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By Eilish Massie

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## Lifestyle plan signed off

A retirement village at Philip Street is one step closer following the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between Gladstone Regional Council (GRC) and Gladstone Central Committee on the Ageing (GCCOTA).

The objective of the MOU is to investigate over-55s independent living and accommodation options at the Philip Street Precinct, located at 2 Dave Burns Drive, West Gladstone.

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## Concerns at gas plant site

Australian Gas Networks have responded to the community's unrest regarding a hydrogen facility planned for South Gladstone.

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# Report rocks GPC

By John Bell

The State Government appointed board members of the Gladstone Ports Corporation and senior port managers have been rocked by a highly critical Queensland Auditor-General's Audit Office (QAO) Report.

The Auditor-General has referred the Gladstone Ports Corporation (GPC) management and its board members to the Australian Securities and Investments Commission (ASIC), for potentially breaking the law for alleged non-compliance with legislation.

The Auditor General has questioned allegedly over-the-top golden handshake dismissal

payments by the GPC to senior staff, including \$1,530,201 on six termination payouts since 2018.

Queensland's Audit Office also found that Gladstone's Ports Corporation managers and its board members has spent record payments of over \$10.2 million on legal costs in 2020-2021, up from \$5.5 million in the previous year. There are now allegations that the Gladstone Port's Corporation legal bill may be even higher.

The Auditor General also found the frequent changeover in executives also had a high financial impact on legal fees.

In addition, the Audit Office found three significant deficiencies which it reported to the

Australian Securities Commission (ASIC), over potential non-compliance with legislation.

Queensland Auditor-General, Brendan Worrall, explained that during his independent audit of the GPC's books and authorising Board minutes, two matters raised concerns about the corporation's compliance under the Government owned Corporations Act and the Commonwealth's Corporations Act.

"Gladstone Ports did not initially report to us, as its external auditor, or to its stakeholders Cabinet Ministers about a payment to a former chief executive officer," Mr Worrall reported.

"The GPC also failed to appropriately approve and sign all GPC Board minutes and the

Auditor Office had concerns over the decision-making process regarding (dismissal) payouts.

"The GPC Board delegates approval of termination payments to the chief financial officer and/or to the chief executive officer," Mr Worrall said.

"However, there is no policy, guidance, or board oversight for the use and approval of settlement and release arrangements.

"Due to concerns over the propriety of decision-making regarding settlement payments, we reported a significant deficiency to the Gladstone Ports Corporation."

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## The editor's desk

While protests against the mandate have been occurring across the state, it's inevitable it will be enforced on Friday.

Although I am double-vaccinated, I don't judge those who choose not to get it.

It's just the fact that the new mandate will stop those who aren't double-vaxxed from entering most entertainment precincts.

I have yet to fill out my details on MyGov. I suppose this is just a reminder, to myself and you, that we will need to fill out our details online before Friday so we can enter those establishments.

My partner said it takes two seconds to fill out and all you will need is a MyGov account and your Medicare card.

It's crazy how quickly the past few weeks went, and now we are just going to live with Covid.

- Eilish Massie



Roseberry representative Sherradean Stringer, Member for Gladstone Glenn Butcher and Labor candidate for Flynn Matt Burnett.

# Funds for housing

An investment of more than \$864,000 will help establish a new Gladstone housing and homelessness hub thanks to funding from the Palaszczuk government and the resources sector.

The infrastructure project will be delivered in partnership between the Palaszczuk government and Roseberry Queensland, funded through the first round of the Government's \$100 million Resources Community Infrastructure Fund (RCIF).

Gladstone MP Glenn Butcher said the Hub would provide support to community members from the basic needs of life through to employment assistance and advice.

"This will provide access to food, shelter and clothing, as well as additional support to improve their lives through access to education and vocational opportunities to suit their individual needs," Mr Butcher said

"Hubs, such as a this one, are more than just a service, they offer a vital lifeline for our most vulnerable community members.

"I am pleased to be able to provide funding support for this project here in Gladstone that will ensure families will be safe and supported during even their most difficult and challenging times."

Gladstone mayor Matt Burnett welcomed the announcement of the funding for Roseberry.



"As Mayor I have worked closely with Roseberry over many years to ensure they are supported to do what they do best – support local families," Cr Burnett said.

"It is great to see this partnership between the resources sector and the Queensland Government deliver such a great outcome for our community."

Roseberry Queensland's General Manager Michelle Coats said the Hub would have immediate benefits for the region by providing access to vital life-supporting services.

"Programs and services at the Gladstone Hub will support visitors experiencing barriers such as homelessness, mental health issues, substance misuse, lack of support networks, parenting skills, access to counselling services, information provision, education, mentoring and advocacy," Ms Coats said.

"Providing access to such a wide range of important services is a huge undertaking for any regional community hub, and modern facilities are a must to ensure they are delivered to a high standard.

"The support of the Queensland Government will ensure the quality services of this Hub are available much sooner for Gladstone."

All projects funded under RCIF Round 1 aim to improve economic and social infrastructure in our resources communities, to enhance wellbeing and access to services and to generate jobs.

Minister for Resources Scott Stewart said Round 1 will provide just over \$47 million for 20 projects within 15 resources communities across the state generating an estimated 186 jobs during construction.

"These projects meet the unique needs of each community whether it's new infrastructure to increase tourism, connect the community or improve training opportunities in the region," he said.

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## Mayor tables document on mandate

By Eilish Massie

Residents took to Goondoon Street last Tuesday to protest against the State Government's Covid-19 vaccine mandate.

More than 200 people from across the region stood outside Gladstone Regional Council chambers with various signs in a bid to help change the mandate allowing only those who are double vaccinated to enter most entertainment and hospitality sectors, which is set to take effect on December 17.

It comes as federal government data released Monday showed 77.2 per cent of the Gladstone population aged 15 or over was fully vaccinated against Covid-19, and 87.8 per cent had received their first dose of a vaccine.

Leslee Flett, one of the protesters on the day, said the rally was 'amazing'.

Ms Flett said she attended as she believed in freedom of choice.

"There were vaccinated, and unvaxxed attendees who all care about the health of the region," she said.

"(The rally) was about saving our businesses, protecting valued health and school staff and making the region Pro Choice."

Ms Flett said everyone had their own reasons to be 'jabbed' or not.

"A Pro Choice region allows business operators to continue serving all patrons whether vaccinated or not. We all know that the vaccines don't stop the vaccinated getting infected and spreading to others, so why divide our region. Vaccinated or not, you are still equal in spreading Covid. So why the division?," she said.

"If the government want to mandate anything, temperature checks and Check In Qld



is enough and no, I am not an anti-vaxxer."

Gladstone Region Mayor Matt Burnett said he had tabled a document which outlined issues raised by the local community in response to the upcoming restrictions imposed by the State Government's mandate.



Cr Burnett said he personally delivered this document to the Queensland Government building at 1 William Street.

He spoke about the document when discussing the 'Mayor's Statement on Current Issues' at the recent general meeting.



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# Shortage hits fur babies

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Ms Whicker said in the past two weeks, eight families had to surrender their pets due to the lack of rentals in the area.

"We've found we are getting one or two phone calls at least three times per week for people who can't find rentals," Ms Whicker said.

"People are just couch surfing or are staying with people who already have animals so they can't keep theirs.

"We have been inundated."

Ms Whicker said she heard first-hand rental prices increasing up to \$60 in Gladstone.

"People are telling us they have had to get out of their current rental situation because rent has gone up \$40 or \$60 and they just can't afford it," she said.

"They have either moved on, and had to give up their pets or move back in with mum and dad because landlords have been jacking up the rents but the wages haven't gone up.

"I know an old fella across the road from me who lives in an old workers cottage, it's a little one bedroom for \$250 - he's on a disability pension and he said his rent has gone up \$40.

"He's been there four years and looks after the place... it's bloody pathetic.

"Another friend of mine has lived at their place for 10 years and they said their rent had gone up by \$60 and they're on a pension, she said they can't afford to live there anymore."

Ms Whicker said people were 'upset' to have to resort to abandoning their animals after residents claimed landlords were refusing pets at the property.

"I didn't think landlords could do that?," she said.

"We've had somebody the other day who came up from Melbourne and they had a four year old dog with them but they can't find anywhere that can take a dog.

"These people were really quite upset about having to surrender their pet.

"We are finding a lot of people just can't get rentals, it's as simple as that."

Real Estate Institute of Queensland Zone Chair for Gladstone and Locations Estate Agents principal Alicia Williams said the current rental market in Gladstone had the potential to get 'worse' before it got better.

"Our current vacancy rate, and I'm sure it's reflective of the other agencies at the moment, is sitting at 0.5%," Ms Williams said.

"That's an extremely tight rental market."

Ms Williams said Gladstone's vacancy for rentals had been hovering around 1 per cent or less for the past 18 months.

"What we are seeing, a lot of the investors in a rental portfolio have been selling since property prices have improved - but also part of it is people who are buying homes are looking to live in the property themselves and not rent it," she said.

"There is a depletion of rental stock in general in the Gladstone property market."

Ms Williams said there were less rentals due to availability of new stock on the market.

"With Covid it's also hard for new stock (houses) that are being built to come on the market," she said.

"It's also the migration of people moving from Victoria to Queensland. I think the stats are 43,000 from the last 12 months with the majority moving to the south-east corner.

"But there has been an overflow from that corner, people are moving to Central Queensland."

As for people surrendering their pets, Ms Williams said more responsibility should be placed on the tenant.

"I think it's a bit of a cop out that people are dumping their pets because they can't find a suitable rental property," she said.

"If it was a child, would they dump their child? No."

Ms Williams said new legislations in tenancy reforms meant properties were more 'pet friendly'.

The recent laws introduced in October stated Queensland landlords were no longer allowed to refuse pets in rental properties without a reason deemed valid by the state government.

Tenants can now apply to have animals and landlords can only say no for a reason deemed valid by the government.

Some of those reasons include a lack of fencing or appropriate space for the pet, health and safety risks, or if the pet is likely to cause damage beyond repair.

"It may be a case where tenants, and I say this respectfully, are not considering the long term requirements of owning a pet when looking for a property," Ms Williams said.

"I acknowledge there won't be a property which would be pet friendly...I understand it goes both ways.

"But it is disappointing to learn people are doing that especially since a pet is a long term commitment and requires a bit of planning."

Ms Williams said it was 'difficult to say' when Gladstone's rental market might improve especially with the new government mandate in place on Friday.

"We're expecting rentals will improve for investors and sellers," she said.

"We are watching the government man-

date in changing interest rates to see if that would impact the market, but that's anyone's guess.

"Anything that would change that would potentially change the market if is new stock enters the market, or investors were to purchase existing houses.

"At this stage it is more owner occupied people.

"It could potentially get worse before it gets better."

With the shelter nearly at capacity, Ms Whicker encouraged those looking for a pet for Christmas to adopt not shop this year.

"We are nearly at capacity but we will still try and help people as much as we can," she said.

"We have got 92 cats and kittens in our care and 34 puppies and dogs on our board.

"If people are going to adopt, there's three animal rescues in Gladstone, save an animal this year and remember pets are a lifetime commitment."

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# Port claims could hurt poll

By John Bell

Alleged 'excessively generous' dismissal payments and staffing 'mismanagement' at the Gladstone Ports Corporation may damage the Labor Party's chances of winning the Gladstone based federal electorate of Flynn in the coming federal election.

There has now also been a call for a public inquiry into alleged over-the-top golden handshake dismissal payouts to port managers, plus into the port board's invitation to port staff to secretly their list complaints about their port managers.

As a result, senior Central Queensland parliamentarian, Callide MP and the Liberal/National Party's candidate for Flynn, Colin Boyce, has demanded a public inquiry into Gladstone Ports Corporation's financial management, which he claimed bordered on corruption.

(The Auditor-General's report made no such findings of corruption, and Gladstone Today is not suggesting anyone at the port has acted corruptly).

"The crisis ridden Gladstone Port Corporation Board has had four Labor Party stalwarts as Chairmen including: the current chair and former Palaszczuk minister, Dr Anthony Lynham, plus Labor Party identities including Peter Coronos, Gladstone businessman and the town's first caravan park owner Leo Zussino and life-member of the Labor Party, Ian Brusasco."

The Labor Party candidate for the coming federal election for Flynn, Mayor Matt Burnett, was not available for comment and referred this newspaper to State Transport Minister Mark Bailey.

However Mr Boyce is demanding that "questions must be asked".

"Did the Palaszczuk Labor government's appointed board members approve over-the-top golden handshake payments of more than \$916,000 to two relatively short-term managers, in mutual separation agreements and is there gross staff mismanagement?" he asked.

"The Gladstone community own the port and this is taxpayers' money, not play money,



ALP candidate for Flynn Matt Burnett.

but with dividends of over \$500 million paid annually to the Palaszczuk government by the GPC, were these types of payments hidden in the past?

"Further, was this golden handshake payment and others minuted or not, by GPC board members and reported to Transport Minister Mark Bailey?"

Queensland Auditor-General Brendan Worrall's report stated that during the audit, two matters raised concerns about the corporation's compliance under the Corporations Act and the Commonwealth's Corporations Act.

"Gladstone Ports did not initially provide a report to us, as the external auditor, and [stakeholder] ministers about a payment to a former chief executive officer," he said.

Mr Worrall said GPC had failed to "appropriately approve and sign all GPC board minutes".

Mr Boyce said seven key managers and executives have left GPC since December 2018 and "I question this mismanagement style".

He also raised concerns about the high salary of over \$600,000 paid to the port CEO, plus why last year, acting CEO Craig Walker received a \$131,000-plus pay rise, especially as these salaries may be double the salaries paid to Queensland's private industry shipping and stevedoring bosses.

"I question whether it is appropriate for the Gladstone Port CEO's salary to be linked to port revenue payments from exports of coal and gas."

Allegedly over-the-top golden handshake payments to senior staff have publicly surfaced for the first time in this QAO Report, which found GPC had spent \$1,530,201 on six termination payouts since 2018.

Mr Boyce also asked: "Does the Gladstone Ports board allegedly secretly survey of its staff, seeking confidential feedback about its senior management, mean that board members have lost confidence in their managers?"

"It would be interesting to learn if Queensland's Transport Minister Mark Bailey was aware of and approved these golden handshake dismissal payments to a range of senior executives."

The Auditor-General (QAO) has referred the Gladstone Ports Corporation (GPC) to the Australian Securities and Investments Commission (ASIC) over potential non-compliance with legislation.

The Audit Office also found that Gladstone's Ports Corporation managers and its board has also spent a record \$10 million plus, on legal costs in 2020-21, compared with \$5.5 million in the previous financial year, plus there are allegations that the Gladstone Port's legal bill may double again.

"These allegations must be inquired into and why shouldn't each board member and managers be made accountable for what may be inappropriate actions?"

Queensland's Auditor-General found "three significant deficiencies" which it has reported to the Australian Securities Commission (ASIC) over potential non-compliance with legislation.

"Further, although Mr Craig Walker was acting CEO for several years, so why did Transport Minister Bailey not confirm his appointment?"

"Did the Palaszczuk Labor government know that it had real management and financial problems in its wholly owned Gladstone Ports Corporation?"

"In fact, the GPC's chief executive officer's post has been occupied by three executives recently and one even resigned within three months," Mr Boyce said.

Dr Anthony Lynham says GPC has made submissions to ASIC over the allegations.

Dr Lynham, a former state government minister, was appointed as a director and chairman of GPC on 1 October.

## 'Best performing port in state': Bailey rebuffs criticism

By John Bell

The Auditor General's finding of unreported and excessive golden handshakes, dismissal payments to Gladstone Ports Corporation managers and some questionable human resource management has been played down by Queensland's Transport Minister Mark Bailey.

A spokesman for Transport Minister Mark Bailey has also rebutted criticism by the Liberal candidate for Flynn in the coming federal election.

"If it was up to Colin Boyce and the LNP the Gladstone Port would be sold off by now," the spokesman said.

"Let's not forget the LNP wasted over \$100 million of taxpayers' money planning to sell

off Queensland's assets, including Gladstone Ports Corporation.

"However it's important that all government owned corporations follow the rules when it comes to their reporting obligations.

"Shareholding ministers have written to GPC to remind them of their reporting obligations.

"Shareholding ministers have been advised that GPC's newly-appointed chair Dr Anthony Lynham has written back to the QAO addressing their concerns and committing to rectify the issues that were raised.

"We are confident Dr Lynham will continue moving Gladstone Ports Corporation in the right direction.

"Gladstone is the best performing port in the state and is helping drive Queensland's economic recovery. We've kept it in Queensland hands, and it's profitable, giving money back to taxpayers."

The Gladstone Ports Corporation also acknowledged the report by the Queensland Audit Office.

A spokesman said that the GPC has committed to addressing recommendations, ensuring it remains an exceptionally performing State Government owned port.

"GPC remains committed to delivering for Queensland, with demonstrated performance and financial achievements in 2020/21, delivering more than \$110 million to the State, including \$20.6 million for initiatives backing

maritime jobs," the spokesman said.

"The GPC has a strong track record of running safe and busy ports to ensure we deliver sustainable economic growth and prosperity for the regions where we operate.

"The GPC remains focussed on governance and oversight, allowing the organisation to deliver on the priorities of jobs, trade and regional prosperity.

"The outlook for 2022 is very promising, with strong trade forecasts and demand for energy, particularly LNG. Our ports are featuring in considerations for developments in renewable energy, with emphasis on green ammonia and hydrogen industries and export opportunities."

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# Gas plant site concerns

By Eilish Massie

Australian Gas Networks have responded to the community's unrest regarding a hydrogen facility planned for South Gladstone.

AGN, part of Australian Gas Infrastructure Group, will build a \$4.2 million Hydrogen Park Gladstone (HyP Gladstone) on undeveloped land on Derby Street in the second quarter of 2022, with first blended gas supplied to customers by September 2022.

The hydrogen produced at HyP Gladstone will be made from water and renewable electricity in a process called electrolysis.

A Facebook page was recently created by residents titled 'NO Hydrogen Park Derby Street, South Gladstone' against the facility being built in the area.

Page organiser, Mark Veach, said it was a 'right project, just wrong location'.

"This is exactly what Gladstone needs. We are not anti-hydrogen, just against the proposed location," he said.

Mr Veach said the page was created to engage the community.

"The page is a forum for people to understand full-scale intentions of the project and understand the facts obtained from the public domain," he said.

"There is a lot of confusion, people think all the hydrogen projects are in industrial development zones. This one is in Suburbia."

Mr Veach said information posted on the page was gathered from public domains.

He said many people did not realise the facility was being built close to homes and schools.

"I'm not surprised by people's reaction as many didn't understand it was being proposed so close to houses and schools, they do now and response to date is, 'don't put it there,'" he said.

AGIG acting Executive General Manager People and Strategy, Kristin Raman said AGN had submitted additional information regarding its HyP Gladstone development application with Gladstone Regional Council.

The response followed discussions with the community and stakeholders, including residents who have had the opportunity to provide feedback through the development application's public notification process.

Ms Raman said AGN's submission to Council responded to key matters identified during recent community engagement activities to develop a new city gate station and the renewable hydrogen production facility.

"We've had an outreach of tens of thousands of business and community representatives throughout Gladstone as part of our community consultation program and have received a strong positive response in the community."

Ms Raman said AGN would continue its discussions with the Gladstone community while Council considered its application.

"We look forward to continuing our discussions with the Gladstone community. In addition to its direct environmental benefits, delivering renewable blended gas through the



Map depicts overall project area; not all streets are gas connected

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project has strong potential for new skills and training opportunities in the emerging hydrogen sector".

Ms Raman said the facility would have minimal impact on the surrounding area.

"HyP Gladstone is planned to be a small demonstration facility on a 30mx37m site on Derby Street, South Gladstone, where renewable hydrogen will be produced to begin decarbonising the city's domestic gas supply. There are no plans to expand production capacity at this site," she said.

"Renewable electricity and water will be used to produce hydrogen, which would then be blended into the existing AGN gas network to deliver a 10 per cent renewable gas blend to all homes and businesses in Gladstone."

Ms Raman said the facility would be able to produce up to 2.75kg of hydrogen per hour and store up to 10kg of hydrogen on-site.

"This is a similar amount of energy storage to two-thirds of the petrol tank in one standard passenger vehicle, or four standard 8.5kg LPG bottles used on a typical gas barbe-

cue in Australia," she said.

"Through HyP Gladstone, our customers would receive Australia's lowest carbon gas through the existing network, saving approximately 57 tonnes in carbon dioxide emissions each year.

"This is the equivalent of removing around 19 petrol passenger vehicles from the road. Importantly, customers will pay no more than if they were receiving 100 per cent natural gas and can continue to use existing gas appliances as they do today."

AGN recently hosted a community information stand at the Stockland Gladstone Shopping Centre.

"The community were invited to meet the team and ask any questions about the project. More than 200 flyers were handed out and 37 detailed conversations were held with interested parties with 89 per cent positive sentiment recorded."

However Mr Veach said there were 112 submissions made to Council opposing the location.

"A total of 135 people listed in opposition. The page has over 200 members in two days. There's a lot of people upset," he said.

"AGN has reached out a number of times, I have had online meetings and discussions with them to talk about the technology and safety risks presented at this location.

"My message is very simple. Right project, wrong location.

'Industry located in suburbia results in unnecessary exposure and risk to the community. There are alternative locations outside Suburbia to be explored.

"This is the easy, low cost option, at the expense of the community well being

"It's a stretch to say this project benefits the whole community."

AGN urges those with community interest for the project to contact them via email [communityengagement@agig.com.au](mailto:communityengagement@agig.com.au) or phone 1300 001 001 and (press option 8)

Additional information regarding the facility can be found via [agig.com.au/hydrogen-park-gladstone](http://agig.com.au/hydrogen-park-gladstone)

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# GAC board veteran dropped

By Eilish Massie

Gladstone's Airport Corporation's longest serving board member will not have his member's term renewed after Gladstone Regional Councillors voted in favour of recruiting a new person for the role.

Long standing member Dr Bradley Bowes, who has sat on the board since July 1, 2012, will not have his appointment renewed next year and the council will recruit for a new board member.

Chair Adrienne Ward and Leigh Zimmerlie will have their appointments renewed.

In a general meeting on December 7, Councillor Natalia Muszkat said she was uncomfortable with the time it took council to appoint and remove members of the board.

"It doesn't give the certainty that we can have the best board we can have," she said.

Cr Muszkat said there needed to be an evaluation or process done by an independent body.



Picture: CQ PLANE SPOTTING

"I'm not trying to put more red tape on it, I'm just trying to have more information to be confident so we are having the best people in the boards that we can have," she said.

Mayor Matt Burnett said there was a 'stringent and long process' in selecting board members.

"I'm personally happy with their performance considering what they've managed for us during Covid," he said.

"Dr Bowes is certainly very experienced, he's been on the board for many years and it's time for renewal."

"I wouldn't recommend changing three board members at the same time."

Deputy mayor Kahn Goodluck said there were a number of different mechanisms they used to evaluate board members' performance, such as deputations.

Councillor Glenn Churchill said there wasn't anything before him or council to indicate the board wasn't doing a good job.

"I'm absolutely certain that if our executive leadership team or our CEO have any issue with any aspects of the two particular directors then that matter would have been brought before us at an earlier stage," he said.

Councillor Rick Hansen, who is currently on the board, told Cr Muszkat one needed to sit on the board to have that level of assessment.

However Cr Hansen agreed there needed to be more rotation of board members.

All councillors voted in favour of Ms Ward and Ms Zimmerlie's renewal and to not renew Dr Bowes' appointment.

## The borders are open: What now for Queenslanders?

By Duncan Evans

Premier Annastacia Palaszczuk clarified the border rules in a Facebook post from December 13.

Here are the basic outlines:

- People travelling into Queensland from interstate hotspots can arrive by road or air, and don't need to quarantine - as long as they're fully vaccinated, have a border pass, and have received a negative PCR test within the past 72 hours. They'll also have to have another COVID test on day 5 after their arrival.

- People travelling into Queensland from any other part of Australia just need a border pass to enter the state - no quarantine required.

- If you're arriving from overseas, you will have to quarantine - but if you're fully vaccinated and have suitable accommodation, you can quarantine at home.

- Fully vaccinated border zone residents with a border pass will be able to move freely across the border, no test required.

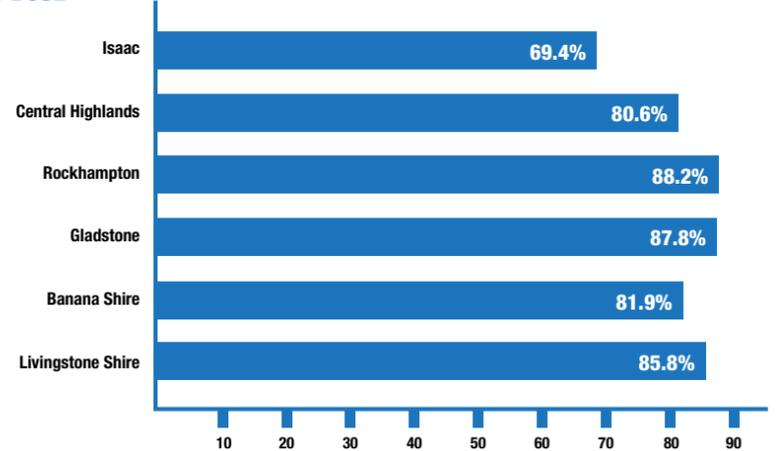
- Border zone residents who are not fully vaccinated will only be able to cross the border for limited reasons.

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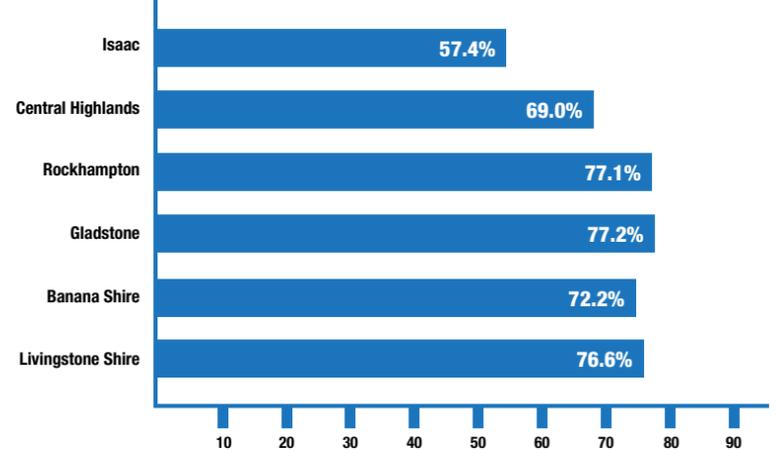
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**STATE-WIDE AVERAGE** (As of December 12)  
1st Dose – 88.3% Fully Vaccinated – 81.3%

### FIRST DOSE



### FULLY VACCINATED



Source: Operation COVID Shield

## 'On our terms': Palaszczuk

By Duncan Evans

This week, a new era emerges in Queensland, with the borders now open to the world and over 80 per cent of eligible Queenslanders fully vaccinated.

On Monday, the day the borders fell, Premier Annastacia Palaszczuk praised the state's Covid response and said the 80 per cent milestone meant Queensland would now confront the inevitable influx of Covid on "its own terms."

"The results have been really unprecedented compared to the rest of the world," she said.

"Our businesses have been able to function. Our children have gone to school. And we've fought back and contained more than 50 separate outbreaks. The credit here belongs to every single Queensland."

"Queensland's cautious approach had kept Queensland safe. We will live with Co-

vid - but on our terms."

State-wide, 81.3 per cent of eligible Queenslanders are fully vaccinated, and the Rockhampton and Gladstone local government areas (LGAs), the two most populous parts of Central Queensland, are not far behind.

In Rockhampton, 77.1 per cent are fully vaccinated.

In Gladstone, 76.6 per cent are fully vaccinated.

Meanwhile, first dose rates across Central Queensland suggest that by the New Year or early January 2022, nearly all of Central Queensland will have breached the 80 per cent fully vaccinated threshold.

The only LGA which falls far behind is Isaac, the beating heart of Queensland's coal industry.

Within Isaac, just 57.4 per cent of eligible resident are fully vaccinated and less than 70 per cent have received their first dose.

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# Island resort push is on

By Eilish Massie

The opening of a new retail, recreational and tourism precinct in Boyne Island is another step closer, with developers assembling a consultant team for stage two of the project.

Brisbane-based developers ZenDev have plans to construct a marina and hotel alongside an existing proposal for an aquatic centre on the corner of Centenary Drive and Wyndham Avenue.

The new development will include a hotel, an outdoor sport and recreation facility, cafe and gym.

ZenDev director Jacob Scott said a hotel, marina and boat club development application would be lodged in March next year, and was hopeful construction would follow by mid-2023.

ZenDev are now seeking property professionals working in the Gladstone Region for stage two of the Boyne River Precinct project.

"We are assembling our consultant team for stage 2 of our Boyne Island Retail, Recreational



and Tourism precinct, as we anticipate DA approval for Stage 1 in January 2022," ZenDev said.

"We look forward to announcing our consultant appointments for the next step of this incredible project with our focus being to keep jobs within the Gladstone region."

Earlier this year, the group lodged its second development application with Gladstone Regional Council for stage one of the project, an aquatic centre.

The application included an Olympic sized

50m pool with a shaded grandstand, indoor swim school/ aerobics pool, resort-style lagoon pool, kids pool, two water slides and a splash zone, a water play area cafe and gym facilities.

Once completed, the centre has the potential to attract 700,000 visitors to the region per annum and create opportunities for new tourism businesses.

The aquatic centre would also work in conjunction with local events such as the Boyne Tannum Hookup, which attracts 27,000 visitors each year, resulting in building an identity for the Boyne Tannum precinct as a leisure and adventure destination.

Mr Scott said he was hopeful Gladstone Regional Council would accept stage one of the project.

"Prior to lodging the DA we have had a few meetings with the Council, they've been really good and transparent," he said.

Mr Scott said stages two and three of the project, the marina and hotel, would also add to the region's tourism and hospitality sector.

"This project is definitely outside our comfort zone but we're confident we have the right team and financial partners to get it done and it does go ahead, and the project is what local residents want," he said.

Mr Scott said the 33,438 sqm complex will have 50 car parking spaces and room for 20 bikes.

The development would employ 80 people during construction and 30 ongoing positions annually and visitor spending is set to generate \$1.3 million every year.

It's understood there have been 250 submissions at least, all of which are positive and include ideas from the community. A Gladstone Council survey had 95 per cent of respondents support the project.

Mr Scott said even without the proposed development, he saw Boyne Island and Tannum Sands as a major investment which would grow in population in years to come.

"If we were to look anywhere for where our next project would be, it would definitely be in the Gladstone region."

## Seven people hospitalised after eating toxic fish meal

By Eilish Massie

Seven people on an international bulk carrier off the coast of Gladstone were taken to hospital on Thursday after suffering from ciguatera fish poisoning.

Paramedics, a doctor and a nurse treated the crew after they came down with suspected food poisoning from eating a barracuda.

The crew made a call for help at 4.30am, with a team of paramedics and health staff travelling out to sea with the help of water

police to respond to the suspected mass food poisoning event.

It is understood the group is suspected of suffering from ciguatera fish poisoning, which can be acquired from eating reef fish contaminated by toxins.

Queensland Ambulance Service central region district director Darren Pirie said seven people were taken to Gladstone Hospital, and the health team remained on board throughout the day to treat another 12 crew members.

"We've been called to respond to a vessel about five nautical miles off the coast," he said.

"There were 20 people on the vessel and 19 of those people came down with associated symptoms of nausea and vomiting, aches and pains ... potentially from digesting some fish out on the reef there.

"Queensland Ambulance Service provided a response and care to these patients along with a medical team out of Queensland Health, a doctor and nurse, to ... assess these

patients on the vessel and provide care as appropriate.

"At the moment ... we've transported seven of those 19 patients and there's been some further care provided on the vessel which allows those patients to stay safe on the vessel."

Mr Pirie said the sick crew members had been given fluids and medication on board the vessel and were being monitored by paramedics and medical professionals.

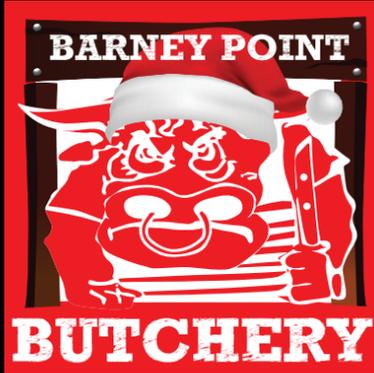
"The whole scenario has gone really well," he said.

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The Scott family is hosting a fundraiser for MACE this Saturday.



# Couple lights up street

By Eilish Massie

April and Iain Scott's annual Christmas lights display has become a community event.

Mrs and Mr Scott started using their displays to raise money for Motorcyclists Advocating Child Empowerment two years ago and have since raised hundreds of dollars for the charity.

MACE is a club committed to empowering children who have been affected by neglect, sexual, physical or emotional abuse.

Their annual Christmas Light Ride and

Cruise event involves a convoy of bikes and cars making its way around town, stopping at some of the bigger light displays to spread Christmas cheer for children.

This Saturday, more than 20 bikes and cars are expected to be covered in tinsel for the event.

Mrs Scott said the event will start at the Gladstone Marina and end at her address for a Christmas Street party.

The couple will host a public mini Christmas Street party with local Mace members to raise money, featuring their lights display, a

sausage sizzle and Santa.

"It's worth seeing the kid's faces, they love it," Mrs Scott said.

"They get so excited."

MACE's Christmas Light Ride and Cruise will start at the Gladstone Marina this Saturday at 5.30pm for a tour of Gladstone before ending at 10 Hope Phillips Crescent for a mini Christmas Street Party. Everyone is welcome to attend.

The event is sponsored by Mission to Seafarers, Deja Brew Coffee, Strong Images and Craig's Bakery.



# Festive season: Household light displays just brilliant

By Eilish Massie

Driving the streets at night and checking out the Christmas lights displays is one of the best things about this time of the year.

It's certainly a tradition that's alive and well in Gladstone, with some spectacular displays set up every year.

Gladstone Today wants to showcase those who make the effort to put the sparkle into Christmas with a Christmas Light list.

If you have done your house up in twinkling nights or have a hot tip for where the best lights can be found email [eilish.massie@todaygladstone.com.au](mailto:eilish.massie@todaygladstone.com.au)

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Labor candidate for Flynn Matt Burnett and Senator Murray Watt.

# TAFE pledge for jobs boom

Labor has promised to give locals in Central Queensland access to free TAFE, in order to set industries up for a new regional jobs boom.

Labor Candidate for Flynn Matt Burnett said under an Albanese Labor Government, locals in Central Queensland who want to study in an industry with a recognised skills shortage will be supported through free TAFE.

"This will provide more opportunities for apprentices and trainees, and fill skills shortage gaps like those in trades and construction, resources, new energy and advanced manufacturing," he said.

"It will also help meet current and future needs in the care economy, including jobs like child care, aged care, disability care, nursing and community services."

Mr Burnett said across Central Queensland there were nearly 2,000 (1,899) fewer apprentices since the Liberals and Nationals came to power, which meant there wasn't enough skilled workers.

"Industry leaders across regional Queensland have been crying out for the need to invest in skills and training to fix the gap in skilled workers, but it has fallen on deaf ears," he said.

Managing Director of Upton's Engineering and Manufacturing Mitch Upton said receiving skilled labour was the biggest issue that he faced, especially as a regional business.

"Skills shortages are a big thing, especially with the new technologies that are coming out and how quickly things are changing," Mr Upton said.

"We service heavy industry right across Central Queensland, including large companies in Gladstone and further north and down south.

"These initiatives to implement training will be really exciting for what we do and the new technologies that are coming out."

Mr Burnett said more must be done to ensure jobs of the future, including digital, new energy and advanced manufacturing.

"Labor's free TAFE will provide opportunities for a solid career path for people of all ages, while also bolstering Central Queensland's future by delivering a pipeline of skilled workers to meet future demand," he said.

"TAFE graduates are valuable workers, adding billions to the economy each year, including \$85 billion in 2019 alone.

"At a time when productivity and wages are flatlining, our TAFEs have the potential to grow the economy and sustain the secure well-paid jobs of the future."

Mr Burnett said Labor would also provide \$50 million for a TAFE Technology Fund to create world-leading TAFE training centres and simulators.

Additionally, he promised a Labor Government would work closely with state and territory governments and industry groups on opportunities which allow workers to transfer and build on their accredited micro-credential training.

"Only Labor has a long-term plan to secure the jobs of the future by giving people in Central Queensland the skills they need," he said.



# Truck rollover in front of Raglan pub, driver stable

By Eilish Massie

A truck driver was flown to hospital after a truck rollover at Raglan on Monday morning.

Emergency services were called to the Bruce Highway, out the front of the Raglan

Tavern, just before 6.30am.

RACQ Capricorn Rescue was tasked to the scene and flew the man to Rockhampton Hospital in a stable condition.

Both lanes were closed for some time and police were on scene directing traffic as the truck is removed from the road.

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# Aquafit provides wellness

By John Bell

Aquafit is a wonderful water-based community wellness programme for those over 65.

It is provided by Gladstone's Community Linking Agency and this supervised exercise programme is run by an exercise physiologist.

Programme Manager, Jaeme Spalding explained that this water-based exercise programme enables Gladstone's senior citizens to maintain their mobility and to recover and get back to health after an injury.

"Up to 20 people attend each class, which are held three times a week in the heated indoor pool at the Gladstone Aquatic Centre," Jaeme said.

"Our senior bathers are like a big family with lots of social interaction and friendships, which is a welcome change from being at home, often on their own.

"In fact, our bathers constantly tell us that they absolutely love this activity.

"This is because exercises are customised to suit each person and includes very gentle pool yoga, exercising with foam noodles and with plastic and water-resistant dumbbells.

"Our bathers really enjoy being supported by the warm water as they walk in the pool while doing muscle strengthening and stamina exercises."

Jaeme Spalding said that most bathers may be in aged care programmes, which enable our valuable members of our community to continue to live at home.

"Classes are three times a week on Mondays and Fridays between 9 to 11 am and at Noon to 1pm on Wednesdays."



Aquafit Exercise Psychologist, Jess Chalmers, leading water-based exercises in Gladstone's heated indoor pool at the Aquatic Centre.

## Old friends lap it up: Free swimming for seniors

By John Bell

One of the Gladstone Regional Council's most wonderful initiatives is providing free seniors swimming at the Gladstone Aquatic Centre in Tank Street. Centre Manager, Zane Reid proudly explained that 'anyone 60 years or over is entitled to a free pool access card for five days a week, from Monday to Friday between 7:45 and 8:45 each morning'.

"Up to 60 people turn up every weekday morning and enjoy socialising with new and old swimming friends," Zane smiled.

"Senior swimmers really enjoy walking up and down the indoor heated pool without fear of falling, as they are supported by waist-deep warm water, while others swim gently to maintain their fitness, flexibility and mobility."

The Aquatic Centre Manager's comments have been enthusiastically supported by senior swimmers!

Marie Tweeney explained that 'the Council's free pool access helps keep us to be very active, especially as I've had a knee operation'. "Being in the water means that I'm actually walking around and I just love it!" she smiled.

Swimming friend, Pam Mason agreed. "It's exciting to comfortably walk supported in the pool as I've also got bad knees, Pam said.

Fellow swimmer, Gladys Pitt was just as enthusiastic and grateful. "It's the only way of exercising when I'm pain free," she proudly announced.

Gladstone's Regional Council Mayor, Matt Burnett added that 'the Gladstone Seniors' Swimming Hour has operated for 20 years'.



Gladys Pitt, Pam Mason and Marie Tweeney having a lovely time at the Gladstone Regional Council's free pool access for seniors.

"As owner of the Gladstone Aquatic Centre, Gladstone Regional Council is proud to contribute towards healthy lifestyles and

positive wellbeing for our community," Mayor Burnett said.

"Our Seniors' Hour involves gentle, water-

based exercise designed to increase physical fitness for 60-plus year-old patrons with a Seniors Card."

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Your Council Community Update

Miriam Vale's water source at Baffle Creek has risen considerably since November 2019 (left), compared to November 2021 (right).



## Water source secure as rain lifts restrictions and community spirit

Residents of Miriam Vale can look forward to a renewed sense of optimism this festive season following the recent lifting of water restrictions brought about by "drought breaking" rain.

Prior to recent rainfall that swept through the Gladstone Region late last month, Miriam Vale residents had endured several years of below-average rainfall that would eventually impact on their Baffle Creek water supply and led to the implementation of water restrictions.

In August 2019, Baffle Creek's raw water supply had reduced to a level where Council started looking for a more secure water source.

Several solutions were examined to safely supplement Miriam Vale's existing water supply. An alternative source was found but had to be tested to ensure quality, safety and reliability.

During the testing period, additional water was trucked to the Miriam Vale Water Treatment Plant.

However, to effectively manage the local supply, water reduction targets of 125L per person, per day for all residential properties was set and came into effect on 1 September 2019.

Miriam Vale residents excelled in saving water with the town responding quickly by recording low levels of usage, while weekly water meter readings kept everyone informed on their progress.

For Sue Thorne, owner of *The Shop - Miriam Vale*, the recent rainfall has been on everyone's lips.

"Everything looks beautiful," Sue said.

"When you're living in an area where it's all brown and grey, after you've had rain it's pretty special.

"The town just brightens up once a decent amount of rain comes through and it's the talk of the town."

Prior to the big downfall, Sue said Miriam Vale residents adapted quickly to water restrictions.

"We live in a rural area so generally people have a pretty decent understanding around water and how precious it is," she said.

"As a general rule people saw it as something that just needed to be done."

Sue, who has owned *The Shop - Miriam Vale* since 2014, said residents were savvy in ensuring their daily allocation stretched as far as it could.

"We've got a couple of elderly people in town who are precious about their gardens - they knew they couldn't use tap water, so they had to find other ways," she said.

"People saved their shower water and their washing up water and watered their gardens with that."

Now that a decent amount of rain has fallen and water restrictions have been lifted, Sue is confident residents won't go overboard with their water consumption.

"It's being lifted at a time when we've just had anywhere up to 300mm of rain around the area - drought breaking rain and most houses around town have a water tank and they are all full now," she said.

"I don't believe people will go crazy with it; they've seen what happens during times of drought."

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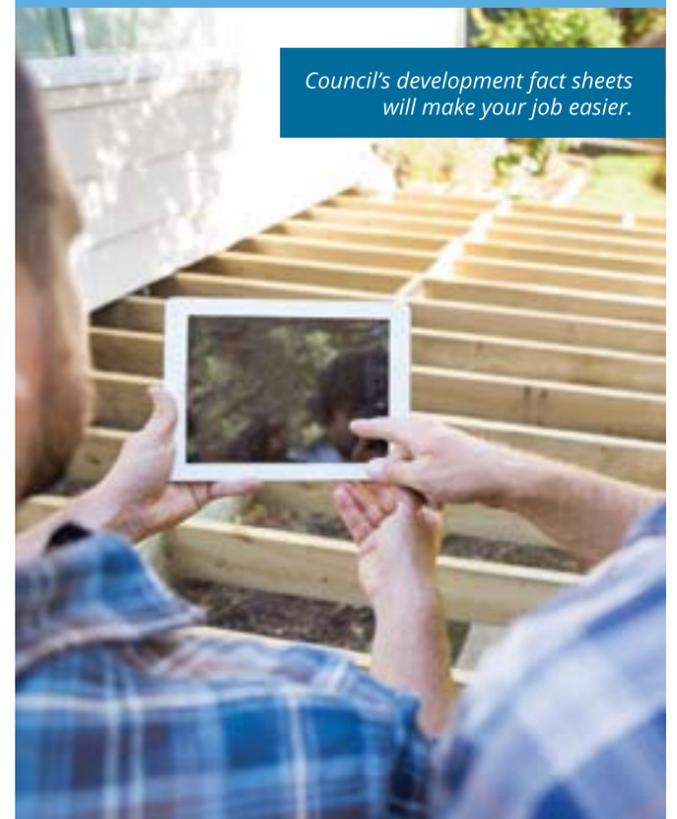
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From back left, Dr Linda Pfeiffer, Sue Dodd, Mirrin Rashleigh, Sarah Jacob, Paxton Manning, Jeso Charlie, Kiarna Canendo, Caitlyn List, Courtney Godbee, Harmony Jacobsen, Patricia Coleman, Selina Druery, Isiah Ghee, Kimberly Godbee, Keira List, Elliot Brown, Sonny Lindley, Kelsey Isaacs, Ila Hodgson and Patrick Tully.



Paxton Manning.

# Students' pride blossoms

By John Bell

Pride and self-confidence has blossomed amongst 20, year 3 and 4 Indigenous children at the Gladstone West State School.

Last week, each student proudly displayed their creative and outstanding artwork at CQUniversity, after completing a 20-week life experience learning program called Buraligim Weiber.

Activities to improve engagement, literacy, and school attendance is the brainchild of Dr Linda Pfeiffer's science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) education program.

"These children who has grown so much, have been enabled to solve their real-world problems knowledge and skills from these disciplines," Dr Pfeiffer explained.

"These new learning experiences were carried-out by West Gladstone State School Deputy Principal, Sarah Jacob and her teacher, Mirrin Rashleigh and our focus was the land and the sea and connection to country.

"They enabled twenty confident First Nations primary schoolers have been given the opportunity to explore the amazing world of science, technology, engineering and mathematics.

"They learned about the world around them, including impacts on the environment, food and sustainability, local flora and fauna, waterways all through the viewpoint of their connection to country."

Dr Pfeiffer said students took part in many hands-on experiences and excursions.

"We organised many experiences and excursions, including boat tours of Gladstone Harbour, Quoin Island, visits to the Botanic Gardens, Spinnaker Park, and CQUni's Coastal Marine Ecosystems Research Centre (CMERC)."

"Our successful pilot program was developed by CQUniversity STEM Central team and supported by CQUniversity, ConocoPhillips, Australia Pacific LNG and Gladstone West State School.

"It was prepared by a team of educators, academics and local community members in consultation with Traditional Custodians from the Gooreng Gooreng tribe.

"We also had the support of the Gladstone Healthy Harbour Partnership and the Gladstone Ports Corporation, who provided information sessions to the kids.

"The Buraligim Weiber STEM Program began on July 15 and provided every Thursday until December 9 and we plan to repeat this rewarding Indigenous childrens' program next year."



Patrick Tully.



Jerro Charlie proudly shows his artwork to Isiah Ghee.



Ila Hodgson.



Kimberly Goodbee and Kiera List.



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Elliot Brown, Heidi Saffy and their happy and very proud family.



Harmony Jacobsen and elder Patricia Coleman.

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Olivia Ruth and her band are a musical force to be reckoned with.

# Festival favourites return

The 15th annual Agnes Blues, Roots & Rock Festival is getting even bigger with festival favorites Olivia Ruth and 8 Ball Aitken returning to the Marquee Stage.

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

A musical force to be reckoned with, the Olivia Ruth band's distinctive rock-infused, bluesy sound is a product of Olivia's dynamic and unique vocals, impressively-crafted original songs and a tight, solid group of musicians who are passionate about their music.

Live performances showcase a range of musical styles from gentle acoustic-driven ballads and funky blues-inspired songs through to powerful, rock-solid anthems.

The band pride themselves on powerfully delivering the art of storytelling, with sassy, poetic lyrics expressing raw and unadulterated emotion.

Olivia Ruth will rock the main Marquee Stage from 1.15 to 2.15pm, Sunday, 20 February.

Another festival favourite, 8 Ball Aitken and his high energy band will close out the Marquee Stage that same day, from 2.30 to 3.45pm.

This swamp-blues-rocker has toured the world for more than a decade, performing across 20 countries to date. He's earned a loyal fanbase from his live shows and internet videos while paying his dues as a singer,



Festival favourite, 8 Ball Aitken is returning to the Agnes Blues, Roots & Rock Festival.

songwriter, slide-guitarist and producer.

Since relocating to Music City, USA in 2012 from his native Australia, 8 Ball has worked with many of the best in the blues business

today. In 2021, he won second place in the International New Orleans Cigar Box Guitar Festival hosted by blueswoman Samantha Fish.

During lockdown, 8 Ball self-produced three new albums from his house in Nashville. Supporting musicians include Buddy Guy's Grammy Award winning producer Tom Hambridge on drums, George Thorogood and the Destroyers' saxophone player Buddy Leach, Sydney soul singer Taya Chani on backing vocals, and his brother Dillion James Aitken on keys.

8 Ball played all of the guitars, bass and harmonica on all three albums.

Home is where the heart is and 8 Ball Aitken recently returned to Australia from the USA, performing at many sold out shows and festivals.

8 Ball and Olivia Ruth will join a diverse line-up including Gypsy Soldiers, Hussy Hicks, Brittany Elise, Dillion James, 1770superjam, 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.

The festival will also feature two intimate performer workshops hosted by Linc Phelps and Jamie Symons from Devil's Kiosk.

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 [www.agnesbluesandroots.com.au](http://www.agnesbluesandroots.com.au)

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

## On the move: Bill Robertson Toyota launches Kinto Rent

Bill Robertson Toyota is pleased to announce the launch of KINTO Rent, to offer expanded mobility services to the local area of Gladstone.

KINTO provides customers with the flexibility to book and drive a Toyota vehicle from an hour to a year at attractive rates – all through the KINTO app.

Since its launch in March 2021, Toyota vehicles booked through KINTO have been available at on street locations in Melbourne as well as some Toyota Dealerships. Toyota intends that KINTO – a program of Toyota

Finance Australia – will expand throughout Australia, increasing its availability to more customers.

At Bill Robertson Toyota, vehicles will now be available and conveniently located for use by KINTO customers in the local area.

Set to become Australia's most innovative solution to accessing a great range of Toyota vehicles, KINTO operates completely from a smartphone app, including sign up, booking, access and payment. Unlocking and locking of the vehicle is done via buttons from within the app.

All KINTO bookings include the convenience of fuel and the reassurance of comprehensive insurance and 24/7 Roadside Assist. Drivers pay for the duration booked and the distance travelled, with decreased rates for longer bookings, plus any extras such as insurance excess reduction.

Toyota Australia Vice President Sales, Marketing and Franchise Operations Sean Hanley said KINTO offers consumers greater freedom and flexibility whenever they need a vehicle.

"KINTO is the next best thing to owning your own car because it is simple and afford-

able to book and drive the latest Toyota vehicles, including our popular hybrid models," Mr Hanley said.

"KINTO offers services that will support Toyota's aim to be the mobility provider of choice for all types of customers," he said.

The name KINTO is derived from kintou, a Japanese word meaning "flying nimbus" – a magical cloud that appears quickly when necessary to provide transport.

KINTO details, terms and conditions are available at <https://www.kinto.com.au/> or by calling 1300 4KINTO (454 686).

# OPINION

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## Embracing business

### Today's View

The term 'SME' is an abbreviation that means "small to medium-sized enterprise, a company that employs no more than 500 employees", safe to say that most of the local businesses in central Queensland would be classed as an SME.

Gladstone Today this week would like to recognise our local businesses, their owners and staff, the people who work to make their enterprise a success.

With the year coming to an end it is an opportune time to also acknowledge the value that each of the SMEs contributes to the success of Central Queensland's communities.

These entrepreneurs are locals, operating in the local economy, the ones that have a vision to build a business that they will direct, operate, and grow into the future.

They are the backbone of our community. Taking on all the risks involved in the small business arena, facing the challenges of selling more of their products or services, working through health and safety laws, overcoming any human resources changes, keeping abreast of taxation laws, all while trying to make a living.

These same businesses are the first one's contacted for the local charities, the raffles, the fundraisers, the events, that are unable to function without sponsorship. Most are contacted each week and asked to give in kind or cash support, also one of the largest physical contributors to many of the community organisations as the nominated president, secretary, treasurer, committee member or one of



My Little Potted Garden opened its doors on Friday, 22 October at 92 Goondoon Street, specialising in beautifully crafted tropical terrariums, macramé plant hangers and potted tropical indoor plants.

the worker bees.

The local businesses should be recognised for the foundation that they build, the pride that they are able to help generate in most strong communities, it could be said that they are one of the most valuable commodities for any town or city providing diversity, choice, and service.

They are the beating heart of the community. Strength in the community is built by the generosity of the local businesspeople, provid-

ing support for almost everything that makes the community strong.

With the strong competition for the consumer dollar, especially through the online marketplace our local businesses are most probably facing their greatest challenges to date. As residents of Central Queensland, we can show our support for our SMEs through the power of purchase.

Living in a community comes with a sense of responsibility, as residents we want to know

that our choice has been a wise one, we seek to belong and be involved, being proud of where we live.

As parents we have chosen to guide and grow our children through to young adults in this community. As consumers, we can also choose to benefit and strengthen our community through supporting our local business. When next you hear the call to shop local, support local, buy local, think about those that support and provide for the place that you live in.

## VOX POP

### WE TAKE IT TO THE STREETS

**Do you support shark nets to protect swimmers?**

**Vanessa Esson:** We rarely see people swimming behind the shark and crocodile net at Spinnaker. Most people go to Tannum Beach instead.

**Dani Butler:** If I was in the water, I'd be worried about dangerous Bull Sharks between Gladstone and Rockhampton. Except I'd feel safe behind Spinnaker Park's shark net, as otherwise, you just don't swim in the water. I assume the Spinnaker Park shark net goes all the way down to the bottom at least to deter sharks.

**Phil Whiteley:** I think the shark and crocodile net at Spinnaker Park is very satisfactory. It is only small between the rock walls. It wouldn't hurt and be even better if the net is much finer to keep out the deadly Iruandji jelly fish as well. However, I don't agree with shark nets along the coast because they kill marine life.

**Adam Harris:** I think the Spinnaker Park shark net is a good idea. But it would be even better if it was also a stinger net to stop Iruandji jelly fish. The Spinnaker Park shark net gives children somewhere safe to play, plus it also stops rubbish washing ashore onto the beach.

**Bec Cavanagh:** The Gladstone Ports Corporation staff provide a safe swimming area at Spinnaker Park behind the shark net, which is a good idea. But it would be even better if this net was much finer to stop children getting jelly fish stings.



Spinnaker Park shark net



Phil



Bec



Adam

## ON THIS DAY

### 16 DECEMBER IS NATIONAL CHOCOLATE COVERED ANYTHING DAY

**755:** An Lushan revolts against Chancellor Yang Guozhong at Fanyang, initiating the An Shi Rebellion during the Chinese Tang Dynasty

**1598:** Seven Year War: Battle of Noryang Point - in the final battle of the war Korean navy decisively defeats the Japanese

**1653:** Parliamentarian General Oliver Cromwell appointed as Lord Protector of England, Scotland and Ireland

**1773:** Boston tea party incident - Sons of Liberty protesters throw tea shipments into Boston harbour in protest against British imposed Tea Act

**1920:** 8.5 earthquake rocks the Gansu province in China, killing an estimated 200,000

**1944:** Nazi Germany launches a counteroffensive against the Allies in the Ardennes region of Belgium, beginning the 'Battle of the Bulge'

**1998:** Iraq disarmament crisis: Operation Desert Fox - the United States and United Kingdom bomb targets in Iraq

# OPINION

Matt Canavan



## Covid brought to book

If, like me, you have left your Christmas shopping to the last minute, consider gifting the ground breaking book, by Australian journalist Sharri Markson, on the origins of the coronavirus. Her book has been a worldwide hit. Titled What really happened in Wuhan? it is the most gripping description of how the world descended into the worst pandemic since the Spanish Flu.

For most, this will be a topic you think you know much about. The coronavirus has been the number one story for nearly two years, and many of the stories Ms Markson broke have been widely reported. There is still many unanswered questions though that this book explores, as well as just being a rollicking, "inside the room" account of how this all happened.

The book starts on 22 November 2019 - six weeks before China would confirm to the World Health Organisation a new virus. On that night, Chinese dissident, Wei Jingsheng, visited his fellow anti-CCP activist, Dimon Liu, for dinner in Washington DC.

Wei had grown up inside one of the Chinese Communist Party's 500 founding families. But he had been imprisoned and tortured for 14 years after writing an essay in 1978 that described Deng Xiaoping as a dictator. He was thrown back in jail in the mid-1990s after meeting with a US official about human rights abuses. Finally Wei was extradited to the US in 1997, as part of China's negotiations with the US, to join the World Trade Organisation.

Wei maintained impeccable contacts within China, and, as Ms Markson recounts, after enjoying a rib-eye steak, stir fried bean curd and Chinese barley, Wei said to his friend "There is a new, dangerous virus spreading in China. There is a lot of talk about people getting sick. All my friends are speaking about it. It seems to be in Wuhan."

Six weeks later, on 2 January 2020, Wei returned to his friend for lunch. Wei told her of "Shi Zhengli", a scientist at the Wuhan Institute of Virology and told his friends "I know the PLA [the Chinese military] has been doing research



A child reacts to a throat swab during mass testing for Covid-19 in Wuhan, the region where Covid-19 was first detected. (Chinatopix via AP)

on biological warfare since the 1960s ... the laboratories in Wuhan are very suspicious." Sharri Markson would later break the story of Shi, the so-called bat lady, and her work with coronaviruses in bats at Wuhan.

Both Wei Jingsheng and Dimon Liu were well connected in DC, and they raised concerns with Trump officials and Senators. So why did the world not wake up to the threat until it was too late?

First, the US political class was distracted by the impeachment of Donald Trump, associated with now discredited claims of his ties to Russia. I was in DC in late November 2019, to talk about how to reduce China's control of rare earths, and while in then Donald Trump's Chief of Staff's office, he showed me how his

entire boardroom table was filled with folders on impeachment.

In late January 2020, while the impeachment hearings were at their height, the Trump administration held a briefing on coronavirus for the 100 Senators in Congress. Just 5 Senators turned up.

The other reason we may have missed the early warning signs is because so many western scientists were working with the Wuhan laboratory before 2020. Ms Markson's book is at its forensic best as she details the labyrinth of these connections, including awarding US Government funding to 60 research projects in Wuhan, and the assistance provided by our own CSIRO to Wuhan scientists.

These conflicts almost certainly played a

role in downplaying the early signs that this virus may have come from the Wuhan lab. When a Trump administration official raised the prospect of banning travel from China - based on the information he had received from Wei - he was shut down because Dr Anthony Fauci told the meeting coronavirus was not yet a serious problem.

There is much more in this book, including the most accessible description of whether Covid-19 was made in a lab. Perhaps the book's most important contribution, however, is its own early warning about the need for us to re-evaluate our relationship with China. The coronavirus has proven that the Chinese Communist Party cannot be a trusted partner and, for now at least, China is not a safe place to do business.

## Ronald McDonald House appeals for Santas to help out

For most kids, Christmas is a time for toys and fun. For the seriously ill kids staying at Ronald McDonald House Charities South East Queensland (RMHC SEQ) they have one wish this Christmas - for their families to be by their side as they battle serious illnesses and injuries.

Last year, RMHC SEQ supported 196 Gladstone families by providing essential accommodation and other support services whilst their children received treatment in a nearby Brisbane hospital.

This festive season, the organisation is asking the local community to help support more local Gladstone families by giving a gift of love and sending a Christmas message on their virtual Christmas tree.

The Tierney family know all about the importance of Ronald McDonald House and are just one of the 4,200 families that are welcomed into the Houses every year.

Their two girls, Rebecca and her little sister Kristine travel more than 500kms from their hometown of Gladstone four times a year for specialist treatment at the Queensland Children's Hospital in Brisbane.

The family have been staying at Ronald McDonald House during these visits for more than 10 years.

Ronald McDonald House has become more than just a house, it's their special home away from home.

"Ronald McDonald House is a blessing for families like ours and has helped us in



The Tierney family know all about the importance of Ronald McDonald House.

so many ways, emotionally and financially," says Mum Joanne.

"My kids always look forward to staying at Ronald McDonald House because I believe they feel at home, they've made new friends, and they feel comfortable when we're there. Ronald McDonald House is part of our lives and we will always be thankful for that."

RMHC SEQ runs three houses accommodating up to 144 families every night as well as the Ronald McDonald Learning Program

to assist seriously ill children to catch up on missed schooling.

Donations are vital in supporting these services and will make a difference in the lives of local families such as the Tierney's, especially during the festive season.

Dr John Gilmour, CEO of RMHC SEQ, says being able to be together as a family was the most important thing for a child during difficult times.

"Donations will ensure our Ronald Mc-



Rebecca and Kristine travel four times a year for specialist treatment at the Queensland Children's Hospital in Brisbane.

Donald Houses continue to be a place where families can be together when they need it the most."

You can help families by donating to help become a Santa for Sick Kids this Christmas. On 16 December, your donations will be doubled with Ronald McDonald House Charities' Santa for Sick Kids Matched Giving Day.

By donating now, you can give a seriously ill or injured child the best gift of all - their family. Will you be a Santa for Sick Kids this Christmas?

Tax-deductible donations can be made by visiting: [www.santaforsickkids.com.au/seq-landing](http://www.santaforsickkids.com.au/seq-landing)



Jeffrey Reeves (GCCOTA president), Mayor Matt Burnett, Lennard Woodman (GCCOTA vice president).

# One step closer

A retirement village at Philip Street is one step closer following the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between Gladstone Regional Council (GRC) and Gladstone Central Committee on the Ageing (GCCOTA).

The objective of the MOU is to investigate over 55s independent living and accommodation options at the Philip Street Precinct, located at 2 Dave Burns Drive, West Gladstone.

Council and GCCOTA will collaborate to undertake a feasibility analysis addressing criteria such as the need for affordable independent living rental accommodation for over 55s in the Gladstone Region and the suitability of land at the Philip Street Precinct.

Council will provide funding of up to \$50,000 for GCCOTA to engage an appropri-

ately qualified consultant to undertake the feasibility analysis.

Gladstone Region Mayor Matt Burnett said the MOU was a significant step forward in the Council's commitment to address the ongoing under supply of affordable independent living rentals and aged care accommodation options for seniors in the Gladstone Region.

"Gladstone Regional Council acknowledges the challenges presented by the ageing of our population, particularly with high numbers of retirees choosing to relocate to other parts of the state," Councillor Burnett said.

"Our seniors are our volunteers, caregivers, community champions, the pioneers and as a community, we owe it to our seniors to provide affordable and appropriate retirement and

aged care options, locally.

"It has always been the vision of Council that our seniors have options to live, interact and contribute in a meaningful capacity to the activities and programs delivered at the newly opened Philip Street Communities and Families Precinct.

"Council wants to encourage our seniors to age here and providing affordable independent living rental accommodation options for over 55s will certainly help in achieving that goal.

"It's fantastic that we've been able to sign this MOU with the Gladstone Central Committee on the Ageing and I look forward to seeing the positive outcomes that can be generated as a result."

Gladstone Central Committee on the Age-

ing president Jeff Reeves said they were delighted to sign a MOU with GRC to investigate the possibility of developing the Philip Street project in order to increase the supply of affordable rental housing for people over 55.

"Our experience in running a successful retirement village at Telina, for over 25 years, has placed us in a very good position to partner GRC in the quest to increase social housing in our region," Mr Reeves said.

"We have a zero-vacancy rate at Heritage Village and Dot Horn Place as well as a waiting list of 60+ potential tenants.

"We shall make every effort to find the best consultants to carry out the Feasibility Analysis that GRC is generously funding and look forward to their report."

## OFFICIAL MEDICAL ADVICE

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# Q&A

with Gladstone Regional Councillor Rick Hansen

**What is the best advice you've ever received?**  
Don't procrastinate. If you genuinely believe in it, get it done.

**What is something you do in your spare time?**  
Creating playlists and anything to do with music.

**What is something most people don't know about you?**  
I was a lead singer in a band way back.

**What's your favourite spot in the Gladstone region?**  
South End.

**What would be your last meal if you could choose?**  
Good quality restaurant Chinese.

**Which celebrity guests (dead or alive) would you invite to a dinner party?**  
Rowan Atkinson, Hugh Lawrie, Andrew Gaze.

**Who is your favourite movie star and what do you admire about him or her?**  
Jack Nicholson because he is Jack.

**What is one of your greatest achievements?**  
Contributing to this community in which I live.

**If you had to choose three items to take with you on a trip to a deserted island, which would they be?**  
My family, my music, Good food and wine.



## THREE ...

*ways to improve recycling*

- 1 Remember your Rs**  
Reduce, reuse and recycle are still as important today as they were when the three Rs were first drummed into our heads years ago. It's important for consumers to focus on reducing how much waste they produce, and reusing anything they can. Rinse old glass jars and use them for storing pasta, flour or cotton tips, and buy products with minimal packaging.

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- 2 Recycle outdated technology**  
E-waste includes any item that has a cord, battery or plug. These items contain materials that can be toxic if released into waterways. Find e-waste drop-off points.

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- 3 Invest in a re-usable morning coffee cup**  
Research shows disposable coffee cups contain plastics that do not break down and are harmful to the environment. Coffee cups are also the second biggest contributor to waste in Australia, after plastic bottles. Reusable cups solve both of these problems and also seal better so your coffee stays warmer for longer!

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or scan the QR code



**Christmas Appeal**  
LEAVE NO ONE IN NEED

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# GladstoneToday COMMUNITY EVENTS BILLBOARD

## December

### Thursday 16 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](mailto:tondoon@gladstone.qld.gov.au)

### Friday 17 December

#### Eat St on the Field Boyne Island

Music, food stalls, markets, carnival rides, plus a licensed bar and a courtesy vehicle to safely get you and your family home. Fireworks display on Saturday night.

Note this event is also on Saturday night.

Time: 5pm to 10pm

Location: Dennis Park, Boyne Island.

For morning information or to book a market stall email [eatstonthefield@gmail.com](mailto:eatstonthefield@gmail.com)

#### 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

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

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

### Saturday 18 December

#### Handmade Twilight Market

This market is fun for everyone. We have live music, great food stalls and lots of local arts and crafts.

Time: 3pm to 8pm

Location: Tom Jeffery Park, Agnes Water

For more information see their Facebook page.

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### 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.

#### 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](mailto:dcrmarkets@gmail.com)

### Tuesday 21 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.

### Wednesday 22 December

#### JP Services

Looking for a Justice of the Peace? Members of Gladstone JPs will be available at Gladstone City Library.

Time: 1pm to 3pm

Location: Gladstone City Library, 39 Goondoon Street, Gladstone.



Tondoon Botanic Gardens.

For more information call 07 4976 6400.

### Thursday 23 December

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### Sunday 26 December

#### Discovery Coast Markets

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Time: 8am

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

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#### 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

#### Garden Tours

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### Friday 31 December

#### NYE Party

Finish the year with a bang! Celebrate entering a new year with family and friends at Gladstone's free community.

Fireworks at 8pm and midnight.

Time: 5pm

Location: Memorial Park, Gladstone (near PCYC)

For more information see the Gladstone events page.

## January

### Sunday 2 January

#### Discovery Coast Markets

Featuring food stalls, live entertainment, arts and creation

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Time: 8am

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

For more information email [dcrmarkets@gmail.com](mailto:dcrmarkets@gmail.com)

### Sunday 9 January

#### Festival of Summer

A summer to remember! This week-long festival consists of three separate events and is designed for youths aged 11 to 17 years.

Time: Various times

Location: Gladstone region

For more information see the Gladstone Regional Council's website.

### Saturday 15 January

#### Festival of Summer Sounds

Bringing a stellar lineup of unearthed performers along with headliner Thandi Phoenix, the Festival of Summer Sounds 18+ indoor concert is where you'll get your festival fix this January.

Time: 6pm to 12am

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

For more information or to book tickets see the Gladstone Entertainment website.

### Sunday 16 January

#### Discovery Coast Markets

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Time: 8am

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

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### Wednesday 19 January

#### CQUni TAFE Careers Expo

Explore your TAFE training options and drop into the CQUni TAFE Careers Expo. Suitable for anyone interested in TAFE, from school students, career starters of people upskilling.

Time: 2pm to 5:30pm

Location: CQUni Gladstone Campus, Leo Zussino Building 3

For more information see the CQUniversity website.

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### Wednesday 26 January

#### Australia Day Awards

The Gladstone Regional Council Australia Day Awards

acknowledge and celebrate the contributions and success of individuals and groups within the Gladstone Region.

The awards provide Council with an opportunity to publicly recognise and celebrate those in our community who have made significant contributions and achievements.

Details for the Australia Day celebrations on 26 January 2022 will be announced soon.

## February

### Friday 4 February

#### Celtic Illusion

Immerse yourself in one of the most unique productions touring the world. A breathtaking array of experiences, fusing Irish Dance, Magic and influential flavours of Fosse Michael Jackson, with a Broadway style.

Time: 7:30pm to 10:30pm

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

For more information and tickets see <https://gladstoneentertainment.com/>

### Sunday 20 February

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### Sunday 27 February

#### Calliope Rotary Markets

Markets for everyone with entertainment and food.

Time: 8am to 12pm

Location: Chapman Park, 3 Taragoola Road, Calliope.

For more information call Susan on 0414 874 721

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To add it to our Community Events  
Billboard, contact  
[editorial@todaygladstone.com.au](mailto:editorial@todaygladstone.com.au)

\*Event information correct at time of print.  
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Top, from left, Sierra Knopke, Natasha Balnisch, Jacinta Morley, Abby Davies. Seated, from left, Kerrie Johnson, Roy Johnson, Wendy Scholes, Esme Desertiaux.



From left, Maureen McCann, Josephine Madzina, Christine Haigh, Christine Palmer and Myra Gill.

# Christmas fun for seniors

By Cheryl Royal-Scott, Port Curtis Rotary Club

The Port Curtis Rotary Club has sponsored the Evenglow senior citizens Christmas event for 14 years.

It was held Wednesday, 8 December at the Port Curtis Place for Senior Citizens.

President of the club Roy Jones and his committee were pleased to have an attendance of 125 from local communities, with Rotarians of the Port Curtis Rotary Club and Gladstone council members Deputy Mayor Kahn Goodluck, Chris Trevor, Rick Hansen Darryl Branthwaite, and Natalie Muszkat.

On arrival, everyone was presented with a gift followed on with morning tea and the entertainment of the band associated from the Gladstone Country Music and Gladstone Ukulele Club. Raffles drawn saw a lot of joyful smiles from winners collecting their prizes. Donations from Gladstone cake decoration club and Judy Neville were welcomed. A few games of "Hoy" was enjoyed by all, as players watched over their opponents on either side of them trying to see who would win.

The wonderful ladies from New Auckland Place do an amazing job preparing, cooking, and readying the meals of morning tea and a two-course Christmas lunch. Gladstone State High School interact club were on hand to help serve and collect plates thereafter.

They also lend a helping hand in the kitchen. President Roy recognised and thanked Port Curtis Rotary Club and the delightful help of the Interact Club by a presentation of certificates.



Evenglow president, committee and Port Curtis Rotarians.



Winner of Hoy, Colleen Hayward, Judy Broome.



Evenglow attendance.



Presentation of thank you certificates.

# Hydrogen-powered freight

Queensland's pursuit of the renewable energy opportunity continues at pace with the announcement by Aurizon and Anglo American that they will undertake a study into using hydrogen-powered trains for bulk freight.

Deputy Premier and Minister for State Development Steven Miles said the feasibility study will explore whether hydrogen fuel cell and battery hybrid power units could be used in heavy haul freight rail operations.

"The Feasibility Study will focus on the potential deployment of Anglo American's hydrogen power technology on Aurizon's Moura rail corridor and also the Mount Isa Rail corridor," Mr Miles said.

"The Moura corridor operates between Anglo American's Dawson metallurgical coal mine and the Gladstone Port, and the Mount Isa rail corridor operates between the North West Minerals Province to Townsville Port, via Aurizon's Stuart Terminal.

"The announcement is more proof that Queensland is committed to capturing every section of the renewable energy value chain."

As part of its commitment to carbon neutral by 2040, Anglo American has taken a global lead in the development of green hydrogen solutions for its ultra-class 290 tonne payload mine haul trucking fleet.

Anglo American's unique combination of powertrain technologies, designed to operate safely and effectively in real-world mine conditions, will displace the use of the majority of diesel at its mining operations.

Mr Miles said Queensland is perfectly positioned to be the world's renewable energy superpower.

"This project is more proof of that future. Where we use cheaper cleaner energy to power Queenslanders' lives and to make the equipment the world needs as we move towards more decarbonisation," he said.

"Imagine new economy minerals which can be used to make batteries to store renewable energy, being moved from the North West Minerals Province to Townsville, on a train powered by hydrogen made from Queensland sunshine."

Minister for Energy Renewables and Hydro-

gen Mick de Brenni said the project showed yet again the way renewable energy and the burgeoning hydrogen industry meant more jobs in more industries for more Queenslanders.

"Projects like this are important because they enable domestic demand and create an ecosystem for green hydrogen," Mr de Brenni said.

"Transport accounts for 14 per cent of emissions, and is the fastest growing sector for emissions.

"However, we recognise that transport can lead the emissions reduction push if we move quickly with initiatives like this one.

"The Palaszczuk Government welcomes today's announcement as it is making sure Queenslanders and local businesses are at the front of the queue building the skills needed for the hydrogen industry and the thousands of jobs it will create."

Tony O'Neill, Technical Director of Anglo American, said the agreement with Aurizon marks the first time their hydrogen power technology could be tested beyond the exist-

ing mine haul truck program.

"Displacing our use of diesel is critical to eliminating emissions at our sites and along our value chain. We believe that our innovative hydrogen-led technology provides a versatile solution, whether for trucks or trains or other forms of heavy duty transport," he said.

Aurizon is Australia's largest rail freight company, with the decarbonisation of its supply chains at the centre of its target to reach net zero operational emissions by 2050. Aurizon has also commenced research & development for battery-powered trains with a number of industry parties and Australian universities.

"Hydrogen offers enormous opportunity in decarbonising and continuing to improve the competitiveness of Australia's export supply chains," Aurizon's Managing Director & CEO Andrew Harding said.

"This is especially true for bulk products underpinning the Australian economy including minerals, agricultural products and fertilisers, industrials and general freight."

## Please give: Spark memories and inspire conversations

Following the launch of Memory Kits to celebrate Seniors Month held in October, Gladstone Regional Libraries is seeking further memory kit items to add to their collection.

A memory kit is made up of objects from yesteryear and include items such as teapots, doilies, jugs, photographs and song sheets.

Suggested themes include farm life, travel and holidays, movies and TV shows, trains, celebrations, pets, food, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander culture, migration and more.

Gladstone Region Councillor Chris Trevor said Gladstone Regional Libraries is looking for donation items from the 1920s (or earlier) up until the 1960s.

"Memory Kits are new to our libraries and are designed to share stories and inspire conversations with seniors in our community, encouraging them to remember times past," Councillor Trevor said.

"The materials in these kits are specifical-

ly selected to spark memories, create conversation and allow positive and engaging interactions, especially between people suffering memory loss and their caregivers.

"Kits can be borrowed from all six libraries just like a book and are stored in plastic tubs or in bags."

**Contact your local library for more information:**

- Agnes Water (71 Springs Road) – 4902 1501
- Boyne Island (Cnr Wyndham & Hayes Avenue) – ph. 4971 9700
- Calliope (3 Don Cameron Drive) – 4975 8105
- Gladstone City (39 Goondoon Street) – 4976 6400
- Miriam Vale (41 Blomfield Street) – 4974 6241
- Mount Larcom (47 Raglan Street) – 4975 1205.



## Give flowers this weekend and spread the good cheer

By Tahirih Lemon

Spreading Sunshine across the region by gifting sunflowers while encouraging recipients to donate to local charities is what the Gladstone Junior Youth Empowerment Group are doing this weekend at Tondoon Botanical Gardens.

Teenagers participating in the Gladstone Junior Youth Empowerment Program (JYEP) came up with the idea of giving one hundred Gladstone residents a pot of sunflowers to brighten their day.

In addition, they are encouraging people to donate to their favourite charity to assist those who are less fortunate.

When asked why the number one hundred, Hayden Baker answered, 'We have been inspired by the life of 'Abdu'l-Bahá, a Central Figure of the Baha'i Faith who dedicated his life to assisting the poor and needy right up until his death on the 28th of November 1921. He was knighted in recognition of saving thousands of people from starvation in Palestine during World War 1.'

The young people raised the sunflowers from seeds and have been growing them for the past two months in preparation for the commemoration of the centenary of the Ascension of 'Abdu'l-Bahá this year.

Sahana Paymon explained, 'The JYEP is about empowering young people to plan and carry out service projects in their neighbourhoods and local communities. We don't have to wait until we become



Hayden Baker

adults to make a difference.'

Donations to any local charities are to be made directly to the charities themselves. Sunflowers can be collected from 8:00 am onwards until they are all given away at the Rotary Markets this Sunday, 19th of December 2021.

## Budding school artists called to enter for Aus Day

As part of 2022 Australia Day celebrations, Gladstone Regional Council is calling for entries in the Celebrate Australia Primary School Art Competition.

Open now to all 2021 primary school aged students in the Gladstone Region, Gladstone Region Councillor and Regional Arts Development Fund (RADF) chair Glenn Churchill said the competition helps us celebrate 'who and what makes Australia great'.

"I encourage students to think about what aspects of our Australian lifestyle are important to them and use this as inspiration for their artwork," Councillor Churchill said.

To enter, students simply draw, paint, or collage an aspect of Australia they believe is iconic, on an A4 sized sheet of paper and submit their artwork with a completed entry form, available from Council's offices, venues and libraries.

There are two sections of entry: Section One: Prep to Year 2 and Section Two: Year 3 to Year 6.

Entries close 4pm, Friday, 17 December 2021, delivered to the Gladstone Regional Art Gallery & Museum (GRAGM), corner Goondoon & Bramston Streets, Gladstone.

"Artworks will be judged by Gladstone Regional Council Manager Arts and Entertainment, Kim Marxsen, and the winning artists from each section will receive some fantastic prizes, such as their winning entry printed as 2022 Gladstone Regional Council Australia Day commemorative postcards and a Gladstone Cinemas family pass," Cr Churchill added.

"Winners will be announced during Glad-



Chelsea Nichols Glenn Churchill

stone Regional Council's Australia Day Celebrations on Wednesday, 26 January 2022."

A virtual print making workshop hosted by local artist Leanne Cole will be available online from 10 December to assist budding artists with their entries.

Visit <https://gragm.qld.gov.au> for to view the workshop and download an application form.

Alternatively, please contact GRAGM via [gragm@gladstone.qld.gov.au](mailto:gragm@gladstone.qld.gov.au) or call 4976 6766 for further information.

## Your year ahead

Sometimes there's no rhyme or reason to this whole "reward" thing, with benefits seemingly arriving from nowhere. A hint of romance, extra cash and the strong suggestion of a well-deserved holiday arrive in this coming year's parcel of cosmic goodies. And if you've felt the chains of restriction lately, you're given the opportunity for a clean break. There's also likely to be a noticeable change in the way you spend extra leisure hours, as health awareness starts to creep in. But should an occasional inclination for taking risks surface, go with it. Many will be surprised by your newfound strength of spirit.



### ARIES

(Mar 21 - Apr 20)

Sometimes a little good news is all that's needed to lift our spirits and leave us feeling more positive. And when we feel so good, we should pay it forward. Perhaps, too, this week you are the messenger. Delivering happy news to others can bring immense pleasure to all concerned. So go ahead - grant a Christmas wish, if you can. **Best Day: Friday 24th**



### TAURUS

(Apr 21 - May 20)

It's a week to put your life back on course. If energy levels are low, take a few days break to recharge your batteries before the festive celebrations really set in. Year's end quivers with excitement. Start working your social list and make sure you grab all the cash on offer. After what was a difficult year, you deserve every reward. **Best Day: Sunday 19th**



### GEMINI

(May 21 - Jun 21)

Apart from the occasional moment of uncertainty, a delightful week awaits. On the whole, most Gemini feel energetic and confident. Better still, friendships and finances also feature highly; and if you come across as being a tad over exuberant, you'll be forgiven. It is the festive season, after all. **Best Day: Thursday 23rd**



### CANCER

(Jun 22 - Jul 22)

You're blessed with a fabulous festive season, Cancer. Work duties don't totally disappear, but this week they're mixed with plenty of time to mingle. Many zodiac neighbours are still struggling but, mostly, you're spared this. Quite rightly, too. You've been through enough hardship during what's been a very difficult year. **Best Day: Monday 20th**



### LEO

(Jul 23 - Aug 23)

Merry Mars is magnanimous this festive week. An open-wallet policy is sure to keep everyone happy, except perhaps your creditors. Still, if you're ever going to overspend, it might as well be now. Social invitations are also unlikely to be ignored. With special thanks to an exuberant Jupiter, it seems you have a delightful time ahead.

**Best Day: Saturday 25th**



### LIBRA

(Sep 23 - Oct 23)

Self-control and the festive season run at odds with each other. For now, any sense of discipline disappears under a pile of gift-wrapped parcels. But you should also steal some quiet time for yourself. A starry-eyed Jupiter sends adoring thoughts to your love sector - and what better time for an unscheduled fling? Keep those Christmas stockings handy.

**Best Day: Sunday 19th**



### SAGITTARIUS

(Nov 23 - Dec 21)

Whether you're exploring romance or being flirtatious, this week, Sagittarians are ready to take wilder risks. Thankfully, it's the right time of year to do just that. It's in the new year that you'll be jostled back into the workforce. Meanwhile, the festive season couldn't be a better time to disconnect the autopilot and feel the thrill of free-fall.

**Best Day: Monday 20th**



### CAPRICORN

(Dec 22 - Jan 20)

Many Capricorns have been craving some time out - to leave work out of sight, and mind. Finally, the cosmos grants you permission to do just that. Even if it's just for this final festive fortnight of 2021, see to your own wish list. Go ahead, Capricorn - gather together all your friends and family and simply, play.

**Best Day: Wednesday 22nd**



### AQUARIUS

(Jan 21 - Feb 18)

The mood is a festive one, although some family members may draw you into those predictable end-of-year spats. Better news: an unexpected financial reward. Love also looks exquisite as the year unwinds. When the cosmos aims its desires towards amorous Aquarians, erotic temptation pulses through every vein.

**Best Day: Thursday 23rd**



### PISCES

(Feb 19 - Mar 20)

Always the romantic, you enjoy love. Just as well, as year's end seems keen to play sexual broker. Best news: your natural mojo is at its most appealing. For some, the past gets back in touch - though you should steer clear of previous ill-starred entanglements. Rapture or wreckage, Pisces - you're in for a raunchy time. Unpredictable, too.

**Best Day: Friday 24th**



### VIRGO

(Aug 24 - Sep 22)

With most enjoying the silly season, there could be a noticeable lack of Virgos in the conga line. Instead, you're determined to claim a triumphant year's end - but there's a danger of overload. By all means, finish your tasks - but still give festivities a look-in. Your reward? A special sentimental tie may be renewed. A fabulous end to a busy year.

**Best Day: Tuesday 21st**



### SCORPIO

(Oct 24 - Nov 22)

With all the positive planetary aspects happening now, it's a classic week for love at first sight. A special invitation might delight you. Or you might spontaneously do something - perhaps a surprise visit to someone you love? However, this could also be an accident-prone time for you or loved ones, so stay vigilant.

**Best Day: Saturday 25th**

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# The Guide

## PICK OF THE WEEK

**KELLY CLARKSON: WHEN CHRISTMAS COMES AROUND**  
SBS Viceland,  
Saturday, 8.30pm

Go big or go home - that should be the mantra of all Christmas specials, and American singing powerhouse Kelly Clarkson won't disappoint with this festive spectacular. Hot on the heels of releasing her Christmas album, *When Christmas Comes Around*, you can expect this stage show, filmed at Universal Studios Hollywood, to be meticulously styled. Her own songs will be sprinkled in with festive classics, along with special guests including Ariana Grande, Jay Leno, Melissa McCarthy, Leslie Odom Jr and Amy Poehler, as well as some Oprah-style, feel-good giveaways.



**GARDENING AUSTRALIA: CHRISTMAS SPECIAL**  
ABC TV, Friday, 7.30pm

Before you wonder where you'll get your garden inspiration and nature fix from after the team packs up the shovels and seeds for another year, settle in for an abundance of Christmas cheer and savvy, creative garden ideas. Presenter Costa Georgiadis perpetually exudes a festive cheer and here, he dons Santa's red hat in an episode jam-packed with Yuletide joy. Costa visits Jimmy and Jane Barnes at their country home, while Jerry explores fragrant frangipani. Hannah makes a handmade snack with nasturtium leaves and Jane recommends plants to attract insects.



**THE ROYAL EDINBURGH MILITARY TATTOO: CELEBRATING 70 YEARS**  
ABC TV, Monday, 8.30pm

It's a musical spectacle in a league of its own. Set on the grounds of the majestic Esplanade of Edinburgh Castle and showcasing music by the British Armed Forces, Commonwealth and international military bands, this iconic Scottish event that has traditionally been watched by more than 100 million people around Christmas time on the humble TV. The festival has never been cancelled in its 70-year history, except the past two years during COVID. This special celebrates 70 years of the Military Tattoo by soaking in its best moments.



**CHER AND THE LONELIEST ELEPHANT**  
SBS, Tuesday, 8.30pm

This could be the winner of most surreal title for a TV special this year. You might find yourself quietly asking: has Cher waylaid being a singing superstar to become a zookeeper? The truth is not far off that mark, in this gloriously strange and uplifting documentary. In an epic journey edited down to movie-length captivating viewing, we learn how superstar Cher flew across the world during the pandemic to help save a bull elephant that had been held prisoner for 30 years in heartbreaking conditions in a zoo in Pakistan. The awesome nature of the story will stay after the credits.



**Christmas cheer:**  
Kelly Clarkson  
hosts star-studded  
festive special  
*When Christmas  
Comes Around*.

## Friday, December 17

<p><b>ABC TV (2)</b> 6.00 News Breakfast. 9.00 ABC News Mornings. 10.00 Searching For Superhuman. (PG, R) 11.05 The Heights. (PG, R) 12.00 ABC News At Noon. 1.00 Barrie Cassidy's One Plus One. (R) 1.30 The Sound. (Final, PG, R) 2.05 Glitch. (MI, R) 3.00 ABC News Afternoons. 4.15 Think Tank. (PG, R) 5.10 Grand Designs. (R)</p>	<p><b>SBS (3)</b> 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 The Italians. 2.15 The Chefs' Line. (R) 2.45 Child Genius. (R) 3.45 The Cook Up With Adam Liaw. (PG, R) 4.15 The Wonderful World Of Chocolate. (PG, R) 5.05 Jeopardy! (PG) 5.30 Letters And Numbers. (R)</p>	<p><b>SEVEN (7)</b> 6.00 Sunrise. 9.00 The Morning Show. (PG) 11.30 Seven Morning News. 12.00 World's Deadliest Weather: Caught On Camera. (PGa, R) 1.00 The Ashes: Pre-Game Show. 2.00 Cricket. The Ashes. Second Test. Australia v England. Day 2. Afternoon session. From Adelaide Oval. 4.00 The Ashes: Tea Break. 4.40 Cricket. The Ashes. Second Test. Australia v England. Day 2. Late afternoon session. From Adelaide Oval.</p>	<p><b>NINE (8, 9)</b> 6.00 Today. 9.00 Today Extra Summer. (PG) 11.30 Morning News. 12.00 MOVIE: Wish Upon A Christmas. (2015, PGa) Larisa Oleynik, Aaron Ashmore, Alan Thicke. 1.45 Making Of Ghostbusters: Afterlife. (PG, R) 2.00 Pointless. (PG, R) 3.00 Tipping Point. (PG) 4.00 Afternoon News. 4.30 Millionaire Hot Seat. (R) 5.30 WIN News.</p>	<p><b>TEN (5, 1)</b> 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. (PGa, R) 1.00 Christmas With Australian Women's Weekly. (R) 2.00 Entertainment Tonight. 2.30 Everyday Gourmet With Justine Schofield. (R) 3.00 Judge Judy. (PG, R) 3.30 Freshly Picked With Simon Toohy. 4.00 Farm To Fork. (PG) 4.30 The Bold And The Beautiful. (PG) 5.00 10 News First.</p>
<p>6.00 The Drum. (Final) Analysis of the day's news. 7.00 ABC News. Takes a look at today's top stories. 7.30 Gardening Australia: Christmas Special. (Final) The team celebrates the festive season. 8.30 Midsomer Murders. (Mav, R) DCI Barnaby and DS Winter investigate when a body is found dead in a vat in a brewery. 10.00 Talking Heads. (PG) A woman shares her story. 10.40 ABC Late News. 11.15 Gruen. (Final, R) 11.50 Preppers. (Final, Mals, R) 12.20 Rage. (MA15+adhlv)</p>	<p>6.00 Mastermind Australia. (R) 6.30 SBS World News. 7.30 France: A Journey Through Time. Takes a look at France. 8.30 Empire With Michael Portillo. (PGa, R) Part 4 of 4. Michael Portillo travels to North America to explore how British rule led to an armed rebellion. 9.25 Dig World War II. (PG, R) Part 4 of 4. 10.20 SBS World News Late. 10.50 Cornwall With Simon Reeve. (PGa, R) 12.00 Agatha Christie's Criminal Games. (Mav, R) 1.40 Celebrity Mastermind. (R) 4.40 Poh &amp; 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. The Ashes. Second Test. Australia v England. Day 2. Evening session. 9.30 Jessica Fox: Greatest To Gold. (PG) A look at the incredible story of 8-time world champion canoeist Jessica Fox. 10.00 MOVIE: Why Him? (2016, MA15+L, R) A man struggles to accept his daughter's boyfriend. James Franco, Bryan Cranston. 12.20 Ant Middleton &amp; Rebel Wilson: Straight Talking. (Mal, R) 1.20 RSPCA Animal Rescue. (R) 2.00 Home Shopping. (R) 4.00 Million Dollar Minute. (R) 5.00 NBC Today.</p>	<p>6.00 Nine News. 7.00 A Current Affair. 7.30 Taronga: Who's Who In The Zoo: Red Panda Implant. (PGa) The red panda exhibit is at capacity. 8.30 MOVIE: Deck The Halls. (2006, PGals, R) Two neighbours compete to see who can come up with the most impressive Christmas lights display. Danny DeVito, Matthew Broderick, Kristin Davis. 10.20 MOVIE: Last Christmas. (2019, PGals) Emilia Clarke. 12.10 The Weakest Link. (PGI, R) 1.10 Destination WA. (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>6.30 The Project. 7.30 The Living Room. (PGn, R) The team helps big-hearted local hero. 8.30 The Graham Norton Show. (R) Celebrity guests include Keanu Reeves, Olivia Colman, Mahershala Ali, Jack Whitehall and Jennifer Lawrence. 9.30 Rhys Darby: Big In Japan. (PGa) Part 2 of 4. Rhys Darby tries to break into the Japanese entertainment industry. 10.30 Just For Laughs. (Mls, R) 11.00 The Project. (R) 12.00 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><b>ABC TV PLUS (22) 6am</b> Children's Programs. 5.35pm The Wonder Gang. 5.50 Peppa Pig. 5.55 Dot. 6.05 Ben And Holly. 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: Awakenings. (1990, M) 10.25 Doctor Who. 11.15 Art Works. (Final) 11.45 Live At The Apollo. 12.30am QI. 1.00 Would I Lie To You At Christmas? 1.30 Sick Of It. 1.50 Community. 2.10 Parks And Recreation. 2.35 ABC News Update. 2.40 Close. 5.05 Five Minutes More. 5.10 Sarah &amp; Duck. 5.20 The Hive. 5.30 Digby Dragon. 5.40 Late Programs.</p>	<p><b>SBS VICELAND (31) 6am</b> WorldWatch. Noon Letterkenny. 2.15 Gymnastics. FIG Artistic World Challenge Cup. Replay. 3.45 WorldWatch. 5.10 Joy Of Painting. 5.45 Shortland Street. 6.15 RockWiz. 7.05 Jeopardy! 7.35 8 Out Of 10 Cats Does Countdown. 8.30 Hoarders. 9.15 The Swiping Game. 10.15 The Science Behind Sex. 11.15 Project Blue Book. 12.05am VICE News Tonight. 1.00 MOVIE: Welcome To Me. (2014, MA15+) 2.35 NHK World English News. 3.00 Thai News. 3.30 Bangla News. 4.00 Punjabi News. 4.30 Sri Lankan Sinhalese News. 5.00 Korean News. 5.30 Indonesian News.</p>	<p><b>7TWO (72) 6am</b> 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 Million Dollar Minute. 2.00 Better Homes And Gardens. 3.30 RSPCA Animal Rescue. 4.00 M*A*S*H. 5.00 Escape To The Country. 6.00 Bargain Hunt. 7.00 Better Homes And Gardens Summer. 8.30 The Amazing Homemakers. 9.30 Australia's Big Backyards. 10.30 The Mentalist. 12.30am The Fine Art Auction. 3.30 The Real Seachange. 4.00 Better Homes And Gardens. 5.30 Home Shopping.</p>	<p><b>9GEM (81, 92) 6am</b> TV Shop: Home Shopping. 7.00 Creflo Dollar Ministries. 7.30 TV Shop: Home Shopping. 10.30 Pointless. 11.30 My Favorite Martian. Noon Seaway. 1.00 Death In Paradise. 2.10 The Young And The Restless. 3.05 Antiques Roadshow. 3.35 MOVIE: Agatha Christie's And Then There Were None. (1974, PG) 5.30 Murder, She Wrote. 6.30 Antiques Roadshow. 7.30 Saved &amp; Remade. 8.30 MOVIE: Star Trek V: The Final Frontier. (1989, PG) 10.40 Memory Lane. Midnight The Equalizer. 1.00 TV Shop: Home Shopping.</p>	<p><b>10 PEACH (52, 11) 6am</b> The Late Show With Stephen Colbert. 7.00 NBL Slam. 7.30 Seinfeld. 8.00 Becker. 9.00 The Middle. 10.00 Frasier. 11.00 The King Of Queens. Noon Becker. 1.00 Man With A Plan. 1.30 Seinfeld. 3.00 The King Of Queens. 4.00 Becker. 5.00 Frasier. 6.00 Friends. 8.00 The Big Bang Theory. 9.30 Friends. 11.30 2 Broke Girls. Midnight Home Shopping. 12.30 Infomercials. 1.00 Home Shopping. 1.30 The Late Show With Stephen Colbert. 2.30 The Late Show With James Corden. 3.30 2 Broke Girls. 4.30 Home Shopping. 5.30 Infomercials.</p>
<p><b>NITV (34) 6am</b> Morning Programs. 8.45 Waabiny Time. 9.10 Bushwhacked! 9.35 The Magic Canoe. 10.00 Undiscovered Vistas. 10.50 Going Places. 11.50 MOVIE: Peeples. (2013) 1.35pm Bamay. 2.00 Shortland Street. 2.30 Chefs' Line. 3.00 Wapos Bay. 3.25 The Magic Canoe. 3.50 Wolf Joe. 4.00 Aussie Bush Tales. 4.10 Project Planet. 4.35 Grace Beside Me. 5.00 Our Stories. 5.30 Living Black Conversations. 6.00 Bamay. 6.30 News. 6.35 Undiscovered Vistas. 7.30 Little J And Big Cuz. 7.45 MOVIE: Toys And Pets. (2017, PG) 9.30 Bedtime Stories. 9.40 Cultural Connections Immersion Festival. 10.40 Late Programs.</p>	<p><b>SBS WORLD MOVIES (32) 6am</b> Chalet Girl. Continued. (2011, PG) 7.40 Frantz. (2016, PG, French) 9.45 The Illusionist. (2010, PG) 11.15 Heidi. (2015, PG, German) 1.20pm Robinson Crusoe. (2016, PG) 3.00 Hawaa Hawaa. (2014, PG, Hindi) 5.15 Kirikou And The Sorceress. (1998) 6.40 Walking On Sunshine. (2014, PG) 8.30 The Old Man And The Gun. (2018, M) 10.15 Phoenix. (2014, M, German) Midnight Capernaum. (2018, M, Lebanese Arabic) 2.20 The Traitor. (2019, MA15+, Italian) 5.00 Hawaa Hawaa. (2014, PG, Hindi)</p>	<p><b>7MATE (73) 6am</b> ITM Fishing Show: Best Of The Best. 6.30 Mark Berg's Fishing Addiction. 7.30 Creek To Coast. 8.30 Storage Wars: Texas. 8.30 Pawn Stars. 9.00 Barter Kings. 10.00 America's Game: The Super Bowl Champions. 11.00 A Football Life. Noon Heavy Rescue: 401. 1.00 Dirty Rotten Survival. 3.00 Shipping Wars. 4.00 Timbersports. 4.30 Barter Kings. 5.30 Storage Wars: Texas. 6.00 Cricket. The Ashes. Second Test. Australia v England. Day 2. Late afternoon session. 6.40 The Ashes: Dinner Break. 7.00 Pawn Stars. 7.30 MOVIE: The Rookie. (1990, M) 10.00 MOVIE: Fire Down Below. (1997, M) 12.10am Late Programs.</p>	<p><b>9GO! (82, 93) 6am</b> Children's Programs. Noon The Incredible Hulk. 1.00 Airwolf. 2.00 The A-Team. 3.00 The Nanny. 3.30 3rd Rock From The Sun. 4.00 That '70s Show. 4.30 Malcolm. 5.30 MOVIE: Ella Enchanted. (2004, PG) 7.30 MOVIE: Mean Girls. (2004, M) 9.30 MOVIE: Clueless. (1995, M) 11.30 Malcolm In The Middle. Midnight Desperate Housewives. 2.00 Vanderpump Rules. 2.50 Mike Tyson Mysteries. 3.00 Teen Titans Go! 3.30 Ninjago: Masters Of Spinjitzu. 4.00 Pokémon The Series: Sun &amp; Moon - Ultra Legends. 4.30 Beyblade Burst Turbo. 4.50 Bakugan: Armored Alliance. 5.10 Yu-Gi-Oh! Arc-V. 5.30 Yu-Gi-Oh!</p>	<p><b>10 BOLD (53, 12) 6am</b> Home Shopping. 7.00 Infomercials. 8.00 Motor Racing. Formula 1. Race 22. Abu Dhabi Grand Prix. Highlights. 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 &amp; Order: SVU. 11.30 CSI: Crime Scene Investigation. 12.30am Home Shopping. 1.00 Infomercials. 1.30 Home Shopping. 2.00 SEAL Team. 3.00 NCIS: New Orleans. 5.00 Diagnosis Murder.</p>

# Saturday, December 18

<p><b>ABC TV (2)</b>  <b>6.00</b> Rage. (PG) <b>7.00</b> Weekend Breakfast. <b>10.00</b> ABC News. (PG)  <b>12.00</b> <b>ABC News At Noon.</b>  <b>12.30</b> <b>Midsomer Murders.</b> (Mav, R)  <b>2.00</b> <b>Restoration Australia.</b> (R)  <b>3.00</b> <b>Dream Gardens.</b> (PG, R)  <b>3.30</b> <b>Landline Summer.</b> (R)  <b>4.00</b> <b>Basketball.</b> WNBL. Round 3. Southside Flyers v Melbourne Boomers.</p> <p><b>6.00</b> <b>That Christmas.</b> (PG, R) A collection of Christmas stories.  <b>7.00</b> <b>ABC News.</b> Takes a look at today's top stories.  <b>7.30</b> <b>The Larkins.</b> (Ms) Pop Larkin takes justice into his own hands when he tries to save the local railway station from closing.  <b>8.20</b> <b>Miniseries: Us.</b> (Mdl) Part 2 of 4. Despite a rocky start in Paris, the family's tour of Europe continues with the next stop, Amsterdam.  <b>9.20</b> <b>Total Control.</b> (Final, Malv, R) Alex is on the cusp of rewriting history when the forces of violence and reaction make one last attempt to stop her.  <b>10.15</b> <b>Call The Midwife.</b> (PG, R) The nuns elect a new mother superior.  <b>11.50</b> <b>Father Brown.</b> (Mav, R) A local lord is found murdered.  <b>12.35</b> <b>Rage.</b> (MA15+adhlinsv)</p>	<p><b>SBS (3)</b>  <b>6.00</b> WorldWatch. <b>7.00</b> BBC News. <b>7.30</b> Italian News. <b>8.10</b> Filipino News. <b>8.40</b> French News. <b>9.30</b> Greek News. <b>10.30</b> German News. <b>11.00</b> Spanish News. <b>11.30</b> Turkish News. <b>12.00</b> Arabic News F24.  <b>12.30</b> ABC America: World News Tonight.  <b>1.00</b> PBS NewsHour. <b>2.00</b> Patrizio Buanne: Celebration. <b>4.00</b> The World's Best Film. <b>5.40</b> Nazi Megastructures. (PGav, R)</p> <p><b>6.30</b> <b>SBS World News.</b>  <b>7.30</b> <b>Celebrity Letters And Numbers.</b> (M) Hosted by Michael Hing.  <b>8.30</b> <b>The World's Greatest Hotels: George V, Paris.</b> (PG) Takes a look at one of the world's most iconic hotels, including the Four Seasons George V in Paris.  <b>9.25</b> <b>Titanic: Dead Reckoning.</b> (PGa, R) Explores claims that a vessel failed to come to the aid of the RMS Titanic when it was sinking.  <b>10.25</b> <b>8 Out Of 10 Cats Does Countdown.</b> (Mals, R)  <b>12.10</b> <b>When The Wind Changes.</b> (Mls, R)  <b>12.30</b> <b>Soccer.</b> FIFA Arab Cup. Final.  <b>3.30</b> <b>8 Out Of 10 Cats Does Countdown.</b> (Mls, R) <b>4.20</b> VICE Guide To Film. (MA15+dv, R) <b>4.50</b> Destination Flavour Down Under Bitesize. (R) <b>5.00</b> France 24 Feature. <b>5.15</b> NHK World English News. <b>5.30</b> Deutsche Welle English News.</p>	<p><b>SEVEN (7)</b>  <b>6am</b> Morning Programs. <b>10.00</b> Morning Show. (PG) <b>12.00</b> Salvation Army Christmas Special. (PG) <b>12.30</b> Jabba's School Holiday Movies. (PG) <b>1.00</b> The Ashes: Pre-Game Show. <b>2.00</b> Cricket. The Ashes. Second Test. Australia v England. Day 3. Afternoon session.  <b>4.00</b> The Ashes: Tea Break. <b>4.40</b> Cricket. The Ashes. Second Test. Australia v England. Day 3. Late afternoon session.</p> <p><b>6.00</b> <b>Seven News.</b>  <b>7.00</b> <b>Cricket.</b> The Ashes. Second Test. Australia v England. Day 3. Evening session.  <b>9.30</b> <b>MOVIE: Speed.</b> (1994, Mlv, R) An LAPD cop is put to the ultimate test after he is trapped on a runaway bus full of passengers, which has been set to explode if it slows below 80km/h by a psychopathic bomber as part of an elaborate revenge plot. Keanu Reeves, Sandra Bullock, Dennis Hopper.  <b>12.00</b> <b>Harry's Practice.</b> (R) Information about pet care.  <b>12.30</b> <b>RSPCA Animal Rescue.</b> (R) A cow is stuck in deep mud.  <b>1.00</b> <b>Gold Coast Medical.</b> (PGa, R) Doctors encounter a major problem.  <b>2.00</b> <b>Home Shopping.</b> (R)  <b>4.00</b> <b>Get Clever.</b> (R)  <b>5.00</b> <b>My Greek Odyssey: Nysiros.</b> (PG, R)</p>	<p><b>NINE (8, 9)</b>  <b>6.00</b> Animal Tales. (PG, R) <b>7.00</b> Weekend Today. <b>10.00</b> Today Extra Summer. (PG) <b>12.00</b> Surfing Australia TV. <b>12.30</b> Cybershack. (PG) <b>1.00</b> Destination WA. <b>1.30</b> Bondi Lifeguard World Adventures. (PG) <b>2.00</b> <b>MOVIE: Sabrina.</b> (1995, G, R) Harrison Ford, Julia Ormond, Greg Kinnear. <b>4.30</b> The Garden Gurus. <b>5.00</b> News: First At Five. <b>5.30</b> Country House Hunters Australia. (R)</p> <p><b>6.00</b> <b>Nine News Saturday.</b>  <b>7.00</b> <b>A Current Affair.</b>  <b>7.30</b> <b>MOVIE: Daddy's Home 2.</b> (2017, PGals, R) Two men plan to have the perfect Christmas, but when their fathers arrive, their holiday is turned into chaos. Will Ferrell, Mark Wahlberg.  <b>9.30</b> <b>MOVIE: Bad Moms 2.</b> (2017, MA15+als, R) Three under-appreciated mothers rebel against the expectations of organising the "perfect" Christmas. Mila Kunis, Kristen Bell, Kathryn Hahn.  <b>11.30</b> <b>MOVIE: The Dilemma.</b> (2011, Mlsv, R) A man uncovers a shocking secret. Vince Vaughn.  <b>1.35</b> <b>Bondi Lifeguard World Adventures.</b> (PG, R)  <b>2.00</b> <b>TV Shop: Home Shopping.</b> (R)  <b>4.30</b> <b>Global Shop.</b> (R)  <b>5.00</b> <b>TV Shop: Home Shopping.</b> (R)  <b>5.30</b> <b>Wesley Impact With Stu Cameron.</b> (PG)</p>	<p><b>TEN (5, 1)</b>  <b>6am</b> Morning Programs. <b>7.30</b> Escape Fishing. (R) <b>8.00</b> All 4 Adventure. (PG, R) <b>9.00</b> Jamie's Easy Meals For Every Day. (R) <b>9.30</b> St10. (PG) <b>12.00</b> Everyday Gourmet. (R) <b>12.30</b> Farm To Fork. (PG, R) <b>1.00</b> Jamie's Easy Meals At Christmas. (R) <b>2.00</b> 4x4 Adventures. (R) <b>3.00</b> All 4 Adventure. (PGL, R) <b>4.00</b> Waltzing Jimeoin. (PGa, R) <b>4.30</b> Roads Less Travelled. (R) <b>5.00</b> News.</p> <p><b>6.00</b> <b>Soccer.</b> A-League Men. Round 5. Melbourne City v Melbourne Victory. From AAMI Park, Melbourne.  <b>9.00</b> <b>Ambulance.</b> (Ml, R) London paramedics are dispatched to aid a patient who has fallen down a flight of stairs at a casino and respond to an incident involving a woman who is struggling with side effects of her cancer treatment.  <b>11.00</b> <b>FBI: Most Wanted.</b> (Mav, R) When a judge known for dealing out harsh sentences is murdered, the team looks into his lengthy list of cases in the hunt for his killer. Kristin faces family hurdles while resettling with her daughter in New York.  <b>12.00</b> <b>Home Shopping.</b> (R)  <b>1.30</b> <b>Infomercials.</b> (PG, R)  <b>2.30</b> <b>Home Shopping.</b> (R)  <b>5.00</b> <b>Hour Of Power.</b> Religious program.</p>
<p><b>ABC TV PLUS (22)</b> <b>6am</b> Children's Programs. <b>7.05pm</b> The Deep. <b>7.30</b> Spicks And Specks. <b>8.20</b> Live At The Apollo. <b>9.05</b> Whose Line Is It Anyway? <b>9.50</b> Mock The Week. <b>10.20</b> Schitt's Creek. <b>11.10</b> Catastrophe. <b>11.35</b> The Young Offenders. <b>12.10am</b> Upstart Crow. <b>12.50</b> GameFace. <b>1.15</b> Red Dwarf. <b>1.45</b> Would I Lie To You At Christmas? <b>2.15</b> Escape From The City. <b>3.15</b> ABC News Update. <b>3.20</b> Close. <b>5.05</b> Late Programs.</p>	<p><b>SBS VICELAND (31)</b> <b>6am</b> WorldWatch. <b>11.30</b> SBS Courtside. <b>Noon</b> Basketball. NBA. Utah Jazz v San Antonio Spurs. <b>2.30</b> Making A Gang. <b>3.00</b> Kanyekanye. <b>3.30</b> Julian. <b>3.45</b> Ancient Aliens. <b>4.35</b> WorldWatch. <b>6.00</b> When Demolitions Go Wrong. <b>6.50</b> The Story Of The Songs. <b>7.40</b> Brooklyn Nine-Nine. <b>8.30</b> Kelly Clarkson: When Christmas Comes Around. <b>9.30</b> The X-Files. <b>1.40am</b> Undressed. <b>2.40</b> France 24. <b>3.00</b> Late Programs.</p>	<p><b>7TWO (72)</b> <b>6am</b> Home Shopping. <b>8.30</b> Travel Oz. <b>10.00</b> Bargain Hunt. <b>11.00</b> A Foodies Guide To Kyushu Japan. <b>11.30</b> Horse Racing. VRC Christmas Race Day, Eagle Farm Racecourse and Royal Randwick Race Day. <b>5pm</b> Greyhound Racing. The Phoenix. <b>6.00</b> Border Security: International. <b>6.30</b> The Hotel Inspector. <b>7.30</b> The Yorkshire Vet. <b>8.30</b> Escape To The Country. <b>10.30</b> The Mentalist. <b>12.30am</b> The Fine Art Auction. <b>3.30</b> Late Programs.</p>	<p><b>9GEM (81, 92)</b> <b>6am</b> Newstyle Direct. <b>6.30</b> TV Shop: Home Shopping. <b>10.00</b> Edgar Wallace Mysteries. <b>11.15</b> Saved &amp; Remade. <b>12.15pm</b> <b>MOVIE: The Courtneys Of Curzon Street.</b> (1947) <b>2.30</b> <b>MOVIE: The Ten Commandments.</b> (1956) <b>7.00</b> <b>MOVIE: Star Trek VI: The Undiscovered Country.</b> (1991, PG) <b>9.15</b> <b>MOVIE: Star Trek: Generations.</b> (1994, PG) <b>11.30</b> Memory Lane. <b>12.50am</b> Explore. <b>1.00</b> TV Shop: Home Shopping.</p>	<p><b>10 PEACH (52, 11)</b> <b>6am</b> The Late Show With Stephen Colbert. <b>7.00</b> The King Of Queens. <b>8.00</b> Becker. <b>9.00</b> The Middle. <b>10.00</b> Frasier. <b>11.00</b> Seatbelt Psychic. <b>11.30</b> Jamie's Easy Meals For Every Day. <b>Noon</b> Jamie: Together At Christmas. <b>1.00</b> Carol's Second Act. <b>2.00</b> Brides Of Beverly Hills. <b>3.00</b> Friends. <b>6.00</b> The Big Bang Theory. <b>9.45</b> 2 Broke Girls. <b>12.10am</b> Shopping. <b>1.10</b> Infomercials. <b>1.40</b> Mom. <b>3.30</b> 2 Broke Girls. <b>4.30</b> Shopping.</p>
<p><b>NITV (34)</b> <b>6am</b> Morning Programs. <b>Noon</b> Undiscovered Vistas. <b>12.55</b> Other Side Of The Rock. <b>1.00</b> Boxing Night To Remember V. <b>2.00</b> Hockey. SA Men's Super League. <b>4.00</b> Soccer. FIFA Arab Cup. First semi-final. Replay. <b>5.50</b> News. <b>6.00</b> VCV: Vulcan Championship Wrestling. <b>7.00</b> Chuck And The First People's Kitchen. <b>7.30</b> Sing About This Country. <b>9.30</b> <b>MOVIE: Apocalypso.</b> (2006, MA15+) <b>11.45</b> Late Programs.</p>	<p><b>SBS WORLD MOVIES (32)</b> <b>6am</b> Hawaa Hawaii. Continued. (2014, PG, Hindi) <b>7.15</b> Heidi. (2015, PG, German) <b>9.20</b> Walking On Sunshine. (1998, PG) <b>11.10</b> Kirikou And The Sorceress. (1998) <b>12.35pm</b> Capernaum. (2018, M, Lebanese Arabic) <b>2.55</b> Frantz. (2016, PG, French) <b>5.00</b> The Illusionist. (2010, PG) <b>6.30</b> The Well-Digger's Daughter. (2011, PG, French) <b>8.30</b> Vice. (2018, MA15+) <b>11.00</b> Late Programs.</p>	<p><b>7MATE (73)</b> <b>6am</b> Morning Programs. <b>1pm</b> Bokesworld. <b>1.30</b> Australia ReDiscovered. <b>2.00</b> Boating. UIM Class-1 Powerboat C'ships. Key West C'ships. <b>3.00</b> Dirty Rotten Survival. <b>5.00</b> Pawn Stars. <b>5.30</b> Storage Wars: TX. <b>6.00</b> Cricket. The Ashes. Second Test. Australia v England. Day 3. Late afternoon session. <b>6.40</b> The Ashes: Dinner Break. <b>7.00</b> Pawn Stars. <b>8.30</b> <b>MOVIE: The Departed.</b> (2006, MA15+) <b>11.35</b> Late Programs.</p>	<p><b>9GO! (82, 93)</b> <b>6am</b> Children's Programs. <b>1.30pm</b> Malcolm. <b>2.00</b> Making Of Ghostbusters: Afterlife. <b>2.10</b> <b>MOVIE: Once Upon A Main Street.</b> (2020, PG) <b>4.00</b> <b>MOVIE: The Flight Before Christmas.</b> (2015, PG) <b>5.50</b> <b>MOVIE: The Little Rascals.</b> (1994) <b>7.30</b> <b>MOVIE: Richie Rich.</b> (1994, PG) <b>9.30</b> <b>MOVIE: Beethoven.</b> (1992) <b>11.15</b> Malcolm. <b>11.45</b> Young, Dumb And Banged Up In The Sun. <b>12.45am</b> Late Programs.</p>	<p><b>10 BOLD (53, 12)</b> <b>6am</b> Home Shopping. <b>6.30</b> Infomercials. <b>8.00</b> Home Shopping. <b>9.00</b> The Doctors. <b>10.00</b> MacGyver. <b>11.00</b> Diagnosis Murder. <b>1pm</b> Pat Callinan's 4x4 Adventures. <b>2.00</b> All 4 Adventure. <b>3.00</b> JAG. <b>4.00</b> Bondi Rescue. <b>4.30</b> iFish Summer Series. <b>5.00</b> Waltzing Jimeoin. <b>5.30</b> MacGyver. <b>6.30</b> Scorpion. (Final) <b>7.30</b> NCIS. <b>8.30</b> NCIS: New Orleans. <b>10.20</b> MacGyver. <b>11.20</b> CSI. <b>1.10am</b> 48 Hours. <b>2.10</b> Late Programs.</p>

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# Sunday, December 19

<p><b>ABC TV (2)</b>  <b>6.00</b> Rage. (PG) <b>7.00</b> Weekend Breakfast. <b>11.00</b> Compass. (R) <b>11.30</b> Songs Of Praise. (R) <b>12.00</b> ABC News At Noon. <b>12.30</b> Landline Summer. <b>1.00</b> Wildflowers Of The Midwest Of WA. (PG) <b>1.30</b> Gardening Australia: Christmas Special. (R) <b>2.30</b> Nigella's Christmas Table. (R) <b>3.30</b> Magical Land Of Oz. (R) <b>4.40</b> Everyone's A Critic. (PG, R) <b>5.05</b> Art Works. (Final, PG, R) <b>5.35</b> Antiques Roadshow.</p> <p><b>6.35</b> <b>Quentin Blake's Clown.</b> (R) The adventures of a little toy clown.  <b>7.00</b> <b>ABC News Sunday.</b>  <b>7.40</b> <b>Death In Paradise.</b> (Mv, R) The police are stunned by another murder.  <b>8.40</b> <b>MOVIE: Anthony.</b> (2020, Ma) Explores what life may have been like for Anthony Walker had he not been murdered. Toheeb Jimoh, Bobby Schofield, Julia Brown.  <b>10.10</b> <b>Doc Martin.</b> (Ma, R) Martin and Louisa face the challenge of living together.  <b>10.55</b> <b>Harrow.</b> (Mav, R)  <b>11.50</b> <b>Talking Heads.</b> (PG, R)  <b>12.30</b> <b>Silent Witness.</b> (Mav, R)  <b>1.30</b> <b>Rage.</b> (MA15+adhlinsv)  <b>3.30</b> <b>Hive: The Woman And The Car.</b> (Ma, R) <b>4.00</b> Death In Paradise. (Mv, R) <b>5.00</b> Gardening Australia. (R)</p>	<p><b>SBS (3)</b>  <b>6.00</b> WorldWatch. <b>9.30</b> Greek News. <b>10.30</b> German News. <b>11.00</b> Spanish News. <b>11.30</b> Turkish News. <b>12.00</b> Arabic News F24. <b>12.30</b> France 24 English News Second Edition. <b>1.00</b> Speedweek. <b>3.00</b> AusMoto Show. <b>3.30</b> Figure Skating. ISU Grand Prix. Round 3. Grand Prix of Italy. Highlights. <b>5.00</b> Going Places With Ernie Dingo. (R) <b>5.30</b> We Bugged Hitler's Phone. (PGa, R)</p> <p><b>6.30</b> <b>SBS World News.</b>  <b>7.35</b> <b>Inside Harrods At Christmas.</b> (PG, R) Takes a look at the origins of Harrods.  <b>8.30</b> <b>Muhammad Ali.</b> (M) Part 4 of 4. A look at one of the best-known sports figures of the 20th century, Muhammad Ali, concludes.  <b>10.15</b> <b>Michael Palin: Travels Of A Lifetime.</b> (PGanw, R) Michael Palin revisits his fourth travel series.  <b>11.10</b> <b>24 Hours In Emergency: Children Of Men.</b> (Mal, R) A 16-year-old is rushed to St George's.  <b>1.00</b> <b>Chasing The Moon.</b> (PG, R)  <b>3.00</b> <b>Moong Landing.</b> (PG, R)  <b>4.40</b> <b>Bamay.</b> (R) <b>5.00</b> France 24 Feature. <b>5.15</b> NHK World English News. <b>5.30</b> Deutsche Welle English News.</p>	<p><b>SEVEN (7)</b>  <b>6am</b> Morning Programs. <b>12.00</b> Better Homes. (R) <b>1.00</b> The Ashes: Pre-Game Show. <b>2.00</b> Cricket. The Ashes. Second Test. Australia v England. Day 4. Afternoon session. (Please note: alternative schedule may be shown due to changes to cricket coverage) <b>4.00</b> The Ashes: Tea Break. <b>4.40</b> Cricket. The Ashes. Second Test. Australia v England. Day 4. Late afternoon session.</p> <p><b>6.00</b> <b>Seven News.</b>  <b>7.00</b> <b>Cricket.</b> The Ashes. Second Test. Australia v England. Day 4. Evening session.  <b>9.30</b> <b>MOVIE: National Lampoon's European Vacation.</b> (1985, Ms, R) When his family embarks on a European holiday, an over-enthusiastic father decides to videotape the trip. Chevy Chase, Beverly D'Angelo, Dana Hill.  <b>11.40</b> <b>Homicide: With Ron Iddles: Gina Rossato.</b> (Mav, R) A look at the murder of Gina Rossato.  <b>12.40</b> <b>Air Crash Investigation: Deadly Display.</b> (PGa, R)  <b>2.00</b> <b>Home Shopping.</b> (R)  <b>3.30</b> <b>Million Dollar Minute.</b> (R)  <b>4.00</b> <b>NBC Today.</b>  <b>5.00</b> <b>Seven Early News.</b>  <b>5.30</b> <b>Sunrise.</b></p>	<p><b>NINE (8, 9)</b>  <b>6.00</b> Easy Eats. (R) <b>7.00</b> Weekend Today. <b>10.00</b> Cows For Cambodia. (PGa) <b>11.00</b> With You This Christmas. <b>11.30</b> The Xtreme CollXtion. (PG, R) <b>12.00</b> Ultimate Rush. (PG, R) <b>12.30</b> Snackmasters. (PG, R) <b>2.00</b> <b>MOVIE: Snowed Inn Christmas.</b> (2017, PGa, R) Bethany Joy Lenz, Andrew W. Walker, Tasha Smith.  <b>4.00</b> <b>Bondi Vet.</b> (PGm) <b>5.00</b> News: First At Five. <b>5.30</b> RBT. (PGL, R)</p> <p><b>6.00</b> <b>Nine News.</b>  <b>7.00</b> <b>Lord Mayor's Christmas Carols.</b> Coverage of the 2021 Lord Mayor's Christmas Carols from Brisbane's Riverstage.  <b>9.00</b> <b>MOVIE: Fast &amp; Furious Presents: Hobbs &amp; Shaw.</b> (2019, Mlv, R) A US lawman and a former spy are forced to put aside their rivalry and team up to take down a genetically enhanced anarchist with a bio weapon that threatens the fate of humanity. Dwayne Johnson, Jason Statham, Idris Elba.  <b>11.30</b> <b>Chicago Med.</b> (MA15+amv, R) Charles and Elsa have a confrontation.  <b>12.20</b> <b>To Be Advised.</b>  <b>1.10</b> <b>The Garden Gurus.</b> (R)  <b>1.30</b> <b>TV Shop: Home Shopping.</b> (R)  <b>4.00</b> <b>Take Two.</b> (R)  <b>5.00</b> <b>News Early Edition.</b>  <b>5.30</b> <b>Today.</b></p>	<p><b>TEN (5, 1)</b>  <b>6am</b> Morning Programs. <b>8.00</b> GCBC. (R) <b>8.30</b> Freshly Picked. (R) <b>9.00</b> Australia By Design: Interiors. (R) <b>9.30</b> St10. (PG) <b>12.00</b> Luca's Key Ingredient. (R) <b>12.30</b> Everyday Gourmet. (R) <b>1.00</b> Farm To Fork. (PG, R) <b>1.30</b> Jamie's Easy Meals For Every Day. (R) <b>2.00</b> Christmas With Australian Women's Weekly. (R) <b>3.00</b> 4x4 Adventures. <b>4.00</b> All 4 Adventure. (PGL) <b>5.00</b> News.</p> <p><b>6.30</b> <b>The Sunday Project.</b> Panellists dissect, digest and reconstitute the daily news, events and hottest topics.  <b>7.30</b> <b>The Graham Norton Show.</b> Celebrity guests include Stanley Tucci, Jamie Oliver, Romesh Ranganathan and Lil Nas X.  <b>8.30</b> <b>FBI.</b> The team tries to extract key information from a vulnerable 9/11 widow, Hannah Thompson, who is shocked that her new boyfriend is the manipulative leader of a terrorist group planning an attack.  <b>11.30</b> <b>The Sunday Project.</b> (R) A look at the day's news.  <b>12.30</b> <b>Home Shopping.</b> (R)  <b>1.30</b> <b>Infomercials.</b> (PG, R)  <b>3.00</b> <b>Home Shopping.</b> (R)  <b>4.30</b> <b>CBS Mornings.</b> Morning news and talk show.</p>
<p><b>ABC TV PLUS (22)</b> <b>6am</b> Children's Programs. <b>7.30pm</b> Spicks And Specks. <b>8.00</b> Compass. <b>8.30</b> Louis Theroux: Life On The Edge. <b>9.20</b> Pilgrimage: Road To Istanbul. (Final) <b>10.25</b> The Misadventures Of Romesh Ranganathan. (Final) <b>11.25</b> Brian Johnson's A Life On The Road. <b>12.05am</b> George Clarke's Amazing Spaces. <b>12.55</b> Horror Movie: A Low-Budget Nightmare. <b>1.55</b> Late Programs.</p>	<p><b>SBS VICELAND (31)</b> <b>6am</b> WorldWatch. <b>Noon</b> Basketball. NBA. Utah Jazz v San Antonio Spurs. Replay. <b>2.00</b> Stacey Dooley: Russia's War On Women. <b>3.00</b> Ancient Aliens. <b>3.50</b> WorldWatch. <b>4.20</b> Welcome To Country. <b>4.30</b> Oh Lucy! <b>4.55</b> The Djarn Djarns. <b>5.30</b> Secrets Of Our Cities. <b>6.30</b> Country Music. <b>7.30</b> The Eruption: Stories Of Survival. <b>8.30</b> Patriot Brains. <b>9.25</b> Dark Side Of The Ring. <b>10.15</b> Late Programs.</p>	<p><b>7TWO (72)</b> <b>6am</b> Morning Programs. <b>1.30pm</b> A Foodies Guide To Kyushu Japan. <b>2.00</b> Border Security: Int. <b>2.30</b> Escape To The Country. <b>3.30</b> <b>MOVIE: Greystoke: The Legend Of Tarzan, Lord Of The Apes.</b> (1984, PG) <b>6.30</b> Cricket. Big Bash League. Game 14. Brisbane Heat v Sydney Thunder. <b>7.00</b> Border Security. <b>8.30</b> Chris Tarrant's Extreme Railways. <b>9.30</b> Mighty Trains. <b>10.30</b> Heathrow. <b>11.00</b> Late Programs.</p>	<p><b>9GEM (81, 92)</b> <b>6am</b> Morning Programs. <b>7.30</b> In Touch. <b>8.00</b> Beyond Today. <b>8.30</b> The Incredible Journey. <b>9.00</b> TV Shop. <b>10.00</b> My Favorite Martian. <b>10.30</b> Edgar Wallace Mysteries. <b>11.50</b> <b>MOVIE: The Sound Barrier.</b> (1952, PG) <b>2.15pm</b> <b>MOVIE: Darling Lili.</b> (1970, PG) <b>5.00</b> <b>MOVIE: Gunfight At The O.K. Corral.</b> (1957, PG) <b>7.30</b> Christmas At Chatsworth House. <b>8.30</b> <b>MOVIE: It's A Wonderful Life.</b> (1946, PG) <b>11.10</b> Late Programs.</p>	<p><b>10 PEACH (52, 11)</b> <b>6am</b> Morning Programs. <b>9.00</b> The Middle. <b>10.00</b> Christmas With Australian Women's Weekly. <b>11.00</b> Seatbelt Psychic. <b>11.30</b> Jamie's Easy Meals For Every Day. <b>Noon</b> Basketball. NBL. Round 3. Melbourne United v New Zealand Breakers. <b>2.00</b> Basketball. NBL. Round 3. Brisbane Bullets v Illawarra Hawks. <b>4.00</b> The Dog House Australia. <b>5.00</b> Friends. <b>6.00</b> Big Bang. <b>8.30</b> Friends. <b>9.30</b> 2 Broke Girls. <b>11.00</b> Late Programs.</p>
<p><b>NITV (34)</b> <b>6am</b> Morning Programs. <b>12.45pm</b> Motor Racing. Dakar Rally. Stage 11. Highlights. <b>1.15</b> Soccer. African Cup NSW. <b>3.00</b> Rugby Union. Monsoon Rugby Union. <b>4.30</b> Softball. SA Premier League. <b>6.00</b> Welcome To Country. <b>6.10</b> News. <b>6.20</b> Colonial Combat. <b>6.50</b> Undiscovered Vistas. <b>7.40</b> Coast New Zealand. <b>8.30</b> <b>MOVIE: Whitney.</b> (2018, M) <b>10.35</b> <b>MOVIE: Curse Of The Golden Flower.</b> (2006, M) <b>12.35am</b> Late Programs.</p>	<p><b>SBS WORLD MOVIES (32)</b> <b>6am</b> Kirikou And The Sorceress. Continued. (1998) <b>6.25</b> The Illusionist. (2010, PG) <b>7.55</b> The Well-Digger's Daughter. (2011, PG, French) <b>9.55</b> The Ash Lad 2. (2019, PG, Norwegian) <b>11.50</b> Tracks. (2013, M) <b>1.55pm</b> Walking On Sunshine. (2014, PG) <b>3.45</b> Beauty And The Beast. (2014, PG, French) <b>5.50</b> Angrezi Medium. (2020, PG, Hindi) <b>8.30</b> Parasite. (2019, Korean) <b>10.55</b> Late Programs.</p>	<p><b>7MATE (73)</b> <b>6am</b> Morning Programs. <b>1pm</b> Hook, Line And Sink. <b>2.00</b> On The Fly. <b>2.30</b> Million Dollar Catch. <b>3.00</b> Fishing Addiction. <b>4.00</b> Ultimate Fishing. <b>5.00</b> Storage Wars Canada. <b>5.30</b> Storage Wars: TX. <b>6.00</b> Cricket. The Ashes. Second Test. Aust v England. Late afternoon session. <b>6.40</b> The Ashes: Dinner Break. <b>7.00</b> Cricket. BBL. Heat v Thunder. <b>10.00</b> <b>MOVIE: Passenger 57.</b> (1992, M) <b>11.45</b> Late Programs.</p>	<p><b>9GO! (82, 93)</b> <b>6am</b> Children's Programs. <b>1.30pm</b> <b>MOVIE: Pokémon The Movie: Black - Victini And Reshiram.</b> (2011) <b>3.25</b> <b>MOVIE: Miranda - A Royal Christmas Ball.</b> (2021, C) <b>5.00</b> <b>MOVIE: The Nutcracker: The Untold Story.</b> (2010, PG) <b>7.00</b> <b>MOVIE: Dr. Seuss' The Grinch.</b> (2018) <b>8.35</b> <b>MOVIE: The Mummy: Tomb Of The Dragon Emperor.</b> (2008, M) <b>10.45</b> <b>MOVIE: Dragonheart.</b> (1996, M) <b>12.40am</b> Late Programs.</p>	<p><b>10 BOLD (53, 12)</b> <b>6am</b> Morning Programs. <b>8.30</b> Pooches At Play. <b>9.00</b> Healthy Homes Aust. <b>9.30</b> Escape Fishing. <b>10.00</b> iFish Summer. <b>10.30</b> The Doctors. <b>11.30</b> Scorpion. <b>12.30pm</b> MacGyver. <b>1.30</b> The Offroad Adventure Show. <b>2.30</b> Soccer. A-League Women. Round 3. Sydney FC v Wellington Phoenix. <b>5.00</b> All 4 Adventure. <b>6.00</b> JAG. <b>7.00</b> Bondi Rescue. <b>7.30</b> NCIS. <b>9.30</b> Star Trek: Discovery. <b>1am</b> Late Programs.</p>

# Monday, December 20

<p><b>ABC TV (2)</b>  <b>6.00</b> News Breakfast. <b>9.00</b> ABC News Mornings. <b>10.00</b> The Great Acceleration. (Final, PG, R) <b>11.05</b> The Heights. (PG, R) <b>12.00</b> ABC News At Noon. <b>1.00</b> The Larkins. (Ms, R) <b>2.00</b> Glitch. (Mlv, R) <b>3.00</b> ABC News Afternoons. <b>4.10</b> Think Tank. (PG, R) <b>5.10</b> Grand Designs. (PG, R)  <b>5.55</b> Julia Zemiro's Home Delivery. (PG, R)</p>	<p><b>SBS (3)</b>  <b>6.00</b> WorldWatch. <b>9.30</b> Greek News. <b>10.30</b> German News. <b>11.00</b> Spanish News. <b>11.30</b> Turkish News. <b>12.00</b> Arabic News F24. <b>12.30</b> ABC America: World News Tonight. <b>1.00</b> Al Jazeera News. <b>2.00</b> The Italians. (PG) <b>2.15</b> The Chefs' Line. (R) <b>2.45</b> Child Genius. (R) <b>3.45</b> The Cook Up With Adam Liaw. (PG, R) <b>4.15</b> The Wonderful World Of Chocolate. (R) <b>5.05</b> Jeopardy! (PG) <b>5.30</b> Letters And Numbers. (R)</p>	<p><b>SEVEN (7)</b>  <b>6am</b> Morning Programs. <b>12.00</b> World's Deadliest Weather: Caught On Camera. (PGa, R) <b>1.00</b> The Ashes: Pre-Game Show. <b>2.00</b> Cricket. The Ashes. Second Test. Aust v England. Afternoon session. (Please note: alternative schedule may be shown). <b>4.00</b> The Ashes: Tea Break. <b>4.40</b> Cricket. The Ashes. Second Test. Aust v England. Late afternoon session.</p>	<p><b>NINE (8, 9)</b>  <b>6.00</b> Today. <b>9.00</b> Today Extra Summer. (PG) <b>11.30</b> Morning News. <b>12.00</b> <b>MOVIE:</b> Four Christmases And A Wedding. (2017, G, R) Arielle Kebbel, Corey Sevier. <b>1.45</b> Talking Honey: Relationship Specials. (PG, R) <b>1.50</b> Making Of Ghostbusters: Afterlife. (PG, R) <b>2.00</b> Pointless. (PG, R) <b>3.00</b> Tipping Point. (PG) <b>4.00</b> Afternoon News. <b>4.30</b> Millionaire Hot Seat. (R) <b>5.30</b> WIN News.</p>	<p><b>TEN (5, 1)</b>  <b>6.00</b> The Talk. (PGa) <b>7.00</b> Judge Judy. (PG, R) <b>7.30</b> Bold. (PG, R) <b>8.30</b> Studio 10. (PG) <b>11.00</b> My Market Kitchen. (R) <b>11.30</b> Everyday Gourmet. (R) <b>12.00</b> Dr Phil. (PGds, R) <b>1.00</b> Jamie's Easy Meals At Christmas. (R) <b>2.00</b> Ent. Tonight. <b>2.30</b> Jamie's Easy Meals For Every Day. (R) <b>3.00</b> Judge Judy. (PG, R) <b>3.30</b> Left Off The Map. (Return) <b>4.00</b> Farm To Fork. (PG) <b>4.30</b> Inside Bold. <b>5.00</b> 10 News First.</p>
<p><b>6.30</b> Movin' To The Country. (R) <b>7.00</b> ABC News.  <b>7.30</b> Outback Ringer. (PG, R)  <b>8.00</b> Australian Story Summer Series: I Dream Of Jeanne. (R) A look at the life of the late Jeanne Little.  <b>8.30</b> The Royal Edinburgh Military Tattoo: Celebrating 70 Years. A look at the Military Tattoo's rich history.  <b>9.40</b> Nigella's Cook, Eat, Repeat: Christmas Special. (R) Nigella shares some festive recipes.  <b>10.40</b> Secrets Of Althorp With Charles Spencer. (PG, R)  <b>11.30</b> Call The Midwife. (PG, R) <b>12.50</b> EXPOSED: The Case Of Keli Lane. (Ml, R) <b>1.50</b> Rage. (MA15+adhl) <b>4.25</b> Rage Closer. (R) <b>4.30</b> Catalyst. (PG, R) <b>5.25</b> Short Cuts To Glory: Matt Okine Vs Food. (R)</p>	<p><b>6.00</b> Mastermind Australia. (R) Presented by Marc Fennell.  <b>6.30</b> SBS World News.  <b>7.35</b> Britain's Most Expensive Houses. (PG) A look at expensive UK homes.  <b>8.30</b> The Death Of Bruce Lee: Killing Bruce Lee. (M) Former Hong Kong police detective Philip Chan reinvestigates the death of martial arts superstar Bruce Lee.  <b>10.00</b> The Best Of 24 Hours In Emergency: Never Really Alone. (M) Stories from King's College and St George's.  <b>10.55</b> SBS World News Late.  <b>11.25</b> The Crimson Rivers. (MA15+av)  <b>12.25</b> Tell Me Who I Am. (Mv)  <b>1.20</b> North To South: The Full Journey. (R)  <b>4.25</b> Kambuwal, Guuwa &amp; Gayiri Country. (R) <b>5.00</b> France 24 Feature. <b>5.15</b> NHK World English News. <b>5.30</b> Deutsche Welle English News.</p>	<p><b>6.00</b> Seven Local News.  <b>6.30</b> Seven News.  <b>7.00</b> Cricket. The Ashes. Second Test. Australia v England. Day 5. Evening session.  <b>9.30</b> Fantasy Island. (PGals) A bookworm who wants to say yes to life goes back in time to meet her favourite author.  <b>10.30</b> Motorway Patrol. (PG) Lightning strikes twice for one drunk driver.  <b>11.00</b> Highway Cops. (PG) Follows people who help keep motorists safe.  <b>11.30</b> Surveillance Oz. (PGa, R) A group of teens are caught on CCTV.  <b>12.00</b> <b>MOVIE:</b> Girl Happy. (1965, G, R) A singer watches over a nightclub owner's daughter. Elvis Presley.  <b>2.00</b> Home Shopping. (R)  <b>4.00</b> NBC Today.  <b>5.00</b> Seven Early News.  <b>5.30</b> Sunrise.</p>	<p><b>6.00</b> Nine News.  <b>7.00</b> A Current Affair.  <b>7.30</b> RBT. (Mdl, R) Follows the activities of police units.  <b>8.30</b> Australian Crime Stories: Million Dollar Mystery. (Mv, R) Takes a look at the 1994 disappearance of 22-year-old dancer and model Revelle Balmain.  <b>9.40</b> Reported Missing: Dementia. (Ma, R) Police mount urgent searches for two people with dementia, including Sheila who has vanished during a shopping trip.  <b>11.00</b> Chicago Med. (Mam, R) Will treats his pregnant patient.  <b>11.45</b> The Village. (Premiere, Ma)  <b>12.35</b> Tipping Point. (PG, R)  <b>1.30</b> TV Shop: Home Shopping. (R)  <b>2.30</b> Global Shop. (R)  <b>3.00</b> TV Shop: Home Shopping. (R)  <b>4.00</b> Take Two. (R)  <b>5.00</b> News Early Edition. <b>5.30</b> Today.</p>	<p><b>6.30</b> The Project. A look at the day's news and events.  <b>7.30</b> Bondi Rescue. (Final, PGal) Lifeguards try to enforce social distancing.  <b>8.00</b> Territory Cops. (Final, Mdv) Takes a behind-the-scenes look at the Northern Territory Police.  <b>8.30</b> FBI: Most Wanted. (Mv) The team must determine if the kidnapping of a woman is a random hate crime or if she was specifically targeted.  <b>10.30</b> The FBI Declassified: 20 Days Of Terror - The Austin Bomber. (Ma) A look at the search for a serial bomber.  <b>11.30</b> The Project. (R)  <b>12.30</b> The Late Show With Stephen Colbert. (PG)  <b>1.30</b> Home Shopping. (R)  <b>2.30</b> Infomercials. (PG, R)  <b>3.00</b> Home Shopping. (R)  <b>4.30</b> CBS Mornings.</p>
<p><b>ABC TV PLUS (22)</b> <b>6am</b> Children's Programs. <b>7.15pm</b> Odd Squad. <b>7.30</b> Spicks And Specks. <b>8.00</b> QI Christmas Special. <b>8.30</b> David Attenborough's Great Barrier Reef. <b>9.30</b> George Clarke's Amazing Spaces. <b>10.20</b> Doctor Who. <b>11.10</b> Adam Hills: The Last Leg. <b>11.50</b> The Young Offenders. <b>12.25am</b> Escape From The City. <b>1.20</b> Red Dwarf. <b>1.50</b> Community. <b>2.15</b> Parks And Recreation. <b>2.35</b> Late Programs.</p>	<p><b>SBS VICELAND (31)</b> <b>6am</b> WorldWatch. <b>10.00</b> SBS Courtside. <b>10.30</b> Basketball. NBA. Brooklyn Nets v Denver Nuggets. <b>1pm</b> WorldWatch. <b>2.00</b> Mimi. <b>2.20</b> Curse Of Oak Island. <b>4.00</b> WorldWatch. <b>5.25</b> Joy Of Painting. <b>5.55</b> Shortland Street. <b>6.25</b> RockWiz Rewind. <b>7.05</b> Jeopardy! <b>7.35</b> 8 Out Of 10 Cats Does Countdown. <b>8.30</b> Dark Side Of The '90s. <b>9.20</b> Hypothetical. <b>10.10</b> Chad. <b>11.00</b> Sex Tape. <b>Midnight</b> Late Programs.</p>	<p><b>7TWO (72)</b> <b>6am</b> Morning Programs. <b>Noon</b> House Of Wellness. <b>1.00</b> Million Dollar Minute. <b>2.00</b> Railway Restorations With Peter Snow. <b>3.00</b> Weekender. <b>3.30</b> Animal Rescue. <b>4.00</b> M*A*S*H. <b>5.00</b> Escape To The Country. <b>6.00</b> Cricket. Big Bash League. Game 15. Perth Scorchers v Hobart Hurricanes. <b>7.00</b> Bargain Hunt. <b>8.00</b> Doc Martin. <b>9.00</b> The Inspector Lynley Mysteries. <b>11.00</b> Late Programs.</p>	<p><b>9GEM (81, 92)</b> <b>6am</b> TV Shop. <b>7.00</b> Creflo. <b>7.30</b> TV Shop. <b>9.30</b> Newstyle Direct. <b>10.00</b> Danoz. <b>10.30</b> Pointless. <b>11.30</b> My Favorite Martian. <b>Noon</b> Seaway. <b>1.05</b> Christmas At Chatsworth House. <b>2.05</b> The Young And The Restless. <b>3.00</b> Antiques Roadshow. <b>3.30</b> <b>MOVIE:</b> Are You Being Served? (1977, PG) <b>5.30</b> Murder, She Wrote. <b>6.30</b> Antiques Roadshow. <b>7.30</b> Poirot. <b>8.40</b> Silent Witness. <b>10.50</b> Late Programs.</p>	<p><b>10 PEACH (52, 11)</b> <b>6am</b> Seatbelt Psychic. <b>6.30</b> The Big Bang Theory. <b>8.00</b> Friends. <b>10.00</b> The Middle. <b>11.30</b> Seinfeld. <b>Noon</b> Carol's Second Act. <b>1.00</b> Man With A Plan. <b>1.30</b> The Big Bang Theory. <b>3.00</b> The King Of Queens. <b>4.00</b> Becker. <b>5.00</b> Frasier. <b>6.00</b> Friends. <b>8.00</b> The Big Bang Theory. <b>9.30</b> Seinfeld. <b>11.00</b> 2 Broke Girls. <b>Midnight</b> Shopping. <b>12.30</b> Infomercials. <b>1.30</b> Stephen Colbert. <b>2.30</b> Late Programs.</p>
<p><b>NITV (34)</b> <b>6am</b> Morning Programs. <b>1.50pm</b> Road Open. <b>2.00</b> Shortland Street. <b>2.30</b> Chefs' Line. <b>3.00</b> Jarjums. <b>3.25</b> The Magic Canoe. <b>3.50</b> Jarjums. <b>5.00</b> Our Stories. <b>5.30</b> APTN National News. <b>6.00</b> Bamay. <b>6.40</b> News. <b>6.50</b> Undiscovered Vistas. <b>7.40</b> Through The Wormhole With Morgan Freeman. <b>8.30</b> Karla Grant Presents. <b>9.00</b> <b>MOVIE:</b> Lady Lash. (2020, M) <b>9.35</b> The X-Files. <b>11.15</b> Late Programs.</p>	<p><b>SBS WORLD MOVIES (32)</b> <b>6am</b> Morning Programs. <b>7.05</b> Toys And Pets. (2017, PG) <b>8.55</b> Angrezi Medium. (2020, PG, Hindi) <b>11.35</b> Django. (2017, M, French) <b>1.45pm</b> The Well-Digger's Daughter. (2011, PG, French) <b>3.45</b> The Ash Lad 2. (2019, PG, Norwegian) <b>5.40</b> The Crossing. (2020, PG, Norwegian) <b>7.30</b> The Importance Of Being Earnest. (1952) <b>9.20</b> What We Do In The Shadows. (2014, M) <b>10.55</b> Late Programs.</p>	<p><b>7MATE (73)</b> <b>6am</b> Morning Programs. <b>1.30pm</b> Weird, True And Freaky. <b>2.30</b> Great Lake Warriors. <b>3.30</b> Motor Racing. Supercars Support <b>4.30</b> Barter Kings. <b>5.30</b> Storage Wars: TX. <b>6.00</b> Cricket. The Ashes. Second Test. Aust v England. Late afternoon session. <b>6.40</b> The Ashes: Dinner Break. <b>7.00</b> Cricket. BBL. Scorchers v Hurricanes. <b>9.30</b> <b>MOVIE:</b> Predator 2. (1990, MA15+) <b>11.40</b> Late Programs.</p>	<p><b>9GO! (82, 93)</b> <b>6am</b> Children's Programs. <b>Noon</b> The Incredible Hulk. <b>1.00</b> Airwolf. <b>2.00</b> The A-Team. <b>3.00</b> Malcolm. <b>4.00</b> Children's Programs. <b>4.30</b> Malcolm. <b>5.30</b> The Nanny. <b>6.00</b> 3rd Rock From The Sun. <b>6.30</b> That '70s Show. <b>7.00</b> Young Sheldon. <b>7.30</b> Raymond. <b>8.30</b> <b>MOVIE:</b> Wayne's World. (1992, PG) <b>10.25</b> <b>MOVIE:</b> Naked Gun 33½: The Final Insult. (1994, PG) <b>Midnight</b> Late Programs.</p>	<p><b>10 BOLD (53, 12)</b> <b>6am</b> Infomercials. <b>7.30</b> Home Shopping. <b>8.00</b> The Doctors. <b>10.00</b> Diagnosis Murder. <b>11.00</b> JAG. <b>1pm</b> MacGyver. <b>2.00</b> Star Trek. <b>3.00</b> Diagnosis Murder. <b>5.00</b> JAG. <b>7.00</b> Bondi Rescue. <b>7.30</b> NCIS. <b>10.20</b> A-League Highlights Show. <b>11.20</b> Evil. <b>12.15am</b> Infomercials. <b>12.45</b> Home Shopping. <b>2.15</b> 48 Hours. <b>3.15</b> Hawaii Five-0. <b>5.05</b> The Doctors.</p>

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# Tuesday, December 21

<p><b>ABC TV (2)</b>  <b>6.00</b> News Breakfast. <b>9.00</b> ABC News Mornings. <b>10.00</b> Antiques Roadshow. (R) <b>11.00</b> The Heights. (PG, R)  <b>12.00</b> ABC News At Noon.  <b>1.00</b> Miniseries: Us. (Mdl, R)  <b>2.00</b> Glitch. (Final, Malv, R)  <b>3.00</b> ABC News Afternoons.  <b>4.15</b> Think Tank. (PG, R)  <b>5.10</b> Grand Designs. (R)</p>	<p><b>SBS (3)</b>  <b>6.00</b> WorldWatch. <b>9.30</b> Greek News. <b>10.30</b> German News. <b>11.00</b> Spanish News. <b>11.30</b> Turkish News. <b>12.00</b> Arabic News F24. <b>12.30</b> ABC America: World News Tonight. <b>1.00</b> PBS NewsHour. <b>2.00</b> The Italians. (PG) <b>2.15</b> The Chefs' Line. (R) <b>2.45</b> Child Genius. (R) <b>3.45</b> The Cook Up With Adam Liaw. (PG, R) <b>4.15</b> The Wonderful World Of Chocolate. (R) <b>5.05</b> Jeopardy! (PG) <b>5.30</b> Letters And Numbers. (R)</p>	<p><b>SEVEN (7)</b>  <b>6.00</b> Sunrise. <b>9.00</b> The Morning Show. (PG) <b>11.30</b> Seven Morning News.  <b>12.00</b> <b>MOVIE:</b> Another Christmas Coincidence. (2019, PGa)  <b>2.00</b> World's Deadliest Weather: Caught On Camera. (PGa, R)  <b>3.00</b> The Chase. (R)  <b>4.00</b> Seven News At 4.  <b>5.00</b> The Chase Australia. (R)</p>	<p><b>NINE (8, 9)</b>  <b>6.00</b> Today. <b>9.00</b> Today Extra Summer. (PG) <b>11.30</b> Morning News. <b>12.00</b> <b>MOVIE:</b> The Santa Con. (2014, PGav) Barry Watson, Melissa Sagemiller, Scott Grimes. <b>1.45</b> Garden Gurus Moments. (R) <b>2.00</b> Pointless. (PG, R) <b>3.00</b> Tipping Point. (PG)  <b>4.00</b> Afternoon News.  <b>4.30</b> Millionaire Hot Seat. (R)  <b>5.30</b> WIN News.</p>	<p><b>TEN (5, 1)</b>  <b>6.00</b> The Talk. (PGa) <b>7.00</b> Judge Judy. (PG, R) <b>7.30</b> Bold. (PG, R) <b>8.00</b> Inside Bold. (R) <b>8.30</b> Studio 10. (PG) <b>11.00</b> Jamie's Italian Christmas. (R) <b>12.00</b> Dr Phil. (PGad, R) <b>1.00</b> The Dog House Australia. (PG, R) <b>2.00</b> Ent. Tonight. <b>2.30</b> Jamie's Easy Meals For Every Day. (R) <b>3.00</b> Judge Judy. (PG, R) <b>3.30</b> Left Off The Map. <b>4.00</b> Farm To Fork. (PG) <b>4.30</b> Inside Bold. <b>5.00</b> 10 News First.</p>
<p><b>6.00</b> Julia Zemiro's Home Delivery. (R) <b>6.30</b> Movin' To The Country. (R) <b>7.00</b> ABC News.  <b>7.30</b> Outback Ringer. (PG, R)  <b>8.00</b> Anh's Brush With Fame: Layne Beachley. (PG, R)  <b>8.30</b> Christmas In Australia With Christine Anu. Christine Anu celebrates Christmas.  <b>9.30</b> Australia Remastered: Nature's Great Divide: Inner Kingdoms. Part 3 of 3.  <b>10.25</b> Joanna Lumley's Unseen Adventures. (PG, R) <b>11.15</b> Christmas Sounds Better This Year. (R) <b>12.15</b> Ho Ho Ho! Telling Christmas Tales. (PG, R) <b>1.05</b> Rage. (MA15+adhl) <b>3.30</b> My Mother's Lost Children. (Ml, R) <b>4.30</b> Catalyst. (R) <b>5.25</b> Short Cuts To Glory: Matt Okine Vs Food. (R)</p>	<p><b>6.00</b> Mastermind Australia. (PG, R) Presented by Marc Fennell.  <b>6.30</b> SBS World News.  <b>7.35</b> Inside Aldi At Christmas. (R) A look at the success of Aldi supermarkets.  <b>8.30</b> Cher And The Loneliest Elephant. (PG) Explores how superstar Cher flew across the world to help save a bull elephant from incarceration.  <b>9.30</b> Lucille Ball: We Love Lucy. Takes a look at Lucille Ball from her role inspiring female comedians to her drama-filled personal life.  <b>11.10</b> SBS World News Late.  <b>11.40</b> Man In Room 301. (Mals)  <b>12.35</b> Miss S. (Mv)  <b>4.30</b> Wiradjuri &amp; Nari Nari. (R) <b>5.00</b> France 24 Feature. <b>5.15</b> NHK World English News. <b>5.30</b> Deutsche Welle English News.</p>	<p><b>6.00</b> Seven Local News.  <b>6.30</b> Seven News.  <b>7.00</b> Cricket. Big Bash League. Game 16. Sydney Sixers v Adelaide Strikers.  <b>10.00</b> Born To Kill? Aileen Wuornos. (MA15+av) Takes a look at serial killer Aileen Wuornos, who was executed in 2002 for the murder of seven men.  <b>11.00</b> Beat The Chasers UK. Presented by Bradley Walsh.  <b>12.00</b> The Goldbergs. (PGls) Geoff competes in a beauty pageant.  <b>12.30</b> Dr Harry's Animal Encounters. (PG, R) Presented by Dr Harry Cooper.  <b>1.30</b> RSPCA Animal Rescue. (R)  <b>2.00</b> Home Shopping. (R)  <b>4.00</b> NBC Today.  <b>5.00</b> Seven Early News.  <b>5.30</b> Sunrise.</p>	<p><b>6.00</b> Nine News.  <b>7.00</b> A Current Affair.  <b>7.30</b> Travel Guides. (PGlns, R) Australians go on holiday to the Red Centre.  <b>8.30</b> The Weakest Link. (PG) Quiz show featuring contestants who answer general knowledge questions.  <b>9.30</b> Kath &amp; Kim. (PGls, R) With their fascinators on and the fleur-de-lis piccolos in place, Kath, Kim and Sharon go to the races.  <b>11.15</b> Christmas At Warwick Castle. (R) A look at Warwick Castle at Christmas.  <b>12.10</b> Tipping Point. (PG, R)  <b>1.05</b> A Current Affair. (R)  <b>1.30</b> TV Shop: Home Shopping. (R)  <b>4.00</b> Take Two. (R)  <b>5.00</b> News Early Edition. <b>5.30</b> Today.</p>	<p><b>6.30</b> The Project. A look at the day's news and events.  <b>7.30</b> The Dog House Australia. (Final, PG) Narrated by Dr Chris Brown.  <b>8.30</b> NCIS. (Mv) Gibbs and Parker on a road trip to find one of the serial killer's victims, while Knight goes undercover at a large manufacturing company with ties to the murders.  <b>10.30</b> NCIS: Los Angeles. (Mv, R) Callen is accused of being a Russian agent.  <b>11.30</b> The Project. (R)  <b>12.30</b> The Late Show With Stephen Colbert. (PG)  <b>1.30</b> Home Shopping. (R)  <b>3.00</b> Infomercials. (PG, R)  <b>3.30</b> Home Shopping. (R)  <b>4.30</b> CBS Mornings.</p>
<p><b>ABC TV PLUS (22)</b> <b>6am</b> Children's Programs. <b>7.15pm</b> Odd Squad. <b>7.30</b> Spicks And Specks. <b>8.30</b> Upstart Crow. <b>9.00</b> QI. <b>9.30</b> Schitt's Creek. <b>10.20</b> Preppers. (Final) <b>10.50</b> Doctor Who. <b>11.50</b> Catastrophe. <b>12.15am</b> In The Long Run. <b>12.40</b> Sick Of It. <b>1.00</b> GameFace. <b>1.25</b> Whose Line Is It Anyway? <b>2.10</b> Community. <b>2.30</b> Parks And Recreation. <b>2.50</b> ABC News Update. <b>2.55</b> Close. <b>5.05</b> Late Programs.</p>	<p><b>SBS VICELAND (31)</b> <b>6am</b> WorldWatch. <b>Noon</b> Basketball. NBA. Brooklyn Nets v Denver Nuggets. Replay. <b>2.00</b> All Good Things. <b>2.15</b> Curse Of Oak Island. <b>3.55</b> WorldWatch. <b>5.25</b> Shortland Street. <b>6.25</b> RockWiz. <b>7.05</b> Jeopardy! <b>7.35</b> 8 Out Of 10 Cats Does Countdown. <b>8.30</b> Rhod Gilbert: Stand Up To Infertility. <b>9.40</b> Kevin McCloud: Rough Guide To The Future. <b>10.35</b> Cults And Extreme Belief. <b>11.25</b> UFOs. <b>Midnight</b> Late Programs.</p>	<p><b>7TWO (72)</b> <b>6am</b> Home Shopping. <b>6.30</b> Travel Oz. <b>8.00</b> A Foodies Guide To Kyushu Japan. <b>8.30</b> Million Dollar Minute. <b>9.30</b> NBC Today. <b>Noon</b> House Of Wellness. <b>1.00</b> Million Dollar Minute. <b>2.00</b> Jabba's School Holiday Movie Special. <b>3.00</b> Creek To Coast. <b>3.30</b> RSPCA Animal Rescue. <b>4.30</b> M*A*S*H. <b>5.30</b> Escape To The Country. <b>6.30</b> Bargain Hunt. <b>7.30</b> Pie In The Sky. <b>8.30</b> Lewis. <b>10.30</b> Without A Trace. <b>11.30</b> Late Programs.</p>	<p><b>9GEM (81, 92)</b> <b>6am</b> TV Shop. <b>7.00</b> Creflo. <b>7.30</b> TV Shop. <b>9.30</b> Newstyle Direct. <b>10.00</b> Danoz. <b>10.30</b> Pointless. <b>11.30</b> My Favorite Martian. <b>Noon</b> Seaway. <b>1.00</b> Poirot. <b>2.10</b> The Young And The Restless. <b>3.05</b> Antiques Roadshow. <b>3.35</b> <b>MOVIE:</b> Spring In Park Lane. (1948) <b>5.30</b> Murder, She Wrote. <b>6.30</b> Antiques Roadshow. <b>7.30</b> New Tricks. <b>8.40</b> The Closer. <b>9.40</b> Rizzoli &amp; Isles. <b>10.40</b> Law &amp; Order: Criminal Intent. <b>11.40</b> Late Programs.</p>	<p><b>10 PEACH (52, 11)</b> <b>6am</b> The Late Show With Stephen Colbert. <b>7.00</b> The King Of Queens. <b>7.30</b> Seinfeld. <b>8.00</b> Becker. <b>9.00</b> The Middle. <b>10.00</b> Frasier. <b>11.00</b> The King Of Queens. <b>Noon</b> Becker. <b>1.00</b> Man With A Plan. <b>1.30</b> Friends. <b>2.00</b> Seinfeld. <b>3.00</b> The King Of Queens. <b>4.00</b> Becker. <b>5.00</b> Frasier. <b>6.00</b> Friends. <b>8.00</b> The Big Bang Theory. <b>9.30</b> Mom. <b>11.35</b> Frasier. <b>Midnight</b> Shopping. <b>12.30</b> Infomercials. <b>1.30</b> Late Programs.</p>
<p><b>NITV (34)</b> <b>6am</b> Morning Programs. <b>2pm</b> Shortland Street. <b>2.30</b> Chefs' Line. <b>3.00</b> Wapos Bay. <b>3.25</b> The Magic Canoe. <b>3.50</b> Wolf Joe. <b>4.00</b> Aussie Bush Tales. <b>4.10</b> Project Planet. <b>4.35</b> Grace Beside Me. <b>5.00</b> Our Stories. <b>5.30</b> Indian Country Today. <b>6.00</b> Bamay. <b>6.30</b> Welcome To Country. <b>6.40</b> News. <b>6.50</b> Undiscovered Vistas. <b>7.40</b> Who Killed Malcolm X. <b>8.30</b> I, Sniper. <b>9.30</b> The X-Files. <b>11.10</b> Late Programs.</p>	<p><b>SBS WORLD MOVIES (32)</b> <b>6am</b> Morning Programs. <b>7.40</b> The Ash Lad 2. (2019, PG, Norwegian) <b>9.35</b> The Importance Of Being Earnest. (1952) <b>11.25</b> The Crossing. (2020, PG, Norwegian) <b>1.15pm</b> Beauty And The Beast. (2014, PG, French) <b>3.20</b> Toys And Pets. (2017, PG) <b>5.10</b> Our Little Sister. (2015, PG, Japanese) <b>7.30</b> What We Did On Our Holiday. (2014, M) <b>9.20</b> Monty Python's The Meaning Of Life. (1983, M) <b>11.20</b> Late Programs.</p>	<p><b>7MATE (73)</b> <b>6am</b> Morning Programs. <b>1pm</b> Weird, True And Freaky. <b>2.00</b> Great Lake Warriors. <b>3.00</b> Shipping Wars. <b>4.00</b> Al McGlashan's Fish'n With Mates. <b>4.30</b> Barter Kings. <b>5.30</b> Storage Wars: TX. <b>6.00</b> Cricket. Big Bash League. Game 16. Sydney Sixers v Adelaide Strikers. <b>7.00</b> Pawn Stars. <b>7.30</b> Highway Patrol. <b>8.30</b> Secrets Of The Supercars. <b>9.30</b> Counting Cars. <b>10.30</b> Vegas Rat Rods. <b>11.30</b> Late Programs.</p>	<p><b>9GO! (82, 93)</b> <b>6am</b> Children's Programs. <b>Noon</b> The Incredible Hulk. <b>1.00</b> Airwolf. <b>2.00</b> The A-Team. <b>3.00</b> The Nanny. <b>3.30</b> 3rd Rock From The Sun. <b>4.00</b> That '70s Show. <b>4.30</b> Malcolm. <b>5.30</b> The Nanny. <b>6.00</b> 3rd Rock From The Sun. <b>6.30</b> That '70s Show. <b>7.00</b> Young Sheldon. <b>7.30</b> Raymond. <b>8.30</b> <b>MOVIE:</b> American Reunion. (2012, MA15+) <b>10.45</b> <b>MOVIE:</b> 40 Days And 40 Nights. (2002, M) <b>12.30am</b> Late Programs.</p>	<p><b>10 BOLD (53, 12)</b> <b>6am</b> Home Shopping. <b>7.00</b> Infomercials. <b>8.00</b> Bondi Rescue. <b>8.30</b> Roads Less Travelled. <b>9.00</b> A-League Highlights Show. <b>10.00</b> JAG. <b>Noon</b> MacGyver. <b>1.00</b> Star Trek. <b>3.00</b> Diagnosis Murder. <b>5.00</b> JAG. <b>7.00</b> Bondi Rescue. <b>7.30</b> NCIS. <b>8.30</b> Blue Bloods. <b>10.25</b> NCIS: New Orleans. <b>11.20</b> Evil. <b>12.15am</b> Home Shopping. <b>12.45</b> Infomercials. <b>1.15</b> Home Shopping. <b>2.15</b> <b>MOVIE:</b> Warrior. (2011, M) <b>5.00</b> JAG.</p>

# Wednesday, December 22

<p><b>ABC TV (2)</b>  <b>6.00</b> News Breakfast. <b>9.00</b> ABC News Mornings. <b>10.00</b> Christmas At St Paul's. (R) <b>11.05</b> The Heights. (PG, R) <b>12.00</b> ABC News At Noon. <b>1.00</b> The Cook And The Chef: Christmas Special. (R) <b>1.25</b> <b>MOVIE:</b> Anthony. (2020, Ma, R) Toheeb Jimoh, Bobby Schofield, Julia Brown. <b>3.00</b> ABC News Afternoons. <b>4.00</b> Think Tank. (PG, R) <b>5.00</b> Worzel Gummidge. (PG, R)</p>	<p><b>SBS (3)</b>  <b>6.00</b> WorldWatch. <b>10.30</b> German News. <b>11.00</b> Spanish News. <b>11.30</b> Turkish News. <b>12.00</b> Arabic News F24. <b>12.30</b> ABC America: World News Tonight. <b>1.00</b> PBS NewsHour. <b>2.00</b> The Italians. (PG) <b>2.15</b> The Chefs' Line. (R) <b>2.45</b> Child Genius Australia. (R) <b>3.45</b> The Cook Up With Adam Liaw. (PG, R) <b>4.15</b> The Wonderful World Of Chocolate. (PG, R) <b>5.05</b> Jeopardy! (PG) <b>5.30</b> Letters And Numbers. (R)</p>	<p><b>SEVEN (7)</b>  <b>6.00</b> Sunrise. <b>9.00</b> The Morning Show. (PG) <b>11.30</b> Seven Morning News. <b>12.00</b> <b>MOVIE:</b> A Holiday Wish Come True. (2018, PG) <b>2.00</b> World's Deadliest Weather: Caught On Camera. (PG, R) <b>3.00</b> The Chase. (R) <b>4.00</b> Seven News At 4. <b>5.00</b> The Chase Australia. (R)</p>	<p><b>NINE (8, 9)</b>  <b>6.00</b> Today. <b>9.00</b> Today Extra Summer. (PG) <b>11.30</b> Morning News. <b>12.00</b> <b>MOVIE:</b> Christmas On The Menu. (2020, G) Kim Shaw, Clayton James, Cynthia Gibb. <b>1.50</b> Talking Honey: Relationship Specials. (R) <b>2.00</b> Pointless. (PG, R) <b>3.00</b> Tipping Point. (PG) <b>4.00</b> Afternoon News. <b>4.30</b> Millionaire Hot Seat. (R) <b>5.30</b> WIN News.</p>	<p><b>TEN (5, 1)</b>  <b>6am</b> Morning Programs. <b>7.30</b> Bold. (PG, R) <b>8.00</b> Inside Bold. (R) <b>8.30</b> Studio 10. (PG) <b>11.00</b> My Market Kitchen. (R) <b>11.30</b> Everyday Gourmet. (R) <b>12.00</b> Dr Phil. (PG, R) <b>1.00</b> Jamie's Quick &amp; Easy Christmas. (R) <b>2.00</b> Ent. Tonight. <b>2.30</b> Jamie's Easy Meals For Every Day. (R) <b>3.00</b> Judge Judy. (PG, R) <b>3.30</b> Left Off The Map. <b>4.00</b> Farm To Fork. (PG) <b>4.30</b> Inside Bold. <b>5.00</b> News.</p>
<p><b>6.00</b> Sammy J: Full Credit To Christmas. (R) <b>7.00</b> ABC News. <b>7.30</b> Outback Ringer. (PG, R) Lach and his team set a frenetic pace. <b>8.00</b> Hard Quiz: Has Beens. Hosted by Tom Gleeson. <b>8.40</b> The Yearly With Charlie Pickering 2021. Charlie Pickering is joined by a cavalcade of guests to look back at stories from 2021. <b>9.40</b> QI. (PGs) Hosted by Sandi Toksvig. <b>10.10</b> Would I Lie To You At Christmas? (PG, R) <b>10.40</b> A Berry Royal Christmas. (R) <b>11.40</b> Father Brown. (Mav, R) <b>12.30</b> Silent Witness. (Mav, R) <b>1.30</b> Rage. (MA15+adhlinsv) <b>3.30</b> Gardening Australia: Christmas Family Special. (R) <b>4.30</b> Catalyst. (R) <b>5.30</b> Short Cuts To Glory: Matt Okine Vs Food. (R)</p>	<p><b>6.00</b> Mastermind Australia. (R) <b>6.30</b> SBS World News. <b>7.35</b> Sesame Street: 50 Years Of Sunny Days. Takes a look at Sesame Street. <b>9.00</b> Grand Tours Of Scotland's Lochs: Beneath The Surface. (PG) Paul Murton continues his loch-hopping journey through Scotland on a stretch of Loch Hourn. <b>9.30</b> Departure. (Mav) Kendra learns about a mysterious passenger who escaped the custody of US Marshal during the crash. <b>10.20</b> SBS World News Late. <b>10.55</b> In Therapy. (Mal) <b>11.50</b> DNA. (Ma, R) <b>1.25</b> 8 Out Of 10 Cats Does Countdown. (Mls, R) <b>2.20</b> North To South: The Full Journey. (R) <b>4.40</b> Bamay. (R) <b>5.00</b> France 24 Feature. <b>5.15</b> NHK World English News. <b>5.30</b> Deutsche Welle English News.</p>	<p><b>6.00</b> Seven Local News. <b>6.30</b> Seven News. <b>7.00</b> Cricket. Big Bash League. Game 17. Melbourne Renegades v Perth Scorchers. From Marvel Stadium, Melbourne. <b>10.00</b> Gordon, Gino &amp; Fred: American Road Trip: Christmas Road Trip - Three Unwise Men. (Ml) Gordon Ramsay, Gino D'Acampo and Fred Sirieix take a festive road trip through Morocco. <b>11.00</b> Ambulance: Code Red. (Mal, R) After a car driver is seriously injured, the paramedics put him into an induced coma at the roadside. <b>12.00</b> American Crime. (Masv, R) Dustin introduces Shae to the world of online sex work. <b>1.00</b> Home Shopping. (R) <b>4.00</b> NBC Today. News and current affairs. <b>5.00</b> Seven Early News. <b>5.30</b> Sunrise.</p>	<p><b>6.00</b> Nine News. <b>7.00</b> A Current Affair. <b>7.30</b> Michael Bubl�e's Christmas In The City. A festive performance by Michael Bubl�e. <b>8.30</b> <b>MOVIE:</b> Love Actually. (2003, Mlms, R) Explores a series of interlocking vignettes about love and romance in Britain in the weeks before Christmas. Hugh Grant, Alan Rickman, Keira Knightley. <b>11.15</b> Christmas In New York: Inside The Plaza. (R) A look at the Plaza Hotel in New York City. <b>12.10</b> Tipping Point. (PG, R) <b>1.05</b> A Current Affair. (R) <b>1.30</b> TV Shop: Home Shopping. (R) <b>2.30</b> Global Shop. (R) <b>3.00</b> TV Shop: Home Shopping. (R) <b>5.00</b> News Early Edition. <b>5.30</b> Today.</p>	<p><b>6.30</b> The Project. A look at the day's news and events. <b>7.30</b> Bondi Rescue. (PG, R) A game of beach gridiron comes to a halt. <b>8.00</b> All Aussie Adventures. (PGln, R) Russell shares his love of native fauna with some unsuspecting students. <b>8.30</b> Bull. (M, R) Bull helps Taylor's brother-in-law, Ralph Kelly, fight manslaughter charges. <b>10.30</b> The Royals Revealed: The Royal Family - Are They Worth It? (PGa) A look at the status of the British royal family. <b>11.30</b> The Project. (R) <b>12.30</b> The Late Show With Stephen Colbert. (PG) <b>1.30</b> Home Shopping. (R) <b>2.30</b> Infomercials. (PG, R) <b>3.00</b> Home Shopping. (R) <b>4.30</b> CBS Mornings.</p>
<p><b>ABC TV PLUS (22)</b> <b>6am</b> Children's Programs. <b>7.15pm</b> Odd Squad. <b>7.30</b> Spicks And Specks. <b>8.00</b> Would I Lie To You At Christmas? <b>8.30</b> Brian Johnson's A Life On The Road. <b>9.15</b> David Stratton's Stories Of Australian Cinema. <b>10.15</b> Doctor Who. <b>11.20</b> Horror Movie: A Low-Budget Nightmare. (Final) <b>12.20am</b> Pilgrimage: Road To Istanbul. (Final) <b>1.20</b> Louis Theroux: Life On The Edge. (Final) <b>2.15</b> Community. <b>2.35</b> Late Programs.</p>	<p><b>SBS VICELAND (31)</b> <b>6am</b> WorldWatch. <b>Noon</b> Curse Of Oak Island. <b>4.00</b> WorldWatch. <b>5.25</b> Joy Of Painting. <b>6.25</b> Rockwiz. <b>7.05</b> Jeopardy! <b>7.35</b> 8 Out Of 10 Cats Does Countdown. <b>8.30</b> <b>MOVIE:</b> Source Code. (2011, M) <b>10.15</b> <b>MOVIE:</b> Colossal. (2016, M) <b>12.15am</b> The X-Files. <b>2.45</b> France 24. <b>3.00</b> Thai News. <b>3.30</b> Bangla News. <b>4.00</b> Punjabi News. <b>4.30</b> Sri Lankan Sinhalese News. <b>5.00</b> Korean News. <b>5.30</b> Indonesian News.</p>	<p><b>7TWO (72)</b> <b>6am</b> Home Shopping. <b>6.30</b> Travel Oz. <b>8.00</b> Harry's Practice. <b>8.30</b> Million Dollar Minute. <b>9.30</b> NBC Today. <b>Noon</b> House Of Wellness. <b>1.00</b> Million Dollar Minute. <b>2.00</b> To Be Advised. <b>3.00</b> Jabba's School Holiday Movie Special. <b>3.30</b> RSPCA Animal Rescue. <b>4.30</b> M*A*S*H. <b>5.30</b> Escape To The Country. <b>6.30</b> Bargain Hunt. <b>7.30</b> The Vicar Of Dibley. <b>8.20</b> Mrs Brown's Boys. <b>10.20</b> Miranda. <b>11.00</b> Late Programs.</p>	<p><b>9GEM (81, 92)</b> <b>6am</b> TV Shop. <b>7.00</b> Creflo Dollar Ministries. <b>7.30</b> TV Shop: Home Shopping. <b>10.30</b> Pointless. <b>11.30</b> My Favorite Martian. <b>Noon</b> Seaway. <b>1.00</b> The Baron. <b>2.05</b> The Young And The Restless. <b>3.00</b> Antiques Roadshow. <b>3.30</b> <b>MOVIE:</b> The Night My Number Came Up. (1955, PG) <b>5.30</b> Murder, She Wrote. <b>6.30</b> Antiques Roadshow. <b>7.30</b> As Time Goes By. <b>8.50</b> Midsomer Murders. <b>10.50</b> House. <b>11.50</b> Late Programs.</p>	<p><b>10 PEACH (52, 11)</b> <b>6am</b> The Late Show With Stephen Colbert. <b>7.00</b> The King Of Queens. <b>8.00</b> Becker. <b>9.00</b> The Middle. <b>10.00</b> Frasier. <b>11.00</b> The King Of Queens. <b>Noon</b> Becker. <b>1.00</b> Man With A Plan. <b>1.30</b> Friends. <b>2.30</b> NBL Slam. <b>3.00</b> The King Of Queens. <b>4.00</b> Becker. <b>5.00</b> Frasier. <b>6.00</b> Friends. <b>8.00</b> The Big Bang Theory. <b>9.20</b> 2 Broke Girls. <b>Midnight</b> Shopping. <b>12.30</b> Infomercials. <b>1.00</b> Shopping. <b>1.30</b> Late Programs.</p>
<p><b>NITV (34)</b> <b>6am</b> Morning Programs. <b>2pm</b> Shortland Street. <b>2.30</b> Chefs' Line. <b>3.00</b> Wapos Bay. <b>3.25</b> The Magic Canoe. <b>3.50</b> Wolf Joe. <b>4.00</b> Aussie Bush Tales. <b>4.10</b> Project Planet. <b>4.35</b> Grace Beside Me. <b>5.00</b> Our Stories. <b>5.30</b> Te Ao With Moana. <b>6.00</b> Bamay. <b>6.40</b> News. <b>6.50</b> Undiscovered Vistas. <b>7.40</b> Hip Hop Evolution. <b>8.30</b> Going Native. <b>9.00</b> Hunting Aotearoa. <b>9.30</b> <b>MOVIE:</b> Whitney. (2018, M) <b>11.35</b> Late Programs.</p>	<p><b>SBS WORLD MOVIES (32)</b> <b>6am</b> Morning Programs. <b>8.40</b> Our Little Sister. (2015, PG, Japanese) <b>11.00</b> Kuessipan. (2019, M, French Canadian) <b>1.10pm</b> The Imaginarium Of Doctor Parnassus. (2009, PG) <b>3.25</b> The Importance Of Being Earnest. (1952) <b>5.15</b> The Odyssey. (2016, PG, French) <b>7.30</b> Asterix And Obelix In Britain. (2012, PG, French) <b>9.35</b> O Brother, Where Art Thou? (2000, M) <b>11.35</b> Late Programs.</p>	<p><b>7MATE (73)</b> <b>6am</b> Morning Programs. <b>1pm</b> Weird, True And Freaky. <b>2.00</b> Pawn Stars. <b>2.30</b> The Grade Cricketer. <b>3.00</b> Shipping Wars. <b>3.30</b> Blokesworld. <b>4.00</b> Al McGlashan's Fish'n With Mates. <b>4.30</b> Barter Kings. <b>5.30</b> Storage Wars: TX. <b>6.00</b> Cricket. Big Bash League. Game 17. Melbourne Renegades v Perth Scorchers. <b>7.00</b> Pawn Stars. <b>8.30</b> Storage Wars. <b>9.30</b> Storage Wars: Miami. <b>10.00</b> Irish Pickers. <b>11.00</b> Late Programs.</p>	<p><b>9GO! (82, 93)</b> <b>6am</b> Children's Programs. <b>Noon</b> The Incredible Hulk. <b>1.00</b> Airwolf. <b>2.00</b> The A-Team. <b>3.00</b> The Nanny. <b>3.30</b> 3rd Rock From The Sun. <b>4.00</b> That '70s Show. <b>4.30</b> Malcolm. <b>5.30</b> The Nanny. <b>6.00</b> 3rd Rock From The Sun. <b>6.30</b> That '70s Show. <b>7.00</b> Young Sheldon. <b>7.30</b> Raymond. <b>8.30</b> <b>MOVIE:</b> Ace Ventura: When Nature Calls. (1995, PG) <b>10.20</b> <b>MOVIE:</b> Fist Fight. (2017, MA15+) <b>12.10am</b> Late Programs.</p>	<p><b>10 BOLD (53, 12)</b> <b>6am</b> Infomercials. <b>8.00</b> Stories Of Bikes. <b>8.30</b> iFish Summer Series. <b>9.00</b> Rhy's Darby: Big In Japan. <b>10.00</b> JAG. <b>Noon</b> MacGyver. <b>1.00</b> Star Trek. <b>3.00</b> Diagnosis Murder. <b>5.00</b> JAG. <b>7.00</b> Bondi Rescue. <b>7.30</b> NCIS. <b>8.30</b> NCIS: Los Angeles. <b>11.15</b> Evil. <b>12.10am</b> Home Shopping. <b>1.40</b> Infomercials. <b>2.10</b> 48 Hours. <b>3.10</b> SEAL Team. <b>4.05</b> NCIS. <b>5.00</b> The Doctors.</p>



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# Thursday, December 23

<p><b>ABC TV (2)</b>  <b>6.00</b> News. <b>9.00</b> News. <b>10.00</b> Australia Remastered: Nature's Great Divide. (R) <b>11.05</b> The Heights. (PG, R) <b>12.00</b> ABC News At Noon. <b>1.00</b> Maggie Beer's Christmas Feast. (R) <b>1.30</b> QI. (PGs, R) <b>2.00</b> Would I Lie To You At Christmas? (PG, R) <b>2.30</b> Christmas With Poh. (R) <b>3.00</b> ABC News Afternoons. <b>4.00</b> Think Tank. (PG, R) <b>4.55</b> Worzel Gummidge. (PG, R) <b>5.55</b> Julia Zemiro's Home Delivery. (R)</p>	<p><b>SBS (3)</b>  <b>6.00</b> WorldWatch. <b>10.30</b> German News. <b>11.00</b> Spanish News. <b>11.30</b> Turkish News. <b>12.00</b> Arabic News F24. <b>12.30</b> ABC America: World News Tonight. <b>1.00</b> PBS NewsHour. <b>2.00</b> The Italians. (PG) <b>2.15</b> The Chefs' Line. (R) <b>2.45</b> Child Genius Australia. (PG, R) <b>3.45</b> The Cook Up With Adam Liaw. (PG, R) <b>4.15</b> The Wonderful World Of Chocolate. (R) <b>5.05</b> Jeopardy! (PG) <b>5.30</b> Letters And Numbers. (R)</p>	<p><b>SEVEN (7)</b>  <b>6.00</b> Sunrise. <b>9.00</b> The Morning Show. (PG) <b>11.30</b> Seven Morning News. <b>12.00</b> <b>MOVIE:</b> The Last Christmas Home. (2018, PG) <b>2.00</b> World's Deadliest Weather: Caught On Camera. (PG, R) <b>3.00</b> The Chase. (R) <b>4.00</b> Seven News At 4. <b>5.00</b> The Chase Australia. (R)</p>	<p><b>NINE (8, 9)</b>  <b>6.00</b> Today. <b>9.00</b> Today Extra Summer. (PG) <b>11.30</b> Morning News. <b>12.00</b> <b>MOVIE:</b> The Christmas Ball. (2020, G) Deirdre Mullins, Caroline Langrishe, Nick Hendrix. <b>1.45</b> Explore. (R) <b>2.00</b> Pointless. (PG, R) <b>3.00</b> Tipping Point. (PG) <b>4.00</b> Afternoon News. <b>4.30</b> Millionaire Hot Seat. (R) <b>5.30</b> WIN News.</p>	<p><b>TEN (5, 1)</b>  <b>6am</b> Morning Programs. <b>7.30</b> Bold. (PG, R) <b>8.00</b> Inside Bold. (R) <b>8.30</b> Studio 10. (PG) <b>11.00</b> My Market Kitchen. (R) <b>11.30</b> Everyday Gourmet. (R) <b>12.00</b> Dr Phil. (PG, R) <b>1.00</b> Jamie's Easy Christmas Countdown. (R) <b>2.00</b> Ent. Tonight. <b>2.30</b> Jamie's Easy Meals For Every Day. (R) <b>3.00</b> Judge Judy. (PG, R) <b>3.30</b> Left Off The Map. <b>4.00</b> Farm To Fork. (PG) <b>4.30</b> Inside Bold. <b>5.00</b> News.</p>
<p><b>6.30</b> Movin' To The Country. (R) <b>7.00</b> ABC News. <b>7.30</b> Outback Ringer. (PG, R) <b>8.00</b> Barrie Cassidy's One Plus One. Melissa Leong talks to Barrie. <b>8.30</b> Joanna Lumley's Unseen Adventures. (Ml, R) Part 2 of 3. <b>9.20</b> That Christmas. (PG, R) A collection of Christmas stories. <b>10.20</b> Lucy Worsley's Christmas Carol Odyssey. (R) <b>11.20</b> Call The Midwife. (PG, R) <b>12.50</b> Jill Bilcock: The Art Of Film Editing. (Mlv, R) <b>1.20</b> Rage. (MA15+adhlinsv) <b>3.25</b> Rage Closer. (R) <b>3.30</b> Gardening Australia: Christmas Family Special. (R) <b>4.30</b> Catalyst. (PG, R) <b>5.25</b> Short Cuts To Glory: Matt Okine Vs Food. (R)</p>	<p><b>6.00</b> Mastermind Australia. (R) <b>6.30</b> SBS World News. <b>7.35</b> The Wonderful World Of Chocolate. (PG) A tour of vegan chocolate factory Nomo. <b>8.30</b> Red Election. (MA15+) Adam prepares to resign. <b>9.25</b> Bowled Over: Untold Australia. (Mal, R) A look at a group of drag performers. <b>10.30</b> SBS World News Late. <b>11.00</b> Gomorrah. (MA15+av, R) <b>11.55</b> We Are Who We Are. (Mal, R) <b>1.00</b> 8 Out Of 10 Cats Does Countdown. (Mls, R) <b>1.55</b> North To South: The Full Journey. (R) <b>4.15</b> Bamay. (R) <b>5.00</b> France 24 Feature. <b>5.15</b> NHK World English News. <b>5.30</b> Deutsche Welle English News.</p>	<p><b>6.00</b> Seven Local News. <b>6.30</b> Seven News. <b>7.00</b> Better Homes And Gardens Summer. Melissa installs a stylish cubbyhouse. <b>7.30</b> Carols In The Domain. (PG) Coverage of Carols In The Domain, hosted by David Koch and Natalie Barr. <b>10.00</b> <b>MOVIE:</b> Vacation. (2015, MA15+Ins, R) A man embarks on a cross-country trip to an amusement park with his family. Ed Helms, Christina Applegate. <b>12.05</b> American Crime. (Masv, R) <b>1.05</b> The Zoo. (R) <b>2.00</b> Home Shopping. (R) <b>4.00</b> NBC Today. <b>5.00</b> Seven Early News. <b>5.30</b> Sunrise.</p>	<p><b>6.00</b> Nine News. <b>7.00</b> A Current Affair. <b>7.30</b> Great Getaways. (PG) Takes a look at holiday ideas in the Americas. <b>8.30</b> <b>MOVIE:</b> Miss Congeniality 2: Armed And Fabulous. (2005, Mv, R) Against orders, an FBI agent goes undercover to rescue Miss USA and the pageant MC after they are kidnapped. Sandra Bullock, Regina King, William Shatner. <b>10.50</b> New Amsterdam. (Mam, R) Max reckons with his diagnosis. <b>11.40</b> Chicago Med. (Mam, R) <b>12.35</b> Tipping Point. (PG, R) <b>1.30</b> TV Shop: Home Shopping. (R) <b>2.30</b> Global Shop. (R) <b>3.00</b> TV Shop: Home Shopping. (R) <b>5.00</b> News Early Edition. <b>5.30</b> Today.</p>	<p><b>6.30</b> The Project. A look at the day's news and events. <b>7.30</b> Jamie: Together At Christmas. Jamie prepares festive-themed dishes. <b>8.30</b> Law &amp; Order: SVU. (Mav) The team searches for a serial rapist who preys on mothers with young children. <b>10.30</b> The Royals Revealed: Royal Retainers - Upstairs And Down. (PGa) A look at the staff who support the royals. <b>11.30</b> The Project. (R) <b>12.30</b> The Late Show With Stephen Colbert. (PG) <b>1.30</b> Home Shopping. (R) <b>3.00</b> Infomercials. (PG) <b>3.30</b> Home Shopping. (R) <b>4.30</b> CBS Mornings.</p>
<p><b>ABC TV PLUS (22)</b> <b>6am</b> Children's Programs. <b>7.15pm</b> Odd Squad. <b>7.30</b> Spicks And Specks. <b>8.30</b> Mock The Week. <b>9.00</b> Hard Quiz: Has Beens. <b>9.40</b> Insert Name Here. <b>10.10</b> Doctor Who. <b>11.00</b> Gavin &amp; Stacey. <b>12.05am</b> You Can't Ask That. <b>12.35</b> David Attenborough's Great Barrier Reef. <b>1.35</b> The Misadventures Of Romesh Ranganathan. (Final) <b>2.35</b> Community. <b>2.55</b> Parks And Recreation. <b>3.15</b> ABC News Update. <b>3.20</b> Close. <b>5.05</b> Late Programs.</p>	<p><b>SBS VICELAND (31)</b> <b>6am</b> WorldWatch. <b>Noon</b> Project Blue Book. <b>1.40</b> Nocturne In Black. <b>2.10</b> Butter Lamp. <b>2.30</b> Figure Skating. 2019-2020 ISU European C'ships. Replay. <b>4.00</b> WorldWatch. <b>5.25</b> Rockwiz Salutes The Bowl. <b>7.05</b> Jeopardy! <b>7.35</b> 8 Out Of 10 Cats Does Countdown. <b>8.30</b> The Curse Of Oak Island. <b>10.10</b> The Source. <b>11.00</b> Vikings. <b>11.50</b> <b>MOVIE:</b> Gangs Of Wasseypur Part 1. (2012, MA15+) <b>2.45am</b> Late Programs.</p>	<p><b>7TWO (72)</b> <b>6am</b> Home Shopping. <b>6.30</b> Travel Oz. <b>8.00</b> Harry's Practice. <b>8.30</b> Million Dollar Minute. <b>9.30</b> NBC Today. <b>Noon</b> House Of Wellness. <b>1.00</b> Million Dollar Minute. <b>2.00</b> To Be Advised. <b>3.00</b> A Foodies Guide To Kyushu Japan. <b>3.30</b> RSPCA Animal Rescue. <b>4.30</b> M*A*S*H. <b>5.30</b> Escape To The Country. <b>6.30</b> Bargain Hunt. <b>7.30</b> Father Brown. <b>8.30</b> Inspector George Gently. <b>10.30</b> Murdoch Mysteries. <b>11.30</b> Late Programs.</p>	<p><b>9GEM (81, 92)</b> <b>6am</b> TV Shop. <b>7.00</b> Creflo. <b>7.30</b> TV Shop. <b>10.30</b> Pointless. <b>11.30</b> My Favorite Martian. <b>Noon</b> Seaway. <b>1.00</b> As Time Goes By. <b>2.10</b> The Young And The Restless. <b>3.05</b> Antiques Roadshow. <b>3.35</b> <b>MOVIE:</b> Sea Devils. (1953) <b>5.30</b> Murder, She Wrote. <b>6.30</b> Antiques Roadshow. <b>7.30</b> Death In Paradise. <b>8.40</b> Grantchester: Christmas Special. <b>10.10</b> Keeping Up Appearances. <b>10.50</b> Late Programs.</p>	<p><b>10 PEACH (52, 11)</b> <b>6am</b> The Late Show With Stephen Colbert. <b>7.00</b> Frasier. <b>8.00</b> Becker. <b>9.00</b> The Middle. <b>10.00</b> Frasier. <b>11.00</b> The King Of Queens. <b>Noon</b> Becker. <b>1.00</b> Man With A Plan. <b>1.30</b> Friends. <b>2.00</b> Carol's Second Act. <b>3.00</b> The King Of Queens. <b>4.00</b> Becker. <b>5.00</b> Frasier. <b>6.00</b> Friends. <b>8.00</b> The Big Bang Theory. <b>9.30</b> Seinfeld. <b>11.00</b> 2 Broke Girls. <b>Midnight</b> Shopping. <b>12.30</b> Infomercials. <b>1.30</b> Late Programs.</p>
<p><b>NITV (34)</b> <b>6am</b> Morning Programs. <b>1pm</b> From The Western Frontier. <b>1.30</b> Going Native. <b>2.00</b> Shortland Street. <b>2.30</b> Chefs' Line. <b>3.00</b> Wapos Bay. <b>3.25</b> The Magic Canoe. <b>3.50</b> Wolf Joe. <b>4.00</b> Aussie Bush Tales. <b>4.10</b> Project Planet. <b>4.35</b> Grace Beside Me. <b>5.00</b> Our Stories. <b>5.30</b> The 77 Percent. <b>6.00</b> Bamay. <b>6.30</b> News. <b>6.40</b> Undiscovered Vistas. <b>7.30</b> Going Places With Ernie Dingo. <b>8.30</b> Trickster. <b>9.30</b> <b>MOVIE:</b> Jowable. (2019, M) <b>11.20</b> Late Programs.</p>	<p><b>SBS WORLD MOVIES (32)</b> <b>6am</b> Our Little Sister. Continued. (2015, PG, Japanese) <b>7.20</b> Asterix And Obelix In Britain. (2012, PG, French) <b>9.25</b> The Odyssey. (2016, PG, French) <b>11.40</b> Colossal. (2016, M) <b>1.40pm</b> What We Did On Our Holiday. (2014, PG) <b>3.30</b> The Three Musketeers. (1973, PG) <b>5.30</b> The Lunchbox. (2013, PG, Hindi) <b>7.30</b> Toast. (2010, PG) <b>9.15</b> Seven Psychopaths. (2012, MA15+) <b>11.20</b> Late Programs.</p>	<p><b>7MATE (73)</b> <b>6am</b> Morning Programs. <b>9.00</b> Desert Collectors. <b>10.00</b> NFL 100 Greatest. <b>11.00</b> A Football Life. <b>Noon</b> Heavy Rescue. 401. <b>1.00</b> Weird, True And Freaky. <b>2.00</b> Great Lake Warriors. <b>3.00</b> Shipping Wars. <b>4.00</b> Al McGlashan's Fish'n With Mates. <b>4.30</b> Billion Dollar Wreck. <b>5.30</b> Storage Wars: TX. <b>6.00</b> American Pickers. <b>7.00</b> Pawn Stars. <b>7.30</b> To Be Advised. <b>10.30</b> <b>MOVIE:</b> Cool Hand Luke. (1967, M) <b>11.00am</b> Late Programs.</p>	<p><b>9GO! (82, 93)</b> <b>6am</b> Children's Programs. <b>Noon</b> The Incredible Hulk. <b>1.00</b> Airwolf. <b>2.00</b> The A-Team. <b>3.00</b> The Nanny. <b>3.30</b> 3rd Rock From The Sun. <b>4.00</b> That '70s Show. <b>4.30</b> Malcolm. <b>5.30</b> The Nanny. <b>6.00</b> 3rd Rock From The Sun. <b>6.30</b> That '70s Show. <b>7.00</b> Young Sheldon. <b>7.30</b> <b>MOVIE:</b> Dr Seuss' How The Grinch Stole Christmas. (2000) <b>9.35</b> <b>MOVIE:</b> Four Holidays. (2008, M) <b>11.20</b> Young Sheldon. <b>11.45</b> Late Programs.</p>	<p><b>10 BOLD (53, 12)</b> <b>6am</b> Home Shopping. <b>6.30</b> Infomercials. <b>8.00</b> What's Up Down Under. <b>8.30</b> NBL Slam. <b>9.00</b> Diagnosis Murder. <b>10.00</b> JAG. <b>Noon</b> MacGyver. <b>1.00</b> Star Trek. <b>3.00</b> Diagnosis Murder. <b>5.00</b> JAG. <b>7.00</b> Bondi Rescue. <b>7.30</b> NCIS. <b>8.30</b> Hawaii Five-O. <b>10.30</b> SEAL Team. <b>12.30am</b> Infomercials. <b>1.00</b> Home Shopping. <b>2.00</b> SEAL Team. <b>3.00</b> Blue Bloods. <b>4.00</b> Hawaii Five-O.</p>





# Future fuel is elementary

Tannum Sands State High School students are proving they're ready to go with the industry of the future for their region, with a final week workshop focussing on hydrogen as a clean fuel.

The Queensland Minerals and Energy Academy (QMEA) workshop tests students' skills to design a customised mini hydrogen fuel cell vehicle, and then race the vehicle against their classmates. The QMEA is the education arm of the Queensland Resources Council (QRC).

QRC Director of Skills, Education and Diversity, Katrina-Lee Jones said the QMEA worked with 90 Queensland schools, including Tannum Sands State High School, to encourage students to consider a career in a resources-related field.

"Gladstone is a focal point for Queensland's emerging hydrogen industry, so what better time for local students to learn about the fuel of the future," Ms Jones said.

"The Gladstone region has been a resources sector powerhouse with the development of the gas export industry. Its future to expand into a new type of industry is in good hands based on the enthusiasm we've seen already from students keen to take part in today's events."

Australian Gas Industry Trust Executive Officer Dr Jen Thompson said the workshop allows students to turn their minds to energy solutions of the future.

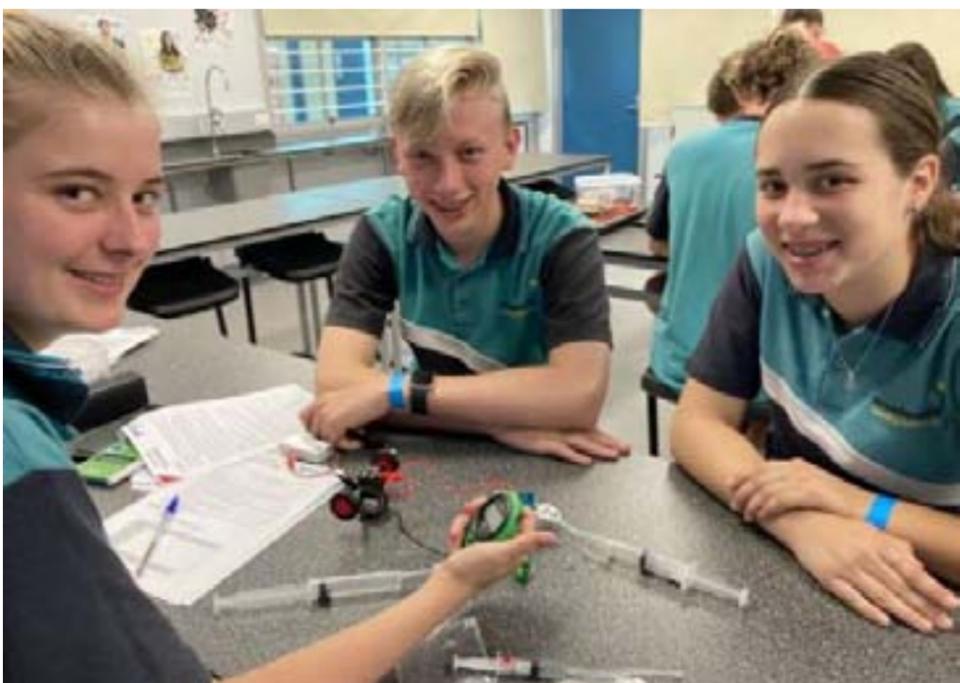
"Energy security is essential to the success of all communities, and few areas know that better than the broader Gladstone region given its strong connection to the gas industry," Dr Thompson said.

As Australia's largest and most successful industry-led education and skills training initiative, the QMEA seeks to broaden student and teacher knowledge of career opportunities in resources.

The academy encourages a talent pipeline of employees into VET and STEM-related careers, with a focus on female and Indigenous participation. The QMEA currently engages with 90 schools and is a partnership between the QRC and the Queensland Government under its Gateway to Industry Schools program.



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# Creating your perfect logo

**YOUR BUSINESS QUESTIONS ANSWERED**  
  
**WITH JAMES HARRIS**  
 james@qsb-consulting.com

We recently answered a question about selecting a business name. That has resulted in several people asking questions about designing a logo so we want to outline a general process you can follow.

A logo is important because it is how you represent your new business name, and the character and personality of the business, all in one eye catching image.

Let me say right at the outset, our experience has been that people generally should not design their own logos! This is because the majority of people are not designers and do not have either the artistic ability or necessary technical skills to do so. In reality though, a quality logo should not cost that much, and getting a specialist logo designer to work with you on this certainly shouldn't result in this being one of your larger start-up expenses.

Having said that, just because you are using the artistic talent and technical skills of someone else to get a high-quality logo, that does not mean that you should not oversee the project; in fact, you should be calling the shots at all times! The designer might come back to you with suggestions, but be prepared to give guidance on things like:

- Colours
- Size
- Images you want incorporated into the logo
- Fonts
- Symbols
- Overall style (modern, classic, abstract, cartoonish, military, western, etc. etc.)

The more clearly you can tell your designer what you want, the more smoothly the process will go. This means you need to give some thought to the above elements at a minimum before you hire a logo designer.

Sometimes though, it can be hard to even know where to start. If this is you, it helps to think about what your business is going to deliver and what it represents. You can then tell other people about your business and get



What factors go into designing the perfect logo for your business?

feedback as to what sort of colours, images etc. they associate with what you are telling them.

For example, when we ran this exercise for a client who was going to sell environmentally friendly cleaning products, we discovered that potential customers associated what the company was going to sell with:

- Light green
- Native trees
- Bees
- Rivers
- Stones
- Mint
- White lettering with a solid font that had rounded edges

We couldn't do much with the mint smell, however the other elements were exactly what was needed to craft a logo that clearly commu-

nicated everything about the company that potential customers needed to know.

Once you know what you want, it can often be helpful to look for other companies with logos that have elements that you like. This makes it much easier to demonstrate to your designer what you want without engaging in a frustrating game that resembles Pictionary or Charades!

When you have decided on how you want your logo to look and have appointed a designer to produce it for you, there are a couple of things you should be aware of.

The first is to request the logo in two colours, perhaps the primary colour scheme you have decided on and a version in black and white. This will give you some flexibility when you put your logo on a variety of different backgrounds because in some cases you might find there is a clash with the colours you have

chosen for your logo and the background.

You should also request, and make sure you obtain, the original graphics files for your logo.

These are called vector files and are likely to be Adobe Photoshop or Illustrator files and the file extension will be something like .png. The thing to avoid is only getting generic image files like JPEG files, which will end in .jpg. The problem with generic image files is that the background will also form part of the image so you can't put your logo over just any background, nor can you resize the image without a loss of quality.

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 'CQ Today'.

## Start of a new era in tastings: Going live with VCD

I'm very excited to take on the role of being the first Wine Host for Virtual Cellar Doors (VCD) in Queensland. Although I'll be doing good old-fashioned live events rather than the virtual events.

Putting together a wine event is a bit like putting the jigsaw puzzle together that Auntie Joan give you as a Christmas gift. All the bits have too fit in together, so the guests have a fun and educational evening.

Forming an association with Trent and Dave, the directors of VCD, has presented me with access to eight very interesting Australian boutique wineries. Of course, VCD was conceived over a glass of wine. The location was The Barossa Valley, and they were discussing the future of Wine Tourism. At the time borders were closed and visiting our amazing Australian vineyards had been mothballed.

The two young gun Aussies, on a weekend break to the Barossa Valley, whilst consuming some of the local red wines, rolled out the idea of starting a company that could bring the cellar door to the client. They realised that many traditional businesses that were only face-to-face had made a digital transition – why not the Cellar Door?

The aptly named Virtual Cellar Doors was created: Their mission became offering certain styles of wine via virtual tasting. So that those interested in learning more about wine in a fun environment could sit at home with invited guests and taste the samples that had been sent to them.

I asked Dave what they sought, from a winery, before adding them to the VCD list?

"We look for independent Australian win-

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eries, with high quality, memorable and delicious wines on offer, the sort of wines we love to drink, the sort of wines, we would want to open with a favourite guest. We love it when a little-known variety or style expression is on the list too," said Dave.

Trent added: "But most importantly we look for engaging and excited winemakers/owners who are passionate and in love with what they are doing. Understand how and why they are doing it and want to share this passion with others. There is so much romance, passion and commitment in wine, and it takes a certain type of person, to get it right."

Being chosen as the first Queensland resident to host events in our great state, has taken WineBill Events to the next level of development. VCD decided to offer live in person hosted events as an extra to their virtual events. The live events will be tailored to a minimum of 12 guests up to large-sized corporate events. For those seeking to learn more about our fun and interactive educational events, please contact the VCD team at sales@virtualcellardoors.com.au or myself at winebillevents@icloud.com

**Merry Christmas, WineBill**



WineBill is looking forward to hosting BCD Wine Events in 2022.

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# Kids go green for holidays

## Out and About

Photographer **MIKE RICHARDS** dropped down to the Tondoon Botanic Gardens on Tuesday, 14 December to take some snaps of the Tiny Greenhouse school holiday program.

Children planted seeds in their own tiny greenhouse that they made themselves. They were then able to take it home, place on their window and watch the plants grow.

Details of more school holiday programs can be found at the Gladstone Regional Council website.



Attendees at the Tiny Greenhouse school holiday program with their greenhouses.



Amber Cutting.



Duosen, 4.



Kaili, 6.



Cooper Penrose, 7, and Roslyn Penrose.



Brock Tame, 11.



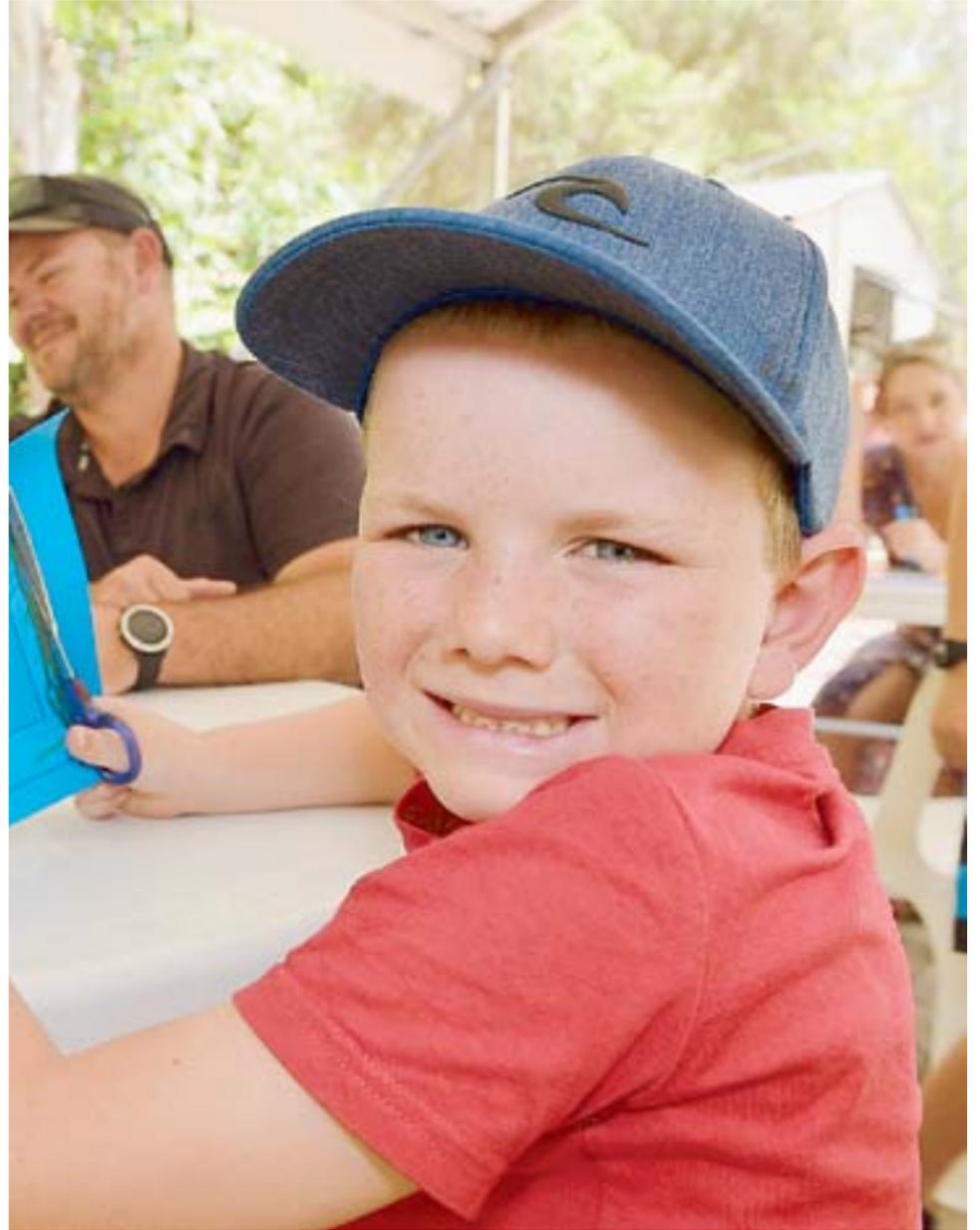
Cooper Penrose, 7.



Robyn Mulvena, Tondoon's business development manager, and Debbie Ward.



Robyn Mulvena, Tondoon's business development manager, with Alfie, 7, and Avaneeh, 6.



Zander Cutting.



Amber, 10, Tim and Zander Cutting, 6.

# Christmas Greetings

*Merry Christmas*

This is my last Christmas as your Federal Member, I would like to say it has been a **distinct privilege** serving as your representative in the Federal Parliament for the past 12 years.

Merry Christmas to you and to those you love.



**Ken O'DOWD MP**  
Federal Member for Flynn  
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**Merry Christmas**

Solar Power Gladstone would like to thank all our customers for their support in 2021! We wish everyone a Happy and safe Holiday Season and we look forward to discussing exciting new products in 2022.

Our office will be closed from 24th of December to the 16th of January 2022!

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*Merry Christmas*

to All of Our Customers

**"Thank you for supporting our local business in 2021."**

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We will be closed from Wed 22nd December, re-opening Mon 10th January.

Stay safe on the roads this Christmas season

*Colin Boyce*

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*Merry Christmas*

**FROM THE TEAM AT GLADSTONE TODAY**

We would like to thank the Gladstone Community for your support in producing your new local community newspaper. Your encouragement and feedback is greatly appreciated. We look forward to your continued support in 2022.

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Yorkie was a victim of the Spanish Flu epidemic that raged at the time of World War I.

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# ‘Yorkie’ lived our history

Stories from the journals of Gladstone's Family History Group (GSGD Inc)

From the Gladstone Genealogical Society's 'Time Line' publication, Vol.16 No.1, March 2013:

The Gladstone Genealogical Society recently received an inquiry wondering if there was any information in our records of an Aboriginal man known, to the white population, as "Yorkie". The story the Society was able to gather was as follows:

It is thought that Yorkie was born around the early 1850s to a woman of the Toolooa tribe who was working in the kitchen of the newly settled Miriam Vale Station. His aboriginal name was Toobailie or Tuwulwul but he was known to the white population as simply 'Yorkie'. When the local Aboriginals launched an attack on Miriam Vale Station shortly after it was occupied it is said that Yorkie, (a young child), hid under the bed for safety.

As a young man Yorkie worked on Waroo Station which is on Granite Creek just south of Miriam Vale. At the time the lease of Waroo, (or Thornhill as it is sometimes known), was held

by Robert & Frederick Blackman.

It was on Waroo that Yorkie had the misfortune to lose an eye when a working bullock was being handled. The bullock charged and as Yorkie ran he slammed into a protruding part of the bullock wagon.

Family lore says the routes over the range known as Blackmans Gap, The Parsons and Norton Gap, which were the tribal trading routes over the range near Miriam Vale, were first shown to the Blackmans by Yorkie.

At this time Rosie (Yorkie's daughter), became pregnant and in due course gave birth to a son who was given the name of Victor Blackman. The child was raised with every advantage the Blackman family could give him.

Yorkie was always friendly with the white population but he apparently retained his Aboriginal beliefs or superstitions. At one time he was working for William Harris as part of the Harris droving plant and according to that family he wouldn't cross the Dawes range as he would have been trespassing on some other tribal territory. Apparently the trading routes were used by everybody but anyone leaving

these was treated as an unwanted intruder.

He was an expert at throwing the returning boomerang and often gave exhibitions. His tracking skills were often put to use, and on at least one occasion, in helping to find a lost child.

According to Arthur Jeffery, a published Miriam Vale historian, "Yorkie continued to work on the cattle stations and often visited his white brothers and enjoyed a yarn over old times, nobody was more conversant with the early history of the district than Yorkie, but few of his experiences were recorded."

When he was beginning to grow feeble Yorkie went back to his old tribal grounds. He was a victim of the influenza epidemic that was raging at the time of World War I.

The story is told that a member of the Mossman family found him lying in a water hole trying to reduce his fever. He was taken to Mascot, the Mossman property on the Boyne River and it is believed from there he was taken to Many Peaks Hospital where he was cared for by a Mrs Buchbach until his death around 1916.

Yorkie's burial place is not known for sure,

some say he was buried near the upper Boyne River while others think he was put to rest in the Many Peaks Cemetery which is situated at Builyan.

As a result of this inquiry it is thought that Yorkie in fact had at least three children, two daughters and one son. The mother of one of the daughters was known as "Kitty of Gladstone" who was still alive in 1897.

Perhaps another chapter to be found in Yorkie's story. In compiling this article the Society would like to acknowledge the help from the following people:

- Amanda and Tony – descendants of Yorkie
- Arthur Jeffery – published historian from Miriam Vale
- Jim Harris – History Buff from Gladstone
- Paulette Flint – Gladstone historian

The Boyne Valley is a one-hour drive from Gladstone in Central Queensland, Australia. It is a rural community with the small townships of Nagoorin, Ubobo, Builyan and Many Peaks dotted along the Boyne River which is the heart of the valley.

## Nest bandit spotted: Devious Koel has striking look

**BIRDS OF BOYNE & TANNUM**

BOB TRASK



Often called a Storm Bird, the Common Koel is a cuckoo and so deviously lays its eggs in the nests of other bird species where the host birds raise their young for them.

The male and females looks very different with the male, as seen in this photo, being easily identifiable by its glossy black plumage, tinged with blue and green, long tail and striking red eye.

The male Common Koel is easily identifiable by its glossy black plumage, long tail and red eyes.





Mushroom and hoisin stirfry.

# Mushroom and stirfry

Looking for something tasty and nutritious to have with all the rice you've still got stockpiled from earlier in the year?

Then this stir-fry is for you.

Combining the tanginess of the hoisin with

the earthy mushroom flavour, salty peanuts, the freshness of sugarsnap peas (maybe from your garden?) and the goodness of chicken breast, this is sure to become a family favourite.

## HOISIN MUSHROOM AND CHICKEN STIR-FRY

**Serves:** 4

**Prep:** 15 mins

**Cook:** 12 mins

### Ingredients

- 2 ½ tbs peanut or vegetable oil

- 300g cup mushrooms, thickly sliced
- 300g chicken breast, thinly sliced
- 150g sugar snap peas, topped
- 1/3 cup hoisin sauce
- ½ cup roasted salted peanuts, optional
- Cooked jasmine rice, to serve

### Method

1. Heat a wok over high heat until hot. Add 2 teaspoons oil and half the mushrooms. Stir fry 2 minutes until they start to colour. Remove to a plate. Repeat with oil and remaining mushrooms.
2. Add 2 teaspoons oil to the hot wok. Add half the chicken, stir fry 1 minute until golden. Remove to a plate. Repeat with oil and remaining chicken.

3. Add remaining oil and sugar snap peas to the wok. Stir-fry 30 seconds. Return the mushrooms and chicken. Add hoisin sauce and stir-fry until well combined and chicken is cooked through.
4. Stir through the peanuts if using. Remove from the heat, serve with rice.
5. Tip You can replace the chicken with beef or pork fillet

# Snap up a ginger treat

Hi all.

How has your week been?

I have been op shopping up a storm this past week or 20. I love to upcycle vintage sheets into little girls dresses and get little teapots and crochet pretty cosies to fit them.

One of my recent finds has actually inspired this week's recipe. It's a chunky, airtight glass jar made in Italy that I thought would be a perfect bickie jar!

So it was back to the little old recipe box for mums ginger snaps recipe.

All crispy edges and chewy in the middle. They are a great accompaniment to tea or coffee.

Hopefully the grandkids will like them... but if not, dad and I will have cookies for days! Not too disappointing really.

So let's bake!

## GINGER SNAP BISCUITS

### Ingredients:

- 125g butter
- ¾ cup golden syrup
- 2 cups Self Raising Flour
- 2/3 cup brown sugar
- Pinch salt
- Pinch nutmeg
- 1 dessertspoon ground ginger

### Method:

1. Preheat oven to 150°
2. Grease a biscuit tray and line it with baking paper.
3. Heat butter and golden syrup in a small saucepan until butter is melted.
4. Sift all the dry ingredients into a bowl.
5. Pour the syrup mixture in and mix until combined.
6. Refrigerate for 15 minutes.
7. Roll teaspoons full into balls and place on trays allowing room for them to spread.
8. Grease the bottom of a glass and dip it in caster sugar. Press each biscuit down until they are a bit less than a centimetre thick. You will need to dip the glass in sugar between each biscuit or they will stick to the glass.
9. Bake for approximately 20 minutes. If they get too brown turn the heat down a little. My oven is on the hot side so I have it at about 140°
10. Cool the biscuits on a wire rack and store in an airtight container.

## CUT OUT AND KEEP RECIPE

GRANNY GAY



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### Tips and Tweaks:

1. When I went to bake these I discovered I only had half a cup of golden syrup. So I made up the other quarter cup with treacle.
2. Oh my goodness....the taste is amazing! I will be adding this to the recipe from now on.
3. But if you don't love the stronger taste of treacle just use golden syrup. It's delicious as well.
4. I think some chopped crystallised ginger stirred through the dough would be a nice touch if you like ginger.
5. These are the perfect dunking biscuit. They are very crunchy like good ginger biscuits should be. So they don't fall apart too quickly when you dunk them.

Happy baking and stay safe!!



All crispy edges and chewy in the middle.

# You get what you give

**THIS WEEK WITH JORDIE**



We become what we choose to invest our energy in. We can't expect anything positive to come out of continuously choosing to engage in negative conversations and content. We can't expect to gain knowledge and wisdom if we don't first embrace the learning process. We can't move forward into the future if we are too busy looking back living in the past. We can't be at our best if we only ever think the worst.

I have had to learn this over the years, trying to hold myself accountable and understand that the choices I make daily contribute to my outcomes at the end of every day. I can't blame anyone else because the responsibility falls solely on me to learn to adapt according to my experiences and environment. I need to know when to take a step back from a bad situation, when to bite my tongue, when to gently explain to someone how their actions or words have a negative impact on me, and when to switch off my digital devices to enjoy the much simpler life offline.

I have become so much more aware of how my own boundaries, choices and environments can affect me. I have started actively making more of an effort to follow what feels right and amend my habits to serve me better. I strongly encourage others to do the same as it can be one of the most liberating experiences.

When we become aware of how our own actions contribute to our goals and the end result, we then have the power to review and alter our approach accordingly regardless of



Choose happiness, you can't expect anything positive to come out of continuously being negative.

what is going on around us. We become unstoppable because we are accountable to ourselves and don't rely on the world beyond to determine our life's layout.

It all comes back to us and the choices we

make to honour and support the life we want to live and the individuals we want to be. As long as our actions are consistent with the words we use and the mindset we have, we can expect to achieve some pretty amazing things

in our time and inspire future generations to do the same.

"The best thing you can do is to let go of what you can't control, and invest your energy in the things you can" – anonymous.

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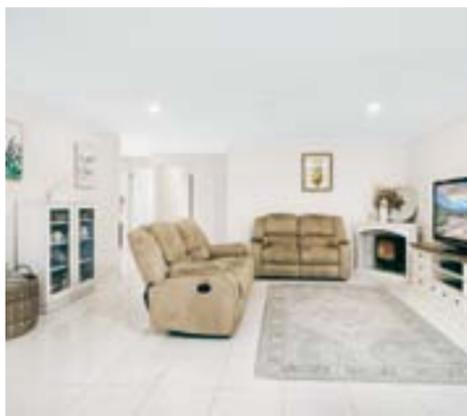
Located in the popular Sea Haven Estate in Taroomball, you are within walking distance to both Sacred Heart and Taranganba Primary Schools to make the morning school run a breeze.

This appealing family property offers a generous 801m<sup>2</sup> fully fenced allotment with side access and room to put up the shed and install a pool if desired.

The home is completely air-conditioned to keep you comfortable through our summer months. Currently tenanted, the property offers secure investment potential or option to move in and enjoy for yourself.

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- Located in family friendly Estate that offers local parkland for the family to enjoy
- Convenient location within short drive to local schools, shops and beaches ●



## HOME ESSENTIALS

**Address:** 26 Havenwood Drive, TAROOMBALL **Description:** 4 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, 2 garage **Price:** Offers over \$699,000 considered **Inspect:** By appointment  
**Contact:** Leisa Richardson, 0427 251 008, YEPPOON REAL ESTATE, 4938 3777



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## STYLISH HOME

**INTRODUCING** this stylish home to the market built in 2012. The home is neat and tidy and boasts four bedrooms.

The master is situated away from the rest of the other bedrooms for extra privacy complimented with its own ensuite and walk in robe.

All the other bedrooms have built in robes. There is ducted split system air-conditioning throughout, an extra split system to the open plan lounge, dining and kitchen and fans for extra circulation.

Modern open plan lounge, kitchen and dining with vinyl flooring. The modern kitchen provides ample bench and cupboard space with the laundry tucked away in the corner. The kitchen is excellently situated as you are able to keep an eye on the family while

preparing the meals.

Both bathrooms are tiled and are fresh, neat and crisp.

There are large sliding glass doors leading out to the rear under cover timber deck adding extra living space to the home. All the bedrooms are carpeted, with vinyl flooring to the kitchen and the open plan area and tiles to the bathrooms.

There is also a front entry balcony and concrete driveway leading to large double carport with lockable store room. Ideally positioned in a central position to both primary and high schools.

This home is fully fenced with yard space to the rear of the property.

For more information or to arrange an inspection call now. ●

## HOME ESSENTIALS

**Address:** 65 Stower Street, BLACKWATER **Price:** \$239,500

**Description:** 4 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, 2 garage **Inspect:** By appointment

**Contact:** Dee 0428 770 555, REAL ESTATE VISION GROUP

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# Gardening

Neil Fisher



## Jumping into bloom

Across Central Queensland at the moment a Western Australian clumping plant is making its presence felt. The plant is the Kangaroo Paw or Anigozanthos and with their distinctive flowers and diversity of colours and forms the Kangaroo Paw or Anigozanthos has become an Australian icon.

Gladstone Regional Council has some impressive clusters of gold, bronze or red flowering Kangaroo Paws growing in a number of round-a-bouts that are in full bloom.

There are 11 species of Anigozanthos with the best known being Red and Green Kangaroo Paw or Mangles Kangaroo Paw, Anigozanthos manglesii. This Kangaroo Paw is the floral emblem of Western Australia and the flower also appears on the state Coat of arms. Anigozanthos manglesii is a medium sized Kangaroo Paw for a well-drained but well-watered position in full sun. Masses of large green flowers with a red throat will appear during spring and summer. It is a useful landscape plant in Western Australia but is very hard to grow locally.

There is also further species that was previously known as Anigozanthos fuliginosus or the Black Kangaroo Paw, has been renamed Macropidia fuliginosa. It is a small Kangaroo Paw that requires a very well drained sunny position. Large pale green flowers with a black throat and fine black hairs appear in late spring and summer. I know of only plant that lasted more than year in Central Queensland.

Hybrid Kangaroo Paws will perform better in the garden than the true native species.

Did you know there are about 50 hybrids Kangaroo Paws and it is these hybrids that are seen growing in this region? In particular the Bush Gem varieties are worth a try in local gardens.

Anigozanthos Bush Fire is small clumping variety with sprays of bright yellow, orange and red paw shaped flowers.

Anigozanthos Bush Ballad is small clumping variety with sprays of bright red paw shaped flowers.

Anigozanthos Bush Diamond is small clumping variety with sprays of snow white paw shaped flowers.

Anigozanthos Bush Gold is medium clumping variety with sprays of bright yellow paw shaped flowers.

Anigozanthos Bush Inferno is small clumping variety with sprays of fiery scarlet red paw shaped flowers.

Anigozanthos Bush Ranger is small clumping variety with sprays of deep red paw shaped flowers.

Anigozanthos Bush Tenacity is medium clumping variety with vibrant yellow, gold and green paw shaped flowers.



Anigozanthos Bush Zest is a small clumping variety of Kangaroo Paw.



Anigozanthos Bush Fire.



Anigozanthos Bush Tenacity.



Anigozanthos Bush Ranger.



Anigozanthos Bush Ballad.



Anigozanthos Bush Scarlet.

Anigozanthos Bush Zest is small clumping variety with sprays of bright Yellow / Lemon paw shaped flowers.

Kangaroo Paws are one of the most drought tolerant Australian plants but many enthusiasts find that a little extra watering during early spring and summer will help sustain the longevity of the flowers. A sunny very well drained position is a must for growing any of the Kangaroo Paws. Most enthusiasts will recommend adding a small amount of organic matter to the garden soil to improve the plants growth.

Pruning is the key to keeping Kangaroo

Paws healthy and vigorous and as they grow from underground rhizomes it is safe to cut the plants back to almost ground level. It is best pruning back your plants after flowering as this will help reduce the risk of fungal disease.

The blackening of the foliage is a problem for Kangaroo Paws with discolouring most often being caused by the disease Ink Spot. Frost and snails can also cause foliage blackening, in fact anything that damages the leaf tissue will blacken it. I would recommend cutting off all damaged foliage so to allow the plant to produce fresh new leaves to create a better overall appearance.

### Living spirit of Christmas

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](mailto:fishersnursery@bigpond.com)

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# Rural Matters

## Challenging the old ideas

By Georgie Somerset,  
AgForce general president

Ideas are a dime a dozen – so the saying from American businesswoman Mary Kay Ash goes.

What she fails to mention is that GOOD ideas are rare as hen's teeth.

That doesn't stop plenty of bad ones getting considered though, or worse still – implemented.

Take two recent articles that feature ideas and opinions that miss the mark completely and could have serious consequences for agriculture.

The first, an opinion piece written by financial journalist Alan Kohler entitled Farmers and business demand Morrison give them back their 'slaves', declares farmers are demanding to let foreign workers back into Australia on temporary visas so that "...they don't have to pay Australians more to pick fruit..."

While the headline and content is at best uninformed, it is clearly a cheap shot at an industry that kept food on the supermarket shelves for millions of Australians at the height of the COVID pandemic – despite crippling workforce shortages.

The second, an article featured in The

Australian focuses on an idea from Fortescue founder Andrew Forrest, who says he wants to phase out the multibillion-dollar diesel fuel rebate.

If this happened, it would have a devastating effect on many small family farm businesses, particularly in the grains sector, and on any agriculture business that runs heavy vehicles and machinery that uses diesel fuel – as well as tourism operators, fishermen, and outback stations generating power.

Single-issue arguments like these from Messrs Kohler and Forrest not only fall into the deep well of ill-conceived ideas and views – but risk extinguishing the much bigger, much brighter outlook on the horizon.

One that recognises and values the tangible benefits brought by agriculture – economical, socially, and environmentally.

To embrace all that agriculture has to offer the entire community will take genuine leadership and a willingness to include industry as part of the broader outlook and discussions in this country.

You can help us get there. Challenge the narrow minded, the outdated, and the misinformed, and join AgForce in the conversation online by using #standwithregqld.



AgForce general president Georgie Somerset wants to challenge the 'narrow minded, the outdated, and the misinformed'.

## Increased yarding at CQLX sale after needed rains

By CQLX Market Report

After some much needed rain, CQLX Gracemere Agents saw an increased yarding of 4747 head on Wednesday, 8 December.

Cattle were drawn from Townsville in the north, Clermont in the West, Miriam Vale in the South and the usual local areas. With good quality lines of cattle on hand that met with very strong competition right throughout.

The usual processors were all present and operating, along with strong panels of southern restocker buyers, Yearling and Weaner cattle saw average increasers of up to 30c/kg and heavy feeders were up 20c/kg on last week's strong sale. Next week's sale will be our last for the year.

### HIGHLIGHTS OF THE DAY

- Morrison & Sons, Sarina Range Sold a pen of Droughtmaster Weaner Steers to reach 852c/kg, weighing 170kg to return \$1,446/hd
- Creed Grazing, Raglan Sold a run of Brahman Feeder Steers to average 596c/kg weighing 383kg to return \$2,239/hd



- James Shannon, Goovigen Sold Brangus Cross Steers for 572c/kg weighing 436kg to return \$2,500/hd

- Bradford & Hicks, Koumala Sold Brangus Weaner Steers for 770c/kg weighing 244kg to return \$1,882/hd
- Price Cattle Co, Rossmoya Sold a run of 107 Crossbred Steers to average 780c/kg averaging 239kg to return \$1,866/hd
- Bauman & Acton Family, Dingo Sold 78 Brangus/Charbray Cross Steers for 568c/kg weighing 471kg to return \$2,678/hd
- Mark & Nicola Hetherington, Baralaba Sold Santa Droughtmaster Cross Steers for 580c/kg weighing 427kg to return \$2,477/hd
- IL Farmer, Biloela Sold Brangus Steers for 562c/kg weighing 472kg to return \$2,658/hd
- DS & SJ Kent, Goovigen Sold Brahman Steers for 540c/kg weighing 353kg to return \$1,908/hd
- M Moore, Dalma Sold Charbray Cross Steers for 806c/kg weighing 267kg to return \$2,157/hd
- P & F Ariens, Calliope Sold Brahman Cross Cows at 411c/kg weighing 633kg to return \$2,605/hd
- E Burston, Nebo Sold Brahman Cross Heifers for 802c/kg weighing 176kg to return \$1,417/hd
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- Clarke Livestock, Garnant Sold Brahman Cross Weaner Heifers for 798c/kg weighing 205kg to return \$1,636/hd
- L Boyle, Yarwun Sold Droughtmaster Cross Light Weight Weaner Heifers for 760c/kg weighing 176kg to return \$1,337/hd
- CS Lawrie, Westwood Sold Droughtmaster Cross Weaner Heifers for 750c/kg weighing 215kg to return \$1,612/hd
- Tarp Farming, Ubobo Sold Droughtmaster PTIC Heifers for \$2,600/hd
- The Final Gracemere sale will be on Wednesday, 15 December, starting at 8.30am.

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# WEATHER

## FORECAST

### Warnings

See [www.bom.gov.au/australia/warnings](http://www.bom.gov.au/australia/warnings)

### Gladstone:

Sunny. Light winds becoming northeasterly 20 to 30 km/h in the middle of the day then tending easterly 15 to 20 km/h in the evening.

### Friday. Partly cloudy.

### Rockhampton:

Sunny. Light winds becoming east to northeasterly 15 to 20 km/h in the late afternoon then becoming light in the evening.

### Friday. Mostly sunny.

### Capricornia:

Sunny. Light winds becoming east to northeasterly 15 to 25 km/h in the middle of the day.

Friday. Partly cloudy. Slight (30%) chance of a shower in the south in the afternoon and evening. The chance of a storm in the south from the late morning. Light winds becoming easterly 15 to 25 km/h during the day.

### Central Highlands and Coalfields:

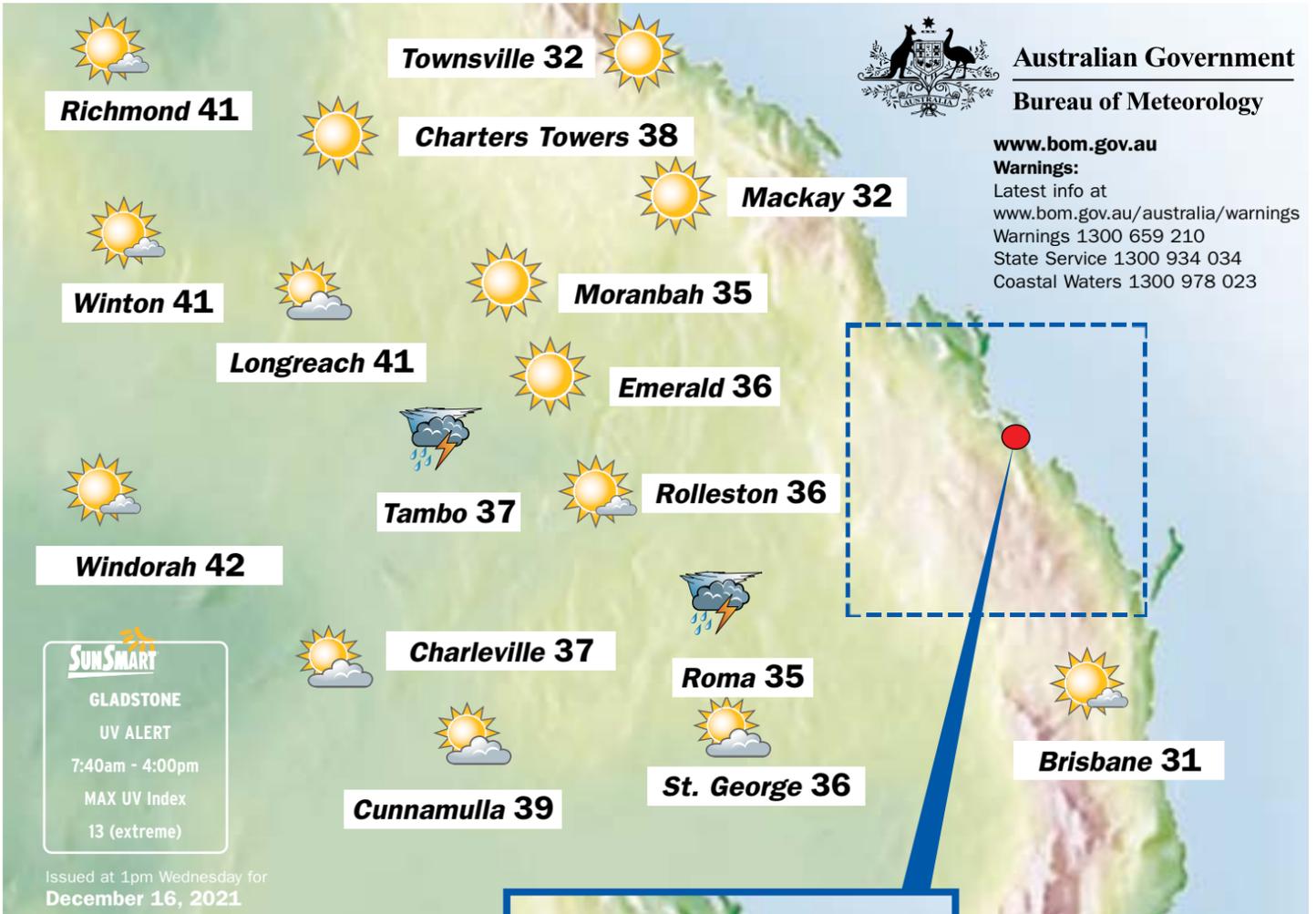
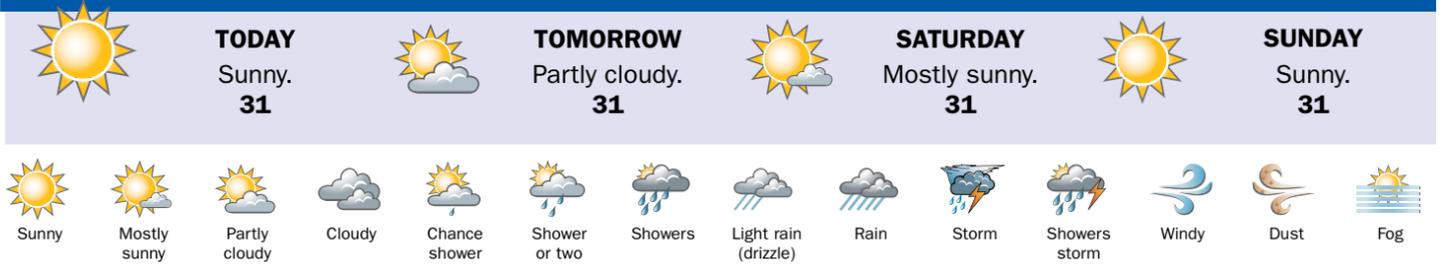
Mostly sunny. Slight (30%) chance of a shower in the south in the afternoon and evening. The chance of a storm in the south from the late morning. Light winds becoming east to northeasterly 15 to 20 km/h in the evening.

### Queensland:

A weak ridge will extend over eastern Queensland, while a trough moves slowly eastward across the interior. Mostly sunny along the east coast and in the far southwest. A slight to medium chance of showers and gusty storms elsewhere. Temperatures near or above average.

Friday. A high in the Tasman Sea will strengthen a ridge along the east coast, while a trough becomes slow-moving over the interior. Mostly sunny along the tropical east coast and in the southwest. A slight to medium chance of showers along the southeastern Queensland coast. A slight to medium chance of showers and storms elsewhere, increasing to a high chance about the Granite Belt and southern border ranges. Storms possibly severe about the southeastern interior and the northwestern interior. Temperatures near or above average, tending well above average in the west with severe heatwave conditions.

## GLADSTONE FORECAST



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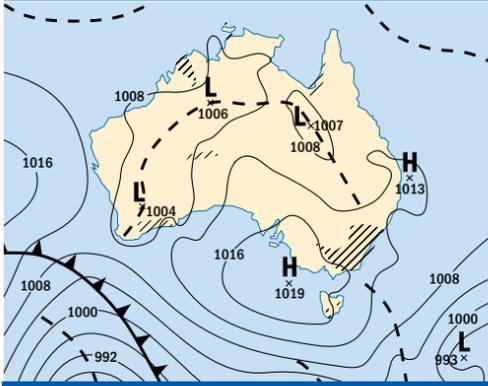
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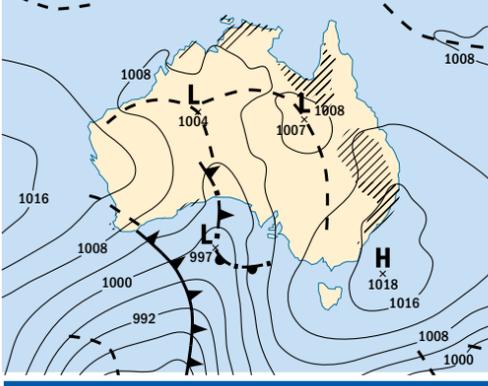
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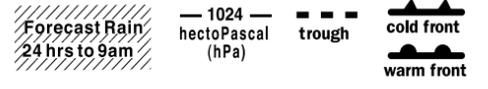
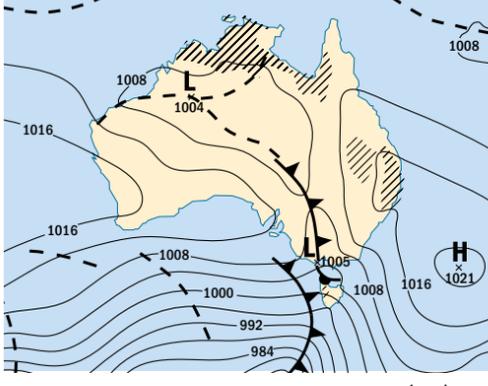
### TODAY 10AM



### TOMORROW 10AM



### SATURDAY 10AM



### COASTAL WATERS

#### St. Lawrence to Burnett Heads:

Winds: East to southeasterly 10 to 15 knots. Inshore winds tending east to northeasterly in the afternoon. Seas: Below 1 metre. Swell: Northeast to southeasterly 1 to 1.5 metres, tending east to southeasterly around 1 metre during the morning. Weather: Sunny. Friday. Winds: East to southeasterly 10 to 15 knots increasing to 15 to 20 knots in the afternoon. Inshore winds tending east to northeasterly in the afternoon. Seas: Around 1 metre, increasing to 1 to 1.5 metres offshore south of Cape Capricorn during the afternoon or evening. Swell: East to southeasterly around 1 metre offshore. Weather: Mostly sunny.

#### Bowen to St. Lawrence:

Winds: East to southeasterly about 10 knots increasing to 10 to 15 knots in the middle of the day. Inshore winds tending east to northeasterly and reaching up to 20 knots in the afternoon. Seas: Below 1 metre. Swell: Easterly around 1 metre offshore. Weather: Sunny. Friday. Winds: Easterly about 10 knots tending east to southeasterly 15 to 20 knots during the morning. Seas: Around 1 metre. Swell: Easterly below 1 metre. Weather: Sunny.

Friday. Winds: East to southeasterly about 10 knots increasing to 15 to 20 knots during the morning, then decreasing to 10 to 15 knots during the evening. Seas: Around 1 metre. Swell: Below 0.5 metres. Weather: Partly cloudy.

#### Hervey Bay:

Winds: South to southeasterly about 10 knots tending easterly 15 to 20 knots in the middle of the day then decreasing to about 10 knots in the late evening. Seas: Around 1 metre. Swell: Below 0.5 metres. Weather: Sunny. Friday. Winds: East to southeasterly about 10 knots increasing to 15 to 20 knots during the morning, then decreasing to 10 to 15 knots during the evening. Seas: Around 1 metre. Swell: Below 0.5 metres. Weather: Partly cloudy.

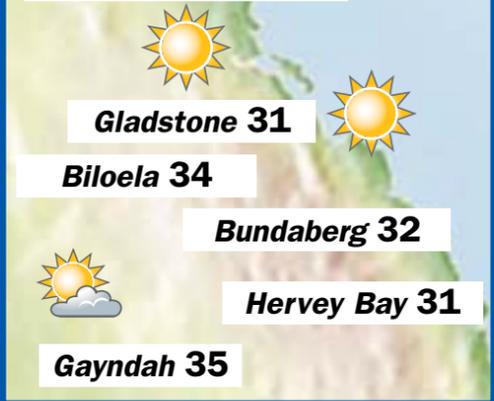
### CAPITAL CITIES

City	Condition	Max
Adelaide	Sunny.	30
Brisbane	Mostly sunny.	31
Canberra	Possible shower.	26
Darwin	Showers, possible storm.	35
Hobart	Partly cloudy.	19
Melbourne	Partly cloudy.	22
Perth	Partly cloudy.	24
Sydney	Shower or two.	24

### SUN & MOON

	Sunrise	Sunset	Moonrise	Moonset
Thursday	5:03am	6:39pm	4:10pm	2:45am
Friday	5:03am	6:39pm	5:03pm	3:21am
Saturday	5:03am	6:40pm	5:57pm	4:00am
Sunday	5:04am	6:40pm	6:50pm	4:44am
Monday	5:04am	6:41pm	7:42pm	5:31am
Tuesday	5:05am	6:41pm	8:31pm	6:23am

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### TIDES

#### Gladstone

Today:	Time	Height
L:	1:10am	0.9m
H:	7:35am	4.0m
L:	1:48pm	1.2m
H:	7:47pm	3.4m
Tomorrow:		
L:	1:43am	0.9m
H:	8:10am	4.1m
L:	2:25pm	1.2m
H:	8:25pm	3.4m
Saturday:		
L:	2:13am	0.9m
H:	8:43am	4.1m
L:	3:00pm	1.1m
H:	9:00pm	3.3m
Sunday:		
L:	2:42am	0.9m
H:	9:14am	4.2m
L:	3:34pm	1.1m
H:	9:33pm	3.3m
Monday:		
L:	3:10am	1.0m
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H:	10:03pm	3.2m
Tuesday:		
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H:	10:35pm	3.1m

#### Port Alma

Today:	Time	Height
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H:	7:45pm	4.3m
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H:	8:21pm	4.3m
Saturday:		
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Sunday:		
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Monday:		
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Tuesday:		
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### THE WORLD

World conditions today

City	Weather	Max	Min
Athens	cloudy	12	3
Auckland	showers	24	18
Bangkok	fine	33	23
Beijing	cloudy	6	-5
Berlin	cloudy	8	5
Christchurch	windy	16	12
Denpasar	rain	31	23
Dublin	cloudy	10	3
Hong Kong	sunny	25	21
Honolulu	showers	27	23
Jakarta	rain	33	25
Johannesburg	storms	23	14
Kuala Lumpur	storms	32	23
London	cloudy	12	9
Los Angeles	showers	15	6
Madrid	sunny	13	3
Moscow	rain	-2	-3
New Delhi	rain	23	7
New York	cloudy	15	11
Noumea	showers	29	22
Paris	cloudy	10	7
Auckland	showers	24	18
Port Vila	fine	31	24
Seoul	cloudy	10	3
Singapore	storms	33	24
Suva	storms	30	25
Tel Aviv	showers	17	14
Tokyo	cloudy	15	4
Vancouver	showers	5	3
Wellington	showers	18	14



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#### SCHEDULE

1. Green Daihatsu Hatch removed from Corfield Drive, Agnes Water (CSR 663295)
2. Silver Ford Sedan removed from Stasia Lane, South Gladstone (CSR 668232)

## General Notices

Public Notices and Event

### Public notice of proposal to create a marine zone for public comment

Pursuant to section 177 of the Transport Operations (Marine Safety) Regulation 2016, Gladstone Area Water Board (GAWB) has prepared a discussion paper and is now inviting submissions from public authorities, industry, interested groups and persons, and the public.

The proposed Riverston Bay Marine Zone is located around Riverston Parkland at Lake Awoonga, which is located at 865 Awoonga Dam Road, Benaraby, QLD, 4680 and formally described as Lot 90 on SP275218. See map below with boundaries of the proposed marine zone illustrated.



Figure 1: Map of proposed Riverston Bay Marine Zone

Any form of motorised watercraft is proposed to be excluded from this area, except for emergency services and GAWB personnel in emergency situations. The purpose of creating this motorised watercraft exclusion zone is in response to balancing the amenity experience and safety of different user groups. This proposal will consolidate this area as the first choice for families and users who wish to use the water for general recreation. The proposal has been informed by the Recreation Strategy and Lake Awoonga Master Plan that was prepared in consultation with the Community Consultative Forum.

The discussion paper may be viewed online at the Gladstone Area Water Board website at <https://www.gawb.qld.gov.au/recreation>.

If you unable to view the paper online, please contact GAWB on (07) 4976 3000 to obtain a copy.

Written submissions on the discussion paper may be made to:  
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Post: Gladstone Area Water Board  
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The closing date for receipt of written submissions is 6 January 2022.

### Queensland Alumina Limited (QAL) would like to advise that McConnell Dowell Contracting will be conducting pipeline works across the South Trees inlet.

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It is expected that works will be ongoing from July – December 2021. The exact time and date will be dependent on favourable conditions.

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# Drifting towards April...

In this week's edition of Let's Talk Sport 4RO's **AARON STEVENS** joins Gladstone and CQ Today journalist **LIAM EMERTON** for a chat about Rockynats O2 and the Capricorn Challenge so far this season.

## ROCKYNATS

**The biggest car show in Queensland returns in 2022, what did you like most about Rockynats and how exciting is it to see it come roaring around the corner again.**

**Aaron:** Don't say the C-word! The first year, in 2020, Covid killed it but this year we proved what we're capable of putting on in Rockhampton.

Thousands and thousands of people, exhibitors, and people taking part.

We all have an idea of how big motor racing and car exhibitions are here in CQ, but when you put something on like Rockynats you just think wow.

Let's hope that we're Covid-free in 2022 and that this event is massive again, it'll attract even more people because more people will be able to come to Rockhampton.

The only question mark is where are we putting all these people? Accommodation can sometimes be a bit scarce in Rockhampton but that's okay they can camp in my backyard!

**Liam:** They can certainly do that! Look I don't have a backyard so they can't camp in mine sadly.

But we love to see so many people come out here and enjoy Central Queensland for what it is and I had the absolute time of my life last year.

I'm not a massive car person Aaron and I was so, so sick and under the weather but I just had the best time out there taking photos, meeting people, and trying to do everything at a safe distance.

It was just a fantastic event and great for the community but you're right accommodation is our only limitation now and the organisers said they're setting up more camping around town and I'm pretty sure most of the hotels are pretty much booked and were straight after the event this year in April.

What an initiative by the Council and Advanced Rockhampton because it has really lit up the racing world around CQ and it has just dragged so many people from everywhere into it.

Plus this year it will be even bigger because we should have the borders open to every state around Australia.

That floods out to Gladstone, Yeppoon and all those towns around Rockhampton with accommodation.

It's a huge benefit to CQ in general.

**Aaron:** And what a venue we have for it. Quay Street looks amazing. We have all that area right along Quay Street where we can host this event.

Right across the road from the mighty Fitzroy River. There is a bit of a connection between people who love cars, camping and fishing.

So you come here, you put up the tent, you enjoy a few days in Rocky camping.

Then you look at the exhibit of cars that are here, you go across the road and wet a line while you're at it.

It's just a wonderful venue and a great place to host such a big event and it's just terrific that Rockhampton has a quality event to put on now.

We went through all the stuff with the NRL and that we don't have a national team that is based here.

It would be great to have a A-League team or a basketball team or something of that quality but no we have catered for the people who have a massive desire and interest in cars and that's what we got and we've proved we can do it.

**Liam:** Obviously it's such a massive event and



Aaron and Liam discuss Rockynats this week and how good it is for CQ.

living down in Penrith for my early life, which is such a car-centric area, Eastern Creek Raceway is huge down there.

I know how much influence car lovers have around town and when you come to a sporting town like Rockhampton any sport is going to go well and it just proved it with that first Rockynats.

I didn't love cars but that made me love cars.

Hopefully this year the weather stays away because last year it was very rainy, the drags got called off for the last two days.

But I think what I loved most about it was that it was a bit of a free roam, so if you liked burnouts you could go to the Callaghan Park burnout area and if you liked drags you could watch it on Quay Street.

It's great that you can do what you want, you're not forced to watch one thing, there's always something happening and I can't wait till April.

**Aaron:** Hopefully, talking about where this takes us. We went through the rigmarole of trying to get a Supercars event, maybe they're looking at us thinking wow they do love their cars in Central Queensland.

Hopefully, this sets us up for the future in CQ and once again, you said it, well done to Advance Rockhampton and well done to the Rockhampton Regional Council because you take on an event like this and you hope it takes off and after the sadness of 2020 we got it in 2021 and in 2022 it's going to be absolutely huge so get your tickets now!

## CAPRICORN CHALLENGE CRICKET

**Let's look at local cricket, the season is on a break, it comes back in early January, Frenchville is on top - we've had a bit of a rain delay - but what have you made of the first half of the season?**

**Aaron:** Well we didn't get to see, and we spoke about this last week, the great show-off between The Glen and Frenchville.

We didn't get to see them face-off, our tempers are still on hold until we see the two clubs go head-to-head.

Who knows what will happen by the end of the season. Obviously, there is a bit of cricket between now and early January and teams will be refining themselves.

We might just see a massive effort from those bottom teams coming home at the end of the season.

That's what is wonderful about this compe-



The Frenchville Falcons have soared to the top of the Capricorn Challenge and will remain there until January at least.

tion because it does have that month break giving teams a chance to work on things and come back into it.

It will be great to see how those teams come back but we're all waiting for that Glen, Frenchville head-to-head and then we will have a clear sign of where this competition is.

**Liam:** Definitely mate, they're both undefeated still so that tells you all you need to know about those two teams.

Looking at the other teams as a scale, the Gracemere Bulls they're two and one this season.

They've faced a top side in The Glen earlier this season but they might be a little bit disappointed about where they sit because they're trying to back up their title.

They just haven't really looked like the team that they were last year.

Of course, Rocky Brothers won the T20 comp earlier this year and now they're down there in fourth while in last is the Cap Coast Parkana.

Cap Coast was good last year and a solid team and yet they can't get off the mark.

They'll be looking to refresh in that month and come back into it.

**Aaron:** One thing to consider with Brothers is that they're actually high up in the other divisions so there's the talent there coming through and maybe you make some changes over this coming month.

It could be the way to go and we could see a resurgence so it'll be interesting to see how they go.

**Liam:** You're completely right there is a lot of depth there and plenty of talent right across CQ so maybe those struggling teams need to look towards their youth and give them a bit of a crack.

Maybe you have to bleed them into the team a little earlier than you wanted to.

It's a good point and with Brothers and Cap Coast especially they will have a lot to think about this month.

**Aaron:** I hope we just don't lose too much more cricket in January. You have a look at the forecast and they're talking about a bit of rain around.

It would be tragic to lose any more cricket because there's rain around and we've already lost too many rounds.

Hopefully, the sunny skies return and we see some great cricket being played.

# Fishing with Allstars Insalt's Joe McGuire



## A great year on the water

It's been a cracker of a start-up online fishing competition for 2021. It's gone so well that we're going to do all again in 2022. So if you want to be a part of it; then get on the ALLSTARS INSALT website [www.allstarsinsalt.com.au](http://www.allstarsinsalt.com.au) and enter now so we can send you your competition brag mat in time to start fishing next year's comp from 1 January, 2022.

So, I want to take the opportunity to acknowledge some of the ALLSTARS INSALT entrant anglers and their contributions to our start up year, because without them giving it a go the comp would have folded after only a year.

Some people are just naturally "early adopters" in life, and they'll give anything a crack and a bloke that I've come to have a few fishing chats with over the phone in this first year is a young bloke (well he's younger than me) from Bundaberg - Braith Young. The first quarter of the comp was dominated by Braith with him making the most of fewer entrants and taking out multiple cash prizes each month. But there's no taking it away from Braith as an angler; because as the comp attracted more entrants, he's continued to take out fish category wins.

There have been another two Bundaberg based anglers that have won many months of the competition and they are "older dogs" than Braith. Peter Stevens who sent us a photo of himself with a tuna - that attracted so much attention we thought about producing a "strategically placed fish" nude angler calendar to fundraise for a worthwhile cause - we still might do this in future. The other old "sea dog" is Wayne Baldry, who is actually a farmer by trade but enjoys fishing from Bundaberg and the Gladstone region's 1770. Some of the earlier competition photos these two old sea dogs submitted in the early stages of the comp had me laughing as they perfected their selfie. We could make an out-takes reel of them one day.

A bloke that I plan to travel north to visit one day is Jason Jesse from Thursday Island. Not only can he catch stonker fish; but he takes a blooming good photo with a giant smile on his face that can't help but make you grin. He also has his wife Julie that loves to fish; and has

held her own in the comp to take out a win too.

Speaking of female anglers. We unfortunately don't have too many of them in the comp; but the couple that have entered give it a real go with Nat Reynolds from the Gold Coast dominating by weighing in large flat-head and taking the wins.

The barramundi category has been an absolute tussle between Hervey Bay angler Dylan Kreis, Gladstone angler Phil Myers and Cairns angler Cameron Haigh. While the G.O.A.T. Salmon angler of all time has been Gladstone's Ryan Paterson.

The online format of the comp has been successful in northern parts of Queensland; because they have large expanses of land, coastline and don't have many face-to-face fishing comps. We've had entrants from Karumba and Weipa, but the intense competition has occurred from the closest ports of weigh in from Mackay, Townsville and Cairns.

The final mention needs to go to the young gun anglers that can not only fish; but take a stellar #fishbragwin photo that has made submitting photos for this column and promoting the digital fishing comp format easy. I'm sure people reading my fishing column have appreciated the photos from Colby Lesko, Richie O'Brien, Ryan Stimson, Corey Bruton and Jack Mitchell.

If you want to check out some of the people, I've mentioned in this column please jump on the ALLSTARS website and check out the LEADERBOARD to see the faces of these awesome anglers, with their catch and check out what you've been missing.

ALLSTARS has months of competition still to occur and stories to share. I have decades of fishing tips and will interview many successful commercial and recreational anglers to share their suggestions too.

As much as I like to write about fishing, I'd also like to hear from you. So please email me at [info@allstarsinsalt.com.au](mailto:info@allstarsinsalt.com.au) to share your fishing trips, fishing tips, fishing stories and photos.

A day on the water is better than a day at work.



Barramundi caught by Cameron Haigh measuring in at 121cm.



A 128cm Barramundi caught by Phil Myers off Gladstone



Jason Jesse's 123cm Trevally reeled in off Thursday Island.



95cm Trevally caught by Julie Jesse near Thursday Island.

# Pennant season heats up

By Gurney Clamp

The Curtis Zone Pennants competition returned this weekend with two clubs picking up an early advantage.

## Gladstone v Biloela in Gladstone.

The Gladstone pennant team took full advantage of the home course advantage when they defeated Biloela with a total of 12 to 9 match win.

In this first round of the Curtis zone pennants of the 2021 – 2022 series, ladies were introduced into the competition.

In division one Gladstone won by the narrow margin of 1 point with a 4 to 3 win with Adam Dickinson winning 4-3 over Damien Roll, Terry Arstall 6-4 over Chase Wright, Kelvin Rocscarel 4-2 over Jason Winnett, Ryan Mitchell 4-2 over Mark Drochmann, For Biloela Adam Mollis 6-4 over Chris Pettigrew, Adam Drochmann 3-2 over Kevin Spencer, Chuck



The Calliope team got off to a great start in the new season.

Miles 3-2 over Steve Hart.

Gladstone won division two also with a 4 and 3 win over Biloela, with Dylan Clark 1

up over Bruce Robson, Brendan Bachmann 2-1 over Ron Diller, Matty Harrison 6-5 over George Nukunuku, For Biloela, Randall Coulthurst 3-2 over Mick Silvester, Nathan Box 4-3 over Stoney Taushi, Earl Elliott 1 up over Neill Dunn. In the new ladies division Gladstone won 4 and 1 over Biloela, with Vernetta Perrett 2-1 over Rosie Plummer, Denise Busted 7-6 over Val Garrett, Jo-Anne Petersen 7-5 over Chutima Diller, Sandra Anderson 1 up over Kathye Rideout,

## Calliope v Boyne Island in Calliope.

Once again the home course proved to be of an advantage as Calliope pennants teams defeated the visiting Boyne Island teams 11 to 8 points and a ladies team took part representing their clubs for the first time.

Calliope proved too strong in the division one winning 5 points to Boyne Island's 1.5 with Les Ogden winning 2-1 over Mark Jefferies, Scott Gibbs 7-6 over Blaise Ramsay, Mat-

thew Crossley 4-3 over Russell Hartley, Steven Griffiths 3-2 over Jimmy Kington, Jimmy Smith Blue Thompson squaring his match against Brian Whish and Cory Heslin going down to Ricky Dahtley 1 up. Boyne Island division two team won their division 5-2 with Michael Goodman Jones winning 5-4 over Peter Law, Scott Bartz 4-3 over Hayden Armstrong, Shane Kitching 1 up over Cooper Armstrong, Calvin Norris 1 up over Nick Miles, Brian James squared his match with Brett Williams as did Craig Johnson with Gordon Kerr with Chris Gaffey being defeated by Brian Mapleson 4-3.

Calliope ladies representing their club for the first time defeated Bone Island 3.5 points to Boyne Island's 1.5 points, with Bec Hilver defeating Janet Hayden 5-4, Lisa Blanchard 2-1 over Linda Hall, Sandy Davidson 4-3 over Cheryl Fisher Boly Chapman squaring her match with Kaye Cooper. Kate Bell lost her match 4-2 to Shirley Clark.

# Early Christmas gift at the top of Saints' shopping list

By Liam Emerton

The Gladstone senior cricket competition will enter its last round before the Christmas Holiday break with four mouthwatering fixtures.

The highlight of the weekend will be a clash of the titans when the Boyne Island Tannum Sand (BITS) Saints look to keep their hold on top spot.

The Saints will have to fend off the Yaralla White squad, which finished third in the T20 competition, but are yet to find their feet in the one-dayers.

The Saints continued their stronghold on the rest of the competition when they defeated Calliope Blue last round.

Kye Hull's impeccable performance saw him take six wickets for 11 runs off 6.4 overs, helping knock over Blue for just 48 runs.

The Saints chased that total down in 14.4 overs to win by eight wickets, a truly dominant performance.

Brendan Huth's 20 runs was the best of the BITS Saints with Rick Bean following closely with 18.

Hull's opening bowling spell will be a worry for the batsmen of Yaralla White who haven't played too much cricket this season with washouts hurting the competition severely.

The Yaralla White side hasn't had an opportunity to play the Saints in any format this season after their match in the final round of the T20 comp was washed out.

After picking up their maiden victory of the one-day campaign the Calliope Roosters will be looking towards the challenge that is BITS Gold.

Gold are yet to win a game this season and could be right for the picking for a Roosters squad filled with confidence.

The Calliope Roosters knocked off Yaralla Red in round four due to a forfeit but having



Kye Hull was impossible to play in round four, securing six wickets for the Saints.

some crucial points on the board could really benefit the squad going forward.

The sides are yet to face off this season in any format due to that final T20 round wash-out.

The Glen will be aiming to hunt down the BITS Saints when they come up against the

Calliope Blue side which was demolished by their top-of-the-table rivals.

The Glen haven't been able to get a roll on in the competition as of yet but will be hoping to secure a big victory this weekend.

In the final match of the round Yaralla Red will be hoping to field a squad this week

when they clash with the BITS Coltz.

The Coltz have already earned one victory this season by defeating the Roosters in round one.

They will be hoping to double that tally against Yaralla Red who are winless in the competition.

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The Gladstone Turf Club will be the first CQ sporting organisation to enforce the vaccination mandates.

# Turf Club in Covid test

By Liam Emerton

History will be made on Saturday when the Gladstone Turf Club becomes the first ever Central Queensland sporting organisation to follow the incoming vaccination mandates.

That means the club's event on Saturday, 18 December will be the first of its kind in CQ to allow only those who are vaccinated against Covid-19 to enter the meet as part of the Racing Queensland and Queensland Government regulations beginning on 17 December.

That means all participants, jockeys, employees, volunteers and of course patrons will need to be vaccinated prior to entering this weekend's event.

Interestingly the Rockhampton Jockey Club's race meet, scheduled for the same day, was pushed forward and completed on Monday in order to avoid those regulations.

However our Gladstone club will be well-

prepared for the requirements and hopes the support of the city will be there for the non-for-profit organisation.

The race day, which is the last for three months for our local club, is expected to be packed with people celebrating end of year parties and just having a great time at the races with the mandates hopefully not deterring too many potential visitors.

President of the Gladstone Turf Club David Weinert said it's going to be a tough transition but one the club is ready for.

"We've certainly been on our social media platforms and letting people know," he said.

"It's not only ourselves, it's a Racing Queensland requirement, so we've got to follow suit there and that's fine.

"We just want to remind people that they have to be genuinely respectful of that and our staff.

"They're there to do a job and we certainly don't want any trouble.

"We understand that people have different opinions and a different point of view but they will have to provide evidence of that double vaccination or unfortunately they will not be able to enter the venue.

"We're obligated to stakeholders and participants to run the race meeting from our club perspective.

"We're a non-for-profit volunteer-based organisation and we will be ready for it and we will make it happen."

With the requirements of entry aside, the race day itself is shaping up to be a great show and Weinert is excited to be hosting another great event.

"We haven't raced for a few weeks now, around the country in Queensland Racing

there's been plenty of meetings washed out due to the rain events we've had," said Weinert.

"It has impacted on the races a bit so the participants are certainly looking to get their horses out there.

"From what I've seen we will have excellent fields so it'll certainly be good to be back.

"We've got a fair amount of marquees booked, there's lots of events for the kids, we have jumping castles and face painting.

"It's a great opportunity for people to come out and enjoy the last race day of the year."

Those wanting to get out to the race meet will be able to purchase tickets at the door with proof of vaccination for those entering who are over 16.

You can read all the wrap from Saturday's race meet in next week's edition of Gladstone Today.

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