of the nation. 9.35 Noughts + Crosses. (Malv) When the McGregor family receives life-changing news, Callum tries to uncover the truth. 10.30 Harrow. (Malnv, R) A forensic pathologist investigates a suicide. 11.25 Talking Heads. (PG, R) 12.00 Silent Witness. (MA15+a, R) 1.00 Press. (Mals, R) 2.00 Midsomer Murders. (Mv, R) 3.30 Rage. (MA15+adhl) 4.00 Death In Paradise. (Ma, R) 5.00 Insiders. (Final, R)	SBS (3) 6.00 WorldWatch. 11.00 Spanish News. 11.30 Turkish News. 12.00 Motorcycle Racing. Australian Superbike Championship. Round 4. 3.00 Arabic News F24. 3.30 France 24 English News Second Edition. 4.00 Cycling. Cape To Cape MTB. Highlights. 5.00 The Untold Story Of Australian Wrestling. (R) 5.05 Going Places With Ernie Dingo. (R) 5.35 Nazi Megastructures. (PGav, R) 6.30 SBS World News. 7.30 DNA Family Secrets. (PG) Part 3 of 3. 8.40 Muhammad Ali. (M) Part 2 of 4. A look at the life of Muhammad Ali continues with a focus on his conviction for draft evasion. 10.40 Michael Palin: Travels Of A Lifetime. (PG, R) A look at Michael Palin's next series. 11.30 24 Hours In Emergency: The Survivors. (Ma, R) 12.25 Chasing The Moon: A Place Beyond The Sky. (PG, R) 2.25 George W. Bush. (Malv, R) 4.30 VICE Guide To Film. (MA15+alnv, R) 5.00 France 24 Feature. 5.15 NHK World English News. 5.30 Deutsche Welle English News.	SEVEN (7) 6.00 NBC Today. News and current affairs. 7.00 Weekend Sunrise. The team takes a look at the latest in entertainment, current affairs, news, sport and weather. 7.30 Motor Racing. Supercars Championship. Round 12. Bathurst 1000. Warm Up and Support Races. 10.30 Motor Racing. Supercars Championship. Round 12. Bathurst 1000. Race 31. 6.00 Seven News. 6.30 Cricket. Big Bash League. Game 1. Sydney Sixers v Melbourne Stars. 10.30 Homicide: With Ron Iddles: Erwin Kastenberger. (Mav, R) Ron Iddles takes a look at the investigation into the murder of Erwin Kastenberger. 11.30 Autopsy USA: Tammy Wynette. (M) Takes a look at the death of Tammy Wynette. 12.30 Gold Coast Medical. (PGa, R) Medical staff deal with a stabbing. 1.30 Harry's Practice. (R) Information about pet care. 2.00 Home Shopping. (R) 3.30 Million Dollar Minute. (R) 4.00 NBC Today. 5.00 Seven Early News. 5.30 Sunrise.	NINE (8, 9) 6.00 Animal Tales. (PG, R) 7.00 Weekend Today. 10.00 Cows For Cambodia. 11.00 The Xtreme CollXtion. (PG, R) 11.30 Fishing Australia. 12.00 Ultimate Rush. (PGI, R) 1.00 Snackmasters. (PG, R) 4.00 Bondi Vet. (Pgm) 5.00 News: First At Five. 5.30 RBT. (PGI, R) 6.00 Nine News. 7.00 60 Minutes. Current affairs program. 8.00 David Attenborough's A Perfect Planet: Volcano. (PG, R) An examination of the impact of volcanoes, without which life on Earth would never have begun. 9.10 MOVIE: The Equalizer. (2014, Madv, R) A former black-ops agent, who faked his death, comes out of retirement to rescue a girl. Denzel Washington, Chloë Grace Moretz, Marton Csokas. 11.40 Nine News Late. 12.10 Chicago Med. (Mam, R) 1.00 The Xtreme CollXtion. (PG, R) 1.30 TV Shop: Home Shopping. (R) 4.00 Take Two. (R) 5.00 News Early Edition. 5.30 Today.	TEN (5, 1) 6am Morning Programs. 8.00 Jamie's Easy Meals For Every Day. (R) 8.30 Freshly Picked. (R) 9.00 Australia By Design: Interiors. (R) 9.30 St10. (PG) 12.00 Luca's Key Ingredient. (R) 12.30 Everyday Gourmet. (R) 1.00 Farm To Fork. (PG, R) 1.30 Healthy Homes Aust. 2.00 GCBC. (R) 2.30 Taste Of Australia. (R) 3.00 4x4 Adventures. 4.00 All 4 Adventure. (PG) 5.00 News. 6.30 The Sunday Project. A look at the day's news. 7.30 The Graham Norton Show. Celebrity guests include Tom Holland. 8.30 CSI: Vegas. The team looks into the world of sideshows when a couple of performers are found burned in a pit. Hodges mulls a plea deal as his trial kicks off, while Max, Grissom and Sara search for evidence to exonerate him. 9.30 FBI. (Mv, R) The team must infiltrate a drug trafficking gang after a chemical plant robbery leaves two customs agents dead. 11.30 The Sunday Project. (R) 12.30 Home Shopping. (R) 1.30 Infomercials. (PG, R) 3.00 Home Shopping. (R) 4.30 CBS Mornings.
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NITV (34) 6am Morning Programs. 12.45pm Motor Racing. Dakar Rally. Highlights. 1.15 Soccer. Serie A Femminile. 3.00 Rugby Union. Monsoon Rugby Union. 4.30 Softball. 5A Premier League. 6.00 Karla Grant Presents. 6.30 Dust And Bones. 7.30 NITV News Update. 7.40 Map To Paradise. 8.40 MOVIE: Teddy Pendergrass - If You Don't Know Me. (2018, M) 10.30 Vogue Australia: Sixty Years Through The Lens. 11.20 Late Programs.	SBS WORLD MOVIES (32) 6am Morning Programs. 9.50 Kirikou And The Men And Women. (2012, PG, French) 11.30 Tanna. (2015, M, Bislama) 1.25pm Gagarin. (2013, PG, Russian) 3.30 A Monster In Paris. (2011, French) 5.10 Operation Arctic. (2014, PG, Norwegian) 6.50 Rosie. (2018, PG) 8.30 Disorder. (2015, MA15+, French) 10.20 Allys. (2016, M			

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<p>ABC TV (2) 6.00 News Breakfast. 9.00 ABC News Mornings. 10.00 Invisible Wars. (PG, R) 10.55 The Great Australian Bee Challenge. (R) 12.00 ABC News At Noon. 12.30 National Press Club Address. (Final) 1.35 Media Watch. (PG, R) 2.00 Press. (Mls, R) 3.00 ABC News Afternoons. 4.10 Think Tank. (R) 5.10 Grand Designs. (PG, R)</p>	<p>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. (PGaw, R) 2.05 Scotland From The Sky. (R) 3.10 Journey Through Armenia. (PG, R) 3.40 The Cook Up With Adam Liaw. (PG, R) 4.10 Animal Einsteins. (PG) 5.05 Jeopardy! (PG) 5.30 Letters And Numbers. (R)</p>	<p>SEVEN (7) 6am Morning Programs. 12.00 The Ashes: The Lunch Break. 12.40 Cricket. The Ashes. First Test. Australia v England. Day 1. Afternoon session. 2.40 The Ashes: Tea Break. 3.00 Cricket. The Ashes. First Test. Australia v England. Day 1. Late afternoon session. 5.30 Cricket. Big Bash League. Game 4. Hobart Hurricanes v Sydney Sixers.</p>	<p>NINE (8, 9) 6.00 Today. 9.00 Today Extra. (PG) 11.30 Morning News. 12.00 MOVIE: Christmas Ever After. (2020, G) Ali Stroker, Daniel di Tomasso, Bill Marchant. 1.45 Explore. (R) 2.00 Pointless. (PG) 3.00 Tipping Point. (PG) 4.00 Afternoon News. 4.30 Millionaire Hot Seat. (R) 5.30 WIN News.</p>	<p>TEN (5, 1) 6.00 The Talk. (PGa) 7.00 Judge Judy. (PG, R) 7.30 The Bold And The Beautiful. (R) 8.00 Studio 10. (PG) 12.00 Dr Phil. (PGa, R) 1.00 Jamie & The Nonnas. (R) 2.00 Entertainment Tonight. 2.30 Everyday Gourmet With Justine Schofield. (R) 3.00 Judge Judy. (PG) 3.30 Freshly Picked With Simon Toohey. 4.00 Farm To Fork. (PG) 4.30 The Bold And The Beautiful. 5.00 10 News First.</p>
<p>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 Gruen. Wil Anderson and a team of experts analyse the advertising industry and consumerism. 9.10 Preppers. (Mls) Charlie's hippie mother is hiding a secret when she arrives at Eden 2 to reconnect with daughter. 9.40 QI. (PG, R) Hosted by Sandi Toksvig. 10.10 Adam Hills: The Last Leg. (R) UK-based panel show. 10.50 ABC Late News. 11.20 Universe With Brian Cox. (R) 12.20 Media Watch. (Final, PG, R) 12.40 Father Brown. (PG, R) 1.25 Silent Witness. (MA15+a, R) 2.25 Press. (Mls, R) 3.25 Rage. (MA15+adhlinsv) 4.25 The Drum. (R) 5.25 7.30. (R)</p>	<p>6.00 Mastermind Australia. (R) Presented by Marc Fennell. 6.30 SBS World News. 7.30 Scotland's Sacred Islands With Ben Fogle: Shetland. Part 4 of 4. 8.30 Michael Mosley On Cosmetic Treatments. (PGaw, R) Part 1 of 2. Michael Mosley and Mehreen Baig explore the world of cosmetic enhancement. 9.30 Before We Die. (Final, Madlv) The police undercover team try to bust the Mimicas' drug smuggling operation, with unpleasant results. 10.25 SBS World News Late. 11.00 In Therapy. (PGa) A swimmer needs a psychological assessment. 11.50 Departure. (Ma, R) 4.45 Poh & Co. Bitesize. (R) 5.00 France 24 Feature. 5.15 NHK World English News. 5.30 Deutsche Welle English News.</p>	<p>6.00 Seven Local News. 6.30 Seven News. 7.00 Cricket. Big Bash League. Game 4. Hobart Hurricanes v Sydney Sixers. From University of Tasmania Stadium. 8.40 Cricket. Big Bash League. Game 5. Perth Scorchers v Brisbane Heat. From Optus Stadium, Perth. 12.00 American Crime. (Mads, R) An undocumented Mexican worker discovers modern servitude thriving in an agricultural community. 1.00 RSPCA Animal Rescue. (R) Two greyhounds are found neglected. 1.30 Harry's Practice. (R) Information about pet care. 2.00 Home Shopping. (R) 4.00 NBC Today. News and current affairs. 5.00 Seven Early News. 5.30 Sunrise. News, sport and weather.</p>	<p>6.00 Nine News. 7.00 A Current Affair. 7.30 Mega Zoo. (PG) A crafty orangutan puts keepers to the test. 8.30 Emergency. (Md, R) Nurse Julie helps a smitten young couple who spend most of their first date in emergency. 9.30 A+E After Dark. (Mlm) A young woman is admitted after sustaining a nasty injury falling off a bar stool in Hull. 10.30 Nine News Late. A look at the latest news and events. 11.00 New Amsterdam. (Mam, R) A history-making blizzard hits New York. 11.50 The Fix. (Mav, R) 12.40 Tipping Point. (PG, R) 1.30 TV Shop: Home Shopping. (R) 2.30 Global Shop. (R) 3.00 TV Shop: Home Shopping. (R) 5.00 News Early Edition. 5.30 Today.</p>	<p>6.30 The Project. The hosts and guest panellists take a look at the day's news, events and hot topics. 7.30 2021 AACTA Awards. Coverage of the 11th Australian Academy of Cinema and Television Arts Awards from the Sydney Opera House. 9.00 Bull. Bull's legal troubles go from professional to personal when new evidence in his bribery trial implicates his wife. However, the TAC team's efforts to assist their leader in court are thwarted by his cautious lawyer. 12.00 The Project. (R) A look at the day's news and events. 1.00 The Late Show With Stephen Colbert. (PG) Late night talk show. 2.00 Home Shopping. (R) 2.30 Infomercials. (PG, R) 3.00 Home Shopping. (R) 4.30 CBS Mornings.</p>
<p>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 Brian Johnson's A Life On The Road. 9.45 The Sound. 10.15 Doctor Who. 11.05 Books That Made Us. (Final) 12.05am Love On The Spectrum. 1.00 Pilgrimage: Road To Istanbul. 2.00 Louis Theroux: Life On The Edge. 2.50 Community. 3.15 Parks And Recreation. 3.35 Late Programs.</p>	<p>SBS VICELAND (31) 6am WorldWatch. Noon Hustle. 12.55 North To South: The Full Journey. 4.00 WorldWatch. 5.25 Takeshi's Castle. 5.55 Shortland Street. 6.25 RockWiz. 7.05 Jeopardy! 7.35 8 Out Of 10 Cats Does Countdown. 8.30 MOVIE: Donnie Darko. (2001, M) 10.35 MOVIE: A Good Old Fashioned Orgy. (2011, MA15+) 12.20am The X-Files. 3.00 Thai News. 3.30 Bangla News. 4.00 Punjabi News. 4.30 Late Programs.</p>	<p>7TWO (72) 6am Home Shopping. 6.30 Travel Oz. 8.00 Harry's Practice. 8.30 Million Dollar Minute. 9.30 NBC Today. Noon House Of Wellness. 1.00 Deadly Dates. 3.00 Travel And Eat With Dan & Steph. 3.30 RSPCA Animal Rescue. 4.30 M*A*S*H. 5.30 Escape To The Country. 6.30 Bargain Hunt. 7.30 The Vicar Of Dibley. 8.30 Mrs Brown's Boys. 10.30 Miranda. 11.10 What A Carry On! 11.50 Bones. 1.50am Late Programs.</p>	<p>9GEM (81, 92) 6am TV Shop. 7.00 Creflo. 7.30 TV Shop. 10.30 Pointless. 11.30 My Favorite Martian. Noon New Tricks. 1.10 Days Of Our Lives. 2.05 The Young And The Restless. 3.00 Explore. 3.05 Antiques Roadshow. 3.35 MOVIE: An Elephant Called Slowly. (1970) 5.30 Murder, She Wrote. 6.30 Antiques Roadshow. 7.30 As Time Goes By. 8.50 Midsomer Murders. 10.50 Late Programs.</p>	<p>10 PEACH (52, 11) 6am The Late Show With Stephen Colbert. 7.00 The King Of Queens. 8.00 Becker. 9.00 The Middle. 10.00 Frasier. 11.00 Friends. Noon In The Dark. 1.00 2 Broke Girls. 2.00 Mom. 3.00 The King Of Queens. 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. Midnight Shopping. 12.30 Infomercials. 1.00 Shopping. 1.30 Late Programs.</p>
<p>NITV (34) 6am Morning Programs. 2pm My Life As I Live It. 3.00 Jarjums. 3.25 The Magic Canoe. 3.50 Jarjums. 5.00 Shortland Street. 5.30 Chefs' Line. 6.00 Pete & Pio's Kai Safari. 6.30 Kriol Kitchen. 7.00 Our Stories. 7.15 Keep Calm And Decolonize. 7.20 News. 7.30 Celtics/Lakers: Best Of Enemies. 9.20 NITV News Update. 9.30 My Family Matters. 10.00 Karla Grant Presents. 10.30 Wild Kai Legends. 11.00 Late Programs.</p>	<p>SBS WORLD MOVIES (32) 6am Little Nicolas. Continued. (2009, PG, French) 6.40 Dean Spanley. (2008, PG) 8.35 This Beautiful Fantastic. (2016, PG) 10.15 Long Way North. (2015, PG) 11.45 The Motorcycle Diaries. (2004, M, Spanish) 2.05pm Believe. (2013, PG) 3.55 The Finishers. (2013, PG, French) 5.35 1982. (2019, PG, Arabic) 7.30 Chef. (2014, M) 9.35 Skin. (2008, M) 11.35 Late Programs.</p>	<p>7MATE (73) 6am Morning Programs. 11.00 A Football Life. Noon Storage Wars Canada. 1.00 The Grade Cricketer. 1.30 Seven's Motorsport Classic. 2.00 Inside Line. 3.00 7th Gear. 4.00 Fish'n With Mates. 4.30 Barter Kings. 5.30 Storage Wars: TX. 6.00 Cricket. Big Bash League. Game 4. Hobart Hurricanes v Sydney Sixers. 7.00 Pawn Stars. 8.30 Storage Wars. 9.30 Storage Wars: Miami. 10.00 Irish Pickers. 11.00 Late Programs.</p>	<p>9GO! (82, 93) 6am Children's Programs. Noon Hollywood Medium. 1.00 Revenge Body. 2.00 America's Top Dog. 3.00 The Nanny. 3.30 3rd Rock From The Sun. 4.00 That '70s Show. 4.30 Malcolm. 5.30 The Nanny. 6.00 3rd Rock From The Sun. 6.30 That '70s Show. 7.00 Young Sheldon. 7.30 Raymond. 8.30 MOVIE: Billy Madison. (1995, M) 10.15 MOVIE: Mr Deeds. (2002, M) 12.15am Late Programs.</p>	<p>10 BOLD (53, 12) 6am Infomercials. 8.00 Stories Of Bikes. 8.30 iFish Summer Series. 9.00 Diagnosis Murder. 10.00 JAG. Noon NCIS: Los Angeles. 1.00 NCIS. 3.00 Diagnosis Murder. 5.00 JAG. 7.00 Bondi Rescue. 7.30 NCIS. 8.30 NCIS: Los Angeles. 11.15 Evil. 12.10am Home Shopping. 1.40 Infomercials. 2.10 Motor Racing. Formula 1. Race 21. Saudi Arabian Grand Prix. Highlights. 3.10 48 Hours. 4.05 CSI. 5.00 The Doctors.</p>



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Thursday, December 9

<p>ABC TV (2) 6.00 News Breakfast. 9.00 ABC News Mornings. 10.00 Australia Remastered: Nature's Great Divide. (R) 11.00 The Pool. (PG, R) 12.00 ABC News At Noon. 1.00 Hard Quiz. (PG, R) 1.30 QI. (PG, R) 2.00 Press. (Mls, R) 3.00 ABC News Afternoons. 4.15 Think Tank. (PG, R) 5.10 Grand Designs. (PG, R)</p>	<p>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. (R) 2.10 Royals At War. (PG, R) 3.15 Journey Through Armenia. (PG, R) 3.45 The Cook Up With Adam Liaw. (PG, R) 4.15 The Wonderful World Of Chocolate. (R) 5.05 Jeopardy! (PG) 5.30 Letters And Numbers. (R)</p>	<p>SEVEN (7) 6.00 Sunrise. 9.00 The Ashes: Pre-Game Show. 10.00 Cricket. The Ashes. First Test. Australia v England. Day 2. Morning session. 12.00 The Ashes: The Lunch Break. 12.40 Cricket. The Ashes. First Test. Australia v England. Day 2. Afternoon session. 2.40 The Ashes: Tea Break. 3.00 Cricket. The Ashes. First Test. Australia v England. Day 2. Late afternoon session. 5.30 The Chase Australia.</p>	<p>NINE (8, 9) 6.00 Today. 9.00 Today Extra. (PG) 11.30 Morning News. 12.00 MOVIE: A Christmas Wish. (2019, PGa, R) Hilarie Burton, Tyler Hilton, Megan Park. 1.45 Talking Honey: Princess Diana. (R) 2.00 Pointless. (PG) 3.00 Tipping Point. (PG) 4.00 Afternoon News. 4.30 Millionaire Hot Seat. (R) 5.30 WIN News.</p>	<p>TEN (5, 1) 6.00 The Talk. (PGa) 7.00 Judge Judy. (PG, R) 7.30 The Bold And The Beautiful. (R) 8.00 Studio 10. (PG) 12.00 Dr Phil. (PGal, R) 1.00 Jamie & The Nonnas. (R) 2.00 Entertainment Tonight. 2.30 Everyday Gourmet With Justine Schofield. (R) 3.00 Judge Judy. (PG) 3.30 Freshly Picked With Simon Toohey. 4.00 Farm To Fork. (PG) 4.30 The Bold And The Beautiful. 5.00 10 News First.</p>
<p>6.00 The Drum. 7.00 ABC News. 7.30 7.30. Presented by Leigh Sales. 8.00 Barrie Cassidy's One Plus One. Jane Barnes speaks with Barrie Cassidy. 8.30 Designing A Legacy. (Ml, R) Tim Ross meets families whose lives have been shaped by the designs of their iconic homes. 9.30 To Be Advised. 10.30 You Can't Ask That: Terminally Ill. (Ml, R) 11.00 ABC Late News. 11.30 Pilgrimage: Road To Rome. (PG, R) 12.35 Hunting The Essex Lorry Killers. (Ma, R) 1.35 Call The Midwife. (Ma, R) 2.35 Press. (Mal, R) 3.35 Rage. (MA15+adhlinsv) 4.25 The Drum. (R) 5.25 7.30. (R)</p>	<p>6.00 Mastermind Australia. (R) 6.30 SBS World News. 7.35 The Wonderful World Of Chocolate. (PG) Follows chocolatier Chris Zammit. 8.30 Red Election. (MA15+) Katrine prepares to deliver to Oleg the USB that can be used to mimic a nuclear meltdown at a power plant. 9.25 Murder Case: The Search For Julie Reilly. (MA15+) Part 2 of 3. 10.30 SBS World News Late. 11.00 Gomorrah. (MA15+av, R) 12.00 We Are Who We Are. (MA15+n, R) 1.05 Darklands. (MA15+dlv, R) 3.45 8 Out Of 10 Cats Does Countdown. (Mas, R) 4.40 Poh & Co. Bitesize. (R) 5.00 France 24 Feature. 5.15 NHK World English News. 5.30 Deutsche Welle English News.</p>	<p>6.00 Seven Local News. 6.30 Seven News. 7.00 Cricket. Big Bash League. Game 6. Adelaide Strikers v Melbourne Renegades. 10.00 World's Deadliest Weather: Caught On Camera. (PGa) A drone captures a young daredevil caught in a flash flood on the Hawaiian island of Maui. 11.00 Nurses. (Mam, R) A look at the experiences of nurses. 12.00 American Crime. (Mads, R) Luis finds himself sinking into servitude. 1.00 Harry's Practice. (R) Information about pet care. 1.30 RSPCA Animal Rescue. (R) 2.00 Home Shopping. (R) 4.00 NBC Today. 5.00 Seven Early News. 5.30 Sunrise.</p>	<p>6.00 Nine News. 7.00 A Current Affair. 7.30 Great Getaways. (Return, PG) Takes a look at holiday ideas. 8.30 Paramedics. (M, R) A paramedic worries his patient might give birth to twins in the back of the ambulance. 9.30 Inside The Mind Of Freddie Mercury. (Ma) Psychiatrist Dr Bob Johnson takes a look at legendary Queen frontman Freddie Mercury. 10.30 Nine News Late. 11.00 New Amsterdam. (Mam, R) 11.50 Prison. (MA15+d, R) 12.40 Tipping Point. (PG, R) 1.30 TV Shop: Home Shopping. (R) 2.30 Global Shop. (R) 3.00 TV Shop: Home Shopping. (R) 5.00 News Early Edition. 5.30 Today.</p>	<p>6.30 The Project. A look at the day's news and events. 7.30 Christmas With Australian Women's Weekly. Tips and ideas for the festive season. 8.30 Law & Order: SVU. (Mav) Chief McGrath pressures Benson to get a conviction as the bodies start piling up in the probe into Congressman Howard, while the search for witnesses on the run leads Fin and Kat down a dangerous path. 10.30 Blue Bloods. 11.30 The Project. (R) 12.30 The Late Show With Stephen Colbert. (PG) 1.30 Home Shopping. (R) 3.00 Infomercials. (PG) 3.30 Home Shopping. (R) 4.30 CBS Mornings.</p>
<p>ABC TV PLUS (22) 6am Children's Programs. 7.15pm Odd Squad. 7.30 Spicks And Specks. 8.30 To Be Advised. 9.00 Would I Lie To You? 9.30 Hard Quiz. 10.00 Gruen. 10.40 Doctor Who. 11.30 You Can't Ask That. Midnight Countdown To Disaster. 12.50 The Misadventures Of Romesh Ranganathan. 1.50 Community. 2.10 Parks And Recreation. 2.30 ABC News Update. 2.35 Close. 5.05 Late Programs.</p>	<p>SBS VICELAND (31) 6am WorldWatch. Noon Project Blue Book. 1.40 North To South: The Full Journey. 4.00 WorldWatch. 5.25 Takeshi's Castle. 5.55 Shortland Street. 6.25 RockWiz. 7.05 Jeopardy! 7.35 8 Out Of 10 Cats Does Countdown. 8.30 The Curse Of Oak Island. 10.10 The Source. 11.00 Vikings. 11.50 News. 12.45am Me And My Mental Illness. 1.35 The X-Files. 2.25 Miracle Fish. 2.45 Deutsche Welle. 3.00 Late Programs.</p>	<p>7TWO (72) 6am Home Shopping. 6.30 Travel Oz. 8.00 Harry's Practice. 8.30 Million Dollar Minute. 9.30 NBC Today. Noon House Of Wellness. 1.00 Deadly Dates. 3.00 Weekender. 3.30 RSPCA Animal Rescue. 4.30 M*A*S*H. 5.30 Escape To The Country. 6.30 Bargain Hunt. 7.30 Father Brown. 8.30 Inspector George Gently. 10.30 Murdoch Mysteries. 12.30am The Fine Art Auction. 3.30 Late Programs.</p>	<p>9GEM (81, 92) 6am TV Shop: Home Shopping. 7.00 Creflo Dollar Ministries. 7.30 TV Shop: Home Shopping. 10.30 Pointless. 11.30 My Favorite Martian. Noon As Time Goes By. 1.10 Days Of Our Lives. 2.05 The Young And The Restless. 3.00 Explore. 3.10 MOVIE: Silver Bears. (1978, PG) 5.30 Murder, She Wrote. 6.30 Antiques Roadshow. 7.30 Death In Paradise. 8.40 The Brokenwood Mysteries. 10.40 Law & Order. 11.35 Late Programs.</p>	<p>10 PEACH (52, 11) 6am The Late Show With Stephen Colbert. 7.00 Frasier. 8.00 Becker. 9.00 The Middle. 10.00 Frasier. 11.00 The Big Bang Theory. Noon In The Dark. 1.00 2 Broke Girls. 2.00 Mom. 3.00 The King Of Queens. 4.00 Becker. 5.00 Frasier. 6.00 Friends. 6.30 Neighbours. (Final) 7.00 Friends. 8.00 The Big Bang Theory. 9.00 TikTok For You Fest. 10.30 Seinfeld. 11.00 2 Broke Girls. Midnight Shopping. 12.30 Late Programs.</p>
<p>NITV (34) 6am Morning Programs. 1.50pm My Survival As An Aboriginal. 2.45 Hand Talk. 3.00 Jarjums. 3.25 The Magic Canoe. 3.50 Jarjums. 4.30 Grace Beside Me. 5.00 Shortland Street. 5.30 Chefs' Line. 6.00 Pete & Pio's Kai Safari. 6.30 Kriol Kitchen. 7.00 Our Stories. 7.15 Keep Calm And Decolonize. 7.20 News. 7.30 Going Places With Ernie Dingo. 8.30 MOVIE: Precious. (2009, MA15+) 10.30 News. 10.40 Late Programs.</p>	<p>SBS WORLD MOVIES (32) 6am The Finishers. Continued. (2013, PG, French) 6.40 Long Way North. (2015, PG) 8.10 1982. (2019, PG, Arabic) 10.05 Infernal Affairs 3. (2003, M, Cantonese) 12.15pm Little Nicolas. (2009, PG, French) 1.55 Dean Spanley. (2008, PG) 3.50 This Beautiful Fantastic. (2016, PG) 5.30 Jappeloup. (2013, PG, French) 7.55 Joshy. (2016, M) 9.30 My Brilliant Career. (1979) 11.25 Late Programs.</p>	<p>7MATE (73) 6am Morning Programs. 1pm Ink Master. 2.00 Ink Master: Redemption. 2.30 Pawn Stars. 4.00 Fish'n With Mates. 4.30 Barter Kings. 5.30 Storage Wars: TX. 6.00 Cricket. Big Bash League. Game 6. Adelaide Strikers v Melbourne Renegades. 7.00 Pawn Stars. 7.30 MOVIE: Heartbreak Ridge. (1986, M) 10.15 MOVIE: Last Man Standing. (1996, M) 12.30am Late Programs.</p>	<p>9GO! (82, 93) 6am Children's Programs. Noon Hollywood Medium. 1.00 Revenge Body. 2.00 America's Top Dog. 3.00 The Nanny. 3.30 3rd Rock From The Sun. 4.00 That '70s Show. 4.30 Malcolm. 5.30 The Nanny. 6.00 3rd Rock From The Sun. 6.30 That '70s Show. 7.00 Young Sheldon. 7.30 Survivor 41. 8.30 Metro Sexual. 10.00 MOVIE: Ted 2. (2015, MA15+) 12.20am Late Programs.</p>	<p>10 BOLD (53, 12) 6am Home Shopping. 6.30 Infomercials. 8.00 What's Up Down Under. 8.30 Escape Fishing With ET. 9.00 Diagnosis Murder. 10.00 JAG. Noon NCIS: Los Angeles. 1.00 NCIS. 3.00 Diagnosis Murder. 5.00 JAG. 7.00 Bondi Rescue. 7.30 NCIS. 8.30 Hawaii Five-0. 10.30 SEAL Team. 12.30am Infomercials. 1.00 Home Shopping. 2.00 Madam Secretary. 3.00 Blue Bloods. 4.00 Hawaii Five-0.</p>

PUZZLES

SUDOKU

No.057

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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Bottled Fruit



Don King's morning hair

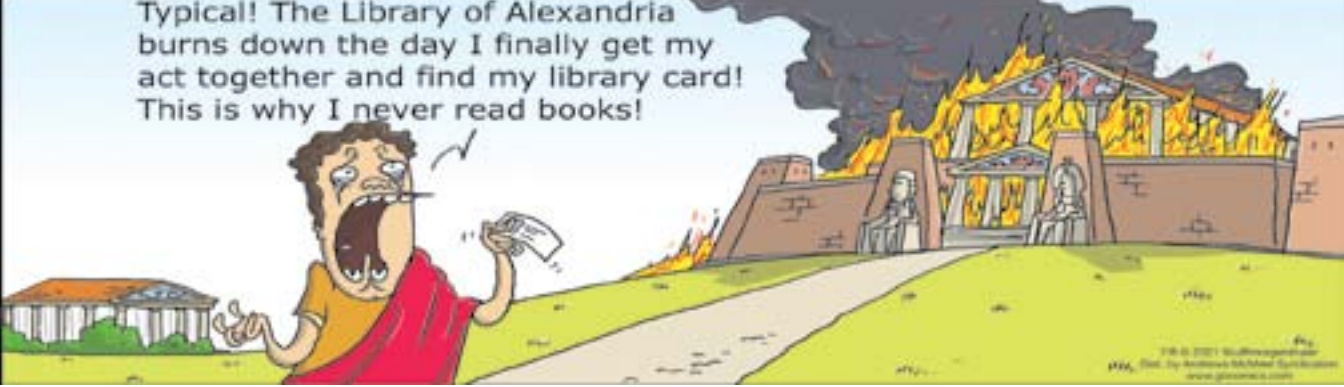
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Against the Grain



Bushy Tales



Swamp



Insanity Streak



Ballard Street



Grin Bin





Gladstone Thistle Pipe Band at the Boyne Island Lions Club Christmas Carols.



Liz Cunningham was MC of the event.



St Francis Catholic School.



St Francis Catholic Primary School.



Boyne Island State School.



Hussy Hicks.



Brittany Elise.

Big acts heading to festival

The 15th annual Agnes Blues, Roots & Rock Festival is looking better than ever with even more acts joining the lineup - Hussy Hicks, Brittany Elise, Dillion James and 1770superjam

The iconic annual festival will return to the Discovery Coast from Friday, 18 February to Sunday, 20 February and will be held at the SES Grounds, Captain Cook Drive, Town of 1770.

Critically acclaimed Australian act Hussy Hicks are a tour de force, featuring Leesa Gentz' powerhouse soul vocals and Julz Parker's revered guitar skills.

Known for their emotive lyricism, energetic live shows and fiery, frenetic instrumentation, Hussy Hicks have honed their sonic dexterity over the past 12 years with six studio albums, multiple industry awards and more than 1000 live shows under their belts, from Australia's biggest blues, roots and folk festivals to 15 plus international tours, which now sell out across Europe.

After a stellar performance on the Discovery Stage, powerhouse Brittany Elise will be powering up with a full band on the main Marquee Stage, following some big achievements in 2021.

Her new release, Find Your Music, debuted at number four on the iTunes Chart, and echoed around the summer airwaves, peaking at number 16 on The Music Network Australian Country Hot 50 Chart. It has also received high rotation airplay on radio and CMT.

This success led to Brittany being chosen as a finalist at the 2021 Gympie Music Muster and nominated in the 2022 Independent Country



1770superjam.

Music Awards for Female Artist, New Female Artist, Single of the Year and Film Clip of the Year.

Dillion James' ability to tickle the ivories has long been widely recognised within the music industry. With roots firmly embedded in New-Orleans flavoured Blues, he has rebirthed the Hammond Organ and Boogie-Woogie piano, enveloping the classic tone associated with an earlier era.

After travelling the length of the Mississippi more than a decade ago, Dillion returned to Brisbane to tickle his piano with extra jink and jive, cementing himself as a mainstay in local blues and brews events in SEQ and helping found the West End Blues Festival.



Dillion James will perform at the 15th annual Agnes Blues, Roots & Rock Festival next year.

1770superjam began purely as an excuse to get together and jam out the tastiest, funkier, most influential music without any boundaries within genres. Organic and off the cuff, their grooves combine a love of music in all shades and colours in DJ sets accompanied but not overpowered by a live drum kit.

The group features DJ Rasp, founding member of Brisbane's mighty Vinyl Slingers and one of Brisbane's most loved Party, Festival and Club acts. He'll be joined on stage by Brisbane scene stalwart DJ Charlie Hustle, grounded in but not exclusive to hip hop and a seasoned performer of shows that never disappoint.

Also adding to the party will be 1770superjam founder Bushboy, long-time drummer for

the Vinyl Slingers and someone who is utterly passionate about music and drums.

Hussy Hicks, Brittany Elise, Dillion James and 1770superjam will join already announced acts Round Mountain Girls, Linc Phelps and his band The Next Best Thing, Devil's Kiosk, Shaman's Daughter, Chris Bax, Mark Porter and Innocent Eve on the Marquee Stage.

Three-day Day Early Bird Tickets to the Agnes Blues, Roots & Rock Festival are on sale now for \$136 but are being snapped up fast.

You can book tickets and places to stay at agnesbluesandroots.com.au

The Agnes Blues, Roots & Rock Festival is supported by the Queensland Government through Tourism and Events Queensland.

Rockynats back next year

Gladstone's northern neighbours are revving up for the second Rare Spares Rockynats, with the popular event returning for the Easter long weekend.

Organisers promise a weekend of high-octane automotive awesomeness in Rockhampton from 15-17 April 2022, with early bird tickets on sale from Wednesday, 1 December, just in time for Christmas gift shopping.

Rockhampton Region Mayor Tony Williams said after the success of the inaugural Rare Spares Rockynats, the anticipation of Rockynats 02 had been huge.

"General Admission, Gold and Platinum early bird tickets will be available until 31 December and we are expecting unprecedented sales from locals, intrastate and interstate visitors," he said.

Summernats co-owner Andy Lopez said the 2022 event was going to be bigger and better.

"The Australian automotive community really got behind Rockynats in our first year, with more than 40,000 fans and 1,500 cars and bikes hitting the streets of Rockhampton.

We've already got 1200 car entrants locked in for year two and we've still got five months to go! Elite cars, burnouts, street drags, and Australia's biggest street parade – Rockynats is the place to be at Easter."

Advance Rockhampton executive manager Greg Bowden is proud to be delivering another significant event for the region.

"With our recent success at the 2021 Queensland Tourism Awards and the inaugural Rare Spares Rockynats being awarded silver in the 'Festival and Events' award category, this event is set to be a standout in the Queensland events calendar for 2022," he said.

"We couldn't deliver this highly successful event without our Naming Rights Partner Rare Spares and the support of our other key sponsors, Buddy's Fire, McDonalds Central Queensland and Insane Performance."

Rare Spares Rockynats is sponsored by Rockhampton Regional Council and presented by Advance Rockhampton in association with Summernats.

Tickets can be purchased at rockynats.com.au



Rare Spares Rockynats will return to Rockhampton next year.

Style with H

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Button up a style staple

If there is one item in my wardrobe that is the glue that holds it all together, it would have to be my white button up shirts.

The classic white button up shirt is an ESSENTIAL wardrobe item that can be transformed in more ways than one and is one of the easiest pieces to style.

The best thing about this versatile piece is that they range from all different prices to suit any budget.

This trend landed early in 2021 and I can't see it fading out anytime soon due to its versatility, affordability and often made with cotton or natural fibres.

The white button up shirt or any button up shirt for that matter used to be confined to the corporate workplace and seen as being very structured.

This is not the case anymore and there are plenty of places you can go for inspiration and tutorials on how to style them.

There are a few different options when purchasing a white button up shirt and my top tip is to buy a couple of different styles such as an oversized, semi fitted or fitted to cater for the multitude of options on how to style them.

The reason I harp on about a white shirt is

that it can be paired with a wide range of colours but of course you can opt for a coloured one as well depending on your wardrobe.

The white button up shirt is the ultimate layering piece and my go to style with a pair of jeans and shoes dependent on the occasion.

Experiment with different ways to tuck, tie and pair with items you currently have in your wardrobe and as always reach out if I can help. Happy styling!

A white button up shirt can be used in so many different ways, writes fashion columnist Helena Sant.



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HyP Gladstone will lead the way to lower carbon emissions and help provide a cleaner energy future, delivering Australia's lowest carbon gas through the existing network in Gladstone.

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Give the fish, don't scrimp

Over the last week a reader sent in a brilliant question which can be summarised as; all businesses seem to say they offer great customer service, how can I demonstrate that when I say that I do too, I really mean it?

This is a very worthwhile question that doesn't get asked nearly often enough! To answer it, I am going to share below an email I sent to my own team about seven years ago, because the answer really hasn't changed over time and probably never will.

Over the last couple of weeks, I've had two different experiences ordering meals that have caused me to step back and think about what I like as a customer and as an extension of that, how I want to treat our customers.

Two weeks ago, I ordered a cheese and salad wrap for lunch. I watched with disbelief at first, then amusement and finally with a little annoyance, when what was happening dawned on me.

The person making the wrap added three pieces of cheese and then took multiple attempts to remove one of them to ensure I received what I can only assume was some sort of mandated allowance of two pieces. I walked out thinking, "nothing really says you don't want my business quite like reneging on a piece of cheese!"

Later that same week, I tried a new fish and chip shop that had been recommended to me. They have several coating options for the fish, which apparently, they are quite famous for. I confessed when ordering that I had never been there before and didn't really know what I wanted, but I settled on some sort of tempura inspired batter. The owner brought my order out to me when it was ready and told me that they had included a couple of extra pieces of

YOUR BUSINESS QUESTIONS ANSWERED



WITH JAMES HARRIS
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fish with different coatings so I could try each of them and decide what I liked best, at no extra cost.

There are two things that I think are worth noting here. Firstly, no one recommended the sandwich shop to me and over the last week I have told several people of my ridiculous experience and suggested they give it a wide berth. Secondly, I went to the fish and chip shop because someone did actually recommend it to me, and I was so impressed with their gesture that I have now recommended it to several other people.

This made me think about how I would like our customers to perceive us, and what I would like them to tell other companies about us. With that in mind, I have made a point to remind myself that whenever I deal with our customers, potential, new or existing; I will always go out of my way to give the fish and never take the cheese. It sounds so simple but give it a go. I suspect that little bit of extra effort will be rewarded with good karma and maybe even new clients.

If you have a question about starting a business or running your existing business, we'd love to hear from you because we'll select a new question to answer here every two weeks. You can submit your question to james@qsb-consulting.com using the subject 'CQToday'.



There's nothing fishy about going the extra mile for customers.

Wading in for a quick snack: Stilt loves the shallows

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A medium sized black and white wading bird, the Pied Stilt is found throughout Australia where there are areas of shallow water.

They congregate in areas of both salt and fresh water such as tidal flats, wetlands, ponds and around lakes etc.

They are most often seen in groups wading and catching tiny invertebrates on the water's surface using their long, slender tweezer like bills.

This shot was taken in Gladstone near the Calliope River Anabranch.

Bob Trask snapped this Pied Stilt near the Calliope River Anabranch.



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About a year ago through my subscription to Decanter wine magazine, they invited me to a virtual wine tasting. I've personally hosted over 5000 wine events. And I'm always keen to view other hosts in action.

Up to this invitation wine tastings were live events. Therefore, my interest was certainly high, I was very keen to attend. As I started filling in the online booking form, a major hurdle appeared. I was asked where in the UK, did I want my sample pack delivered to!

Unlike the UK, that had to turn to virtual tastings during their long lockdown periods, I was continually hosting wine events in Queensland and attending wine tastings.

Keith Davidson, a regular attendee at my WineBill Events asked me: "Why don't you do virtual wine tastings as well, Bill?"

My answer was I'll research the market. I found many varied and interesting companies offering virtual wine tastings. The one that really grabbed my attention was the perfectly named Virtual Cellar Doors (VCD) As I looked around their very good website www.virtualcellardoors.com.au I also noticed positions vacant.

Lo and behold, next thing, I'm on the phone chasing the advertised role for someone based in Queensland to represent VCD at live events. My call was answered, a Zoom meeting with the two directors; Trent and Dave was organised. And it was one of those interviews that just flowed with an ease of appreciating and understand the three of us want to offer the



Dave from Virtual Cellar Doors conducts a virtual wine tasting.

customer, the right combination of fun and education at live wine events.

A very important ingredient that needs to be offered at a live wine tasting is premium wine. We all have different taste needs, when it comes to wine. That makes it an incredibly interesting topic to discuss within a group. One Girl's Pinot Grigio is another Man's Verdelho.

I attended and really enjoyed the VCD Cape

Fear virtual tasting, Julie Helyar the owner/cellar door manager was also on the Cape Fear wines virtual tasting and her wines certainly offered that. Julie explained that Kangaroo Island, South Australia had a microclimate all of its own. And was a major reason their wines were of such a high standard.

If you would like to experience a fun and educational virtual wine tasting, then go on-

line to www.virtualcellardoors.com.au and book. If you would like to attend or even assist in organising a group for a live VCD wine event hosted by myself then also go to the website and book from there.

I've arranged a Zoom interview with Trent and Dave to learn more about VCD. And I look forward to expanding on that in the next Wine-Bill column.



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Step back from socials



I have recently taken a major step back from social media.

Almost instantly, my mind is much clearer and the weight upon my shoulders has eased dramatically. It has been a difficult sacrifice but a necessary one.

I have focused more of my time and attention on things that are important to me.

I'm not getting caught up in the headlines that weigh heavily on me, I'm not consuming the specific selection of airbrushed snapshots of the lives of others, and my own path is becoming so much clearer.

I feel like I have lost sight of it for a while now, I haven't been sure of who I am as a person or the goals I am wanting to achieve because my mind has been so distracted by everything going on around me.

I have cleaned up my space that has been tainted by stress and mess.

I have gotten specific about the next step that I want to take and I have noticed that my world now holds more peace and mindfulness; this move has reduced the constant chatter that takes place across the virtual realms.

Taking a step back from most areas of the online world has in many ways simplified my life and taken a great deal of pressure off my shoulders.

I'll be totally honest, for a long while, I allowed likes, comments and friend counts to validate my existence.

If I didn't have a photo uploaded, did it really happen?



It's time to take a break from social media.

If I don't live like an online influential icon, am I living my life right?

No matter how active we are online or the kind of social media platforms we use each day, I hope we all understand how valued we are away from these applications.

We don't need likes or comments to feel like we matter or to feel like that's the only way to get noticed.

What we do and who we are away from the online world really does matter.

We make a monumental difference in the world around us through our everyday encounters in ways we may never truly know.

Social media can be so wonderful and make a massive positive difference in its own unique way but it is good to know when we need a break or to set boundaries to ensure we are always mindful of where to draw the line between our virtual lives and real life.

We don't need an application to validate our worth, to feel heard, to feel like we belong,

like we are good enough or like what we do matters.

Real life can give this to us just as effectively, we just have to surround ourselves by the right people, focus on what makes us happy and never feel like we have to compare our path to the path of the person beside us.

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Persistent thunderstorms all morning meant changing their ceremony to an indoor location, but they were lucky to find a break in the rain so their wedding portraits on the beach could go ahead as planned (with their dog Polly along for photos too, of course).

A relaxed reception followed with grazing tables, all-you-can-eat pizza and a donut tower in lieu of a traditional sit down meal - then as a final surprise for their guests, the couple arranged fireworks to coincide with their first dance.

Vendors

- Venue: The Haven, Emu Park
- Celebrant: Susie Cervai - Celebrant By The Sea
- Photographer: Madelyn Holmes Photography
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Alee, Max and their dog Polly.

- Makeup: Beauty Bar by Bridie
- Food: Rosscos Pizza
- Fireworks: Light em up
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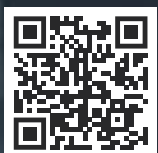
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Gardening

Neil Fisher



Calliope's geraniums

Last week I visited Calliope and could not miss the number of gardens with flowering Geraniums. From the Geraniums in the front gardens of Calliope Garden Club in Bunting Park to a garden in Bloomfield Street that had one of the best collections of old fashioned Geraniums I have seen for some time.

Geraniums would be one of the most under-rated water-wise plants that we can grow in our local gardens. Also known as Pelargoniums, they flourish in our warm dry tropical climate. Most Geranium species grow very quickly and produce masses of dazzling flowers all through the year.

The most common Geranium grown is the Zonal Pelargonium or Bush Geranium. The term Zonal refers to the band of colour the leaves often exhibit. All Bush Geraniums varieties will grow into attractive small shrubs, usually to a maximum of one metre high and maybe one metre across.

Geraniums seem to be able to grow with minimal care in just about any soil type in the region. Rewarding those who grow them with a beautiful display of flowering colours ranging from pure whites and subtle pinks to brilliant reds and purplish-blacks.

In the township of Tambo the tourist information centre has used Hanging Baskets of Ivy Geraniums as their feature along the veranda of the building. These trailing plants have fragrant glossy leaves reminiscent of the ivy creeper, hence the common name. Ivy Geraniums are available in more than just red flowering forms with almost a kaleidoscope of flowering colours. A good suggestion when planting ivy geraniums for a cascading display is to place the plants approximately 300mm apart and weigh the stems down with clothes pegs, to provide the bushiest possible shape and, as they are a tip flowering plant, the best possible colour display.

There are over 400 species of Geraniums found throughout the world. They are found naturally in countries ranging from alpine species of Europe and western Asian areas like the Himalayas, the cold of Alaska and western Canada to the dry environments of Spain and western Africa and there are even 14 native species of geraniums.

It is important to remember that all geraniums will not tolerate a lot of water, and you will find that they will respond best in a sunny well-drained position with rich garden soil. Many enthusiasts have told me that they can have spectacular flower displays on plants that receive less than two litres of water per week. While geraniums do their best in full sun, they will grow and flower in partial shade if it is possible for them to have least half a day of sun each day.

Some enthusiasts recommend a half-yearly



A geranium in the front garden of Calliope Garden Club in Bunting Park.



Geranium at Boyne Island.



There are over 400 species of geraniums in the world.



A deep red Calliope geranium.



Geraniums flourish in our warm dry tropical climate

application of super-phosphate, blood and bone and sulphate of potash as the best for spectacular winter flowering displays. You can usually expect to have colour for months and a life span of up to five years.

This time of year you still need to be on the lookout for the last few leaf-chewing insects that the cold weather has not killed. As it does not take long for these pests to distort the shape of the shrubs and to affect their flowering.

As you are driving around this weekend keep an eye out for the showy floral displays of Geraniums.

SEEDLINGS THAT WE CAN PLANT NOW

We are now at a stage when seedlings planted for Christmas will not be ready in time. However, most local nurseries are selling advanced seedling packs that will provide flowers for Christmas.

- Annuals: Amaranthus, Balsam, Celosia, Coleus, Cosmos, Petunia, Salvia, Torenia, Zinnia;
- Vegetables: Beetroot, Capsicum, Cucumber, Eggplant, Endive, Lettuce, Marrow, Pumpkin, Radish, Silverbeet, Spinach, Squash, Snake Beans, Sweet Corn, Tomatoes, Zucchini;
- Lawn seed: The longer days of sunshine we are now getting means that couch lawns are starting to grow again, so now is the best time to buy lawn seed to start your summer lawn.
- Turf: Will provide an almost instant green lawn, lawn seed costs a lot less and will give you a beautiful green carpet within six weeks.

Both Turf and Seeded Lawn grow best in full sun, with regular watering and lawn fertiliser applied.

Living Christmas Tree

I plan to publish some pictures of living Christmas Trees in the Christmas edition of the Gladstone Today. So if you have that living Christmas Tree please send a picture to fishersnursery@bigpond.com

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Rural Matters

Tree numbers are growing

By Michael Guerin, AgForce CEO

During the past 20 years vegetation management laws in Queensland have been radically amended more than 40 times – on average, that’s more than twice a year.

And now new data from the Statewide Landcover and Trees Study, otherwise known as SLATS – a scientific monitoring program undertaken by the Queensland Government’s Department of Environment and Science’s Remote Sensing Centre – and the Department of Resources, shows there is no significant clearing of trees in the State.

In fact, unlike in other parts of the world, vegetation in Queensland is growing – not being cleared at rates that sometimes draw unfavourable comparisons with the Amazon rainforest in Brazil, or old-growth forest in Borneo.

These are the indisputable government-verified facts – not spin from organisations like WWF and others who play sophisticated games with people’s emotions to secure donations and funds.

In addition to the data from SLATS, Australia’s State of the Forests Report 2018 shows steady growth during the previous five-year period and the 2019 National Greenhouse Gas Inventory Report shows growth of approximately 160,000 hectares since 2008.

Queensland’s incredibly strong compliance framework means that where unlawful land clearing is suspected, the Department of Resources investigates and can take compliance actions ranging from advice and warning letters, through to fines, restoration notices, and prosecution.



Agforce says land is cleared and re-cleared on a rotational basis.

Still, despite unequivocal proof that vegetation in Queensland is growing (that’s right, trees do grow back), and the existence of data that supports the fact that the overwhelming number of landholders are doing the right thing, WWF’s Director in Australia Dermot O’Gorman has been quoted – even in far-flung areas like the Netherlands – as saying that tree-clearing of an amount equivalent to “three-

quarters of a million football fields” is taking place.

AgForce’s GIS Remote Sensing team investigated the claims made by Mr O’Gorman and calculated that to clear land in those amounts would take at least 250 years. Quite a feat – even for ever-industrious agriculture.

However, even thinking like this is misleading because in the vast majority of cases the

“football fields” so sensationally cited is land that is cleared and re-cleared every eight to 20 years on a rotational basis.

Anyone who knows anything about Queensland landscapes understands that management of the land and control of regrowth is needed for the vegetation to be healthy and to regenerate.

Control of regrowth is critical to maintaining grazing lands and our current food production capability – including for crops and pulses.

WWF’s continued pressure on governments has directly resulted in locking up land and preventing active management, causing vegetation in Queensland to thicken rapidly, choking healthy ecosystems and moving fires like those in 2019 from the forest floor to the canopy, resulting in devastating losses of native wildlife.

Ironically, this is the very wildlife WWF now raise money for on Facebook.

AgForce and agriculture have already shown that they are here for the good of the environment, the climate, and everyone single one of us.

As an industry we are willing to put aside any perceived ideological differences to ensure we all win.

WWF and other “environmental” groups need to stop picking only the facts that support their arguments and start looking at the bigger picture.

It’s time for them to decide if they truly do exist to support the planet – or just themselves.

Rain brings increased yarding with prices staying firm

By CQLX Market Report

Due to the recent rainfall in some areas, CQLX Gracemere agents saw an increased yarding of 2,950 head on Wednesday, 24 November.

Cattle were once again drawn from the north to Mackay & Nebo, west to Clermont, and the usual local areas. A strong buying panel of processors, feeders and restockers competed to keep prices at or above last sale rates.

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE DAY

MJ & PM Wheeler, Mackay Sold Brangus Steers for 730c/kg weighing 223kg to return \$1,632/hd

PJ & EM Everett, Mackay Sold No.8 Droughtmaster Feeder Steers for 528c/kg

weighing 475kg to return \$2,508/hd

R & L Cullen, Calliope Sold Brahman Weaner Steers to top at 704c/kg weighing 312kg to return \$2,262/hd

Kemmis Creek, Nebo Sold a run of 288 Droughtmaster Steers to average 640c/kg weighing 325kg to return \$2,083/hd

Barlow Park, Coorooman Sold Brangus Cross Steers for 744c/kg weighing 216kg to return \$1,608/hd

N & E Richards, Morinish Sold Droughtmaster Weaner Steers for 738c/kg weighing 212kg to return \$1,564/hd

RW & CG Kerle, Dalma Sold Brangus Steers for 506c/kg weighing 510kg to return \$2,586/hd

B & T Inman Lowmead Sold 23 No.1 Brangus Steers for 718c/kg weighing 241kgs to re-

turn \$1,736/hd

Mark Bruce, Calliope Sold Brangus Cross Steers for 550c/kg weighing 458kg to return \$2,523/hd

Trevor Geddes, Milman Sold 1 Brahman Heifer for 718c/kg weighing 288kg to return \$2,068/hd

MJ & PM Wheeler, Mackay Sold Brangus Heifers for 650c/kg to average 232kg to return \$1,508/hd

Olwin Pty Ltd, Moranbah Sold Brahman Cross Prime Heifers for 460c/kg weighing 531kg to return \$2,447/hd

W & J Daniels Sold Charbray Feeder Heifers for 562c/kg weighing 347kg to return \$1,951/hd

Essex Grazing, Middlemount Sold a run of 325 Charbray Heifers with the lead pen mak-

ing 600c/kg weighing 370kg to return \$2,221/hd

R & U Oates, Comet Sold Brahman Heifers for 598c/kg weighing 289kg to return \$1,729/hd

P Czislawski, Cobraball Sold Brangus Cross Heifers to 678c/kg weighing 170kg to return \$1,156/hd

Mt Stuart Trust, Capella Sold Brahman Heifers for 498c/kg weighing 371kg to return \$1,850/hd

Tanyar Cattle Co Blackwater Sold 48 No.0 Heifers to top at 564c/kg weighing 404kgs to return \$2,094/hd

B & T Inman Lowmead Sold 33 Brangus No.1 Heifers for 658c/kg weighing 239kgs to return \$1,576/hd

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WEATHER

FORECAST

Warnings

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Gladstone:

Partly cloudy. Medium (40%) chance of showers, most likely in the late morning and afternoon.

Light winds becoming east to northeasterly 15 to 20 km/h in the middle of the day then becoming light in the evening.

Friday. Partly cloudy.

Rockhampton:

Partly cloudy. Slight (30%) chance of a shower in the late morning and afternoon. The chance of a thunderstorm in the afternoon and evening. Light winds.

Friday. Partly cloudy.

Capricornia:

Partly cloudy. Slight (30%) chance of a shower in the late morning and afternoon. The chance of a storm from the late morning. Light winds.

Friday. Partly cloudy. Slight (30%) chance of a shower, most likely in the morning and afternoon. The chance of a storm in the afternoon and evening. Light winds becoming southeasterly 15 to 20 km/h during the morning then turning east to northeasterly during the afternoon.

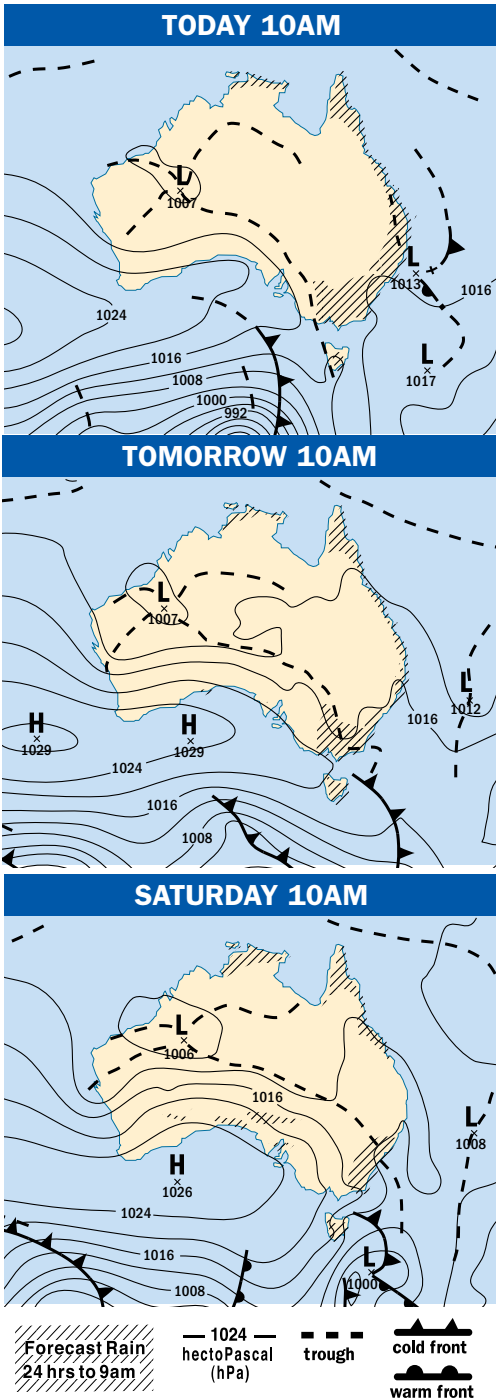
Central Highlands and Coalfields:

Mostly sunny. Slight (20%) chance of a shower in the east. The chance of a storm in the afternoon and evening. Light winds.

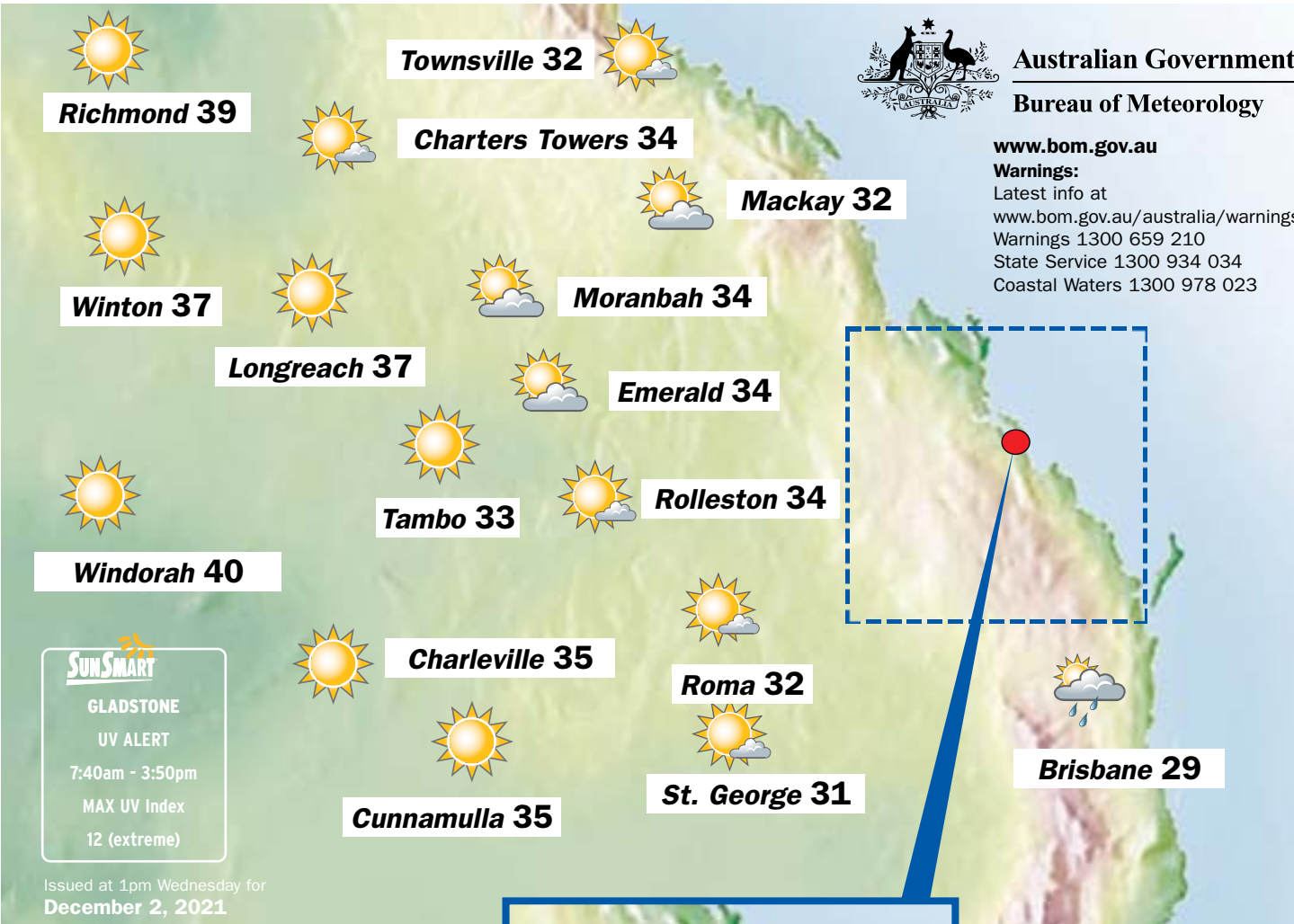
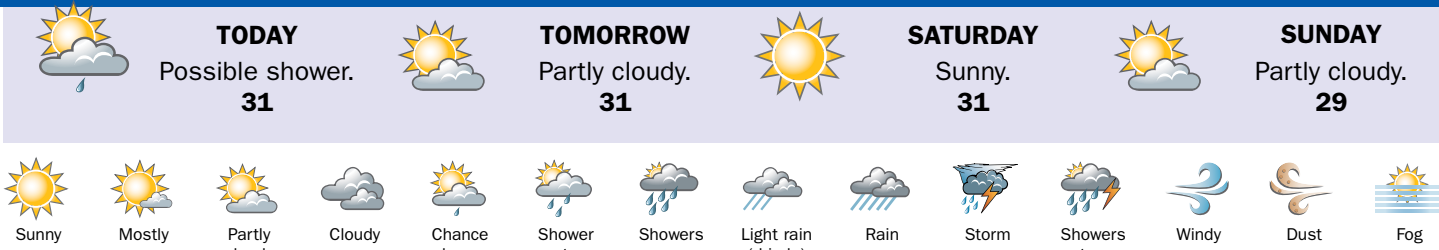
Queensland:

A weak trough may extend over eastern Queensland, while a ridge will begin to build across the west of the state. A slight to medium chance of showers and storms in eastern and northern districts, increasing to a medium to high chance in the far north and the southeast. Mostly sunny elsewhere. Temperatures near or above average.

Friday. A weak trough may linger over eastern Queensland while a high over the Tasman Sea will extend a ridge across much of the state. A slight to medium chance of showers and storms in eastern and northern districts, increasing to a medium to high chance in the far north. A slight chance of a shower or storm in the southwest. Mostly sunny elsewhere. Temperatures near or above average.



GLADSTONE FORECAST



COASTAL WATERS

St. Lawrence to Burnett Heads:

Winds: Variable about 10 knots tending south to southeasterly 10 to 15 knots in the afternoon. Inshore winds turning east to northeasterly during the afternoon. Seas: Below 1 metre. Swell: Easterly 1 to 1.5 metres, decreasing to around 1 metre around midday. Weather: Mostly sunny. Friday. Winds: Southeasterly 10 to 15 knots, increasing 15 to 20 knots in the afternoon. Seas: Around 1 metre, increasing to 1 to 1.5 metres offshore south of Cape Capricorn during the morning. Swell: Easterly below 1 metre inshore, increasing to around 1 metre offshore. Weather: Partly cloudy.

Bowen to St. Lawrence:

Winds: Variable below 10 knots, becoming east to southeasterly 10 to 15 knots in the late morning then decreasing to about 10 knots in the late afternoon. Seas: Below 0.5 metres. Swell: Easterly below 1 metre. Weather: Mostly sunny. Friday. Winds: Southeasterly about 10 knots increasing to 10 to 15 knots during the morning. Seas: Below 1 metre. Swell: Easterly below 1 metre. Weather: Partly cloudy. The chance of a storm in the morning and afternoon.

Hervey Bay:

Winds: South to southeasterly about 10 knots increasing to 15 to 20 knots in the middle of the day. Seas: Below 0.5 metres, increasing to around 1 metre around midday. Swell: North to northeasterly below 1 metre. Weather: Partly cloudy. Friday. Winds: Southeasterly 15 to 20 knots. Seas: Around 1 metre, increasing to 1 to 1.5 metres during the afternoon or evening. Swell: North to northeasterly below 1 metre. Weather: Partly cloudy.

Fraser Island Coast:

Winds: South to southeasterly below 10 knots increasing to 15 to 20 knots in the morning. Seas: Below 0.5 metres, increasing to around 1 metre around midday. Swell: Easterly 1 to 1.5 metres, decreasing to around 1 metre during the morning. Weather: Partly cloudy. 50% chance of showers. Friday. Winds: South to southeasterly 15 to 20 knots. Seas: Around 1 metre, increasing to 1 to 1.5 metres during the morning. Swell: Easterly around 1 metre. Weather: Partly cloudy.

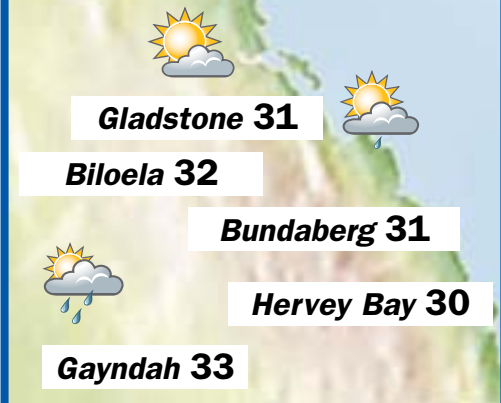
CAPITAL CITIES

City	Condition	Max
Adelaide	Partly cloudy.	24
Brisbane	Shower or two.	29
Canberra	Possible shower.	28
Darwin	Shower or two. Storm.	35
Hobart	Humid. Showers developing.	25
Melbourne	Shower or two. Storm.	29
Perth	Sunny.	29
Sydney	Partly cloudy.	25

SUN & MOON

	Sunrise	Sunset	Moonrise	Moonset
Thursday	4:59am	6:29pm	3:01am	4:10pm
Friday	4:59am	6:30pm	3:44am	5:19pm
Saturday	5:00am	6:31pm	4:33am	6:30pm
Sunday	5:00am	6:32pm	5:29am	7:41pm
Monday	5:00am	6:32pm	6:31am	8:48pm
Tuesday	5:00am	6:33pm	7:38am	9:48pm

Rockhampton 33



THE WORLD

World conditions today

City	Weather	Max	Min
Athens	fine	17	9
Auckland	fine	24	17
Bangkok	fine	29	21
Beijing	cloudy	10	-4
Berlin	cloudy	4	3
Christchurch	fine	18	12
Denpasar	cloudy	31	24
Dublin	cloudy	6	5
Hong Kong	cool	20	13
Honolulu	showers	29	23
Jakarta	rain	31	26
Johannesburg	storms	27	18
Kuala Lumpur	rain	33	24
London	sunny	5	2
Los Angeles	sunny	23	12
Madrid	fine	10	2
Moscow	snow	5	-2
New Delhi	rain	24	12
New York	showers	13	3
Noumea	sunny	28	24
Paris	fine	6	3
Auckland	fine	24	17
Port Vila	showers	31	23
Seoul	fine	6	-4
Singapore	storms	34	24
Suva	storms	31	24
Tel Aviv	fine	21	18
Tokyo	fine	15	6
Vancouver	sunny	7	5
Wellington	fine	22	12

TIDES

Gladstone

Today:

L:	1:05am	0.5m
H:	7:25am	4.2m
L:	1:43pm	0.7m
H:	7:36pm	3.9m

Tomorrow:

L:	1:49am	0.4m
H:	8:10am	4.4m
L:	2:33pm	0.6m
H:	8:25pm	3.9m

Saturday:

L:	2:33am	0.3m
H:	8:56am	4.6m
L:	3:23pm	0.5m
H:	9:15pm	3.8m

Sunday:

L:	3:16am	0.4m
H:	9:43am	4.6m
L:	4:13pm	0.6m
H:	10:05pm	3.6m

Monday:

L:	4:01am	0.5m
H:	10:32am	4.6m
L:	5:04pm	0.7m
H:	10:58pm	3.5m

Tuesday:

L:	4:47am	0.8m
H:	11:25am	4.4m
L:	5:58pm	0.8m
H:	11:52pm	3.3m

Port Alma

Today:

L:	1:22am	0.6m
H:	7:26am	5.2m
L:	1:53pm	1.0m
H:	7:36pm	4.9m

Tomorrow:

L:	2:05am	0.5m
H:	8:11am	5.4m
L:	2:43pm	0.8m
H:	8:21pm	4.8m

Saturday:

L:	2:47am	0.5m
H:	8:57am	5.6m
L:	3:31pm	0.8m
H:	9:08pm	4.7m

Sunday:

L:	3:30am	0.5m
H:	9:45am	5.6m
L:	4:22pm	0.8m
H:	9:58pm	4.5m

Monday:

L:	4:15am	0.7m
H:	10:39am	5.6m
L:	5:16pm	0.9m
H:	10:51pm	4.3m

Tuesday:

L:	5:03am	0.9m
H:	11:37am	5.4m
L:	6:14pm	1.1m
H:	11:49pm	4.1m



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Announcements

Deaths

HAGEDORN, Joan

Late of New Auckland Place, and formerly of Lord Street, Gladstone. Passed away peacefully Friday 26th November, 2021, aged 90 years.

Beloved Wife of the late Evan Hagedorn. Much loved Mother and Mother-in-law of Ross and Barbara, Bruce, Peter and Liz. Loved Grandma to Renay, Sonia, Jacob, Anna, and Great-Grandma to Christopher, Aiden, Leighton and Levi.

Relatives and Friends are respectfully invited to attend Joan's Funeral Service, to be held at the Boyne Tannum Memorial Parklands Chapel, Pioneer Drive, Boyne Island, **Thursday 2nd December, 2021, commencing 10.00a.m.**

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LEE, Michael (Mick)

Late of Gladstone. Passed away peacefully at the Gladstone Hospital, Sunday 28th November, 2021, aged 68 years

Much loved Husband of Kerry. Dearly loved Father and Father-in-law to Jason, Aleisa and Matt. Adored Poppy to Lucas.

Relatives and Friends are respectfully invited to attend Mick's Funeral Service, to be held at the Boyne Tannum Memorial Parklands Chapel, Pioneer Drive, Boyne Island, **Tuesday 7th December, 2021, commencing 10.00a.m.**

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Deaths

MILLER, Leonore Margaret (Leo)

Late of Innes Park, Bundaberg, and formerly of Gladstone and Agnes Water. Passed away unexpectedly at home, Monday 22nd November 2021, aged 61 years.

Much loved Partner of the late Peter Rehbein. Dearly loved Sister and Sister-in-law to Meg and Ross, Mark, Valmai and Rob. Adored Aunty to Stacey, Alex, Emma and Great Aunty to Zac.

Relatives and Friends are respectfully invited to attend Leonore's Funeral Service, to be held at the Boyne Tannum Memorial Parklands Chapel, Pioneer Drive, Boyne Island, **Monday 6th December, 2021, commencing 1.00pm.**

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O'CONNOR, Pauline Margaret

Late of Gladstone. Passed away peacefully at the Gladstone Hospital, surrounded by her loving family, Monday 29th November, 2021, aged 73 years.

Cherished Wife of Rob. Much loved Mother and Mother-in-law of Brett, Tamara and Jason, Sean and Paul. Loving Gran to Joshua and Tianna. Loved Sister, Sister-in-law, Aunty and friend to many.

A private cremation service will be held.

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Deaths

SULLIVAN, Lois Edith (nee Hawker)

Late of Gladstone, and formerly of New Zealand.

Passed away peacefully at the Gladstone Hospital, surrounded by her loving family, Wednesday 24th November 2021, aged 88 years.

Beloved Wife of the late John Sullivan. Much loved and cherished Mother to Kathryn, Lesley, Elizabeth, Judith, Gregory and Tracey. Dearly loved Grandmother and Great Grandmother to their families. Loved Sister, Sister-in-law, Aunty and friend to many.

Relatives and Friends are respectfully invited to attend Lois' Funeral Service, to be held at the Boyne Tannum Memorial Parklands Chapel, Pioneer Drive, Boyne Island, **Friday 10th December, 2021, commencing 2.00p.m**

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Don't chop 'The Cheese'

In this week's edition of Let's Talk Sport 4RO's **AARON STEVENS** and CQ Today and Gladstone Today journalist **LIAM EMERTON** discuss 'The Cheese' Brandon Smith and how subscription-based watching has started the decline of the A League.

BRANDON SMITH PODCAST CONTROVERSY

'The Cheese' Brandon Smith is in a bit of hot water at the moment, what did you think about the whole controversy with him and the podcast?

Aaron: I'm sort of on the fence here because we keep saying we want characters in the game and then we get one and we shoot him down.

He is outspoken, he's funny, he's loud but that is what rugby league is built on wasn't it?

You think about some of the characters of the game over so many years.

This is the thing, he talked about the drinking culture, whether a lot of the clubs want to reveal whether they have a drinking culture, I'm sure a lot of them still go get a beer together still.

Not all of them go down to the pub on Thursday night after training like they did in the old days.

It's so difficult because we know what this game was built on but we don't want the culture to get out of hand.

But those raw cultures we want to see back in the game are the characters like The Cheese, every time they raise their head we shoot them down.

We don't want to encourage the things he's talking about but it's not having too much of a negative effect on the Storm is it.

Liam: Every club would have that underlying drinking culture, that's rugby league.

It is a funny situation, it's very difficult for any club to not want to let go of a player when they say something like that and obviously we heard what he said before as well about going to a different club and going to the Roosters and he wants to go and he sees himself winning a premiership there.

It's a very controversial topic because he's come out and said all these things while he's still on contract.

If any other player said something like this from one of our clubs Aaron you'd be very disappointed and a little bit annoyed.

And it doesn't help that he's thrown Melbourne under the bus with the drinking culture problem.

Aaron: I get what you're saying and I understand that side of things but there's the other side of things too.

I once again go back to the fact that he's a character of the game and you can love him or hate but he's not going to say he wants to go to the Roosters and win a wooden spoon is he?

He is off contract, he is able to negotiate with other clubs and he's looking at Redcliffe who are possibly still in the mix but the Roosters, he came out and said that was his priority.

He said he could see himself winning a premiership there, you're not going to say you want to win a wooden spoon there are you?

Liam: No, you're not and I think this is where everything has been taken out of context Aaron and I completely agree.

He didn't come out and say I'm definitely going to the Roosters or the Melbourne Storm has treated him badly.

He did not say one bad thing about the Melbourne Storm and I think the media frenzy has been ridiculous Aaron.

There's been articles, on articles, on articles about this. It was a podcast, he's allowed to say what he wants to say.

He's a person, the one I find baffling is the swearing. People are blasting him because of his swearing and for doing it so much.

This podcast is like that, that's the content of it. I think it's all been taken over the top. The



Daniel Sturridge of the Glory was the biggest signing of the year but is the A League declining?

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NRL is now investigating it.

Aaron: When did we get to the stage that everything has to be investigated, everything has to be a crime?

Like you said this wasn't on Fox Sports, this wasn't on mainstream news. This was on a podcast that people who are into that kind of thing watch.

Once again, you've said it, I've said it. It's been taken out of context, it's been blown out of proportion.

Love him or hate him, he is who he is. He is a character in our game. Do we really want to get rid of these types of people?

Final point on this, it's like our coaches who are fined if they don't front the press conference after a game but can't say anything.

Where is this all going?

A LEAGUE

Something we are yet to talk about is the A League, is there a reason for that and do you think it's been declining recently?

Aaron: I heard the results the other day and thought, oh the A League's started.

I had no idea. Is it because we have those two teams, and I guess they're not far behind the NRL and AFL when it comes to those dominant teams on top of the ladder, but you come into the season and you just know that Sydney FC is going to be there again.

And they're going to be daylight in front of anyone else and then obviously Melbourne are hopefully going to put a challenge on as they did last year when they won the title.

But you know there are those two teams up the top and you worry where your team is in the middle or bottom of the ladder.

Is that the issue?

Liam: I don't know. Obviously you had a little bit of traction when Perth Glory signed Daniel Sturridge, former English Premier League striker.

That was huge news, especially for someone like me who watches a lot of Premier League, that's my go to.

But you're right you've got Sydney FC, Melbourne City and then maybe Perth Glory, and then can you even name who's going to be around the other spots?

My home team the Wanderers were good



We feel the same Brandon. Brandon Smith has been in the news this week after a podcast turned controversial.

Picture: YKTR PODCAST

for a couple of years but then they died off.

Another thing that doesn't help is that it is on Paramount Plus which is subscription only and then on Channel 10 once a week.

I understand where they're trying to go with this because KAYO has been so successful but Paramount Plus seems to only offer one or two things.

You're paying 15 dollars extra a month on top of KAYO and Foxtel if you want to watch every sport.

And obviously the older generation don't have Paramount Plus so they can't watch it.

This is the tough situation because it's good for the revenue as Paramount paid so much money to have it.

But it really does kill our game a bit and we've seen the same thing happen over in England where they can't watch the Premier League on free to air and it's hurt them.

I don't know if that's the reason or the fact that we have a salary cap and can't sign the best players in the world.

I mean Daniel Sturridge is 32, 33 at the twi-

light of his career and that's our biggest signing this year?

When the A League first came in and then when Sydney FC signed Del Peiro that was huge news across the world but since then I think the A League has died off a little bit and it's become a lot less interesting for people to watch.

Aaron: It didn't help with the start of the season that the Brisbane Roar have had, that's straight away that you look at those results and say ahhhhh, it's going to be a tough year for the Roar.

I get Foxtel every year because I love my rugby league and I watch just about every game of rugby league and I like flicking over to the AFL.

I used to like flicking over to the A League too, it was a third choice but I would always like to see what's happening in the A League.

Without that option, I don't know. Obviously a sporting fan I take notice of the results and with the Sideline View I'll be updating results but how much will my interest grow not being able to flick over and watch games, I just don't know.

Young guns ready to fire

By Liam Emerton

Central Queensland's under 18 cricket squad will have a chance to back up their impressive 2020 feat this weekend.

The young Centurions took out last year's North Queensland Zone title and the squad will be eager to double their success over the coming days.

The future of CQ cricket will have a tough task laid out ahead of them with Mackay-Whitsundays, North Queensland and Far North representative teams now very aware of what our 18's can do.

A few of those players who took out the championship last year have returned but some fresh faces have joined the fray.

Captain Jack Connor, vice-captain Ryan Welsh as well as last year's player of the tournament Sterling Smith are all lining up again for the Centurions, dreaming of a second trophy.

For coach Rick Bean he's really excited about travelling to Mackay for the tournament and is confident the side can go back to back.

"We had similar circumstances last year, we went up there not knowing how much rain they had," he said.

"We missed out the first day on Friday and we played Saturday and Sunday, last year the boys acquainted themselves very well and we ended up winning the title.

"Looking forward to it this year. It's a new team, some similar faces but there are some new faces which is very exciting."

Bean also coached the under 21's squad, which was directly affected by the senior Centurions, however he said that it really opened his eyes and helped him select this formidable under-18's team.

"I had under 18's unavailable due to studies and one player in the opens so that really deteriorated our numbers," he said.

"But if they're unavailable it just gives others an opportunity and that's what it has done for me.

"It's given me a look at others and kids who probably were playing under 21's too soon.

"But the crescendo now is that we've got a fairly strong under 18's squad, which we need to have because we're going up there and we're going to be the hunted now as the title holders."

Picking out a few players who are likely to make a big impact this year coach Bean counted on experience while he was eager to see what the new faces of the team could produce.

"The captain Jack Connor, he's from Gracemere Cricket Club, and he's a player that plays



The under 18s walked away from last year's tournament as the winners.

well and truly above his years. He hits the ball as hard as anyone," said Bean.

"He had a very good tournament last year and got recognised by being picked in the North Queensland side where he did really well there as well.

"Ryan Welsh, from Capricorn Coast, he's vice-captain and is a very quality young cricketer.

"Sterling Smith, who was player of the

carnival last year, and actually made the Queensland Country side.

"He's back involved and another one is Will Barwick. I chose him a little bit left-of-field last year and he really improved over the break and played in the opens, and played a massive part.

"Another I'd like to mention is someone who I saw in the under 21's yet he's only 17 and that's Jake Hansen, who's from Barcaldine," Bean continued.

"He's out that way and he's a classy, right-hand off-spin bowler, excellent in the field and a left-hand higher order batsman.

"They're probably the players we're looking at but everyone in the 12 plus the two emergencies will be right, don't worry about that."

The boys will wrap up their title hunt on Sunday against Far North after facing Mackay-Whitsundays and North Queensland on the previous two days.

A derby across the Sands to restart Gladstone cricket

By Liam Emerton

After a washed out week of cricket action there's hope that the Gladstone Cricket Seniors competition will recommence this week.

And it's a Boyne Island Tannum Sands derby that will be the highlight of the weekend when the BITS Coltz take on the BITS Saints.

After the Saints' big T20 grand final win they backed it up with a solid outing against Yarella Red.

Jacob Mills was impressive between the wickets, scoring almost half of the Saints' runs in a match-high score of 81 from 88 balls to help set an unreachable total of 167.

Their opponents this weekend, the Coltz, are yet to play in the one-day format having had their matches against the Calliope Roosters and The Glen washed out.

After a fairly disappointing T20 series the Coltz will be looking to impress and cause a minor upset over their BITS brethren.

In the other matches across Gladstone this weekend, Calliope Blue will be looking to make it two wins from two games when the clash with Yarella White.

The Glen and Calliope Roosters will kick start their 2021/22 season when the clash on Sunday at Sun Valley Park.

And in the final game Yarella Red and BITS Gold will be eager to get a spot on the winners' table after both sides lost their opening match-ups.

In other cricket news The Glen's Capricorn



The BITS Saints will be keen to keep their undefeated streak alive early in the season.

Challenge side will be able to rest up with the side drawing the bye this weekend.

However this weekend the Cap Challenge will still go ahead with many implications on

The Glen's campaign.

The 2020 champions the Gracemere Bulls, who sit below The Glen, will take on Capricorn Coast Parkana in Yeppoon while a T20

grand final rematch will see front runners Frenchville Falcons clash with the Rockhampton Brothers.

That key contest will be the Falcons and Brothers chance to break a deadlock which began with the big dance in the T20 comp.

Brothers won that aforementioned match before the Frenchville side took revenge in the first round of the Cap Challenge.

Lachlan Hartley was the main man for the Falcons back in that 40-over win, scoring 59 runs off 72 balls.

Riley Connor (37) and Tim Reid (26) were both solid for Rocky in the attempted chase but couldn't quite get the job done.

That tiebreaker will be an interesting clash with Frenchville looking to keep their clasp on the top of the table.

A couple of teams looking to climb up that ladder are Gracemere and Cap Coast which will be eager to pick up points this weekend.

The reigning CC champs, Gracemere, have split their two matches played this year, winning one and losing the other.

That win came against the Parkana in the opening round of the Challenge thanks to a strong performance by Trent Acutt.

With the Falcons and The Glen soaring at the top of the competition both of these sides will need to kick start their campaign with a win this weekend.

Gracemere currently sits six points behind The Glen and seven below the Frenchville squad while Cap Coast are yet to earn a win this season.

GRUFCS Red-y for action

By Liam Emerton

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Queensland Red coach Brad Thorn believes the connection and spirit building exercises across Queensland helps the team move forward and the proof is in the results with the side winning the 2021 grand final.

“You’ve got your training, skills and all this other stuff but the number one thing is that it has to matter,” he said.

“For me, I moved back to New Zealand to take on the challenge of becoming an All Black, why? Because it mattered to me.

“To play for Queensland in the State of Origin, it meant something to wear the Queensland State of Origin jersey.

“This is super important. This could be worth 20 training sessions for all I know.”

For prolific try-scorer Alex Mafi, he said the experience was beneficial and brilliant for the team.

“Personally I really, really enjoyed. It’s been good to put a smile on kids’ faces,” he said.

“And to interact with fellow Queenslanders, it’s been rewarding for myself, to be honest.

“To take a token of the region and take it home with us, it not only puts a face to a jersey but it gives us something to lean on in those tougher times in games and the grand final.

“For us to remember and really think about who we’re truly representing and who’s backing us it gives us that extra breath when we need it and that’s huge for our team.”

The Reds’ title defence starts in February where they take on the formidable Chiefs in what will be a tough first fixture.



Our youngest rugby players with Feao Fotuaika.



Spencer Jeans chatting to the older juniors before the session.



GRUFCS president Aubre Harmse passed out the back to Spencer Jeans.



Feao Fotuaika runs away from the young GRUFCS after waterbombs came out on Wednesday.



Brad Thorn mowing the field of the Colts Rugby Club.



Spencer Jeans watches and teaches a wrestling session.

Fishing with Allstars Insalt's Joe McGuire



A 105cm Barramundi caught by Colby Lesko off Airlie Beach.



Jule Jess with this nice 95cm Trevally off Thursday Island.



Osca Jukes' massive 110cm Cobia off Yeppoon.

Staying safe on the water

The Covid-pandemic has seen people localise their leisure and therefore boat sales have increased. This boom in new and used boat sales has left Australian importers, manufacturers and second-hand brokers scrambling for stock, according to the Boating Industry Association in February of this year.

The coronavirus pandemic has left travel-starved Australians looking for alternatives to their annual overseas cruise ship fix and sparked a homegrown nautical boom. For example, Maritime Safety Queensland report that Personal Watercraft registrations have increased six times the rate of recreational boat registrations this year.

It's not only Mum and Dads buying trailer boats to take the kids beach hopping to amuse them; instead of taking an interstate caravan holiday; it's also the big end of town with the luxury motor yacht sales increased too because people are buying the boat of their dreams instead of taking an international vacation.

The Coast Guard, VMR and Water Police are all reporting increased boating activity and along with these increased mishaps. So, in the lead up to the end of year holidays and the Festive Season I thought it a suitable time to remind recreational boaties of your boating safety courtesy of MSQ:

- Check that your boat is in good condition.
- Check that you have all the required safety equipment on board. Ensure all safety equipment is in good condition and easily accessible, in case of an emergency. Make sure everybody on board knows where the safety equipment is stored.
- Report your trip. Let someone know where you are going, how many people are on board and when you intend to return.
- Have the right marine licence. Make sure you and your crew know how to handle the boat for where you are going.
- Know how to use your marine radio, which channels to use and when.
- Check the weather before you go out.
- Make sure you have enough water and fuel for the whole trip.
- Go easy on the drink—waves, wind and weather multiply the effects of alcohol. Far too many boating fatalities involve alcohol.
- Know the rules of the sea-road and follow them.
- Lifejacket—wear it! If it's not on, it can't save you.

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Jonathon Dunn's 70cm Coral Trout off Gladstone.



Leigh Jones' 108cm Salmon off Gladstone.



Ron Hess caught this Coral Trout on his PWC (jet ski)

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A day on the water is better than a day at work.



The young Gladstone Goats with the Queensland Reds stars.

Roses for Thorn's Reds

By Liam Emerton

When you look at benefits of travelling during the pre-season, none may be greater than an experience in Central Queensland.

The Reds to Regions was another brilliant showing of how a sporting organisation can provide for communities while boosting team morale.

From Gladstone to Rockhampton and plenty of towns in between, the Queensland Reds made their way throughout our Central Queensland region last week.

A part of that great team that travelled here was the brainchild of the Reds to Regions, Queensland Reds coach Brad Thorn.

The former Australian Kangaroo and New Zealand All Black threw away the rugby ball and his coaching whistle on Friday and took up mowing Tom Nutley Oval, Colts Rugby

Club's home ground.

Thorn, alongside Super Rugby's top scorer Alex Mafi, Issac Henry and Elton Flatley made their way down to the home of Rugby Capricornia's 2021 grand final to help out on their final day of the Reds to Regions event.

From painting the lines, mowing the turf and cleaning out the changerooms the lads were busy in the typical humid weather of Rocky.

But for our Queensland Reds coach it was more about giving back to the communities and educating the players about who they are wearing the badge for.

"We're based in Brisbane but we're the Queensland Reds and I want the boys to know who they represent," said Thorn.

"Everyone wants to come down to Brisbane if they want to watch the Reds live but we want

to go out to the communities and make genuine connections.

"Coming out to contribute and to serve, not to put our hand out and take, that's really important for me.

"This year the boys have moved around a lot and seen different places."

For Biloela and Gladstone, they welcomed Spencer Jeans, Feao Fotuaika and assistant coach Michael Todd.

Jeans was working with some of the older teenagers in Gladstone, talking about tackling, two-on-one situations and the importance of a good pass.

"It's fun, for us it's really cool to get out here to these regional communities," he said.

"It's pretty special to know that the way the pathway is going that some of these boys could find themselves in a Reds jersey down the line.

"It shows that there is a pathway and it does work so sticking with it, putting work into your craft can make anything possible.

"The whole experience is rewarding and it's great to see who we're playing for and the regions that represent Queensland."

When asked if he would like to see a Super Rugby game played in Central Queensland Spencer said the support from the country towns and cities is there for that possibility.

"Just being here I've heard a lot about ours and Rebels' game here a year ago and just hearing some of the locals speak about the buzz and the vibe around the town when that was happening was great," he said.

"So it would be great to get a few fixtures out here. It would be great for the state and the town as well."

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