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Market day at Tondoon Gardens

Twins Joe and San Wiegold, 12 picked up some plants at the Rotary Club of Gladstone Midday's Charity Market at the Tondoon Botanic Gardens on Sunday.
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MP's please explain over facility flop

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A man and a plan

By Eilish Massie

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The editor's desk

It was another busy week in terms of news.

With apprenticeships announced (page 8), a new dive school planned for Agnes (page 6) and a proposal to paint the silos at the port (page 4), there was certainly no rest for the wicked.

The biggest news, however, relates to the ongoing aged care and rental crisis happening state-wide.

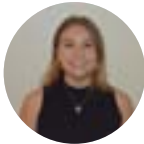
This week I spoke to Gladstone resident Peter Hill who expressed his frustration about the former Blue Care Hibiscus Aged Care facility in South Gladstone remaining empty as families struggle to find homes.

Mr Hill said the facility had been left to decay overtime and would be better utilised by Salvation Army and St Vincent de Paul instead.

It's not the first time I've heard of empty buildings being left idle in the region as rent continues to soar.

Should more be done to solve rental issues in the region?

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- Eilish Massie



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Suburbs where rent is expected to spike

By Eilish Massie

Calliope, Kin Kora and Sun Valley are tipped to be places where rent is most likely to increase, a new report has found.

New research commissioned by Hood Tenant Report has found the top 20 rental markets in Queensland where rents are likely to be increased at the next rental review.

Calliope made it fifth on the list, with Kin Kora and Sun Valley following behind at 16th and 20th, respectively.

The report was done by analysing rents and vacancy rates for every suburb in Queensland during a 12-month period.

In all the suburbs on the top 20 ranking, rents increased by at least 22 per cent during the past 12 months with most of the suburbs experiencing vacancy rates under one per cent – and, in some cases, zero per cent.

According to the report, Calliope could expect a rent increase from \$280 per week to \$370, Kin Kora from \$290 per week to \$360 and

Sun Valley from \$270 per week to \$330.

Hood founder and chief executive officer Tommy Fraser said one big reason why rents were likely to increase in these suburbs was because demand was so high.

“Ever since the pandemic started, people have taken a greater interest in where they live, both in terms of the location and the type of property. That’s reflected in moving data,” he said.

“The interesting thing about these 20 suburbs is their diversity. There are metro suburbs like Jindalee in south-west Brisbane, sea-change locations like Tin Can Bay and tree-change locations like Cooroy.

“If more tenants want to live in an area, that leads to increased demand for rental properties, which puts upward pressure on rental rates. That’s why landlords are likely to increase rents in these 20 suburbs at the next rental review.”

Queensland’s top 20 suburbs where rents are likely to increase

1. Doonan

- 2. Flaxton
- 3. Coolool Beach
- 4. Paradise Point
- 5. Calliope
- 6. Allentown
- 7. Coolool Beach
- 8. Tin Can Bay
- 9. Innes Park
- 10. Runaway Bay
- 11. Jindalee
- 12. Reedy Creek
- 13. Cooroy
- 14. Sunshine Beach
- 15. Peregrine Springs
- 16. Kin Kora
- 17. Main Beach
- 18. Battery Hill
- 19. Highland Park
- 20. Sun Valley



Barcaldine Museum with Adele Hughes (Past District Governor), Wade Hughes, Barcaldine representative and Jeff Williams (current President Gladstone Rotary Club).

Breathing new life into the last iron lung

By Eilish Massie

Gladstone Rotary Club have restored one of Central Queensland’s last remaining iron lungs after it was left to deteriorate in a museum for 60 years.

Invented in the 1920s, the iron lung was a mechanical respirator which helped those suffering from Polio, a debilitating disease which left patients paralysed, or in severe cases unable to breathe.

In 1956, the Royal Australian Order of Buffalo (Barcaldine) donated a wooden iron lung to the Barcaldine Hospital for any potential polio patients in the area.

It was eventually donated to the Barcaldine Historical Museum where it was left on the eastern verandah of the building and had deteriorated over time due to weather.

In May 2021, Gladstone Rotary Club members undertook the restoration – giving up almost 300 hours to dismantle, clean, sand, paint, source materials, and then reassemble the parts to make it fully operational again.

Gladstone Rotary Club member Neil Smith said the club decided to restore the iron lung for the 20/21 Rotary District Conference in Gladstone to symbolise what Rotary could achieve as an organisation.

He said the restoration was also a move to recharter the Barcaldine Rotary Club.

“It is due to the commitment of the members of Gladstone Rotary of their time and



Left to right: Rotary Club members Bernie Halpin, Mark Greenaway, Greg King and Neil Smith.

resources to refurbish the machine along with contributions from Busted Upholstery and Nu Print Gladstone that we were able to undertake this project and return this important piece of history for display,” Mr Smith said.

Mr Smith said Rotary had been working to eradicate polio for more than 35 years with more than \$2.1 billion and countless volunteer hours from members, along with help from organisations such as Gates Foundation to eradicate Polio.

“There are only three known cases in Afghanistan, and Pakistan, currently being dealt with. The disease needs to be out of circulation for three years before being

considered as eradicated.”

Rotary members returned the iron lung to the museum last December where it was placed in its new temporary home on the ground floor of the old Westbourne building.

Mr Smith said encouraged those looking to join a club should consider Rotary.

“If you want to be involved in world health and disease issues, water purification and storage or on a local level, in suicide prevention initiatives, aid for farmers, assisting people who are not in as good a position as you, join one of our local Rotary Clubs or donate to the Rotary Foundation,” he said.

“You may not be able to change the world but it doesn’t mean you cannot try.”

Man's plan to end crisis

By Eilish Massie

A Gladstone man has come up with a plan which might help the region's ongoing rental crisis.

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"It is a terrible waste to see these units just sitting there."

A Blue Care spokesperson said the facility closed on 3 December in 2015 because the buildings were not suitable for the increasing level of care required for aged care residents.

The spokesperson said since its closure, Blue Care has invested in the wider local area and continues to support the Gladstone via Blue Care Community Services, the Blue Care Gladstone Edenvale Aged Care Facility and alongside partner organisation UnitingCare Community through a range of family and disabilities services.

"Blue Care is continuing to assess its longer term strategy for the site, however, the buildings can only be utilised for specific purposes, which limits their use," they said.

Mr Hill said the buildings would be better utilised if it was under Salvation Army or St Vincent de Paul ownership.

"My vision is an agency like St Vincent de Paul or Salvation Army could run a homeless or mental health accommodation," he said.

"I was speaking with a worker from (mental health facility) Step Up Step Down who said clients often ended up in budget motels costing them \$280 a week with no support."

He said he was unsure whether the buildings were on State Government land for this to happen.

Member for Gladstone Glenn Butcher said the facility was not on state-owned land however agreed the Salvation Army or St Vincent de Paul would better utilise the space to help those currently affected by the housing market.

Mr Butcher said the Aged Care sector was the responsibility of the Federal Government.

MP urges re-think as council rejects aged care facility

By Eilish Massie

Member for Flynn Ken O'Dowd said Mayor Matt Burnett had "a lot" to answer for after Gladstone Regional Council declined an aged care facility on the Bruce Highway in Benaraby.

As Central Queensland aged care workers report feeling burnt out due to ever-increasing demand, Mr O'Dowd said the Federal Government had plans to increase aged care facilities in the Gladstone Region.

Mr O'Dowd said 84 beds had been reserved for Flinders Village, a new facility planned for Old Tannum Road in Tannum Sands.

An announcement which was first promised in 2019, under the 2018-19 Aged Care Approvals Round.

Mr O'Dowd said at the time, the allocation of the new Flinders Village Facility would help fill the gap in Gladstone, with the bed allocation covering the full range of classifications from low care, high care, respite and dementia.

"It's an exciting development for the area and will make a big difference for families living in Gladstone and the surrounding region," he said at the time.

According to Corelogic, the Flinders Village project is currently in the tenders stage.

The \$32 million project will undergo seven stages, with 84 one to three storey units to be built on the premises. It is unknown when the project will be completed.

Mr O'Dowd said a second aged care center located on the Bruce Highway was blocked by Gladstone Regional Council.

"The Mayor & Federal Labor candidate has a lot to answer for, in this regard," he said.

Mayor Matt Burnett and Labor Candidate for Flynn Matt Burnett said the aged care sector was in shambles.

"After nearly 10 years of the Liberals in Sydney overseeing our aged care sector, it's



Member for Flynn Ken O'Dowd with Deputy Prime Minister of Australia Barnaby Joyce in Gladstone recently.

gone from crisis to crisis, and is now at breaking point," he said.

"There are centres closing, staff are walking off the job, hospital beds being taken up by seniors, residents dying from Covid-related illness, and it's gotten so bad that even the Army has been called in.

"The seniors of Gladstone helped build this community—they worked hard, paid their taxes, and raised their families locally, so they rightly expect the Federal Government to support them in their older years.

"Yet, instead of focusing their attention on fixing the problem, here we have the Liberals and Nationals showing up late and choosing to criticise others instead.

"I have always said that I would back any proposal that stacks up for new aged care beds in Gladstone and I have the track record to prove it."

Mr Burnett said as Mayor, he had recently signed an MOU between Gladstone Regional Council and Gladstone Central Committee

on the Ageing to investigate using land at the Philip Street Precinct for over 55s independent living and accommodation.

He said Council had also approved Retirement Villages on Old Tannum Road and in Agnes Water.

"On top of that, council approved a material change of use to turn the old Palm Valley Hotel in Tannum Sands into a 20-unit retirement facility," he said.

The location of the since closed Palm Valley Motel on Beach Avenue will be transformed into a retirement village with new owners making use of the existing rooms and facilities.

Residents of the 21-unit facility will have access to a pool area, a barbecue, and a common room, as well as 30 car parks on site.

Mr Burnett said Council had declined the proposal for a facility on the Bruce Highway as they deemed it 'inappropriate' to build it opposite the Benaraby Motorsports Complex.



Mayor Matt Burnett

"When it comes to the proposal for a facility on the Bruce Highway; I've always said it's an inappropriate use of the land for seniors' accommodation and is in direct conflict with the Benaraby Motorsports Complex zoning directly opposite," he said.

"I was out there last weekend to meet with the auto clubs; there was a hectic skids burn-out comp, motocross open day and dozens of petrol-heads tuning their cars down the 1/8th mile.

"While personally, I absolutely love motorsport and was proud to be on the council that voted to protect it, I don't think it's appropriate to approve retiree developments within earshot of Top Fuel Dragsters."

Mr O'Dowd said the Federal Government would be interested to work with Blue Care to update the facilities at the former Blue Care Hibiscus Gardens Aged Care centre in South Gladstone.

"In order to achieve our goal of having more than enough aged care beds, we would consider all proposals," he said.

He said the aged care sector could expect additional funding to help aged care nurses feeling burnout due to Covid-19.

"The coalition government already provided \$17.8 billion dollars in last year's budget. We can expect additional funding in the upcoming budget this year," he said.



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Light up the silos?

Gladstone residents were invited to a community consultation workshop on Wednesday to discuss the idea of potentially installing a light projection display in the region.

The Rotary Club of Gladstone Midday secured a Regional Arts Development Fund (RADF) grant in 2020 to complete a feasibility analysis of the project, which is currently underway.

Rotary Club of Gladstone Midday member David Manttan said the project is still in early stages and the community is being consulted to discuss where the potential display would best fit and, how it should engage with the community.

“One of the places we are looking at doing the light [display] was the silos, but we’re also looking for other places because there might be better locations in Gladstone,” he said.

“There are a lot of things to think about, like impact on life, the local community, local residents, impact on land traffic, on road traffic...”

Mr Manttan said the feasibility report is expected to be submitted to the RADF and assessed by the end of this year.

At this stage, it is estimated that the project could cost anywhere between \$250,000 to \$500,000.

The Rotary Club has employed The Ideas Distillery to explore the feasibility of the large scale projection work on a built structure in Gladstone.

Gladstone Region Councillor Glenn Churchill said the RADF promotes the value and benefits of arts, culture and heritage.

“This particular project is innovative and exciting,” Cr Churchill said.



The Auckland Point grain silos are owned by Grain Corp and could be the perfect spot for a light projection project.

“It has the potential to be a major regional, national and international drawcard, connecting to the world, with scope for economic, community and major tourism benefits.”

A free artist workshop will be held at the Gladstone Bowls Club on Thursday 24 February from 6pm to 7:30pm and will allow local

artists to discuss what they would like to get out of the potential project.

RADF is a partnership between the Queensland Government and Gladstone Regional Council to support and develop proponents to deliver local arts and culture in regional Queensland.

Elderly man assaulted

Police are investigating the assault of an elderly male on Monday 24 January, on the pathway between Lions Park and Stirling Park, Boyne Island.

The incident occurred between 5.30pm and 6pm while the man was walking his dog.

Investigators wish to speak with a man seen in the area who was riding a small dark-coloured mountain bike and had a dog with him.

Police are appealing for anyone who may have witnessed the assault to contact police.

Police would like to speak with a female who provided assistance to the elderly male when he lost consciousness.

The female was walking a medium sized white and tan dog with a small rope muzzle over the dog’s mouth.

Anyone with information is asked to contact Tannum Sands Police Station on 4974 9444 or Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000 and quote reference number QP2200132371.

Shot roo still on the loose

A kangaroo that was seen with an arrow protruding from its leg in Tannum Sands on Saturday 12 February is still missing as of 23 February.

Gladstone & District Wildlife Carers Association said its members are continuing daily search efforts as there are concerns for the animal’s health and welfare.

The large eastern grey kangaroo was first reported by a Tannum Sands local who noticed the isolated animal with an arrow lodged in its right hip.

The arrow has been described as black with fluorescent yellow feathers.

Anyone in the community who has first-hand information the incident is encouraged to contact RSPCA Queensland on 1300 ANIMAL (1300 264 625), or Gladstone & District Wildlife Carers Association.

Biloela man celebrates after Division 1 lotto windfall

The future is looking bright for a young Biloela man who landed himself a division one win in the weekend’s Saturday Gold Lotto draw.

The Central Queensland resident held one of the nine division one winning entries in Saturday Gold Lotto draw 4235, drawn Saturday 19 February 2022. Each entry scored \$633,096.30.

“I was just laying in bed on Sunday morning, and I’d decided to check my ticket,” the ecstatic man told an official from The Lott.

“I couldn’t believe it when I discovered I’d won division one. It was such a surreal feeling.

“I’m fairly new to playing lottery games. I’ve only just started playing Saturday Gold Lotto in recent times, so I was very shocked that I’d won division one so soon.

“As soon as I realised I’d won \$633,126, I ran straight to my family to tell them the news. They were surprised and, of course, very happy for me.

“Thank you! Thank you!”

When asked how he planned to enjoy his good fortune, the Queensland player said it would provide a major boost to his nest egg.

“I’ll put it in my savings account and work towards my long-term goals, like buying my first home,” he said.

“I might even enjoy a holiday soon!”

His winning entry was purchased at Paper Shop & More, Shop 1, 38 Kariboe Street, Biloela.

Paper Shop & More co-owner Charmaine Bennett said the team was thrilled to have sold a division one winning entry to a local customer.

“This is an exciting milestone for all of us. We haven’t sold a division one winning entry since 2018,” she said.

“We can just imagine the prize will go a long way, especially with all that’s happened in the past two years with Covid.

“Congratulations to our winner and we wish him all the very best,”

The winning numbers in Saturday Gold Lotto draw 4235 on 19 February 2022 were 34, 18, 1, 5, 20 and 23, while the supplementary numbers were 35 and 9.

Across Australia, there were nine division one winning entries in Saturday Gold Lotto draw 4235 – three in Queensland and two each in New South Wales, Victoria and Tasmania.



Orientation day delights

By Eilish Massie

Future Clearview Christian College students had a glimpse at what learning could be like near the beach at a recent orientation day.

Clearview Christian College recently celebrated its first "Back to School Bash" on 13 February.

The school, which will be located at the former Tanyalla Conference Centre at Canoe Point, will initially cater for three Year 7 classrooms as well as amenities in 2023.

Clearview Christian College executive director Dean Loosmore said the event was held to give families an opportunity to visit the campus and get a feel for the 'vision and heart' behind the school.

"Clearview's first Back to School Bash was a huge success," Mr Loosmore said.

"We had an inflatable water slide, which was a big hit, a sausage sizzle, and plenty of yard games for the whole family to enjoy."

Mr Loosmore said the event also provided families a 'sneak peek' into their online prospectus, which will be released publicly on 1 March.

"Our team is looking forward to hosting more events throughout the year and creating environments where young people can feel a tangible sense of connectedness and belonging."

Clearview Christian College executive assistant Hannah James said it was fantastic to see young people on the campus for the first time.

"Playing a part in founding a new school is an amazing experience."

"There are so many 'firsts' to enjoy. It was great to see young people making new friends and relaxing after a big first week back at school," Ms James said.

"I count it as a privilege that I'll get to see some of those young people journey through high school and go on to change their world."

"It was also nice chatting with parents and seeing the alignment between what Clearview is offering and what they wanted for their kids. It's good to know that we're on track to meet real needs in our community."

Education Consultant Jenelle Wood said she felt fortunate to have input into the planning of the new high school.

"It was encouraging to know that our vision and plans for the College align with the hopes and aspirations of our prospective College community," she said.

"Our focus on connection, community, location and faith was shared by families, there was also a mutual love of fun, action learning and the importance of quality relationships."

"It was great to see the young people interacting and supporting each other throughout the afternoon."

"I am looking forward to future events and to continuing communication with the young people and their families across this year and I can't wait to get started in 2023."

Mr Loosmore said encouraged those children entering Years 7 or 8 in 2023 to reach out.

"If you are looking for a school that will equip them to use their unique gifts and talents to influence the world for good, we would love to meet you," he said.



Left to right – Hannah James (Executive Assistant), Jenelle Wood (Education Consultant), Dean Loosmore (Executive Director).



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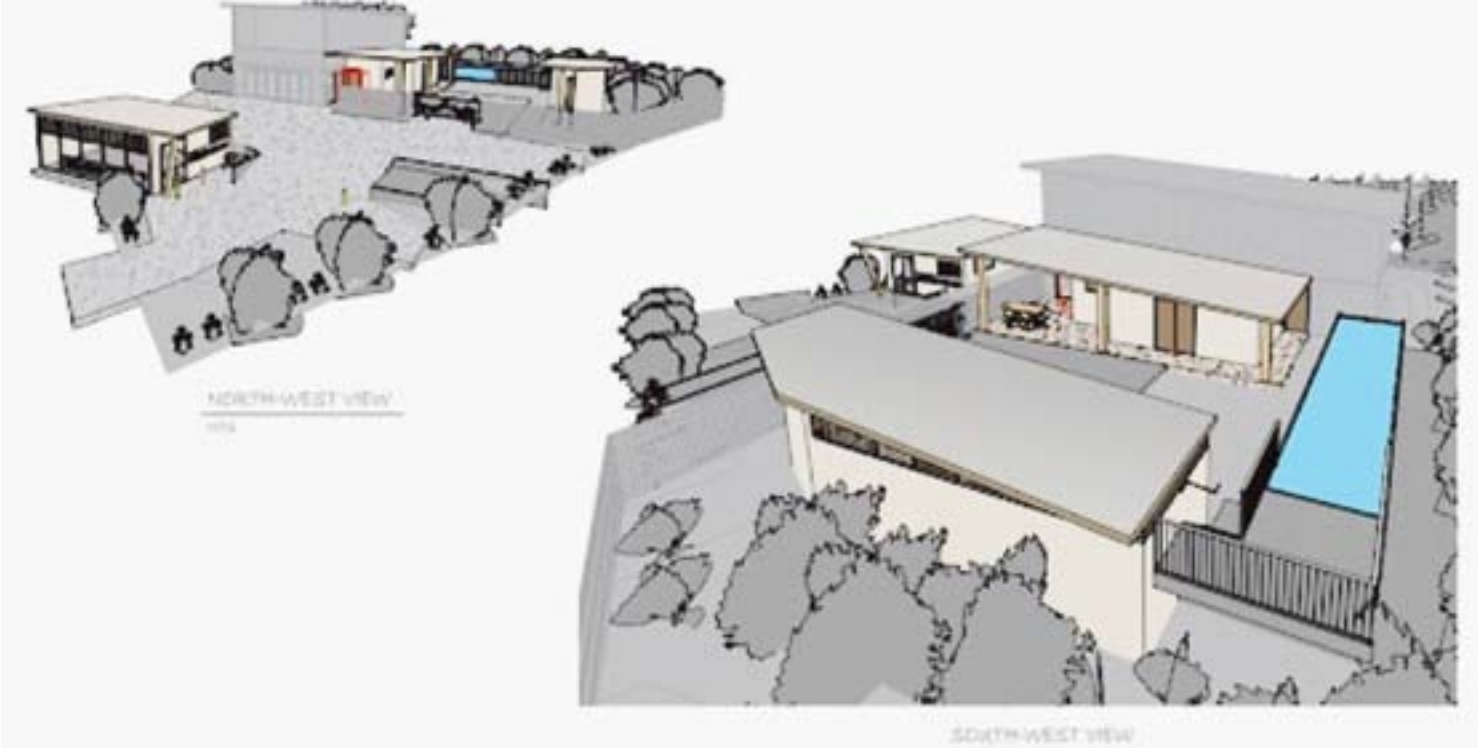
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Council to dive in

By Eilish Massie

Gladstone Regional Council have approved a new dive school in Agnes Water.

In a general meeting on 15 February, all councillors voted unanimously to allow the development at 4 Jeffrey Court to be developed on residential land.

The school will include a training tank for courses, storage spaces for dive equipment, a breakout area for outdoor training and relaxation, and a caretaker's accommodation.

Council received the development application on 12 October, 2021 for a dwelling on an existing site in a mixed use zone.

Most of the development is code assessable, except for the dive school which is impact assessable, meaning it had to go out for public notification.

Mayor Matt Burnett said he could not find any reason to refuse the application after four submissions were made from the community in favour of it.

"Goes to show the community support it," Cr Burnett said.

Councillor Glenn Churchill said there needed to be a traffic management plan in place as he was concerned traffic would impact the area.

"This is quite exciting and I've got no doubts this will trigger another business opportunity in that precinct or area," Cr Churchill said.

Planning officer Shaunte Farrington said most of the traffic to the school would arrive via bus and there were six parks on site.



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Councillor Chris Cameron said the proposed carpark near the school could be useful.

However, Cr Cameron raised concerns about soil issues, although the tank was not in-

ground. Ms Farrington said the dive tank was above ground but a recommended condition was the developer did a management plan if it found anything during the construction.

Energy forum

Gladstone locals are invited to attend community forums to share their thoughts on the future energy system that will directly impact our local economy.

The forums will be hosted by The Next Economy on 19 and 20 March.

These forums are part of a new initiative of Gladstone Regional Council - Energising the Gladstone Region's Future Economy.

Feedback from community, government, industry and other stakeholder groups will guide the council on what is required to adapt to a changing energy sector and to support our region over the next 10 years.

The Next Economy chief executive officer Dr Amanda Cahill said, "This project is leading the way in Central Queensland, using an inclusive and interactive planning process to tackle the challenges and opportunities of the energy transition.

"We'll be designing a road map for the Gladstone Region over the next ten years to help navigate changes in the energy sector that directly impact the local economy."

"The Gladstone Region is particularly well positioned to take advantage of new economic opportunities as we shift to new energy solutions, but we also need to plan ahead to manage the potential impacts on our regional economy and build community resilience," Dr Cahill said.

Attendees at the community forums at Agnes Water on Saturday 19 March and Gladstone on Sunday 20 March will explore the impact that changes to the energy system are having on the region and have their say about what they want for the future.

Gladstone Region Deputy Mayor Kahn Goodluck said The Next Economy will present the most recent information on energy trends, as well as how renewable energy and other emerging technologies have the potential to boost the local economy.

"The forums will cover topics such as supporting and developing the local workforce, energy affordability, diversifying the economy, and protecting land and water resources," Cr Goodluck said.

"For those who prefer an online option, we encourage you to join the online forum on Wednesday 30 March."

The Gladstone Regional Council initiative is delivered in partnership with The Next Economy, with funding contributed from the Australian Government's Building Better Regions Fund.

The forum is welcome to everyone to participate, whether you're an interested resident, First Nations representative, worker, farmer or local business owner.

Registrations are essential to attend the free forums.

For more information and to register, please visit Gladstone Regional Council at [conversations.gladstone.qld.gov.au/energising-gladstone-region-future-economy](https://www.gladstone.qld.gov.au/energising-gladstone-region-future-economy)

Ensuring sustainability at Boyne Tannum Memorial Park

Gladstone Regional Council is taking steps to ensure the Boyne Tannum Memorial Parklands remains a sustainable facility that is available for public use for many years to come.

Council wants to ensure the Boyne Tannum Memorial Parklands is sustainable in terms of environmental, social and economic impacts, as well as ensuring the facility remains tranquil and beautiful into the future.

One of these steps is to increase ashes interment capacity due to a recent decision to no longer offer crypt burials at the facility.

Boyne Tannum Memorial Parklands has not been accepting crypt burial reservations since November 2020 due to capacity constraints caused by land availability and the proximity to the Q100 flood level.

Gladstone Region councillor Chris Trevor said this decision came after a thorough assessment of the facility as part of the Gladstone Region Cemetery Plan (January 2022).

"Council is focused on making an informed decision using information on the existing land suitability for expansion, burial



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frequency, cost to service, alternate sites for burials, and the development of a region-wide strategic cemetery plan," Cr Trevor said.

"In recent years the Boyne Tannum Memorial Parklands has become a popular ashes interment site with almost 80 per cent of

interments being ashes.

"Freestanding stone ashes plots with multiple interment capacity of up to four interments will continue to be offered with reservations available.

"Having up to four interments per free-standing stone ashes plot offers environmental benefits while also being financially beneficial for families.

"We are also investigating additional ashes interment options including a Columbarium Wall and aesthetic improvements to the ashes walkway plots."

Cr Trevor said a region-wide strategic cemetery plan will inform an action plan for Council controlled cemeteries, crematorium and memorial parkland facilities and sets the future direction for cemeteries within the Gladstone Region.

"Council remains committed to providing residents with alternate options and beautiful facilities for their loved ones both now and for future generations to come," he said.

Visit [gladstone.qld.gov.au/cemeteries](https://www.gladstone.qld.gov.au/cemeteries) for more information about the Gladstone Region's cemetery network.

Mask restrictions eased

By Khrysti Balanay

When Queensland reached its 90 per cent double vaccination goal, the state government promised they would look over the current Covid-19 restrictions.

Covid-19 check-in has since been removed except in places where evidence of double vaccination is mandatory.

In a recent announcement by Premier Anastacia Palaszczuk, she says, "with the state's Covid-19 outbreak dissipating, a face mask mandate and density limits can be eased from 6pm on Friday, 4 March."

"Masks will no longer be required in most settings, you won't need them at work or in school or at the shops, staff and patrons won't be required to wear them at cafes, pubs and restaurants," she told parliament on Tuesday.

"Mr Speaker smiles are back. We can put our masks away."

She said masks would only be mandatory on public transport, airports, hospitals, disability care, prisons and aged care in Queensland.

Density limited will also be scrapped for private homes, weddings and funerals, and there will be no limits in food courts, hairdressers, gyms, private venues and universities.

A ban on schools excursions, assemblies and interschool visits will also be ditched on 4 March.

As of this week the Gladstone region has reached over the 90 per cent double vaccination goal, sitting on 91.1 per cent and 93.4 per cent first dose.

In Rockhampton, 91.9 per cent of residents have received their second dose, with 94.2 per cent currently on their first.

Livingstone is at 90.1 per cent first dose and 88.1 per cent double vaccinated.

The Central Highlands region has the lowest vaccination record sitting at 86.7 per cent first dose and 83.8 per cent second dose.

As a state, Queensland is 90.66 per cent fully



Queensland is set to dump mask mandates in most indoor settings and density limits at most venues.

Picture: DARREN ENGLAND/AAP

vaccinated with a first dose recording of 92.59 percent.

The changes come as Chamber of Commerce and Industry Queensland reports Queensland businesses are operating at less than 85 per cent of their pre-Covid conditions

as result of low consumer confidence, Covid in the workplace and supply chain disruptions coinciding with the December state border re-opening.

"We're seeing a perfect storm of uncertainty, creating a difficult business environment

in Queensland," policy and advocacy general manager Amanda Rohan said.

She said Covid-19 impacts were more noticeable in regional Queensland in the December quarter due to rising insurance, fuel and other business input costs.

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Charging up their careers

Ten Queenslanders are charging up their careers by starting a graduate, apprentice or trainee position with CS Energy in early 2022.

This year's intake comprises six females and four males, and is a mix of recent school leavers and existing employees who are upskilling.

More than half will be based at Callide Power Station in Central Queensland – Graduate Mechanical Engineer Majella Cassidy, Mechanical Apprentices Daniel Ryan and Shanece Blake, Electrical and Instrumentation Apprentices Adam Herbert and Noah Chadwick, and Business Administration Trainee Meg Semple.

Three people are starting a new traineeship at Kogan Creek Power Station on the Western Downs – Amy Patterson-Kane (Certificate 3 in Warehouse Operations), Jorji Gore-Johnson (Certificate 4 in Health & Safety) and Breanna Collins (Certificate 4 in Business Administration).

In Brisbane, Qasim Khan Baba has joined the ICT team in CS Energy's corporate office in an undergraduate software engineering role and will join our two-year graduate program mid-year once he graduates.

Chief executive officer Andrew Bills said both Qasim and Majella had previously completed summer undergraduate placements with CS Energy.

"It's great to see Qasim and Majella return to CS Energy and it demonstrates how our summer undergraduate program provides a pipeline of talent for our two year graduate program," Mr Bills said.

"CS Energy is also proud to provide apprentice and trainee opportunities in trade, technical or administrative disciplines in the regions where we operate.

"The energy industry offers such a diversity of skills opportunities and CS Energy is proud to play our part in developing the next generation."



Engineering graduate Majella Cassidy



Kogan Creek Power Station - Jorji Gore-Johnson



Kogan Creek Power Station -Amy Patterson-Kane.



Kogan Creek Power Station - Breanna Collins



Callide Power Station group



Brisbane Office engineering undergraduate Qasim Khan-Baba



Cameron Shearer (Acting Manager – Operations Support Services), Cr Glenn Churchill, Cr Kahn Goodluck, Cr Chris Cameron, Cr Desley O'Grady, Mayor Matt Burnett, Cr Darryl Branthwaite and Fran Moroney (Manager – Gladstone Regional Libraries) show off the new 100 per cent electric Kia Niro in front of Gladstone City Library.

Conversations spark Council's charge towards electric vehicles

Gladstone Regional Council has taken its first step towards a greener fleet of vehicles with the purchase of a '100% electric' car for use by the team at Gladstone Regional Libraries.

The decision to trial this vehicle – a 2021 Kia Niro – resulted from conversations between members of Council's Operations team recognising benefits of vehicle technology and savings efficiencies.

Gladstone Region Mayor Matt Burnett said the Kia Niro's GPS unit would provide Council with valuable data on the capability of EVs (electric vehicles) and their ability to meet Council's future operational needs.

"We are also looking at other green fleet options such as hybrid vehicles and electric trucks, while eagerly awaiting hydrogen options to be introduced and made available to the market," Councillor Burnett said.

"While making 100 per cent of our vehicle fleet electric may not be operationally possible, we are always striving to make our fleet more energy efficient.

"In another step towards a greener fleet, we are also preparing to take delivery of five electric forklifts, replacing five, old, diesel forklifts."

Cr Burnett said the EV would be based at Gladstone City Library and charged via a

charging station powered by solar panels located on the roof of the library.

"I know our Regional Libraries manager, Fran Moroney, is very excited to get behind the wheel of this EV when she makes her trips between all six of our Council libraries," he said.

"Its engine is whisper quiet and a full charge can see it travel up to 455km, although with several charging stations located across the region there's always opportunities to stop in for a quick charge."

Priced at just under \$60,000, it is estimated Council will save nearly \$7000 alone on the cost of diesel usage for the replacement vehicle.

"Council will also see savings in terms of servicing, with filter replacements totaling more than \$1000 over the life of the replaced vehicle; time saved refueling the vehicle, as charging can be done while it's not in use; and return on investment at replacement time when the vehicle goes to auction," Cr Burnett said.

"It's anticipated that we should have a residual value of between 40 to 50 per cent, compared to the residual values on the current fleet which are about 30 per cent."

Check out our Facebook page to see Council's latest asset.

Upgrades continue at Aquatic Centre

Gladstone Aquatic Centre's 25m pool will close from tomorrow (25 February) until late May 2022 as Stage 3 Rejuvenation Works commence.

Works include retiling the 25m pool and renewal of the building enclosure.

Council has considered many options to improve mobility and access for indoor pool patrons so they can use the 50m pool while the upgrade of the 25m pool occurs.

Various additions at the shallow end of the 50m outdoor pool will be made in the coming weeks in order to make it comfortable and inviting for patrons heading into the cooler months.

This month we'll also introduce new main amenities including three family change rooms, two Disability Discrimination Act (DDA) compliant unisex facilities, a women's change room and a men's change room.

Patrons will also notice a temporary entrance to the Aquatic Centre, located via the northern, 25m pool access.

Council is being assisted to deliver the Gladstone Aquatic Centre Rejuvenation Project via \$1.2m State Government funding, through the COVID Works for Queensland Program (Stage 1), \$1.6m through the Federal Government's Local Roads and Community Infrastructure Program (Stage 2) and \$2.4m State Government funding, through the 2021-24 Works for Queensland Program (Stage 3).

Visit www.gladstone.qld.gov.au/pools-aquatic-centres to keep up-to-date with this project.

Gladstone Aquatic Centre's 25m pool will close temporarily.



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(L-R) Frank, Steve, Trevor, John, Rodney, Stan, John, Rodney, Paul, Ron.

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Ron Bylehmau made this roaring red toy truck.



This bench will be enjoyed by a local aged care facility.



Trevor Rayfield is proud of the club's short but strong history.



Timber slabs cut from logs generously donated around the region.



John Radnedge has been a proud member for three years.



Steve Lawrence is keen to construct a few fun toys.



The Gladstone Men's Shed and Calliope Men's Shed gathered together on Tuesday.



Planters made from pallets and other items are available for sale from the shed.

Shed offers tools for life

By Brittney Manning

The Calliope Men's Shed has all tools on the ready as it gears up to expand and cement its place in the community.

The shed has been established for more than five years now with a strong base of 25 members, but the club says the more members who join, the merrier.

Treasurer Stan Mark said the shed offers the tools to complete projects and hone their workmanship skills, but its purpose is much deeper than that.

"I'm retired and I thought it would be great," Mr Mark said.

"But then Covid, lockdown and everything, [I got] stuck at home and couldn't travel.

"I've found this is a good escape."

The Calliope Men's Shed offers the workshop as a means of bringing together members to talk about personal issues they may be facing in their own lives.

Research released by the Australian Institute of Family Studies in 2020 found that despite making up more than three quarters of deaths by suicide in Australia, a quarter of men say they would not seek help from anyone for mental health concerns.

Loneliness and a lack of close friends or relatives were found to be contributing factors to poor mental health.

A standout member at the Calliope Men's shed shared his personal story about the importance of reaching out to the community, when your health takes an unexpected and devastating turn for the worse.

"When you're a bushie born and bred, never been ill, and can see the light at the end of tunnel, retirement, you get an understandable jolt when you're told that you need immediate open-heart surgery," the member said.

The member was shocked and devastated to wake up two days later having suffered a stroke on the operating table.

"I woke with a stroke that affected the right side of my body and being a right hander, I had to learn to do everything again left-handed.

"I have had to learn to do things for myself, things as simple as buttering a piece of bread without the use of my dominant hand, keeping track of the soap while bathing or pushing the button on a fly spray can...things once so simple now so frustrating."

He said the Calliope Men's shed helped him during his crisis, and he was able to process dark thoughts and regain his confidence.

"I have had to learn to study the situation, think it through, come up with a solution and give it a go.

"I say to myself, 'You're on your own mate. Only you can fix this.' I have regained my independence," he said.

"Before the Men's Shed, I was lying there considering how many bricks were in a wall. The Men's Shed ... it's been the best rehab I have done."

The shed has accepted a generous donation of timber logs from within the Gladstone and surrounding region, which they use to complete projects that are available for purchase.

One of their most recent makes was a wooden park bench, which will be delivered to an aged care facility in New Auckland.

Right now, the shed is looking to secure grants and funding to upgrade its toilet facilities, install an outdoor seating area and purchase a Lucas Mill to cut logs into slabs, to be used in the shed on projects.

Secretary Trevor Rayfield said the invitation for new members to join who are aged over 18 years of age is always open.

"Age is not your condition. Here, you do what you feel and what makes you comfortable," he said.

The Calliope Men's Shed is located at the rear of the Calliope Historical Village and its open on Tuesdays and Fridays from 8am to midday.



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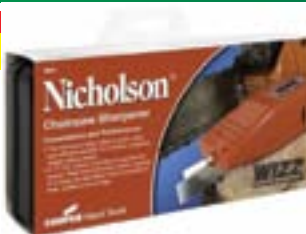
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Delivery truck driver Brian Shaw was one of two men honoured with a truck convoy this weekend.



Clayton's Towing area manager Steve Latimer was a well loved member of the community.



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Calling all interpreters

Queenslanders interested in a career as an interpreter will have the opportunity to apply for one of 120 spots available in a subsidised interpreter training program to be delivered online.

The subsidised interpreter training program focuses on new and emerging languages and will be administered through TAFE as an online course.

Minister for Multicultural Affairs Leanne Linard MP said the Queensland Government has invested \$730,000 in training will ensure some of our most vulnerable community members will have equitable access to services and information.

"I would encourage any Queenslanders fluent in one of the priority languages who wants to undertake nationally accredited interpreter training and pursue a career in this field to jump at this opportunity," Ms Linard said.

"Interpreters are very important for those Queenslanders who are not proficient in English."

TAFE director of health, community and foundations skills Karren Raper said the institution had been successfully delivering online interpreter training since 2018, including in regional Queensland.

"We're looking forward to working with the Queensland Government, 2M Language Services and NAATI, to meet the demand for interpreting skills," she said.

2M Language Services chief executive officer Tea Dietterich said course graduates were guaranteed an industry placement and would gain first-hand experience working as an interpreter.

"This insight behind the scenes and actual real-life jobs will see them onboarded with 2M Language Services and other providers.

"It will also enable them to work interstate thanks to video remote interpreting," she said.

The program is targeting people who can speak in-demand languages such as Arabic, Chin languages, Farsi, Hmong, Karen, Kinyarwanda/Rwanda, Kirundi/ Nyarwandwa/ Rundi, Kiswahili and Kurdish.

It will run for three years, with funding provided by the Department of Employment, Training and Skills Development.

Applications close on 21 March 2022 and more information can be found online at cyjma.qld.gov.au.

Tribute to truckies

By Matthew Pearce

A truck convoy rolled through Central Queensland on the weekend, with the community coming out in tribute to Brian Shaw and Steve Latimer.

Delivery truck driver Brian, 64, an Allentown resident, and Steve, 52, a tow truck driver from North Rockhampton, died when their trucks collided on the Leichhardt Highway near Wovan on 18 February.

Organiser James Goldsmith, a truck driver with a small business at Ambrose, said while he'd known Sunday's convoy would be big, it had turned out to be more massive than he dreamed, with 151 trucks leaving from Westwood and another 15 joining them in Rockhampton.

The convoy met at the Westwood Hotel, travelling through Rockhampton over the Neville Hewitt out to the Parkhurst roundabout at Brown and Hurley, before heading back through town.

"We're just so happy that the town of Rocky turned it on for us," he said.

"The crowd might as well have been lining the road from when we left Westwood. There were pockets of people all the way into town, and the dual lanes from Fairy Bower Road to the Yeppen Roundabout were packed on both sides.

"I've never seen so many people at Central Park and Kershaw Gardens was absolutely packed as well."

Emergency services, including police, fire and ambulance crews, also showed their support on the day.

James described the convoy as a "massive sign of respect" for the two men, with both Steve and Brian's families attending.

"After the fatalities in the last week it shows how we're all prepared to band together to show respect for the families. It was something the whole industry has needed as that respect has been lost," he said.

James said Steve Latimer had helped him on what he called the worst day of his life, when he was in a road train accident "300km from anything".

"On that day no emergency services crews turned up but Steve rang me every couple of



The truck convoy in honour of Brian Shaw and Steve Latimer travelled from Westwood to Rockhampton.

hours to make sure I was okay," he said.

"That showed so much compassion and heart that I felt I had to repay the debt."

While the event was organised with just a few days' notice, it all came together quickly thanks to "the right people on social media".

"We hope the two families felt supported," James said.

"None of us want money for showing off our trucks. Wholly and solely it was a tribute to the two lads, to show their families a little bit of brightness.

"It can be a dark time before the funeral, which is when you get that bit of closure, and hopefully we've helped during that time."

James said he wanted to thank Leanne, who handled social media, Steve's daughter-in-law Jess and workmates Robert and Peter, who were key in helping the event come together.

Organisers are considering holding another event for truckies in 12 months.

Steve Latimer and Brian Shaw's deaths marked the beginning of a week of tragedy on

CQ roads, with six fatalities in the Capricornia district.

On Wednesday, 16 February, a mother and son from Winton died in a single-vehicle traffic crash near Longreach.

Later that day a 30-year-old man died after his motorcycle and a BMW X5 collided at a notorious intersection in the Rockhampton CBD.

On Saturday, 20 February, there was further tragedy when a 40-year-old Berserker man died in a single vehicle traffic crash at Parkhurst.

Rockhampton Police said the station wagon the man was driving left the roadway on Yaamba Road near Rachel Drive just after 2.30pm and collided with a power pole.

The man was the sole occupant of the vehicle and died at the scene, despite first aid being performed by emergency responders.

On Sunday, three people were transported to hospital with injuries after two separate crashes on Yeppoon Road.

Officers from the police's Forensic Crash Unit are investigating the incidents, with the results expected to take some time.

Latest dangerous driving figures 'ridiculous': Police

After a horrific week on Central Queensland roads, Gladstone Police have released "ridiculous" numbers of people who were caught speeding or driving under the influence last week. With four fatal crashes resulting in six deaths recently, Capricornia Police have revealed 12 drivers were intercepted for dangerous driving across Central Queensland.

Labelling it "ridiculous", police caught one driver speeding at almost 200km/hr in an 100km/hr zone on the Bruce Hwy.

High range drink drivers detected last week included:

- 0.195 Dawson Rd, Gladstone

- 0.167 Elderslie St, Winton
- 0.215 Shaw St, New Auckland
- 0.156 Borilla St, Emerald
- 0.171 Lucas St, Berserker
- 0.161 Kariboe St, Biloela

High speed detections included:

- 129/80 Kunwarara Rd, Marlborough
- 108/60 Dawson Hwy, Calliope
- 194/100 Bruce Hwy, Canoona
- 163/100 Gladstone-Mt Larcom Rd, Aldoga
- 147/100 Bruce Hwy, Calliope
- 141/100 Capricorn Hwy, Comet



Herbertson remembered

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

The following was published in the Bundaberg News, 5 March, 1940:

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Mr Robert Herbertson

Old Identity Dead

GLADSTONE, Monday:

The announcement, of the death of Mr Robert Herbertson at Ormiston, Brisbane, last Friday, recalled many memories of early Gladstone and Port Curtis history.

Mr Herbertson was Mayor of Gladstone and represented Port Curtis in the Legislative Assembly as an adherent of the party led by the late Sir Robert Phillip.

When he came to Gladstone as a young man about 30 years of age, he became interested in mining, and the old Metropolitan Hotel, near the town wharves, where business boomed when the cargo boats came up Auckland Creek.

Mr Herbertson did a great deal to develop mining throughout the Gladstone and Burnett districts. He acquired important local properties, retaining portion near the Gladstone Railway Station.

He had an early interest in the form of Brown and Coase, auctioneers and land agents.

He was a member for Port Curtis for two terms being defeated by the Labor candidate, the late Mr E.D.J. Breslin in a three cornered contest, the other candidate being the well known solicitor, Mr T.D. Lacey-Kellet.

Mr Herbertson had great faith in the future of Gladstone, and was one of the advocates for the construction of the Burnett railway bridge from Boyne Valley junction over the Dawes Range to Monto.

Although he was opposed to Labor politically, he joined forces with the late Mr George Carter, M.L.A. and the Ryan Government in urging early construction of the railway.

In company with the then Labour member, Mr Carter, he paid many visits to Many Peaks, Cania and Monal, pointing out the boost that the railway connection would give the timber, mining and agricultural industries of the upper Burnett.

In fact, Mr Herbertson's interest in the Glassford Creek mining field was a big factor in the early construction of the line.

Most of those connected with political life during Mr Herbertson's time have passed away but Messrs, Alec Glegg and T.D. Lacey-Kellet are two who have vivid recollections of the early incidents in the development of Port Curtis.

Mr Herbertson was 88 years of age and many messages of sympathy were forwarded from Gladstone to bereaved relatives, there being a large family of sons and daughters scattered throughout the State.

Robert Herbertson, a former mayor and Port Curtis representative of Gladstone, pictured with his son Robert Charles who was killed in action in France during the First World War.



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Region's councils meet

Members of the 2022 Gladstone Region Youth Council had their first opportunity to meet the mayor, councillors, chief executive officer, general managers and other council employees as they gathered at council chambers this week.

The 2022 Gladstone Region Youth Council is made up of 10 members, including two returning members, with appointments expiring at the end of the year.

Aaron Yea and Rommiel Malig served on the 2021 Gladstone Region Youth Council and will be joined in 2022 by Alexander Hill, Chloe Sydes, Emma Roulston, Jessica Toms, Jie Xi Zang (Jessi), Michael Vardy, Stefani Seumanu and Tayla Bullen.

Gladstone Region Mayor Matt Burnett said all attending Youth Council members introduced themselves and shared their passion for wanting to join the committee.

"It was fantastic to see the enthusiasm on display from both our returning Youth Council members and our new members," he said.

"Being on the Youth Council is the perfect opportunity for young people to provide input into the governance of our region.

"It also provides personal development opportunities, enhances leaderships skills and helps council engage and connect more effectively with our young people."

All 10 members of the 2022 Gladstone Region Youth Council were endorsed at council's 1 February meeting with councillors also resolving to amend the Youth Council's Terms of Reference.

"It was agreed that membership will be open to young people between 15 and 25 years including those that are turning 15 within the first six months of the Youth Council term," Cr Burnett said.

"This change will align the age range of



Gladstone Region councillors with Youth Council members (from left): Aaron Yea, Stefani Seumanu, Cr Glenn Churchill, Cr Darryl Branthwaite, Cr Natalia Muszkat, Tayla Bullen, Alexander Hill, Cr Rick Hansen, Mayor Matt Burnett, Emma Roulston, Jessica Toms, Cr Kahn Goodluck, Cr Desley O'Grady, Chloe Sydes, Jie Xi Zang (Jessi), Cr Chris Cameron, CEO Leisa Dowling, Rommiel Malig and Michael Vardy.

Council's initiatives and the Queensland Government's Youth Strategy.

"Youth Council members will participate in initiatives such as Clean Up Australia Day,

Mayor's Youth Breakfast, National Volunteer Week, Seniors Week, Mental Health Week and will help to shape Festival of Summer activities.

"I'm really looking forward to seeing our Youth Council members grow into their role and bring about positive change to the community during 2022."

Production resumes at Grosvenor mine after explosion

Two years after a devastating explosion at a Moranbah mine left five miners with severe burns, coal production at the mine began again on Monday.

Resources Safety and Health Queensland (RSHQ) gave approval for Anglo American's Grosvenor mine to restart.

Anglo American's Metallurgical Coal business CEO Tyler Mitchelson said the restart followed significant investment in new equipment, and the development of new technologies to support the safe operation of the mine.

The Mining and Energy Union (MEU) has

called for Anglo American to further improve workers' safety by changing employee hire practices.

MEU Queensland District President Stephen Smyth said workers were employed by labour hire company One Key rather than Anglo American.

He said this meant they had fewer rights and could be fired more easily.

"The labour hire arrangements at Grosvenor are at the root of the safety issues, Anglo needs to employ their workers directly in permanent jobs," Mr Smyth said.

"We welcome RSHQ decision to allow the mine to reopen, but significant trust issues remain and we call on Anglo American and One Key to support the workforce and be transparent about all issues.

"Since the incident the workers have formed a union lodge which means they will have a stronger unified voice when it comes to safety, rostering, pay and other issues.

"Union safety inspectors will be keeping a close eye on operations, and we call on the regulator to keep a close eye as well."

Mr Mitchelson said removing people from

harm's way was the best way to improve safety in its operations, and it would continue to develop and implement technology solutions to improve safety.

"The incident in 2020 has had a terrible and ongoing impact on our injured colleagues, their families, our workforce and the community, and they are in our thoughts today," he said.

"I would like to thank our Grosvenor workforce and the Moranbah community for their support, as we have worked towards a safe and successful restart of longwall mining."

GPC apprentices return to port for hands-on experience

Former work placement students at the Gladstone Ports Corporation (GPC) have turned to the port as future tradespeople as part of the corporation's Apprentice, Trainee and Work Placement program.

This month, 20 apprentices and work placement students joined GPC on a mission to gain world-class knowledge and hands-on experience.

Out of 10 new apprentices, three are former work placement students.

The Apprentice, Trainee and Work Placement program gives eager learners a unique opportunity to work with experienced GPC workers and build on their knowledge.

Students will have the choice of training in industrial disciplines such as mechanical fitting, electrical, refrigeration, diesel fitting, plumbing and building trades.

Saxon Smith is one of three 2021 work placement students, who are in this year's intake of apprentices.

"I joined the apprenticeship program at GPC because it will enable me to transition to what I want to be in the future - a high voltage and instrumentation electrician," Saxon said.

"I will be able to look after myself, work safely and competently to start my career successfully."

Acting CEO Paul Heagney said that the apprenticeship and training programs were criti-

cal in supporting the community and the industry in the region.

"We have some of the best minds and hands in the industry, and we are happy to share our knowledge and experience with the new generations," Mr Heagney said.

"We are delighted to see three of the ten apprentices this year were actually work placement students at GPC last year, which shows the high level of interest in our training and placement programs."

Minister for Regional Development, Manufacturing, Minister for Water and Member for Gladstone Glenn Butcher said the importance of having hands-on experience can't be underestimated, for the region's future workforce.

"As a fitter and turner by trade, I know how vital it is to have quality leaders teaching and encouraging young people to get into these trades," he said.

"The Gladstone Port is so important to our economy and moulding workers from the beginning means we'll have the most-skilled feet on the ground, getting the jobs done."

Gladstone Ports Corporation's Apprentice, Trainee and Work Placement program invites participants every year based on analysis of business and market needs for certain skills.

Graduates of this program usually enter the market as soon as they graduate, providing the industries in the region with a competent and skilled workforce.



Picture: GLADSTONE PORTS CORPORATION

Businesses do it tough

**THIS WEEK
WITH
JORDIE**



"Small business isn't for the faint of heart. It's for the brave, the patient, and the persistent. It's for the overcomer" – unknown.

I really want to acknowledge the local businesses out there who have been doing it tough, especially over the past few years.

I truly admire the strength, persistence, the continuous innovation, and optimism shown even on the days you feel tired of the uphill battles. Your love for the work, the business and the customers outweigh the pressure you feel on your shoulders as you have remained focused on adapting through the evolution of pandemic conditions.

You are so valued and your services to the community continue to make a monumental difference. I don't know where I would be without you and your strength that empowers the people.

There has been way too much heartache and hardship, so as the world slowly returns to a new normal, I hope everyone can keep supporting the local businesses. A simple like, share or tag on social media can be other helpful ways to show support if unable to make a direct purchase.

So to all local businesses, thank you for your ongoing service and support, especially



Small businesses have had a hard time over the past two years.

Picture: AP PHOTO/RICK RYCROFT

through one of the toughest times yet. You are valued, you make a phenomenal difference in the community and it has by no means been easy for you, but your patience and strength are out of this world. You have set a powerfully positive example for people in their personal and professional lives over the course of this pandemic.

"Every time you spend money, you are casting a vote for the kind of world you want" – Anna Lappe.

I want my world to consist of thriving local businesses and economy, and small businesses getting to see their hard work pay off as their big dreams begin to shift into reality. If my money can contribute to building this kind of world, it is absolutely money well spent.

Gladstone Engineering Alliance's new member

By Eilish Massie

Gladstone Engineering Alliance has welcomed a new member to its board.

Patrice Brown, founding director of local environmental and planning firm CQG Consulting, has been appointed as the new president of the Gladstone Engineering Alliance board of directors.

Ms Brown, who is a strong advocate for local businesses, and an experienced board director, was elected to the position by her fellow board members at their meeting on Thursday 27 January 2022.

During the meeting Matthew Campiutti, chief executive of Walz Group was elected vice-president, Jody Smith, small business specialist with GTC financial treasurer and Pauline Kelly, Director at Welcon Technologies secretary.

The new-look executive committee will be assisted by 2022 board members Brett Marsh (Smit Lamnalco), Letia Shaw (Programmed) and Matthew Rayment (4CE Pty Ltd).

GEA thanked outgoing president Pauline Kelly (Welcon Technologies) for her exceptional leadership, devotion and insight over the past 12 months which contributed greatly toward the success and growth of the organisation.

GEA's board and staff are optimistic for the future for the region and are committed to ensuring their members are well represented.

Patrice Brown has been appointed as the new president of Gladstone Engineering Alliance.



Level heads needed

The Queensland Government is proposing costly changes to the national building code, but first they need to stop and think of the impacts.

The major changes to the national building code relate to Accessible Housing and Energy Efficiency, but the Queensland Government is not fully measuring the impact.

It's true that future provisions are needed for the elderly and people with disabilities, and to ensure more sustainable homes into the future, but the benefits won't be realised if not introduced properly.

The Queensland Government needs to give serious consideration to the following issues upfront;

- How will they address all the technical problems raised by the industry?
- What about the significant new time-pressures and costs they will force onto builders and homeowners?

These questions need answers and more time, or we risk housing affordability going from bad to worse.

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Wine and books in nation's capital

Author Alex Gerrick invited me and 99 others to his book launch in Canberra. Alex was schooled at Chanel College, Gladstone, Gladstone State High and started his undergraduate degree at the then-named Capricornia Institute of Advanced Education in Rockhampton.

Time wise sadly, I flew into Canberra on Thursday morning and flew out the next morning, to attend other events. But gladly I met with the staff at Canberra Wine & Spirit Merchants (CWSM) prior to the book launch. They introduced and updated me on the current happenings in the Canberra Wine Region. And provided me with a Wine Tourism Map.

CWSM is a family run business in the CBD. They showcase over 60 local Canberra District wineries. They offer the largest variety of Canberra wines that can be found in the one location.

Within the next few weeks, I'm going to place an online order with them and organise a group tasting of wines from the Canberra region.

Weather wise, Canberra is perfect in February. As the year moves on and the temperature drops, it is understandable, why the adjoining wine region is an emerging cold climate producer of fine wines.

It is noticeably clean, Canberra has just been voted the second most hygienic capital city in the world (Berlin, Germany was first). The lack of air pollution is yet another winner for the local wine-makers.

After CWSM it was only a 4km taxi-ride to The Canberra Wine House. Set in the din-

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ing precinct of, Dickson. As they advertise on their website, this establishment embodies the intimacy of our small capital with the chic atmosphere of a 1920s speakeasy.

In an all too quick visit, I ordered a Helm Classic Dry Riesling and soaked up the relaxed atmosphere observing locals and other visitors enjoying the food and wine on offer.

The book launch was held at the Canberra Southern Cross Club in the suburb of Woden. 'A Season of Clouds - When only your past can save your future' is Alex's first book and by the standing ovation he received at the end of the launch, it won't be his last.

Alex Gerrick was a successful senior public servant in Federal Government circles. Before becoming the CEO of Fearless PTSD.

In his debut book, Alex puts his own journey of suffering post traumatic stress disorder (PTSD) and mental health issues on the line, as a matter of fact they're on several lines of his fiction, based-on-fact memoir of love, redemption and healing.

I enjoyed a glass of Lake George Shiraz, whilst listening to Admiral Chris Barrie, expressing how much he enjoyed 'A Season of Clouds'. Making note that sales of the book,



Bill Crane enjoys a wine in Canberra.

will go to charity.

If you would like a purchase a copy - please go to seasonofclouds.com

Nominate a youth for breakfast

The community is being called on to nominate a Gladstone youth to attend the 2022 Mayor's Youth Breakfast.

Community members are being asked to identify and recognise the special efforts, achievements and contributions of our region's younger residents who are aged between 12 and 25 years.

The nominees will receive an invitation to the Mayor's Youth Breakfast set to be held on Friday 1 April at Gladstone Entertainment Convention Centre.

Gladstone Region Mayor Matt Burnett is encouraging people to nominate someone who they feel is worthy ahead of the cut-off on Sunday 13 March.

"The Mayor's Youth Breakfast is a fantastic event that shines a light on our young people to highlight their hard work and dedication towards the Gladstone Region," Cr Burnett said.

"Young people may be acknowledged for accomplishments including sporting, cultural, employment or academic achievements, or for their involvement in volunteering, mentoring or fundraising."

Nomination forms can be found on the Council's Conversations website at conversations.gladstone.qld.gov.au/mayors-youth-breakfast

If you need assistance filling in a nomination form please contact the Gladstone Community and Neighbourhood Centre at Philip Street Communities & Families Precinct (1 Pengelly St, West Gladstone), or phone 4976 6300.

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Are we in a 'climate emergency'?

What does the past tell us?

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What has happened with renewables and net zero elsewhere in the world?

Who are the winners and losers of climate change policies and how much will these policies affect you?

The presentation will be followed by a question-and-answer session.

Ian Plimer's latest book *Green Murder* (Connor Court Publishing, Brisbane) was released in December 2021.

He started life in the rough and tumble of the mining town Broken Hill, was Professor at Newcastle, Munich, Melbourne, and Adelaide universities and is currently Emeritus Professor of Earth Sciences at The University of Melbourne concurrent with being a director of Hancock Prospecting companies.

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OPINION

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Floods leave a large mark

Wading through sewage and crocodile infested water never quite made it into the job description for a cadet reporter in 2010. I'm not sure why, it would have made me jump at the chance to fulfil my dream of becoming a journalist even quicker. The opportunity to report on the floods in Rockhampton in 2011 was one I'll never forget. I met some amazing people who demonstrated resilience I have never known, and I saw our community band together like I had never imagined it could. At CQ Today, we would love to look back and gather as many of your stories and photos so we can try to print as many of them again. Not just from the time when the Fitzroy River burst its banks in December 2010-January 2011, but all of Rockhampton's floods.

There are some very sad memories that we should never forget from all of Rockhampton's floods. We should forever remember the loved ones whose lives have been lost. There have been the extraordinary, and slightly apocalyptic times, when crocodiles have swum the streets alongside cars, cows have been spotted swimming to Great Keppel Island during one flood, and cows were stranded in the Rockhampton CBD during another flood. There are also the tales of businesses who suffered, and many who managed to pull through, and the thousands of people who had their homes damaged. Then, there are the stories of how we all banded together to help one another. Even prisoners from Etna Creek came to help with the flood effort in the 1990-91 flood effort. There are the stories of the people who live in Depot Hill and call themselves "the Swampies". They never forget, yet never leave, because it's their home - rain, hail, shine, or flood. I'll never forget the Swampie Juniors who thought it would be fun to throw baby toads - toadpoles - at me while I was interviewing their parents for 20 minutes. I could handle the crocs and

Today's View

the sewage, most likely because I could not see the crocs or sewage. But, the prospect of a toadpole to the face had me rattled. I spoke very quickly during that interview to ensure no little toadpoles landed in my mouth. There's the Fitzroy Hotel that transformed into the Fitzroy Floatel whenever there was a flood - come by foot when the weather is good, or come by boat during torrential rain. Unlike many other Rocky pubs, it never became a pub with no beer.

The Fitzroy has proven its might many times since flood records began in 1859. The highest recorded flood in Rockhampton was in January 1918 at 10.11m. Many people will remember the floods of 1990-91, when it hit 9.30m, and the floods of 2010-2011, when a number of towns across Queensland were impacted by wild weather and declared disaster zones. The Fitzroy flooded three times within six years - 2011, 2013 and 2017 - alone. Emerald, Rolleston and Theodore also had their highest recorded floods.

Please, flood us with your stories (in a few paragraphs, if possible) and your photos from the floods (with the names of the people in the photos and the name of the person who took the photo, so we can attribute it to the right person) so we can share them again and remember together. Send it to editorial@cqtoday.com.au.

LYNCHY'S JOKE OF THE WEEK

Coming from an Irish heritage I have always thought the Irish were very interesting and humorous.

A past relative told me this story about a couple of lads, Brian and Shaun, flying from Ireland to Australia, scheduled to land at 10pm that night in Sydney.

They were nearing their destination when the pilot announced over the public address system that there would be a considerable delay due to the fact that one engine had shut down but not to panic the are still three engines to get them to their destination.

Around ten minutes later the pilot again made an announcement, "I'm sorry ladies



and gentlemen but there will be more of a delay due to yet another engine failure but do not worry we still have two perfectly good engines to get us to our destination."

Brian looked at Shaun and said with an impatient tone to his voice, "Shaun if the last two engines shut down we could be up here all bloody night."

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WE TAKE IT TO THE STREETS

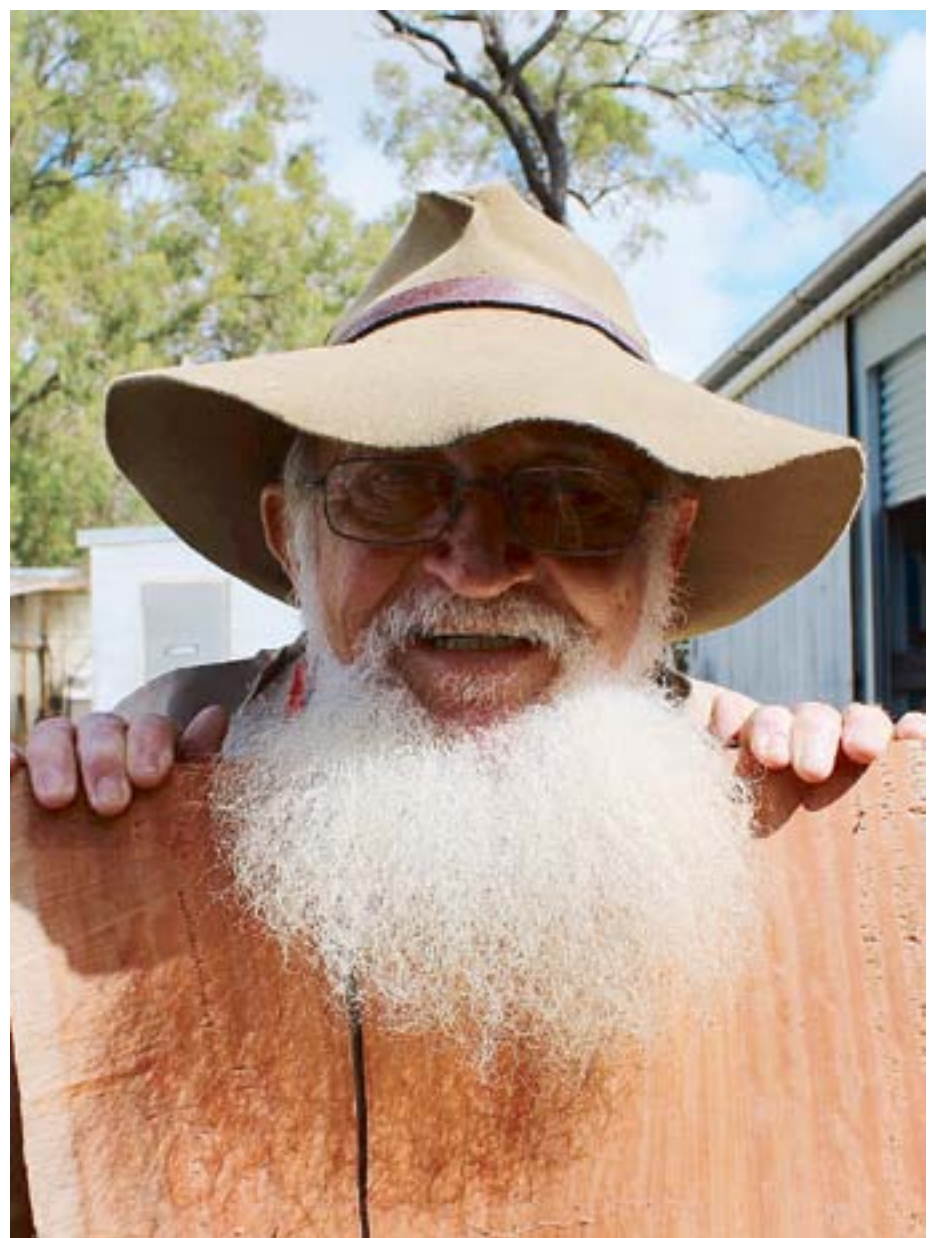
Question: What's your experience or view on healthcare services available in Gladstone?



As far as I'm concerned, they're excellent, they looked after me. - Paul



For a town this size, and the amount of industry in this town, it's substandard. - Frank



It was once really good, I don't know what they've done to the health system but I'm not faulting them. - Mal

ON THIS DAY

NATIONAL TORTILLA CHIP DAY IS CELEBRATED ON 24 FEBRUARY

303: 1st official Roman edict for persecution of Christians issued by Emperor Diocletian

1525: Battle of Pavia: Holy Roman Emperor Charles V's troops beat the French. French King Francois I captured, 15,000 killed or wounded

1582: Pope Gregory XIII announces New Style (Gregorian) calendar

1739: Battle of Karnal: Army of Iranian ruler Nadir Shah defeats the forces of the Mughal

emperor of India, Muhammad Shah

1821: Agustín de Iturbide and Vicente Guerrero agree to the Plan of Iguala, stating that Mexico will become a constitutional monarchy, Roman Catholicism the official religion and that Peninsulares and Creoles will enjoy equal political and social rights

1868: US House of Representatives vote 126 to 47 to impeach President Andrew Johnson

1946: General Juan Perón first elected President of Argentina

2008: Fidel Castro retires as the President of Cuba due to ill health after nearly fifty years

OPINION

Senator Matt Canavan



Played into Putin's hands

The Ukrainian people helped end the Soviet Union. On 1 December 1991, they voted 92 per cent in favour of declaring independence from the USSR. One week later the Soviet Union was dissolved.

Vladimir Putin called this event the “greatest geopolitical catastrophe” of the 20th century. We should not be surprised that he ordered an invasion of the Donbas region of the Ukraine this week.

Yet as the Financial Times reported, one senior diplomat told another, as they spoke of the prospect of war, “We both paused and said, ‘I can’t believe we’re having this conversation.’”

GK Chesterton once wrote that “What is wrong with our civilization can be said with one word — unreality.” Well, that is probably still true, but I would add another word “naivety”.

A year after the collapse of the Soviet Union, Francis Fukuyama published a famous book titled *The End of History*, the central argument of which was that western, liberal democracy has triumphed as the best form of government, and it won’t be successfully challenged again.

Many leaders in the west have acted as if they believe this since. Defence budgets have been slashed and we have ignored the need to protect our independence and self-sufficiency.

Vladimir Putin does not believe that history is over. His speech justifying the invasion of Ukraine contained a lengthy historical justification of dubious accuracy. He said that Ukraine was only created by the Bolsheviks and that his invasion was, in effect, then an attempt at “decommunisation”.

In truth, Mr Putin has his history the wrong way around. It was the indigenous people of the Ukraine that first used the term “Rus” to describe themselves (a term they adopted from invading Vikings in the 10th century). The term Rus then spread to include all peoples from Poland west. It was not adopted by the Muscovy Empire officially until the 18th century.

But whether Mr Putin is right or wrong about history misses the point. History is clearly driving Russia to take this action, and



An Ukrainian serviceman checks the situation on the position near the Zaytseve village not far from pro-Russian militants controlled city of Gorlivka Donetsk area, Ukraine.
Picture: EPA/ALISA YAKUBOVYCH

historical grievances explain much of the conduct of aggressive regimes right around the world.

The Ukraine is a long way from Australia but we are nervously watching because of the parallels between the Donbas and Taiwan. Like Putin, Xi Jinping is motivated by history. In Xi’s speech to celebrate 100 years of the Chinese Communist Party, in just the 4th paragraph, he launched into a list of the things done wrong to the Chinese people during their self-described “century of humiliation”. Terrible things were done to China in this period, including the forced sale of opium, the fomenting of tensions that led to the Taiping rebellion and the Rape of Nanjing.

This is now used as a justification for all of China’s bullying in the region.

Our blindness to history must end to successfully deter aggression and maintain peace. It is worrying that those diplomats were surprised by events. Vladimir Putin invaded Ukraine in 2014 to take back the Crimea. Back then there was much talk of sanctions and repercussions. Within four years, Russia was hosting the soccer World Cup and Putin was hosting European leaders in his VIP box.

This time the sanctions must stick and we must take real action to reduce our dependence on aggressive dictatorial regimes.

Since Crimea, Europe has only increased its dependence on Russian gas as they closed

coal and nuclear power stations, and banned fracking. Their threats of trade sanctions are today then something of a toothless tiger. The new Biden administration has not helped matters by putting tougher regulations on the US gas industry, just this week announcing more hurdles before gas pipelines are approved.

Remember when we all met in Glasgow last November, held hands, and said that the world was going to get to net zero emissions. Signing up to net zero emissions has played right into Putin’s hands. If we want to deter aggression we have to become more self-sufficient and that means developing our own resources (including our fossil fuel resources) in our national interest.

OPINION

Murray Watt,
Labor Senator for Queensland



A plan for manufacturing: More jobs in more industries

Central Queensland has a proud history in manufacturing, on the back of mining and agriculture machinery and the railways that span our state.

There is still plenty of manufacturing expertise across CQ, with workshops across Rocky, Gladstone, Biloela and Emerald providing good jobs and first rate equipment.

Despite these local successes, we’ve seen manufacturing decline under the ten-year-old Federal Government.

The LNP literally chased the Australian car industry offshore, cutting support for automotive manufacturing in 2015. Our reliance on manufactured goods from overseas has been brought to the surface through COVID-19, with builders, hospitals and more suffering from supply shortages and supply chain interruptions.

But it seems Scott Morrison and his local MPs still haven’t learned we need to make things here.

Just last week it was revealed the Morrison-Joyce Government overlooked Australian



Senator Murray Watt speaks at CQLX.

manufacturers to favour cheap overseas suppliers for millions of face masks, gowns, gloves and other PPE.

Let’s not forget this happened with rapid antigen tests too. Aussie firms approached the government about producing RATs here. But

Scott Morrison said we didn’t need them. We now have a bizarre situation where Australian-made tests are being exported overseas, while Australians were struggling to find RATs at home.

The Prime Minister swore Aussies wouldn’t be caught short of critical medical items yet here he is, doing nothing to work with local industry to ensure we avoid this occurring again. Time and time again, we see top notch Aussie companies struggle to break into the local market because of this government’s lack of belief in Australian industry.

The point is we need to invest in manufacturing now, to generate new jobs and new export opportunities in CQ. It would be a game changer for Central Queenslanders and help reinvigorate an industry that has been left behind by Scott Morrison.

Labor has announced a Buy Australian Plan that is determined to send a clear signal. We want to use the government’s purchasing power to back local manufacturers wherever we can.

An Anthony Albanese Labor Government

will also establish a \$15 billion National Reconstruction Fund, which will partner with local firms to rebuild our manufacturing industry and take it into new areas.

Part of this fund will be used for medical manufacturing and to help smelters, refineries and other heavy industry take advantage of the latest technology and energy sources. Labor’s candidates, Russell Robertson and Matt Burnett, are fighting hard to make sure CQ gets a piece of the pie.

And what that means for CQ is more jobs, well-paid jobs, for years to come.

The pandemic has proved manufacturers can adapt to make ventilators, masks and hand sanitiser. We need to work with local industry to make sure Central Queensland has those opportunities too.

Only Labor is committed to working alongside CQ manufacturers to make sure the industry is here to stay.

Central Queensland deserves more jobs in more industries. When we Buy Australian, that’s what Anthony Albanese and Labor will deliver.



How do you know that?

One question that comes up regularly from business owners is, "I don't understand how we ended up here?"

Inevitably they will be trying to understand why their business is in a market that isn't profitable, selling a new product no one wants, has more staff than it needs, is located in the wrong place or perhaps is structured in a way that makes no sense.

This always reminds me of navigation.

Over the years I've navigated people across land and aircraft through the air.

Truth be told, I've often done this with mixed success, sometimes getting where I was meant to be when I was meant to be there and other times taking more of a scenic route.

One thing this experience has taught me is small mistakes at the start lead to big problems later on.

If you are off course by a small margin at the start of a journey, once you have gone a reasonable distance you could be a long way off course.

If this goes on long enough, eventually you will have no idea what your position is or how you got there.

This navigation problem parallels a problem that occurs in many organisations and seems to ultimately lead to, "I don't understand how we ended up here?"

If you look at the chain of events and apply the logic we talked about above, I'm convinced

YOUR BUSINESS QUESTIONS ANSWERED
WITH JAMES HARRIS
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you will often find the equivalent of a small navigational error at the beginning that has magnified over time resulting in an organisation ending up in a position it didn't want or expect to be in.

I'm going to call this organisational equivalent of a small navigational error the 'unchallenged fact', and that is exactly what it is.

If you start listening for it, you will find that every day you are bombarded by statements that people put out there as facts without the slightest substantiation.

Most of the time this is harmless and to be frank, conversation would become impossible if people were required to substantiate every apparently factual statement they made.

However, problems occur when someone makes one of these statements and it becomes the basis of decisions and actions that have long term consequences.

There is an approach that I have found to be both incredibly simple and very effective in catching these errors relating to 'unchallenged

facts', before they grow into big problems.

As you may have guessed from the title, this approach is based on asking one question, "how do you know that?"

What you are looking for is evidence that what is being presented as a fact, is indeed a verifiable fact.

Sometimes this is straight forward.

If someone says there will be a public holiday in December for Christmas, this speaks for itself.

However, what if someone was to say to you that your company should venture into a new market because there is a growing demand in that market for your product?

I'd be inclined to want to see data that substantiated that 'fact' before I took a company off on that particular course.

If the decision looks important, before you head off in any direction, you have to ask the question and keep digging until you get to a point where you are presented with enough evidence that you are confident you are making a decision based on fact, or alternatively you are sure that you were being asked to take a leap of faith.

By the way, there is nothing wrong with taking a leap of faith sometimes, as long as you actually know that is what you are doing!

Let me sound a final note of caution, though. I would suggest you do this sparingly.

Whilst being a very effective way to avoid

setting off on journeys to destinations you don't want your organisation to visit, doing this won't make you popular.

Most people are preconditioned to think of opinions and facts as synonymous for all practical day to day purposes.

So, most people will not appreciate being asked to substantiate everything they say; with the implication that their opinions are unimportant.

So, give this a go. You may even avoid a costly mistake by asking this simple question, but please pick your battles.

If someone was to say, "we should get a bowl of fruit delivered to the office every week because that will be great for morale", that statement is purporting to be one of fact.

Without challenging it though, I really have no idea if there is a correlation or causal link between fruit delivery and morale.

The thing is though, I don't care.

However, if someone were to say to me, "we should move to an open plan office because that will make everyone more productive," you can bet the first thing I will ask is, "how do you know that?"

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 new questions to answer here every two weeks. You can submit your question to james@qsb-consulting.com using the subject 'CQToday'.

The crested pigeon

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BOB TRASK



Common in the local area, the Crested Pigeon is easily identified by the dark, pointed crest on its head.

As seen in the image, they are mostly grey in colour but also possess black stripes and have colourful areas of brown, purple, blue and green on their wings. They are most interesting to watch when breeding.

The male tries to impress the female by bobbing up and down, while opening and closing his wings like a fan with each bob. This is accompanied by a soft hooting!

The Crested Pigeon is easily identified.



Don't miss out on the GCCI inaugural business expo

GLADSTONE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY UPDATE

JOE SMITH



Are you a local business owner or manager?

If so, you don't want to miss out on GCCI's inaugural Business Expo on 26 May at CQUniversity. The expo, which will take place in Small Business Month, is an opportunity for local businesses, of all shapes and sizes, to showcase their products and services to the Gladstone Region community.

On from 10am to 4pm, the event will be a chance for businesses to connect with one another, creating future opportunities for collaboration, and increase awareness around the variety of products and services offered locally.

It will also include an exciting panel of to-be-announced guest speakers, with a theme of the importance of Buying Local from a busi-

ness and customer perspective, and lucky door prizes, sourced from exhibitors, drawn throughout day.

Exhibition spaces are not limited to GCCI members, although there are discounts and incentives on offer to those already a part of our association, and we welcome all businesses to take part, from retail and hospitality to tourism and the industrial sector. We even have special discounted exhibition sites allocated for local not-for-profits and microbusinesses.

With only 40 expo stall sites available places are limited, so if you're interested in taking part, I urge you to contact our new Events & Membership Officer Carey McIntosh today, on mail@gcci.com.au or 0448 333 121, for an event prospectus, or to book your place.

We look forward to seeing you at the GCCI 2022 Business Expo, which is a free event for the public to attend, showcasing why the Gladstone Region really is the region of choice and opportunity. As always, our committee, your fellow business owners and managers, are always here to listen and better understand the issues affecting your business – reach out if you need our support.

Q&A

with PRD Tannum Sands agent Deardrie Keleher



What is the best advice you've ever received?
Just be yourself and do unto others that you would expect yourself

What is something you do in your spare time?
I like going to the beach and having fun with the grandkids

What is something most people don't know about you?
I lived in a rural area for 9 years raising 4 children not connected to power

What's your favourite spot in the Gladstone region?
Wildcattle creek I love this area so peaceful and great swimming spot

What would be your last meal if you could choose?

Chicken chow mein

Which celebrity guests (dead or alive) would you invite to a dinner party?
Princess Diana

Who is your favourite movie star and what do you admire about him or her?
Kevin Costner he is a brilliant actor such a beautiful man

What is one of your greatest achievements?
Owning my own business at PRD Tannum Sands

If you had to choose three items to take with you on a trip to a deserted island, which would they be?
Fishing line, knife and a fire starter

Bright future awaits CQ

By Professor Nick Klomp, Vice-Chancellor and President, CQUniversity Australia

I've seen the future, folks – and it is bright!

For me, one of the greatest joys of leading a university is getting to know students who are set to make a huge difference in their communities.

Over recent weeks, I've been lucky to meet some of the 20 young people who are the future doctors for Central Queensland.

These school-leavers have been offered a place in the foundation year of our revolutionary, Australian-first regional medical pathway to be delivered in Rockhampton from this year. A further 20 students will also commence in Bundaberg.

This Regional Medical Pathway is the direct result of CQUniversity, University of Queensland, and Central Queensland and Wide Bay Hospital and Health Services coming together to address a critical issue: the future of health care in regional Queensland.

It is designed to ensure that more doctors are trained regionally, and more importantly, they will stay and practice regionally once they enter the profession.

Tylin Guthrie, Dylan Bertucci and Jay Warcon were three of almost 1000 young people to apply for our Bachelor of Medical Science (Pathway to Medicine).

The three-year course will commence in March, with graduates then moving into The University of Queensland's four-year Doctor of Medicine program, also to be fully delivered in our region.

The Rockhampton trio are excited to commence their studies in their own community – and it's inspiring to see how the needs of our region have motivated their career choices, too.

Tylin, a proud Darumbal woman who completed Year 12 at The Cathedral College, told me that becoming a doctor is "a remarkable opportunity to make a difference in my community".



CQUniversity Vice-Chancellor and President Professor Nick Klomp meets with CQUniversity's Bachelor of Medical Science (Pathway to Medicine) Head of Course Associate Professor Sonia Saluja and students Jay Warcon, Tylin Guthrie and Dylan Bertucci at CQUniversity Rockhampton North.

Dylan impressed me with his single-minded determination to study medicine, a career he'd chosen in Year 10.

He'd been prepared to move away for studies, but it was rewarding to see his excitement at staying in his Central Queensland community.

And Jay, another First Nations student, said he would be excited to becoming one of the first Darumbal doctors.

"It would be an amazing privilege. Overall, I want to be in the position where I can save lives, help people make a full recovery and promote the importance of health to both Indigenous and non-Indigenous people," he said.

Every Central Queenslander would know how medical workforce shortages impact lives in regional areas.

Our vision is to help overcome these critical skill shortages by nurturing and training doctors who will thrive as they study in their own communities, and who will understand and advocate for those communities after graduation.

That's a future that's healthier and happier for all of us.

Upgrades for Monto Mount Perry Road on the horizon

Monto Mount Perry Road is set to become safer as the Federal Government announced it has committed funding towards road safety upgrade projects to help reduce road trauma and save lives on Queensland roads.

Member for Callide Colin Boyce MP said the federal investment will particularly benefit rural and regional people who travel long distances every day on our Queensland roads.

"The funding includes \$10.6 million for the sealing of the Monto Mount Perry Road which is very welcome.

"This is a vital rural connection road from the Burnett Highway to the Bruce Highway and the community has fought hard for many years to have it sealed," MP Boyce said.

The upgrades come as Queensland Police announced that five lives were lost on Capricornia roads in a 48 hour period just last week.

"Better road conditions will keep our rural drivers safer and will go a long way towards reducing the number of tragedies on country roads," MP Boyce said.

"Delivering these upgrades as soon as possible is crucial for the safety of rural and regional drivers."

MP Boyce said actions are also in place to request the replacement of the John Peterson Bridge at Mundubbera.

"The Federal Government is delivering \$20 million of the total budget of \$25 million.

"Work has started and I will continue to push for the widening of this strategic road and other roads for our primary industries."

For more information on the Australian Government's \$3 billion Road Safety Program and other road safety initiatives, visit officeofroadsafety.gov.au/programs



Pictures: COLIN BOYCE MP

Gladstone*Today* COMMUNITY EVENTS BILLBOARD

Thursday 24 February

Garden Tours

Join us for a gentle stroll and be guided through the gardens by our own Friends of the Gardens Visit Services Volunteers. A wealth of knowledge about the Gardens is shared with the visitors. The volunteers who run the Tour are trained in not only scientific facts about the various plants and animals, but also the history and stories behind Tondoon.

Time: 10am to 11.30am

Location: Meet at the Courtyard, Tondoon Gardens

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

Saturday 26 February

Stafford Brothers

Acclaimed DJ and production duo The Stafford Brothers harness and apply endless energy to every aspect of their multi-faceted career, diverting it from the studio and the stage into extensive entrepreneurial pursuits and ancillary businesses. As a result, the brotherly pair of Chris and Matt count multiple platinum certifications, tens of millions of streams, three consecutive ITM Awards as "Number One DJ's," an ARIA nomination, and hundreds of sold out shows among their growing list of achievements.

Time: 8pm to 3pm

Location: Mieplace Niteclub, 6 Goondoon Street, Gladstone.

For more information see Mieplace Niteclub's Facebook page.

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.

MARCH

Tuesday 1 March

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.

Art Play

Bring your little one along and join an experienced children's art tutor, for some hassle-free fun. Let your little adventurer experience art through play without worrying about the mess! Tuesday Art Play is tailored for children between 18 months to 5 years old, aimed at interactivity and visual art awareness, rather than creating a finished product. All materials provided; wear clothes that can get messy.

Time: 10am to 11.15am

Location: Gladstone Regional Art Gallery and Museum, Cnr of Goondoon and Bramston Streets, Gladstone.

For more information call 4976 6766 or email gragm@gladstone.qld.gov.au

ACF Gladstone Community Group Meeting

ACF is behind environmental campaigns you'll have heard of, such as banning mining in Antarctica and earning World Heritage Listing for the Great Barrier Reef. Today, ACF works to solve the climate crisis, stand up for nature, redesign our economy and fix our democracy. ACF Community Gladstone is an independent volunteer group made up of Gladstone locals who think globally and act locally. We focus on local environmental issues such as Gladstone's air quality and our clean energy transition. So what can you do in Gladstone to make a difference on climate change? Come along and find out.

Time: 6pm to 7.30pm

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

For more information see their Facebook page.

Wednesday 2 March

Yoga for Pre-Teens (9-12)

On the mat our brain and body are finding ways to relax more, regulate and cope well with the experiences and obstacles of life. This ability then transfers into building positive wellbeing and resilience.

Time: 3.30pm to 4.30pm

Location Thrive Local, Shop 2, 65 Tank Street, West Gladstone.

For more information and to purchase tickets visit <https://www.eventbrite.com.au/>

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Friday 4 March

Drag Queen Bingo

Hold on to your balls! Miss Lady Saint Diva is back with her girls.

Time: 5.30pm to 9.30pm

Location: Club Gladstone at The Bowlo, 6A Ferris Street, Gladstone City.

For more information and tickets visit <https://www.eventbrite.com.au/>

Saturday 5 March

Beach Arts Music (BAM) Markets

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

Time: 2pm to 7pm

Location: Millennium Esplanade, Tannum Sands.

For more information visit <https://btabc.com.au/bam/>

Parks Week 2022

Join Gladstone Regional Council in celebrating Parks Week 2022. This year's focus is on how spending time in our parks and open spaces positively influence our wellbeing. Tondoon Botanic Gardens and various parks around our region will host an array of exciting activities.

Note this event is on until Sunday, 13 March.

Time: 8am to 5pm

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

For more information visit <http://www.parks-week.org/>

Sunday 6 March

Clean Up Australia Day

We are all part of the problem but you can be involved as part of the solution.

Get involved: Business Clean Up (Tuesday, 1 March), School Clean up (Friday, 4 March), and Step Up to Clean up as a Community (Sunday, 6 March).

Time: 6am to 5pm

Location: Various

To register online visit <https://www.cleanupaustraliaday.org.au/>

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Launch of Gladstone Listening Campaign

As attention turns to Gladstone to lead the world in climate solutions, things are going to change. So we are taking steps to build a coalition of community organisations through Queensland Community Alliance that will advocate for us, the Gladstone community, through the coming energy and economic transformation. To preserve the Gladstone way of life while preserving our industrial heritage, we need clean renewable energy. With the right planning, the whole community can share the benefits of this energy transition with plenty of secure future-proof jobs.

Time: 6pm to 7.30pm

Location: Virtual Event

For more information or to register visit https://www.acf.org.au/gladstone_listening_launch

Saturday 12 March

Combined School Musical 2022: Roald Dahl's Charlie and the Chocolate Factory - The Musical

Be transported to a world of pure imagination. The world-famous Willy Wonka is opening the gates to his mysterious factory...but only to a lucky few. Young Charlie Bucket and four other golden ticket winners will embark on a life-changing journey through Wonka's world of pure imagination including chocolate waterfalls, nutty squirrels and the great glass elevator, all to be revealed by Wonka's army of curious Oompa-Loompas.

Time: 7pm

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

For more information and tickets visit <https://gladstoneentertainment.com/combined-schools-musical/>

Sunday 13 March

Market Day

Historical Village Market is coming up again for the first market of 2022 and it'll be big. Bring your friends and family along for a wander around the huge variety of stalls.

Time: 8am to 12pm

Location: Calliope River Historical Village

Always looking for new stallholders so please book online at www.calliopehistoricalvillage.com

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Time: 11am

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

For more information and tickets visit <https://gladstoneentertainment.com/combined-schools-musical/>

KNOW OF AN EVENT HAPPENING IN OUR REGION?*

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

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John Pickles, Calliope SES.

Lots of fun at the gardens

The Rotary Club of Gladstone Midday hosted their monthly Charity Market at the Tondoon Botanic Gardens on the weekend and photographer **MIKE RICHARDS** was there to capture some of the fun.
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David Snowden.



Rotarians Les Salter and Robert Buckey.



Penny Allman-Payne and the Greens team.



Courtesy bus to car park.



Gary Rampton.

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STYLISH, MODERN FAMILY HOME



THIS new to the market, stylish home in Yeppoon offers the ultimate liveability and location for the modern family.

Beautifully presented and maintained, this property will tick many boxes.

Featuring 4 bedrooms and 2 bathrooms, the master has an ensuite and walk-in robe.

Open plan living with modern kitchen and air-conditioned lounge.

Fully fenced with side access and room for a shed and pool. Situated in one of Yeppoon's most unrivalled family locations with just minutes to Yeppoon CBD, beaches, easy access to Yeppoon-Rockhampton Road and a stone's throw to the bowls club and golf course.

This great lowset brick home is set on a 774m² block located in a quiet cul-de-sac and has so much to offer. A perfect blend of coastal living with the convenience of being close to town less than a five minute drive away. ●



HOME ESSENTIALS

Address: 22 Whistler Avenue, YEPPOON **Description:** 4 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, 2 garage **Price:** Offers over \$559,000 considered **Inspect:** By appointment

Contact: Troy Davis, 0400 933 347, YEPPOON REAL ESTATE



BARLOWS HILL 46 Stevenson Street

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Family home at Barlows Hill

- 3KW solar system, concrete driveway to the shed, 1012m2 block
- 9m x 6m shed with bathroom and air-conditioned plus 4 car parking spaces
- Full length front verandah that's enclosed & overlooking the seaviews
- Four generous bedrooms are air-conditioned with built in robes and fans
- Spacious new kitchen with dishwasher, benches, and lots of cupboards
- Covered entertaining area with 5.5m x 3m plunge pool and BBQ kitchen
- Close to Farnborough beach, town, shops, schools, main street & lagoon

\$695,000

ANDREW DOWIE
0429 391 379



YEPPOON 5 Baglow Avenue

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Dream location sitting above the rest

- Being offered for sale for the first time in 33 years!
- Amazing views in a convenient location close to the heart of Yeppoon
- 3 bedroom, 2 bathroom double storey home with timber flooring
- Multipurpose space underneath usable for media room or storage
- Wraparound veranda offering amazing views of ocean & islands
- Established gardens surrounding private, paved backyard retreat
- Centrally located in Yeppoon with easy access to shops & schools

Offers over \$599,000 considered

LEISA RICHARDSON
0427 251 008



YEPPOON 38 Georgina Drive

5 | 2 | 2



5 Bedroom Family Home

- Positioned on a 706m2 block in a quiet cul-de-sac, opposite park
- Only minutes' drive to Yeppoon's CBD, beaches, schools & shops
- Large kitchen, generous amounts of storage, dishwasher
- Light and bright open plan living/dining areas, aircon
- Two-way garage allowing access to the rear of the block
- Master bedroom has walk in robe and ensuite, ceiling fans
- 3 x 3 garden shed, manicured lawns

Offers over \$575,000 considered

LISA WILSON
0418 247 020



YEPPOON 32 Tucker Street

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Central Location, Charming Cottage, Huge Potential

- There is lots to love about this quaint, older style 3 bedroom cottage
- Walking distance to schools, shops and Yeppoon Main Beach
- Polished timber floors, open plan air-conditioned living area, high ceilings
- Modern kitchen, dishwasher, huge 2nd lounge/rumpus area with separate entry
- Huge additional lounge/rumpus area for the kids to watch their own movies
- Sea views, potentially extend deck for more ocean views and parking spaces
- Current rental market this home would rent for \$450 per week

\$449,000

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SCULPTING A BIG IMPACT IN A SMALL SPACE

AS backyards shrink, new ideas for gardens are on the rise. Smaller areas have necessitated a rethink in how to design outdoor spaces for maximum impact and practicality.

For a property where the back fence is just five metres from the house, this once would have been seen as a garden drawback. However, clever homeowners are beginning to turn it into a positive by creating an intimate courtyard effect.

The simplest method to achieve this effect is through strategically placed dense planting, seating, fence screens and even walls.

One of the nicest finishing touches to a leafy courtyard is a piece of garden art or an eye-catching sculpture.

The positioning of a sculptural piece is as important a consideration as its context and style.

Some points worth noting include:

- Will it get in the way of foot traffic?
- Will it move, possibly dangerously, in strong winds?
- Will it be tripped over or bumped into at night?
- Will it eat up too much of, or be a hazard to, the children's play area?
- Is the material used weather-resistant?
- Will it need special lighting to achieve maximum impact?

Getting the size right is also important. Big sculptures need to be viewed from a distance and lack contextual balance in small areas. On the other hand, small pieces need to be actually seen — and placed with safety in mind.

Garden sculptures come in lots of different materials and, along with aesthetics, durability is key. Metal and wooden pieces can rust or rot over time, glass can be easily chipped, but stone, marble and concrete



are ones to keep on keeping on. Concrete sculptures are probably the most cost-effective but check for chips, folds or cracks

before taking one home. Garden sculptures lend themselves to imaginative quirkiness, classic elegance,



cheeky kitsch, spiritual statements or free-form expression. Remember, there are no rules that can't be broken so get sculpting. ●



HOME WITH SOLAR PANELS

THIS is a new home to the sales market. There are three bedrooms all with built-in robes, fans. The master has split system air-conditioning while the other bedrooms have box air-conditioners.

There is a modern kitchen with an island bench plenty of cupboard space and pantry.

The open plan living with the dining has a split system air-conditioner. The bathroom is modern in design.

There is storage in the hallway and a storage room off from the laundry.

This property has a double carport, is fully fenced with a garden shed. But best of all it has 24 solar panels with 6.6kw supply.

Call now to arrange an inspection before you miss out. ●



HOME ESSENTIALS

Address: 20 Walsh Avenue, BLACKWATER **Price:** \$199,999
Description: 3 bedrooms, 1 bathroom, 2 garage **Inspect:** By appointment
Contact: Dee 0428 770 557, REAL ESTATE VISION GROUP

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EMERALD 07 4987 7055 Shop 2, 2-8 Mayfair Drive

3 BEDROOMS
\$110,000
44 Acacia Street, Blackwater
3 bed 1 bath 1 car

3 BEDROOMS
\$155,000
10 Seeman Street, Blackwater
3 bed 1 bath 2 car

3 BEDROOMS
\$269,000
103 Bauman Way, Blackwater
3 bed 2 bath 1 car

4 BEDROOMS
\$184,000
26 Bremner Street, Blackwater
4 bed 2 bath 2 car

3 BEDROOMS
\$375,000
16 Birt Street, Blackwater
3 bed 2 bath 1 car

2 BEDROOMS
Offers over \$90,000
Unit 3, 45 Baker Street, Emerald
2 bed 1 bath 1 car

Your Family Agency in the Central Highlands

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Zach 11, and Leilarny Kunst, 9.



Everyone enjoys the music.



Beddie Nielsen and Tracy Boswood.



Anne-Maree Gehle, Jordan Nilson and Tony Arandale.



ArcherEarl, 6, Memphis Smyth, 5, and Bryce Earl 9.



Faith Bates.

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Nicole Chamoun plays an
eccentric private investigator
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Partners in crime

New crime series *Tropo* brings to life Candice Fox's gripping novel *Crimson Lake*. Actress Nicole Chamoun tells **Danielle McGrane** why she was drawn to her role in this gritty series.

Nicole Chamoun's career has been going from strength to strength. The actress has had some excellent roles in gritty Aussie dramas, including *Safe Harbour* and *On the Ropes*.

But because of the pandemic, and some personal matters, she took herself out of the game for a couple of years.

Then the lure of a good role brought her right back.

"I decided to dip my toe back in and this was one of the first parts that I came across that I felt a pull to," she said.

"Intuitively I felt connected to the character and to the story and it just felt like everything was aligned. It turned out to be my first audition back and I got the job."

Chamoun has taken on the role of private investigator Amanda Pharrell in the new series *Tropo*, based on the bestselling novel *Crimson Lake* by Candice Fox. Amanda is an ex-con who was imprisoned for a crime she committed as a teenager.

Once she's released, she decides to return to her home town in Far North Queensland to solve the disappearance of a man.

"The story starts [when] Amanda has been out of jail for a year," Chamoun said.

"She decides to go back to the small town that she grew up in, where the crime she was convicted of took place, which I think is just so fascinating in itself.

"And so we catch her just trying to navigate her life after prison and she's a recluse, she's a complete oddball, she's not welcomed into the community and all her trauma allows her to move in a very specific and weird way through life, which I think is interesting."

There's a lot to this character that appeals to Chamoun.

"Amanda is quirky but I think she's also dark and she's been through some very heavy trauma," Chamoun said.

"Those characters for me are always the most interesting to play. She's layered and she's complex, so I didn't quite know how to approach her and that is always exciting for me."

Chamoun was so excited about the role, she did something she normally doesn't do.

"I read the book, because I couldn't get my hands on the script fast enough," she said.

"I wouldn't have read the book if the scripts were available, because I didn't want to confuse my brain or have it be too influenced by someone else's take on the character. But I'm glad I did."

However, Chamoun says there's still some separation between the book and the TV version.

"It's safe to say that our Amanda is quite different from the one in the



It takes two: Private investigator Amanda (Nicole Chamoun) and ex-cop Ted (Thomas Jane) team up on a dangerous case in *Tropo*.

book and I hope that the fans of the novel appreciate it," she said.

"Even physically – I don't look like the Amanda in the book. But so far so good, Candice Fox seems to be a huge fan of what we've done and of my work so that makes me very happy."

Amanda recruits ex-cop Ted Conkaffey, played by Thomas Jane, to help her solve the case.

Ted is running away from Sydney, where he has been falsely accused of a crime, leaving his wife and child behind.

"He's running away from his life and he's very much an outsider just like she is," Chamoun said.

"She recognises that together they're stronger than they are separate so she convinces him to come on board and help her out."

Thomas Jane, who took on the role of Ted, is a well-known American actor who's been in major films such as *Boogie Nights* and *The Punisher*, and most recently appeared in the series *The Expanse*.

"I hadn't worked with TJ [Jane] before, but I knew of his work and was a huge fan and was slightly intimidated at the prospect," Chamoun said.

"So when we had the chemistry test via Zoom, I knew that given the dynamic between these two characters – she is not intimidated by anyone or anything – that we had to be equals for this to work. I had to match him.

"So from the get-go I made a conscious decision not to blow smoke. It was really important to me that these two characters were seen as equals. And then TJ was awesome to work with and very collaborative and never made me feel like I was inexperienced or less experienced."

The characters are the quintessential odd couple, but work well together – as is often the way in this style of crime drama.

"TJ and I said from the beginning that if the relationship between Amanda and Ted is not solid then we've lost the audience," she said.

"It doesn't matter how amazing the crime stuff is, at its core it's about these two characters. We

always came back to that."

Tropo also taps into the popularity of crime dramas and mysteries, shows that transport the viewer from their everyday life.

"Daily life can become mundane and monotonous and I think there's something to be said of the excitement of this other world and it's thrilling," Chamoun said.

"There's dark and twisted in everyone and it allows you a healthy safe space to explore that from the comfort of your couch.

"It's a crime series but it's also at its core a relationship piece between these two deeply flawed humans who are trying to get through and find this connection and pull each other out as well."

The show also came along at just the right time for Chamoun.

"It was exactly what I needed in my life at that moment, professionally and personally," she said.

"Even just the physicality of this character, the way that she looks, the way that she moves through the world – I've never played a character like that before and it's very different to myself and I just loved getting lost in her world for four and a half months.

"It just felt like such a gift and a blessing to step into that world given the past 24 months of crappy life. So I'm indebted to her."

■ *Tropo*, premieres Sunday, 8.30pm, ABC TV and ABC iview



Movie Guide

PICK OF THE WEEK

CLASSIC QUEST STILL GOLDEN

Saturday
RAIDERS OF THE LOST ARK
Seven/Prime7, 7.30pm, PG (1981)

The man with the hat made a rollicking debut in this breakneck World War II-era adventure yarn from the minds of genius storytellers George Lucas and Steven Spielberg. Harrison Ford cemented a second iconic screen persona with his unflappable, whip-cracking archaeologist, ordered by the government to track down the lost ark of the covenant, which is being sought by the Nazis. With classic scene after classic scene, lots of creepy crawlies and one of composer John Williams' most memorable scores, *Ark* is the complete package. ★★★★★



Adventure time:
Harrison Ford in his first outing as Indiana Jones.



2012
Seven/Prime7, Friday, 8.30pm, M (2009)

Seemingly not content with having laid waste to the world in his previous pics, director Roland Emmerich (*Independence Day*, *The Day After Tomorrow*) cranks up the CGI devastation to gob-smacking levels to depict what happens when that pesky Mayan prediction that the world will end in 2012 just happens to prove correct. After discovering evidence time is running out, a scientist (Chiwitel Ejiofor, pictured) comes across a plan to spare 400,000 lucky souls from the oncoming devastation. ★★★★★



THE BOURNE LEGACY
Nine, Friday, 8.40pm, M (2012)

Set in the same world as Matt Damon's outstanding trilogy, *Legacy* makes do just fine without the series' original protagonist, Jason Bourne. Taking the lead this time is Jeremy Renner as super soldier Aaron Cross. After surviving an attempt on his life in Alaska, Cross embarks on a quest to find those responsible for his genetic enhancement. His hunt leads him to biochemist Dr Shearing (Rachel Weisz, pictured with Renner), who helps his search for those behind the operation. ★★★★★



T2 TRAINSPOTTING
SBS World Movies, Saturday, 8.30pm, MA15+ (2017)

Danny Boyle's adaptation of Irvine Welsh's drug-addict epic is rightly regarded as one of the greatest films of the '90s. So any trepidation around this sequel is completely understandable. *T2* doesn't reach the same dizzying highs as the original, rather it's a resonant and sobering reunion. Twenty years after starting a new life in Amsterdam, Renton (Ewan McGregor, pictured) suffers a heart attack and takes a trip home to Edinburgh, where he reunites with the old pals he left behind. ★★★★★



THE LORD OF THE RINGS: THE FELLOWSHIP OF THE RING
7Flix, Sunday, 7.30pm, M (2001)

From the opening scenes that masterfully detail the back story of J.R.R. Tolkien's tale, to the seamlessly integrated special effects, director Peter Jackson presents a marvellous realisation of mythical Middle-earth. However, the real triumph lies in the casting: Elijah Wood (pictured) is a revelation as the reluctant hero, Ian McKellen excels as the wizard Gandalf, and Viggo Mortensen consistently threatens to steal the show. ★★★★★



AMERICAN GANGSTER
NITV, Sunday, 10.25pm, MA15+ (2007)

Russell Crowe (pictured) and Denzel Washington portray the forces of good and evil operating in the 1970s Manhattan drug trade in *Gladiator* director Ridley Scott's stylish gangster flick. The story is based on the real-life crimes of Frank Lucas, a gangster who used American planes returning from the Vietnam War to import heroin. With hints of *Scarface* and *Serpico*, this crime saga isn't the most original, but it's still an engrossing portrait of two men on opposite sides of the law. ★★★★★



WILD ROSE
SBS World Movies, Tuesday, 7.35pm, M (2018)

She's fresh out of jail with two young kids to think about, but there's no way Rose-Lynn (Jessie Buckley, pictured) is going to let anything get in the way of her dream to be a country singer. She's got a killer voice, a story to tell and tenacity to spare, but first, she's got to get out of Glasgow. Forced to take a job as a cleaner while her mother (Julie Walters) cares for her children, Rose finds herself with an unexpected opportunity to pursue the career she's always wanted. ★★★★★

The Guide

PICK OF THE WEEK



WOULD I LIE TO YOU? AUSTRALIA 10, Monday, 8.30pm

Australians are finally getting a local version of the much-loved British comedy panel show hosted by Rob Brydon, more than 15 years after it debuted. It's better late than never though, with this Aussie format attracting the top-notch talents of Chrissie Swan as host, along with team captains Chris Taylor (*The Chaser*) and comedian Frank Woodley (pictured, right with Swan and Taylor) in a spectacle where each team must spin a ludicrous tale, with the opposing team guessing whether it is in fact truth, or fiction. In the premiere episode, Chris is joined by Carrie Bickmore and Ross Noble, while Frank coaches Luke McGregor and Zoë Coombs Marr in the art of deception. Tune in for a playful distraction.

EUROVISION: AUSTRALIA DECIDES SBS, Saturday, 7.30pm

Glitter. Sparkles. Over-the-top dance sequences. There's a lot to love about Eurovision. Since 2015, Aussie viewers have had an extra incentive to tune in and enjoy the melodic spectacle, with Australia joining the list of competitors. In this live special, hosts Joel Creasey and Myf Warhurst (pictured) showcase the artists, including Paulini, and Jaguar Jonze and Isaiah Firebrace, competing for their chance to represent Australia at this year's Eurovision Song Contest in Turin, Italy.



KILLING EVE ABC TV, Sunday, 9.30pm

After three enthralling, unpredictable seasons, the final instalment of *Killing Eve* is premiering with a racing pulse of gunshots, messy relationships, gorgeous clothes and breathtaking locations; for a spy thriller, it revels in subverting our expectations of genre and characters. As with past seasons, there's an exciting new showrunner in Laura Neal (*Sex Education*). In "Just Dunk Me", Eve (Sandra Oh) is out for revenge, whlie Villanelle (Jodie Comer, pictured) has found a fresh community to try to prove she is not a monster.



SAS AUSTRALIA Seven, Tuesday, 7.30pm

There aren't any TV shows that advise viewer discretion not to watch on a full stomach, but perhaps that should change. "What doesn't kill you, makes you", declares chief instructor Ant Middleton (pictured) in this gruelling series. Some of the tasks (and the celebrities' reactions) are so extreme that witnessing it could almost make you feel like throwing up. In this episode about leadership, discord among the recruits explodes, with a US Navy SEAL-style surf battle and a taxing waterfall climb.



Friday, February 25

ABC TV (2) 6.00 News Breakfast. 9.00 ABC News Mornings. 10.00 Q+A. (R) 11.10 George Clarke's Amazing Spaces. (R) 12.00 ABC News At Noon. 1.00 Griff's Great Kiwi Road Trip. (R) 1.55 <i>Les Misérables</i> . (Masv, R) 3.00 ABC News Afternoons. 4.00 Think Tank. (R) 5.00 <i>Barrie Cassidy's One Plus One</i> . (R) 5.30 <i>Hard Quiz</i> . (PG, R)	SBS (3) 6.00 WorldWatch. 9.30 Greek News. 10.30 German News. 11.00 Spanish News. 11.30 Turkish News. 12.00 Arabic News F24. 12.30 ABC America: World News Tonight. 1.00 PBS NewsHour. (R) 2.00 The Cook Up With Adam Liaw Bitesize. (R) 2.05 The Royals And The Tabloids. (PGa, R) 3.00 NITV News: Nula. 3.30 The Cook Up With Adam Liaw Bitesize. (R) 3.35 Celtic Woman: Ancient Land. (R) 5.05 Jeopardy! (PG) 5.30 Letters And Numbers. (R)	SEVEN (7) 6.00 Sunrise. 9.00 <i>The Morning Show</i> . (PG) 11.30 Seven Morning News. 12.00 MOVIE: Poseidon . (2006, Mav, R) Josh Lucas. 2.00 <i>House Of Wellness</i> . (Return, PG) 3.00 The Chase. (R) 4.00 Seven News At 4. 5.00 The Chase Australia. Hosted by Larry Emdur.	NINE (8, 9) 6.00 Today. 9.00 Today Extra. (PG) 11.30 Morning News. 12.00 MOVIE: Just For The Summer . (2020, PGa) Brant Daugherty, Linda Darlow, Hayley Sales. 1.50 Talking Honey: Relationship Specials. (PG, R) 2.00 <i>Pointless</i> . (PG) 3.00 <i>Tipping Point</i> . (PG) 4.00 Afternoon News. 4.30 <i>Millionaire Hot Seat</i> . (R) 5.30 WIN News.	TEN (5, 1) 6.00 The Talk. (PGa) 7.00 Judge Judy. (PG, R) 7.30 The Bold And The Beautiful. (PG, R) 8.00 Studio 10. (PG) 12.00 Dr Phil. (Mas) 1.00 Jamie's Ultimate Veg. (PG, R) 2.00 Entertainment Tonight. 2.30 Everyday Gourmet With Justine Schofield. (R) 3.00 Judge Judy. (PG, R) 3.30 Left Off The Map. 4.00 Farm To Fork. (PG) 4.30 The Bold And The Beautiful. (PG) 5.00 10 News First.
6.00 The Drum. Analysis of the day's news. 7.00 ABC News. Takes a look at today's top stories. 7.30 Gardening Australia. Tino Carnevale visits seed-saving experts. 8.30 Van Der Valk. (Mav) Part 2 of 3. Van der Valk investigates after an employee of the renowned Cuypers Diamonds is killed. 10.00 Mum. (Mls, R) Cathy has a hangover. 10.35 ABC Late News. Detailed coverage of the day's events. 10.50 Shaun Micallef's MAD AS HELL. (M, R) Hosted by Shaun Micallef. 11.20 Starstruck. (Ml, R) Jessie spends Christmas alone. 11.45 QI. (PG, R) 12.15 Rage. (MA15+adhlnsv)	6.00 Mastermind Australia. (PG) 6.30 SBS World News. 7.30 The Lakes With Simon Reeve. (PG) 8.35 How To Build A Nuclear Power Station. (PG) Part 2 of 2. 9.45 The Pyramids: Solving The Mystery: Khufu And The Tomb Of Secrets. (R) Explores the Egyptian pyramids. 10.40 SBS World News Late. 11.10 8 Out Of 10 Cats Does Countdown. (Mals, R) 12.05 Agatha Christie's Criminal Games. (Msv, R) 1.45 The Killing. (Ma, R) 4.00 Tsunamis: Facing A Global Threat. (Ml, R) 5.00 France 24 Feature. 5.15 NHK World English News. 5.30 Deutsche Welle English News.	6.00 Seven Local News. 6.30 Seven News. 7.00 Better Homes And Gardens. Adam Dovile shows how to repair leaky pipes. 8.30 MOVIE: 2012 . (2009, Mlv, R) A man tries to protect his family when a global cataclysm threatens to destroy the world. John Cusack, Amanda Peet, Chiwetel Ejiofor. 11.40 To Be Advised. 1.10 Scandal. (M, R) 2.00 Home Shopping. (R) 4.00 Million Dollar Minute. (R) 5.00 NBC Today.	6.00 Nine News. 7.00 A Current Affair. 7.30 David Attenborough's Green Planet: Desert Worlds. Part 4 of 5. 8.40 MOVIE: The Bourne Legacy . (2012, Mav, R) A top-secret government project, involving the creation of super soldiers, is threatened with exposure. Jeremy Renner, Rachel Weisz, Edward Norton. 11.15 MOVIE: Split . (2016, Malv, R) James McAvoy. 1.30 TV Shop: Home Shopping. (R) 4.00 Take Two. (R) 4.30 Global Shop. (R) 5.00 TV Shop: Home Shopping. (R) 5.30 A Current Affair. (R)	6.30 The Project. A look at the day's news and events. 7.30 The Graham Norton Show. Guests include Andrew Garfield. 9.30 Just For Laughs. (MA15+ls, R) Stand-up comedy performances from Becky Lucas, Peter Helliar and Al Del Bene. 10.00 Georgie Carroll: The Gloves Are Off. (Mal, R) A stand-up performance by Georgie Carroll. 11.30 The Project. (R) 12.30 The Late Show With Stephen Colbert. (PG) 1.30 Home Shopping. (R) 2.30 Infomercials. (PG, R) 3.00 Home Shopping. (R) 5.30 Infomercials. (PG, R)
ABC TV PLUS (22) 6am Children's Programs. 5.10pm The Wonder Gang. 5.20 Kangaroo Beach. 5.35 Luo Bao Bei. 5.50 Peppa Pig. 5.55 Circle Square. 6.05 Octonauts. 6.20 Bluey. 6.25 Peter Rabbit. 6.40 Andy's Aquatic Adventures. 7.00 Dino Dana. 7.15 Odd Squad. 7.30 Spicks And Specks. 8.00 Hard Quiz. 8.30 MOVIE: The Dinner . (2017, M) 10.25 Doctor Who. 11.20 Brassic. (Final) 12.10am QI. 12.40 Community. 1.00 Parks And Recreation. 1.20 Grand Designs. 2.10 ABC News Update. 2.15 Close. 5.05 Little Princess. 5.15 Hoot Hoot Go! 5.20 Pingu In The City. 5.30 Wallykazam! 5.55 Late Programs.	SBS VICELAND (31) 6am WorldWatch. 11.35 Hindi News. Noon MOVIE: God Help The Girl . (2014, M) 2.05 Hunters. 2.55 Jungletown. 3.45 America: News. 4.15 PBS News. 5.15 Joy Of Painting. 5.45 Shortland Street. 6.15 Alone. 7.05 Jeopardy! 7.35 8 Out Of 10 Cats Does Countdown. 8.30 Hoarders. 9.25 Sex Unlimited. 10.20 Day Of The Dead. (Premiere) 11.10 Narcos. 12.10am MOVIE: The Host . (2006, M) 2.20 The Trixie & Katya Show. 2.45 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.	7TWO (72) 6am Home Shopping. 6.30 Travel Oz. 8.00 Harry's Practice. 8.30 Million Dollar Minute. 9.30 NBC Today. Noon A Confession. 1.00 Million Dollar Minute. 2.00 To Be Advised. 2.30 Sons And Daughters. 4.30 Selling Houses Australia. 5.30 Escape To The Country. 6.30 Bargain Hunt. 7.30 Railroad Australia. 8.30 Selling Houses Australia. 11.45 The Great Outdoors: Greatest Escapes. 12.45am The Fine Art Auction. 4.00 Better Homes And Gardens. 5.30 Home Shopping.	9GEM (81, 92) 6am TV Shop: Home Shopping. 7.00 Creflo Dollar Ministries. 7.30 TV Shop: Home Shopping. 10.30 Pointless. 11.30 My Favorite Martian. Noon Days Of Our Lives. 12.55 The Young And The Restless. 1.50 The Bill. 2.50 Antiques Roadshow. 3.20 MOVIE: The Dove . (1974) 5.30 Murder, She Wrote. 6.30 Antiques Roadshow. 7.30 Keeping Up Appearances. 8.40 MOVIE: The Untouchables . (1987, M) 11.05 Memory Lane. 12.25am Keeping Up Appearances. 12.50 Explore. 1.00 TV Shop: Home Shopping.	10 PEACH (52, 11) 6am The Late Show With Stephen Colbert. 7.00 NBL Slam. 7.30 Seinfeld. 9.00 Becker. 10.00 The Middle. 11.00 Frasier. Noon To Be Advised. 1.00 Mom. 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 Mom. 11.00 Nancy Drew. Midnight Home Shopping. 12.30 Infomercials. 1.00 Home Shopping. 1.30 The Late Show With Stephen Colbert. 2.30 The Late Late Show With James Corden. 3.30 Becker. 4.30 Home Shopping. 5.30 Infomercials.
NITV (34) 6am Morning Programs. 9.10 Bushwhacked! 9.35 The Magic Canoe. 10.00 Undiscovered Vistas. 10.50 Nurturing Country. 11.00 Going Places. Noon MOVIE: Raw Deal . (1986) 2.00 Shortland St. 2.30 Chefs' Line. 3.00 Bushwhacked! 3.25 The Magic Canoe. 3.50 Wolf Joe. 4.00 Aussie Bush Tales. 4.10 Grace Beside Me. 4.35 Mustangs FC. 5.00 Our Stories. 5.30 NITV News: Nula. 6.00 Bamay. 6.35 News. 6.40 Undiscovered Vistas. 7.30 Little J And Big Cuz. 7.45 MOVIE: Tia And Puijuq . (2018) 9.10 Bedtime Stories. 9.20 Through The Wormhole With Morgan Freeman. 10.20 Songlines. 11.00 Late Programs.	SBS WORLD MOVIES (32) 6am Hoot. Continued. (2006, PG) 7.10 Death Defying Acts. (2007, PG) 8.55 Race. (2016, PG) 11.25 99 Homes. (2014, M) 1.30pm Bride And Prejudice. (2004, PG) 3.35 A Monster Calls. (2016, PG) 5.35 The Well-Digger's Daughter. (2011, PG, French) 7.35 Postcards From The Edge. (1990, M) 9.30 Macbeth. (2015, MA15+) 11.35 Charlie Countryman. (2013, MA15+) 1.30am Disorder. (2015, MA15+, French) 3.20 Aloys. (2016, M, Swiss German) 5.00 The Well-Digger's Daughter. (2011, PG, French)	7MATE (73) 6am ITM Fishing Show: Best Of The Best. 7.00 Fishing And Adventure. 7.30 Creek To Coast. 8.00 American Pickers. 9.00 Hellfire Heroes. 10.00 A Football Life. 11.00 America's Game: The Super Bowl Champions. Noon SAS: UK. 1.00 Demolition NZ. 2.00 Shipping Wars. 3.00 Big Easy Motors. 3.30 The Food Dude. 4.00 Timbersports. 4.30 Pawn Stars. 5.00 MOVIE: Superman III . (1983, PG) 7.30 MOVIE: 2 Fast 2 Furious . (2003, M) 9.45 MOVIE: Ghost Rider: Spirit Of Vengeance . (2011, M) 11.45 Hardcore Pawn. 12.15am SAS: UK. 1.30 Shipping Wars. 2.00 Late Programs.	9GO! (82, 93) 6am Children's Programs. 11.30 Bakugan: Battle Planet. Noon Xena. 2.00 Hercules. 3.00 The Nanny. 3.30 3rd Rock From The Sun. 4.00 That '70s Show. 4.30 Everybody Loves Raymond. 5.30 MOVIE: Goosebumps . (2015, PG) 7.30 MOVIE: Kung Fu Panda 3 . (2016, PG) 9.15 MOVIE: Nacho Libre . (2006, PG) 11.00 Stunt Science. Midnight The Fix. 1.00 The Arrangement. 2.00 Below Deck Sailing Yacht. 2.50 Transformers: Cyberverse. 3.00 Bakugan: Battle Planet. 3.30 Ninjago: Masters Of Spinjitzu. 4.00 TV Shop: Home Shopping. 5.00 Care Bears: Unlock The Magic. 5.30 Mega Man: Fully Charged.	10 BOLD (53, 12) 6am Home Shopping. 7.00 Infomercials. 8.00 Escape Fishing With ET. 8.30 Cheers. 9.00 Jake And The Fatman. 10.00 Diagnosis Murder. 11.00 Bondi Rescue. 11.30 Cheers. Noon NCIS. 1.00 Walker, Texas Ranger. 3.00 Jake And The Fatman. 4.00 Diagnosis Murder. 5.00 JAG. 6.00 Bondi Rescue. 7.30 NCIS. 8.30 Law & Order: SVU. 10.30 CSI: Crime Scene Investigation. 12.30am Home Shopping. 1.00 Infomercials. 1.30 Home Shopping. 2.00 Jake And The Fatman. 3.00 JAG. 4.00 Walker, Texas Ranger. 5.00 Diagnosis Murder.

Saturday, February 26

<p>ABC TV (2) 6.00 Rage. (PG) 7.00 Weekend Breakfast. 9.00 Rage Goes Retro. (PG) 10.30 Rage. (PG) 12.00 ABC News At Noon. 12.30 Van Der Valk. (Mav, R) 2.00 Employable Me Australia. (Mal, R) 3.00 Outback Ringer. (PG, R) 3.30 Landline. (R) 4.00 Basketball. WNBL. Round 12. Southside Flyers v Bendigo Spirit.</p> <p>6.10 George Clarke's Amazing Spaces. (R) Presented by George Clarke. 7.00 ABC News. Takes a look at today's top stories. 7.30 Death In Paradise. (Mv) Neville must solve a mystery from the past. 8.30 All Creatures Great And Small. (Final, PG) The Dales are in the grip of a bitter winter and Siegfried has come down with the flu. 9.20 Call The Midwife. (PG, R) Leading up to Mother's Day, the team is forced to give up more than just cigarettes and sugar for Lent. 10.20 Father Brown. (Mav, R) A gossip columnist is murdered. 11.05 Les Misérables. (Ma, R) Jean Valjean reveals his true identity. 12.05 Rage Goes Retro. (MA15+adlhnsv) 5.00 Rage. (PG)</p> <p>ABC TV PLUS (22) 6am Children's Programs. 7.05pm The Deep. 7.30 Spicks And Specks. 8.00 QI. 8.30 Live At The Apollo. 9.15 Sammy J. 9.20 Whose Line Is It Anyway? 10.05 Penn & Teller: Fool Us. 10.50 Gavin & Stacey. 11.20 Schitt's Creek. 11.45 Archer. 12.05am Dead Pixels. 12.30 The Young Offenders. 1.05 The Planets. 2.05 Close. 5.05 Little Princess. 5.15 Hoot Hoot Go! 5.20 Pingu In The City. 5.30 Late Programs.</p> <p>NITV (34) 6am Morning Programs. 11.40 Undiscovered Vistas. 12.30pm Nuuca. 12.40 Sisters In League. 1.40 Rugby Union. Ella 7s. 2.00 Ice Hockey. National Hockey Super League. 4.00 Soccer. Scottish Women's Premier League. 5.50 VICE World Of Sports. 6.20 Rivals. 6.50 News. 7.00 MOVIE: Betty Davis: They Say I'm Different. (2018, PG) 7.30 Living Black. 8.30 Eurovision: Australia Decides. 11.00 Late Programs.</p>	<p>SBS (3) 6.00 WorldWatch. 10.30 German News. 11.00 Spanish News. 11.30 Turkish News. 12.00 Arabic News F24. 12.30 ABC America: World News Tonight. 1.00 PBS NewsHour. (R) 2.00 The Cook Up With Adam Liaw Bitesize. (R) 2.05 Going Places With Ernie Dingo. (R) 2.35 KGB: The Sword And The Shield. (PGa, R) 3.35 Nazi Megastructures: Russian War. (PGa, R) 4.30 Ethnic Business Awards. (PG, R)</p> <p>6.30 SBS World News. 7.30 Eurovision: Australia Decides. Showcases the best of Australian music. 10.10 Great Escapes With Morgan Freeman: Assassins Flights. (Final, M) A look at the case of James Earl Ray. 10.55 8 Out Of 10 Cats Does Countdown. (Mls, R) Hosted by Jimmy Carr. 11.50 Dublin Murders. (MA15+a, R) 1.00 Great British Railway Journeys. (R) 1.35 MOVIE: The Girl With The Dragon Tattoo. (2009, MA15+Isv, R, Swedish) 4.25 VICE Guide To Film. (R) 4.55 Destination Flavour: Singapore Bitesize. (PG, R) 5.00 France 24 Feature. 5.15 NHK World English News. 5.30 Deutsche Welle English News.</p> <p>SBS VICELAND (31) 6am WorldWatch. Noon Date My Race. 1.00 Stacey Dooley: Young And Homeless. 2.10 Insight. 3.10 WorldWatch. 4.35 RockWiz Rewind. 5.15 RockWiz. 6.35 Extreme Food Phobics. 7.35 Impossible Engineering. 8.30 Ghost Planes And The Mystery Of Flight 370. 10.05 The X-Files. 12.35am MOVIE: My Left Foot. (1989, M) 2.30 France 24. 3.00 Thai News. 3.30 Bangla News. 4.00 Punjabi News. 4.30 Late Programs.</p> <p>SBS WORLD MOVIES (32) 6am The Well-Digger's Daughter. Continued. (2011, PG, French) 7.00 The Red Shoes. (1948, PG) 9.25 Hoot. (2006, PG) 11.05 My Big Gay Italian Wedding. (2018, M, Italian) 12.45pm M.S. Dhoni: The Untold Story. (2016, PG, Hindi) 4.15 Death Defying Acts. (2007, PG) 6.00 Race. (2016, PG) 8.30 T2 Trainspotting. (2017, MA15+) 10.40 Her Smell. (2018, MA15+) 1.10am Late Programs.</p>	<p>SEVEN (7) 6.00 NBC Today. 7.00 Weekend Sunrise. 10.00 The Morning Show: Weekend. (PG) 12.00 Horse Racing. Blue Diamond Stakes and Chipping Norton Stakes. 4.30 Border Security: International. (PGad, R) 5.00 Seven News At 5. 5.30 Creek To Coast.</p> <p>6.00 Seven News. 7.00 Border Security: Australia's Front Line. (PG) Authorities explore a woman's claims that she is back in Australia to bring her friends Taiwanese snacks. 7.30 MOVIE: Raiders Of The Lost Ark. (1981, PGhv, R) An archaeologist and adventurer sets out on a quest to recover the fabled Ark of the Covenant. Harrison Ford, Karen Allen, John Rhys-Davies. 10.00 MOVIE: Con Air. (1997, MA15+Iv, R) A newly paroled criminal becomes caught in a siege after the prison transport aircraft he is on is hijacked. Nicolas Cage, John Cusack, John Malkovich. 12.25 Why Does Love? (Mals, R) Charts the story of The Exponents. 2.30 Home Shopping. (R) 4.00 Get Clever. (R) Educational kids' program. 5.00 My Greek Odyssey. (PG, R)</p> <p>7TWO (72) 6am Morning Programs. 10.00 Australia's Best Backyards. 10.30 Jabba's Movies. 11.00 Horse Racing. Blue Diamond Stakes and Chipping Norton Stakes. Noon To Be Advised. 12.30 Creek To Coast. 1.00 Sydney Weekender. 1.30 To Be Advised. 4.30 The Great Outdoors: Greatest Escapes. 5.30 Ed And Karen's Recipes For Success. 6.30 The Yorkshire Vet. 8.30 Escape To The Country. 11.30 Late Programs.</p> <p>7MATE (73) 6am Morning Programs. 12.30pm Timbersports. 1.00 Blokesworld. 1.30 The Food Dude. 2.00 Football. AFL Women's. Round 8. Fremantle v Adelaide. 4.00 All The Way Up. 5.00 Paralympic Winter Games Beijing 2022: Preview. 5.30 Storage Wars: TX. 6.00 American Pickers. 7.00 MOVIE: 10,000 BC. (2008, PG) 9.00 MOVIE: Kickboxer: Vengeance. (2016, MA15+) 11.00 Late Programs.</p>	<p>NINE (8, 9) 6.00 Easy Eats. (R) 7.00 Weekend Today. 10.00 Today Extra: Saturday. (PG) 12.00 Destination WA. (PG) 12.30 Delish. 1.00 My Way. (R) 1.30 MOVIE: The Pink Panther 2. (2009, PGsv, R) Steve Martin, Jean Reno, Emily Mortimer. 3.20 David Attenborough's Green Planet. (R) 4.30 The Garden Gurus. (Return) 5.00 News: First At Five. 5.30 Getaway. (PG)</p> <p>6.00 Nine News Saturday. 7.00 A Current Affair. 7.30 Space Invaders. (PG) Experts help people declutter their lives. 8.30 MOVIE: Muriel's Wedding. (1994, Mls, R) A young woman, who dreams of marriage, leaves her small town to find romance in the big city. Toni Collette, Bill Hunter, Rachel Griffiths. 10.40 MOVIE: The Birdcage. (1996, Ml, R) A gay club owner pretends to be straight. Robin Williams. 12.50 Australia's Top Ten Of Everything. (PGl, R) 1.45 Garden Gurus Moments. (R) 2.00 TV Shop: Home Shopping. (R) 4.30 Global Shop. (R) 5.00 TV Shop: Home Shopping. (R) 5.30 Wesley Impact With Stu Cameron. (PG, R)</p> <p>9GEM (81, 92) 6am Morning Programs. 10.30 Edgar Wallace Mysteries. 11.50 Garden Gurus Moments. Noon MOVIE: Arabian Adventure. (1979) 2.00 MOVIE: Frankie And Johnny. (1966) 3.50 MOVIE: Khartoum. (1966) 6.30 Rugby Union. Super Rugby. Round 2. Melbourne Rebels v Western Force. 8.45 Super Rugby Post-Match. 9.00 MOVIE: The Magnificent Seven Ride! (1972, M) 11.05 Late Programs.</p> <p>9GO! (82, 93) 6am Children's Programs. 1.30pm Peaking. 2.15 Race Across The World. 3.30 Ultimate Rush. 4.00 Soapbox Racing. Red Bull Series. Replay. 5.00 MOVIE: Megamind. (2010, PG) 7.00 MOVIE: Minions. (2015, PG) 8.45 MOVIE: Forgetting Sarah Marshall. (2008, MA15+) 11.00 The Drop Off. 12.30am The Fix. 1.30 The Arrangement. 2.30 Very Cavallari. 3.20 Transformers: Cyberverse. 3.30 Late Programs.</p>	<p>TEN (5, 1) 6am Morning Programs. 8.00 My Market Kitchen. (R) 8.30 Pooches At Play. (R) 9.00 Freshly Picked. (R) 9.30 St10. (PG) 12.00 4x4 Adventures. (R) 1.00 Left Off The Map. (R) 1.30 Everyday Gourmet. (R) 2.00 My Market Kitchen. (R) 2.30 Destination Dessert. (R) 3.00 What's Up Down Under. 3.30 Farm To Fork. (PG, R) 4.00 Taste Of Australia. (R) 4.30 Roads Less Travelled. (R) 5.00 News.</p> <p>6.00 Soccer. A-League Men. Round 16. Sydney FC v Melbourne City. From Netstrata Jubilee Stadium, Sydney. 9.00 Ambulance Australia. (Ma, R) The low blood sugar levels of 23-year-old type 1 diabetic have led to a dangerous seizure. Another code 1A comes in for a two-year-old suffering from some serious respiratory issues. 10.00 Ambulance. (Mal, R) The North West Ambulance Service is facing one of their busiest nights of the year. 11.00 FBI: Most Wanted. (Mdv, R) The team pursues a notorious Colombian drug lord who has escaped from prison and is on a killing spree. 12.00 Home Shopping. (R) 1.30 Infomercials. (PG, R) 2.30 Home Shopping. (R) 5.00 Hour Of Power. Religious program.</p> <p>10 PEACH (52, 11) 6am The Late Show With Stephen Colbert. 6.55 The King Of Queens. 7.55 The Big Bang Theory. 8.20 Frasier. 9.20 Becker. 10.15 The Middle. 11.10 Brides Of Beverly Hills. 12.10pm Australian Survivor. 3.00 Friends. 6.00 The Big Bang Theory. 10.15 Friends. 12.10am Home Shopping. 1.10 Infomercials. 1.40 Mom. 2.35 Undercover Girlfriends. 3.30 Nancy Drew. 4.30 Home Shopping.</p> <p>10 BOLD (53, 12) 6am Morning Programs. 8.00 Shopping. 9.00 The Doctors. 10.00 Cheers. 10.30 Australia By Design: Architecture. 11.00 Bondi Rescue. Noon Jake And The Fatman. 1.00 JAG. 2.00 Diagnosis Murder. 3.00 Buy To Build. 3.30 Hotels By Design. 4.00 Bondi Rescue. 4.30 iFish Summer. 5.00 Escape Fishing. 5.30 Scorpion. 7.30 NCIS. 8.30 NCIS: New Orleans. 10.20 The FBI Declassified. 11.20 Late Programs.</p>
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Sunday, February 27

<p>ABC TV (2) 6.00 Rage. (PG) 7.00 Weekend Breakfast. 9.00 Insiders. 10.00 Offsiders. 10.30 The World This Week. (R) 11.00 Compass. (PG, R) 11.30 Songs Of Praise. 12.00 ABC News At Noon. 12.30 Landline. 1.30 Gardening Australia. (R) 2.30 Australia Remastered. (R) 3.25 Love On The Spectrum. (R) 4.25 Back In Time For Dinner. (PG, R) 5.30 Nigella At My Table. (R)</p> <p>6.00 Antiques Roadshow. 7.00 ABC News Sunday. 7.40 Grand Designs New Zealand. (PG) Hosted by Chris Moller. 8.30 Troppo. (Premiere, Mal) A private investigator recruits a disgraced ex-cop to help solve the disappearance of a tech pioneer. 9.30 Killing Eve. (Return, MA15+v) Following Eve and Villanelle's exchange on the bridge, Eve is on a revenge mission. 10.15 Miniseries: Patrick Melrose. (Mds, R) Part 3 of 5. 11.15 Harrow. (Madnsv, R) 12.10 Mum. (Mls, R) 12.40 Shetland. (PG, R) 1.40 Rage. (MA15+adlhnsv) 4.00 Keeping Australia Safe. (Final, Mad, R) 5.00 Insiders. (R)</p> <p>ABC TV PLUS (22) 6am Children's Programs. 7.05pm The Deep. 7.30 Compass. 8.00 You Can't Ask That. 8.30 Lucy Worsley's Royal Palace Secrets. 9.25 Catalyst. 10.25 Richard Lepastriier: Framing The View. 11.25 George Clarke's Amazing Spaces. 12.15am MOVIE: The Dinner. (2017, M) 2.10 ABC News Update. 2.15 Close. 5.05 Little Princess. 5.15 Hoot Hoot Go! 5.20 Pingu In The City. 5.30 Wallykazam! 5.55 Late Programs.</p> <p>NITV (34) 6am Morning Programs. 11.15 Football. CAFL. 12.45pm Motor Racing. W Series. Round 3. Highlights. 1.15 Soccer. Serie A Femminile. 3.00 Rugby Union. Monsoon Rugby Union. 4.30 Softball. SA Premier League. 6.00 Going Native. 6.30 News. 6.40 Animal Babies: First Year On Earth. 7.40 Etthen Heldeli: Caribou Eaters. 8.30 Muhammad Ali. 10.25 MOVIE: American Gangster. (2007, MA15+) 1.10am Late Programs.</p>	<p>SBS (3) 6.00 WorldWatch. 11.00 Spanish News. 11.30 Turkish News. 12.00 Motorcycle Racing. Australian Superbike Championship. Round 1. 3.00 Arabic News F24. 3.30 ABC America: World News Tonight. 4.00 Cycling. AusCycling Mountain Bike National Championships. Highlights. 5.05 Going Places With Ernie Dingo. (PG, R) 5.35 Nazi Megastructures: Russian War. (PGa, R)</p> <p>6.30 SBS World News. 7.30 Treasures Of Arabia. (PG) Presented by Bettany Hughes. 8.30 Atilla's Forbidden Tomb. (M) Takes a look at recent discoveries in remote Kazakhstan that shed a light on Attila and the Hun people. 10.05 Every Family Has A Secret: Matthieu Heime! And Kerry Stevenson. (PGa, R) Part 2 of 3. 11.10 Mary Beard's Shock Of The Nude. (MA15+ans, R) 1.20 Michael Mosley: Make Me. (PG, R) 2.15 Michael Mosley: Make Me Live Forever. (PG, R) 3.10 Michael Mosley: Make Me Stay Awake. (PG, R) 4.05 Two Sisters, One Body. (Mal, R) 5.00 France 24 Feature. 5.15 NHK World English News. 5.30 Deutsche Welle English News.</p> <p>SBS VICELAND (31) 6am WorldWatch. 10.00 SBS Courtside. 10.30 Basketball. NBA. Toronto Raptors v Atlanta Hawks. 1pm WorldWatch. 1.30 Hunt For The Trump Tapes. 2.00 Nuts And Bolts. 3.00 WorldWatch. 3.30 RockWiz. 4.50 Rockwiz Salutes The Bowl. 6.30 Eurovision: Australia Decides. 9.05 The Story Of Late Night. 9.55 Point Blank: Gun Obsession. 10.45 Dark Side Of Football. 11.35 Late Programs.</p> <p>SBS WORLD MOVIES (32) 6am Race. Continued. (2016, PG) 7.40 A Monster Calls. (2016, PG) 9.40 The Well-Digger's Daughter. (2011, PG, French) 11.40 Aloys. (2016, M, Swiss German) 1.20pm Lucky Grandma. (2019, M, Mandarin) 2.55 The Red Shoes. (1948, PG) 5.25 Jour De Fete. (1949, French) 6.50 Satellite Boy. (2012, PG) 8.30 Seven Psychopaths. (2012, MA15+) 10.35 Their Finest. (2016, M) 12.45am Late Programs.</p>	<p>SEVEN (7) 6.00 NBC Today. 7.00 Weekend Sunrise. 10.00 The Morning Show: Weekend. (PG) 12.00 House Of Wellness. (PG, R) 1.00 MOVIE: Strange Magic. (2015, PGav, R) Evan Rachel Wood, Elijah Kelley. 3.00 Motorbike Cops. (PG, R) 3.30 Border Security: America's Front Line. (PG) 4.00 Better Homes And Gardens. (R) 5.00 Seven News At 5. 5.30 Weekender.</p> <p>6.00 Seven News. 7.00 Dancing With The Stars: All Stars. (PG) Hosted by Daryl Somers and Sonia Kruger. 8.45 Crime Investigation Australia: The Cangai Siege. (MA15+alv) Takes a look at the 1993 Cangai siege, the culmination of a murder spree that claimed the lives of five people. 10.15 Born To Kill? Ted Bundy. (MA15+av) Examines the crimes of Ted Bundy. 11.15 Death Row: Countdown To Execution. (MA15+av) 12.15 The Proposal. (M, R) 1.15 Travel Oz. (PG, R) 2.00 Home Shopping. (R) 3.30 Million Dollar Minute. (R) 4.00 NBC Today. 5.00 Seven Early News. 5.30 Sunrise.</p> <p>7TWO (72) 6am Morning Programs. 9.30 Australia's Best Backyards. 10.00 Ed And Karen's Recipes For Success. 11.00 NBC Today. Noon The Yorkshire Vet. 2.00 Football. AFL Women's. Round 8. Fremantle v Adelaide. 4.00 Football. AFL Women's. Round 8. Gold Coast v St Kilda. 6.00 Dog Patrol. 7.00 Border Security. 8.30 Railroad Australia. 9.30 Mighty Trains. 10.30 Great Scenic Railway Journeys. 11.10 Late Programs.</p> <p>7MATE (73) 6am Morning Programs. Noon Football. AFL Women's. Round 8. Gold Coast v St Kilda. 2.00 Football. AFL Women's. Round 8. Collingwood v Western Bulldogs. 4.00 Football. AFL Women's. Round 8. West Coast v Brisbane Lions. 6.00 American Pickers. 7.00 Pawn Stars. 7.30 MOVIE: Fast & Furious. (2009, M) 9.40 MOVIE: Fast Five. (2011, M) 12.30am Late Programs.</p>	<p>NINE (8, 9) 6am Morning Programs. 11.00 Rugby League. NRL Women's Premiership. Round 1. St George Illawarra Dragons v Gold Coast Titans. 12.50 Rugby League. NRL Women's Premiership. Round 1. Sydney Roosters v Brisbane Broncos. 2.40 Rugby League. NRL Women's Premiership. Round 1. Newcastle Knights v Parramatta Eels. 4.00 Bondi Vet. (PGM) 5.00 News. 5.30 My Way.</p> <p>6.00 Nine News Sunday. 7.00 Married At First Sight. (PGIs) It is time for the Commitment Ceremony. 8.40 60 Minutes. Current affairs program, investigating, analysing and uncovering the issues affecting all Australians. 9.40 Nine News Late. A look at the latest news and events. 10.10 Australian Crime Stories: Killing Florence. (Mav, R) A look at the murder of Florence Broadhurst. 11.20 The First 48: The Third Man/ Cash Money Murder. (Mav) 12.10 Shallow Grave. (Mav, R) 1.00 Drive TV. (R) 1.30 TV Shop: Home Shopping. (R) 4.00 Believer's Voice Of Victory. (PGa) 4.30 Take Two. (R) 5.00 News Early Edition. 5.30 Today.</p> <p>9GEM (81, 92) 6am Morning Programs. 10.00 My Favorite Martian. 10.30 Rainbow Country. 11.00 Edgar Wallace Mysteries. 12.20pm Explore. 12.30 Garden Gurus. 1.00 Getaway. 1.30 MOVIE: Wherever She Goes. (1951) 3.00 MOVIE: Pacific Destiny. (1956) 5.00 MOVIE: The 7th Dawn. (1964, PG) 7.30 MOVIE: Jack Ryan: Shadow Recruit. (2014, M) 9.35 Chicago P.D. 10.35 House. 11.35 Late Programs.</p> <p>9GO! (82, 93) 6am Children's Programs. Noon Ironman. Nutri-Grain Next Gen Series. 2.00 Liquid Science. 2.30 MOVIE: Pokémon The Movie: Hoopa And The Clash Of Ages. (2015) 4.00 MOVIE: The Road To El Dorado. (2000) 5.45 MOVIE: Astro Boy. (2009, PG) 7.30 MOVIE: Oblivion. (2013, M) 10.00 MOVIE: After Earth. (2013, M) Midnight The Fix. 1.00 The Arrangement. 2.00 Very Cavallari. 2.50 Late Programs.</p>	<p>TEN (5, 1) 6am Morning Programs. 8.00 GCBC. (R) 8.30 Freshly Picked. (R) 9.00 Left Off The Map. (R) 9.30 St10. (PG) 12.00 Australian Survivor. (R) 1.30 My Market Kitchen. (R) 2.00 Everyday Gourmet. (R) 2.30 Australia By Design: Architecture. (PG) 3.00 Destination Dessert. (R) 3.30 Roads Less Travelled. (R) 4.00 Farm To Fork. (PG, R) 4.30 Taste Of Australia. (R) 5.00 News.</p> <p>6.30 The Sunday Project. Panellists dissect, digest and reconstitute the daily news, events and hottest topics. 7.30 Australian Survivor. A group of Australian castaways find themselves stranded in Far North Queensland. 9.00 FBI. (Mv, R) A bank hold-up leads the team to a safe-deposit box, the contents of which could have a potentially damaging impact on national security. While helping with the case, Kirsten requests a return to field work. 11.00 The Sunday Project. (R) Panellists dissect, digest and reconstitute the daily news, events and hottest topics. 12.00 Home Shopping. (R) 1.30 Infomercials. (PG, R) 3.00 Home Shopping. (R) 4.30 CBS Mornings.</p> <p>10 PEACH (52, 11) 6am Brides Of Beverly Hills. 7.00 The Big Bang Theory. 8.30 Neighbours. 10.30 Australian Survivor. Noon Basketball. NBL. Round 13. Adelaide 36ers v Sydney Kings. 2.00 Basketball. NBL. Round 13. Cairns Taipans v Melbourne United. 4.00 The Middle. 5.00 Friends. 6.00 The Big Bang Theory. 8.30 Friends. Midnight Shopping. 12.30 Infomercials. 1.00 Shopping. 1.30 Late Programs.</p> <p>10 BOLD (53, 12) 6am Morning Programs. 9.00 Healthy Homes Aust. 9.30 Bondi Rescue. 10.00 iFish Summer. 10.30 Reel Action. 11.00 Escape Fishing. 11.30 Destination Dessert. 12.30pm Scorpion. 2.30 Soccer. A-League Women. Round 13. Western Sydney Wanderers v Wellington Phoenix. 5.00 Pooches At Play. 5.30 What's Up Down Under. 6.00 Bondi Rescue. 7.30 NCIS. 9.25 NCIS: Los Angeles. 11.15 Late Programs.</p>
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6.00 The Drum. 7.00 ABC News. Takes a look at today's top stories. 7.30 7.30 . Presented by Leigh Sales. 8.00 Australian Story. (Return) James and Holly McGrath speak publicly. 8.30 Four Corners. Investigative journalism program that leads national debate and confronts issues that matter. 9.20 Media Watch. (PG) Paul Barry takes a look at the latest issues affecting media consumers. 9.35 The Missing Children. (Ma) Takes a look at the Tuam scandal. 11.05 ABC Late News. 11.20 The Business. (R) 11.35 Q+A. (R) 12.40 Shetland. (Mal, R) 1.40 International Jazz Day Melbourne. (R) 2.40 Rage. (MA15+adhlsv) 4.25 The Drum. (R) 5.25 7.30. (R)	6.00 Mastermind Australia. (PG) 6.30 SBS World News. 7.35 Heritage Rescue: Powderham Castle. (PG) Presented by Nick Knowles. 8.30 Royal History's Myths And Secrets. (PG) Lucy Worsley takes a look at why Queen Anne's role in the forging of Great Britain has often been forgotten. 9.30 The Great House Revival. (PGav, R) Hugh Wallace follows the transformation and restoration of three 1790s agricultural barns into a family home. 10.30 SBS World News Late. 11.00 Paris Police 1900. (MA15+asv) 12.05 Wisting. (Mav, R) 1.00 Unit One. (MA15+a, R) 4.25 VICE Guide To Film. (Malv, R) 4.55 Destination Flavour: Singapore Bitesize. (R) 5.00 France 24 Feature. 5.15 NHK World English News. 5.30 Deutsche Welle English News.	6.00 Seven Local News. 6.30 Seven News. 7.00 Home And Away. (PGav) 7.30 SAS Australia. (Madl) The recruits face a high adrenaline task as they leap from a moving zodiac into a moving helicopter. 9.00 The Amazing Race. (PGI) While racing through Scotland in February of 2020, the teams receive some shocking and unprecedented news - the show is suspending production due to the pandemic. Hosted by Phil Keoghan. 11.00 The Latest: Seven News. 11.30 The Resident. (M) The hospital is subjected to a cyber attack. 12.30 Hooked On The Look. (Ma, R) 1.30 Harry's Practice. (R) 2.00 Home Shopping. (R) 4.00 NBC Today. 5.00 Seven Early News. 5.30 Sunrise.	6.00 Nine News. 7.00 A Current Affair. 7.30 Married At First Sight. (Mals) The new couples move in. 9.00 La Brea. (Mv) The sight of a crashing plane spreads a wave of hope as the survivors search for its fallen pilot. 10.00 Nine News Late. A look at the latest news and events. 10.30 Botched. (MlMn, R) A facial skin graft is growing pubic hair. 11.20 Bluff City Law. (Ma, R) Elijah and Jake defend an innocent man. 12.10 Tipping Point. (PG, R) 1.00 Hello SA. (PG) 1.30 TV Shop: Home Shopping. (R) 2.30 Global Shop. (R) 3.00 TV Shop: Home Shopping. (R) 4.00 Believer's Voice Of Victory. (PGa) 4.30 A Current Affair. (R) 5.00 News Early Edition. 5.30 Today.	6.30 The Project. A look at the day's news and events. 7.30 Australian Survivor. Presented by Jonathan LaPaglia. 8.30 Would I Lie To You? Australia. (Premiere) Two teams go head-to-head in a battle of wits that has them trying to fool the opposition. 9.30 FBI: Most Wanted. (MA15+v) The team searches for a businessman wanted for murder and an embezzlement scheme. 11.30 The Project. (R) 12.30 The Late Show With Stephen Colbert. (PG) 1.30 Home Shopping. (R) 2.30 Infomercials. (PG, R) 3.00 Home Shopping. (R) 4.30 CBS Mornings.
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6.00 The Drum. 7.00 ABC News. 7.30 7.30. Presented by Leigh Sales. 8.00 Outback Ringer. (PG) Clarry eyes off his cattle quota. 8.30 Catalyst: Solar Storms – A Warning From Space. Follows scientists working to help prepare for the next big solar storm. 9.25 Silver Spitfire: The Longest Flight. (PG) A pilot attempts a world-first circumnavigation of the Earth . 10.35 ABC Late News. 10.50 The Business. (R) 11.05 Four Corners. (R) 11.50 Media Watch. (PG, R) 12.10 Shetland. (Ma, R) 1.10 Father Brown. (Mav, R) 2.00 Rage. (MA15+adhlv) 4.25 The Drum. (R) 5.25 7.30. (R)	6.00 Mastermind Australia. (PG) 6.30 SBS World News. 7.30 Who Do You Think You Are? UK: Ruth Jones. (PG) Ruth Jones explores her roots. 8.30 Insight. Takes a look at what happens when people subscribe to ideas that some may consider to be conspiracy theories. 9.30 Framed. (PGa) Part 3 of 4. 10.00 The Feed. Presented by Marc Fennell and Virginia Langeberg. 10.30 SBS World News Late. 11.00 The Point. (R) 11.30 Shadow Lines. (Malsv) 12.20 The Night Manager. (Mv, R) 2.05 Miniseries: The Victim. (Ma, R) 4.10 VICE Guide To Film. (MA15+ans, R) 5.00 France 24 Feature. 5.15 NHK World English News. 5.30 Deutsche Welle English News.	6.00 Seven Local News. 6.30 Seven News. 7.00 Home And Away. (PGav) 7.30 SAS Australia. Friction among the celebrity recruits explodes as leadership is put to the test. 9.00 The Rookie. (Mav) After witnessing a sniper shooting, the team searches for the shooter. 11.00 The Latest: Seven News. 11.30 MOVIE: Magnum Force. (1973, MA15+v, R) A detective investigates some mysterious murders. Clint Eastwood. 2.00 Home Shopping. (R) 4.00 NBC Today. 5.00 Seven Early News. 5.30 Sunrise.	6.00 Nine News. 7.00 A Current Affair. 7.30 Married At First Sight. (Mls) A development threatens the experiment. 9.00 The Hundred With Andy Lee. Andy Lee is joined by a panel of comedians and 100 Aussies to explore the fun behind the facts. 10.00 Nine News Late. A look at the latest news and events. 10.30 True Story With Hamish & Andy: Tracy. (PG, R) 11.00 Mr Mayor. (PGa) 11.25 The Village. (Mas) 12.10 Tipping Point. (PG, R) 1.05 Delish. (R) 1.30 TV Shop: Home Shopping. (R) 4.00 Believer's Voice Of Victory. (PGa) 4.30 A Current Affair. (R) 5.00 News Early Edition. 5.30 Today.	6.30 The Project. A look at the day's news and events. 7.30 Australian Survivor. A group of Australian castaways find themselves stranded in Far North Queensland. 9.00 MOVIE: Joker. (2019, MA15+v) A mentally-ill aspiring comedian struggles to find his way in Gotham City's fractured society. Joaquin Phoenix, Robert De Niro, Zazie Beetz. 11.30 The Project. (R) A look at the day's news and events. 12.30 The Late Show With Stephen Colbert. (PG) 1.30 Home Shopping. (R) 3.00 Infomercials. (PG, R) 3.30 Home Shopping. (R) 4.30 CBS Mornings.
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NITV (34) 6am Morning Programs. 2pm Shortland St. 2.30 Chefs' Line. 3.00 Bushwhacked! 3.25 The Magic Canoe. 3.50 Wolf Joe. 4.00 Aussie Bush Tales. 4.10 Grace Beside Me. 4.35 Mustangs FC. 5.00 Our Stories. 5.30 Indian Country Today. 6.00 Bamay. 6.30 News. 6.40 Undiscovered Vistas. 7.30 The Point. 8.00 Rise Up. 8.50 The Beach. 9.30 NITV News Update. 9.30 The Night Manager. 11.10 Late Programs				

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<p>ABC TV (2) 6.00 News Breakfast. 9.00 ABC News Mornings. 10.00 Four Corners. (R) 11.00 And We Danced. (PG, R) 12.00 ABC News At Noon. 12.30 National Press Club Address. 1.40 Media Watch. (PG, R) 2.00 Shetland. (Ma, R) 3.00 ABC News Afternoons. 4.00 Escape From The City. (R) 4.55 Barrie Cassidy's One Plus One. (R) 5.30 Hard Quiz. (PG, R)</p>	<p>SBS (3) 6.00 WorldWatch. 11.00 Spanish News. 11.30 Turkish News. 12.00 Arabic News F24. 12.30 ABC America: World News Tonight. 1.00 PBS NewsHour. (R) 2.00 Destination Flavour China Bitesize. (R) 2.10 Insight. (R) 3.10 The Cook Up With Adam Liaw Bitesize. (R) 3.15 World's Most Luxurious... (PGn, R) 4.10 The World's Greatest Palaces. (PGav, R) 5.05 Jeopardy! (PG) 5.30 Letters And Numbers. (R)</p>	<p>SEVEN (7) 6.00 Sunrise. 9.00 The Morning Show. (PG) 11.30 Seven Morning News. 12.00 MOVIE: Nanny Killer. (2018, Mav, R) 2.00 Autopsy USA: Casey Kasem. (Ma, R) 3.00 The Chase. (R) 4.00 Seven News At 4. 5.00 The Chase Australia.</p>	<p>NINE (8, 9) 6.00 Today. 9.00 Today Extra. (PG) 11.30 Morning News. 12.00 Married At First Sight. (Mls, R) 1.30 My Way. 2.00 Pointless. (PG) 3.00 Tipping Point. (PG) 4.00 Afternoon News. 4.30 Millionaire Hot Seat. 5.30 WIN News.</p>	<p>TEN (5, 1) 6.00 The Talk. (PGa) 7.00 Judge Judy. (PG, R) 7.30 The Bold And The Beautiful. (PGv, R) 8.00 Studio 10. (PG) 12.00 Dr Phil. (Ma) 1.00 To Be Advised. 2.00 Entertainment Tonight. 2.30 Everyday Gourmet With Justine Schofield. (R) 3.00 Judge Judy. (PG, R) 3.30 Left Off The Map. 4.00 Farm To Fork. (PG) 4.30 The Bold And The Beautiful. (PG) 5.00 10 News First.</p>
<p>6.00 The Drum. 7.00 ABC News. 7.30 7.30. Presented by Leigh Sales. 8.00 Hard Quiz. (PG) Presented by Tom Gleeson. 8.30 Shaun Micallef's MAD AS HELL. (M) Host Shaun Micallef presents a round-up of important news stories of the week. 9.00 Starstruck. (MI) Tom hosts a house-warming party. 9.25 QI. (PG) Hosted by Sandi Toksvig. 10.00 Adam Hills: The Last Leg. (R) 10.40 ABC Late News. 10.55 The Business. (R) 11.10 Killing Eve. (MA15+v, R) 11.55 Shetland. (Final, PG, R) 12.55 Miniseries: Patrick Melrose. (Mdl, R) 1.55 Adam Hills: The Last Leg. (R) 2.35 Rage. (MA15+adhlnsv) 4.25 The Drum. (R) 5.25 7.30. (R)</p>	<p>6.00 Mastermind Australia. (PG) 6.30 SBS World News. 7.35 Tony Robinson: The Thames At Night. (PG) Part 4 of 4. 8.30 Then And Now: Heathrow Airport. (PG) Explores the history of London's Heathrow Airport, one of the world's busiest airports. 9.30 Hidden Assets. (MA15+) Emer and Christian uncover the real identity of the bombers as the team follow the money trail in Ireland. 10.30 SBS World News Late. 11.00 In Therapy. (Mals) 11.55 The Handmaid's Tale. (MA15+av, R) 1.05 The Good Fight. (Mal, R) 2.05 Cacciatore: The Hunter. (MA15+s, R) 4.25 VICE Guide To Film. (Madlv, R) 4.55 Destination Flavour: Singapore 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 Home And Away. (PGa) 7.30 Police Strike Force. (Premiere, Ma) The story of the most gripping and nerve-racking police investigations, stings and taskforce operations in recent memory, told by the men and women who broke the case. 8.30 The Front Bar. (M) Sam Pang, Mick Molloy and Andy Maher take a lighter look at the world of sport. 9.30 Ambulance: Code Red. (Ma) Follows the work of an ambulance service, giving an insight into the life and death incidents they face. 10.30 The Latest: Seven News. 11.00 To Be Advised. 2.00 Home Shopping. (R) 4.00 NBC Today. News and current affairs. 5.00 Seven Early News. 5.30 Sunrise. News, sport and weather.</p>	<p>6.00 Nine News. 7.00 A Current Affair. 7.30 Married At First Sight. (Mls) A couple implodes at the dinner party. 9.00 Under Investigation: Trump Redux. (MA15+av) A re-investigation into the case of '80s serial child rapist and murderer Mr Cruel. 10.00 Nine News Late. A look at the latest news and events. 10.30 Forensics: The Real CSI: Teenage Stabbing. (Mav) 11.40 Grand Hotel. (Mv, R) 12.30 Tipping Point. (PG, R) 1.20 Garden Gurus Moments. (R) 1.30 TV Shop: Home Shopping. (R) 2.30 Global Shop. (R) 3.00 TV Shop: Home Shopping. (R) 4.00 Believer's Voice Of Victory. (PGa) 4.30 A Current Affair. (R) 5.00 News Early Edition. 5.30 Today.</p>	<p>6.30 The Project. The hosts and guest panellists take a look at the day's news, events and hot topics. 7.30 Ambulance Australia. (Mdlm) Follows dispatchers and paramedics working for an ambulance service. 8.30 Bull. (Ma) 10.30 This Is Us. (Ms) Nicky, Rebecca and Miguel go on a road trip while Deja heads to Boston, Massachusetts, to see Malik. 11.30 The Project. (R) The hosts and guest panellists take a look at the day's news, events and hot topics. 12.30 The Late Show With Stephen Colbert. (PG) Late-night talk show. 1.30 Home Shopping. (R) 2.30 Infomercials. (PG, R) 3.00 Home Shopping. (R) 4.30 CBS Mornings. Morning news and talk show.</p>
<p>ABC TV PLUS (22) 6am Children's Programs. 7pm Dino Dana. 7.15 Odd Squad. 7.30 Anh's Brush With Fame. 8.00 Art Works. 8.30 I'm Wanita. 9.30 The Romantics And Us. (Final) 10.30 Doctor Who. 11.25 Lucy Worsley's Royal Palace Secrets. 12.20am Community. 12.45 Parks And Recreation. 1.05 ABC News Update. 1.10 Close. 5.05 Little Princess. 5.15 Hoot Hoot Go! 5.20 Pingu In The City. 5.30 Wallykazam! 5.55 Late Programs.</p>	<p>SBS VICELAND (31) 6am WorldWatch. Noon Basketball. NBA. Denver Nuggets v Portland Trail Blazers. Replay. 2.00 The Last Shot. 2.50 Lee Lin Chin's Fashionista. 3.00 Rise. 3.50 WorldWatch. 5.15 Joy Of Painting. 5.45 Shortland St. 6.15 Alone. 7.05 Jeopardy! 7.35 8 Out Of 10 Cats Does Countdown. 8.30 Wellington Paranormal. 9.00 Searching For The Tassie Tiger. 9.30 MOVIE: Take Shelter. (2011, M) 11.50 Late Programs.</p>	<p>7TWO (72) 6am Home Shopping. 6.30 Travel Oz. 8.00 Harry's Practice. 8.30 Million Dollar Minute. 9.30 NBC Today. Noon A Confession. 1.00 Million Dollar Minute. 2.00 Sydney Weekender. 2.30 Sons And Daughters. 4.30 Selling Houses Australia. 5.30 Escape To The Country. 6.30 Bargain Hunt. 7.30 The Coroner. 8.30 Miss Scarlet And The Duke. 9.30 Frankie Drake Mysteries. 11.30 Late Programs.</p>	<p>9GEM (81, 92) 6am TV Shop. 7.00 Creflo Dollar Ministries. 7.30 TV Shop: Home Shopping. 10.30 Pointless. 11.30 My Favorite Martian. Noon Days Of Our Lives. 12.55 The Young And The Restless. 1.50 The Bill. 3.00 Antiques Roadshow. 3.30 MOVIE: Happy Go Lovely. (1951) 5.30 Murder, She Wrote. 6.30 Antiques Roadshow. 7.30 As Time Goes By. 8.50 Midsomer Murders. 10.50 House. 11.50 Late Programs.</p>	<p>10 PEACH (52, 11) 6am The Late Show With Stephen Colbert. 7.00 Frasier. 8.00 The King Of Queens. 9.00 Becker. 10.00 The Middle. 11.00 Frasier. Noon Instinct. 1.00 The Big Bang Theory. 1.30 Friends. 2.30 NBL Slam. 3.00 The King Of Queens. 4.00 Becker. 5.00 Frasier. 6.00 Friends. 6.30 Neighbours. 7.00 Friends. 8.00 The Big Bang Theory. 10.10 Mom. Midnight Shopping. 12.30 Infomercials. 1.00 Shopping. 1.30 Late Programs.</p>
<p>NITV (34) 6am Morning Programs. 1.30pm First School At Middle Beach. 2.00 Shortland St. 2.30 Chefs' Line. 3.00 Jarjums. 3.25 The Magic Canoe. 3.50 Wolf Joe. 4.00 Aussie Bush Tales. 4.10 Grace Beside Me. 4.35 Mustangs FC. 5.00 Our Stories. 5.30 Te Ao With Moana. 6.00 Bamay. 6.30 News. 6.40 Land Of Primates. 7.30 Country Music. 8.30 Going Native. 9.00 Hunting Aotearoa. 9.30 Muhammad Ali. 11.25 Late Programs.</p>	<p>SBS WORLD MOVIES (32) 6am Little Nicolas On Holiday. Continued. (2014, PG, French) 7.30 Loving. (2016, PG) 9.45 The Thief Lord. (2006, PG) 11.35 Curse Of The Golden Flower. (2006, M, Mandarin) 1.40pm The Crossing. (2020, PG, Norwegian) 3.30 Finding Graceland. (1998, PG) 5.20 About Elly. (2009, PG, Persian) 7.30 True Grit. (2010, M) 9.30 Ellie And Abbie. (2020, M) 11.05 Late Programs.</p>	<p>7MATE (73) 6am Morning Programs. 10.00 A Football Life. 11.00 America's Game. Noon SAS: UK. 1.00 Demolition NZ. 2.00 Leepu And Pitbull. 3.00 Shipping Wars. 3.30 Big Easy Motors. 4.00 Fish'n With Mates. 4.30 Pawn Stars. 5.00 Pawn Stars South Africa. 5.30 Storage Wars: TX. 6.00 American Pickers. 7.00 Pawn Stars. 8.30 Storage Wars. 9.30 Desert Collectors. 10.30 Extreme Unboxing. 11.00 Late Programs.</p>	<p>9GO! (82, 93) 6am Children's Programs. Noon Xena. 2.00 Hercules. 3.00 The Nanny. 3.30 3rd Rock From The Sun. 4.00 That '70s Show. 4.30 Raymond. 5.30 The Nanny. 6.00 3rd Rock From The Sun. 6.30 That '70s Show. 7.00 Young Sheldon. 7.30 RBT. 8.00 Territory Cops. 8.30 MOVIE: Mercury Rising. (1998, M) 10.45 Young Sheldon. 11.10 Raymond. 11.40 Weird Science. 12.10am The Fix. 1.05 Reverie. 2.00 Late Programs.</p>	<p>10 BOLD (53, 12) 6am Infomercials. 8.00 iFish Summer Series. 8.30 Cheers. 9.00 Jake And The Fatman. 10.00 Diagnosis Murder. 11.00 JAG. Noon NCIS. 1.00 Walker, Texas Ranger. 3.00 Jake And The Fatman. 4.00 Diagnosis Murder. 5.00 JAG. 6.00 Bondi Rescue. 7.30 NCIS. 8.30 NCIS: Los Angeles. 10.20 FBI: Most Wanted. 11.15 SEAL Team. 12.10am Shopping. 1.40 Infomercials. 2.10 Late Programs.</p>

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Thursday, March 3

<p>ABC TV (2) 6.00 News. 9.00 News. 10.00 Australian Story. (R) 10.30 Nigella At My Table. (R) 11.00 Silver Spitfire: The Longest Flight. (PGI, R) 12.00 ABC News At Noon. 1.00 Hard Quiz. (PG, R) 1.30 Shaun Micallef's MAD AS HELL. (M, R) 2.00 Shetland. (Final, PG, R) 3.00 ABC News Afternoons. 4.00 Escape From The City. (R) 5.00 Barrie Cassidy's One Plus One. (R) 5.30 Hard Quiz. (PG, R)</p>	<p>SBS (3) 6.00 WorldWatch. 10.30 German News. 11.00 Spanish News. 11.30 Turkish News. 12.00 Arabic News F24. 12.30 ABC America: World News Tonight. 1.00 PBS NewsHour. (R) 2.00 The Royals And The Tabloids. (Ma, R) 2.50 Going Places With Ernie Dingo. (R) 3.20 World's Most Luxurious Hotels. (R) 4.10 The World's Greatest Palaces. (R) 5.05 Jeopardy! (PG) 5.30 Letters And Numbers. (R)</p>	<p>SEVEN (7) 6.00 Sunrise. 9.00 The Morning Show. (PG) 11.30 Seven Morning News. 12.00 MOVIE: Murder By Numbers. (2002, Malsv, R) 2.30 Harbour Cops. (Ma) 3.00 The Chase. 4.00 Seven News At 4. 5.00 The Chase Australia.</p>	<p>NINE (8, 9) 6.00 Today. 9.00 Today Extra. (PG) 11.30 Morning News. 12.00 Married At First Sight. (Mls, R) 1.30 Driving Test. (PGI, R) 2.00 Pointless. (PG) 3.00 Tipping Point. (PG) 4.00 Afternoon News. 4.30 Millionaire Hot Seat. (R) 5.30 WIN News.</p>	<p>TEN (5, 1) 6.00 The Talk. (PGa) 7.00 Judge Judy. (PG, R) 7.30 The Bold And The Beautiful. (PG, R) 8.00 Studio 10. (PG) 12.00 Dr Phil. (PGals) 1.00 To Be Advised. 2.00 Entertainment Tonight. 2.30 Everyday Gourmet With Justine Schofield. (R) 3.00 Judge Judy. (PG, R) 3.30 Left Off The Map. 4.00 Farm To Fork. (PG) 4.30 The Bold And The Beautiful. (PG) 5.00 10 News First.</p>
<p>6.00 The Drum. 7.00 ABC News. 7.30 7.30. 8.00 Foreign Correspondent. International current affairs program. 8.30 Q+A. Public affairs program. 9.35 Rosie Batty's One Plus One: Amani Haydar. Rosie Batty chats with Amani Haydar. 10.05 Griff's Great Kiwi Road Trip: Get Some Number 8 Wire - Wellington. (R) 10.55 ABC Late News. 11.10 The Business. (R) 11.25 Catalyst. (R) 12.25 The Missing Children. (Ma, R) 1.50 Call The Midwife. (PG, R) 2.55 Rage. (MA15+adhlnsv, R) 4.25 The Drum. (R) 5.25 7.30. (R)</p>	<p>6.00 Mastermind Australia. (PG) 6.30 SBS World News. 7.35 Scenic Coastal Walks With Kate Humble: Yorkshire York. (PG) Kate Humble walks the Yorkshire coastline. 8.30 The Royals: Keeping The Crown: The Cousins War. (Premiere, PG) Explores the rise, fall and survival of royal families over the past century. 9.30 Britain's Most Expensive Houses. (PG) Part 1 of 4. 10.30 SBS World News Late. 11.00 Gomorrah. (MA15+dsv) 12.00 Partisan. (MA15+v) 12.55 Beforeigners. (Mal, R) 3.35 Blinded. (Mdl, R) 4.30 VICE Guide To Film. (Madls, 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 Home And Away. (PG) 8.30 Miniseries: Showtrial. (Malsv) Part 3 of 5. With the murder trial fast approaching, Cleo must confront a fresh press scandal that throws a new and damning light on Talitha's motives. 11.10 The Latest: Seven News. 11.40 To Be Advised. 1.10 Scandal. (Ma, R) After Air Force Two's extraordinary safe landing, Cyrus takes his victory lap as America's newest hero. 2.00 Home Shopping. (R) 4.00 NBC Today. News and current affairs. 5.00 Seven Early News. 5.30 Sunrise. Takes a look at the latest news, sport and weather, with business and finance updates.</p>	<p>6.00 Nine News. 7.00 A Current Affair. 7.30 RBT. (Mdl) Follows the activities of police units. 8.30 Australia Behind Bars. (Malv) Officer David organises for a father to see his son who was freaking out being behind bars for the first time. 9.30 A+E After Dark. (Mm) A patient ignores hospital policy. 10.30 Nine News Late. 11.00 New Amsterdam. (Mamv, R) 11.45 The Horn. (Malm, R) 12.40 Tipping Point. (PG, R) 1.30 TV Shop: Home Shopping. (R) 2.30 Global Shop. (R) 3.00 TV Shop: Home Shopping. (R) 4.00 Believer's Voice Of Victory. (PGa) 4.30 A Current Affair. (R) 5.00 News Early Edition. 5.30 Today.</p>	<p>6.30 The Project. A look at the day's news and events. 7.30 First Dates Australia. Singles in search of love are brought together at a restaurant for a blind first date. 8.30 Celebrity Gogglebox Australia. (Premiere) Celebrities share their reactions to popular and topical TV shows. 9.30 To Be Advised. 10.30 Blue Bloods. (Mav) Baez and Danny search for a killer. 11.30 The Project. (R) A look at the day's news and events. 12.30 The Late Show With Stephen Colbert. (PG) Late-night talk show. 1.30 Home Shopping. (R) 3.00 Infomercials. (PG) 3.30 Home Shopping. (R) 4.30 CBS Mornings.</p>
<p>ABC TV PLUS (22) 6am Children's Programs. 7.15pm Odd Squad. 7.30 Spicks And Specks. 8.30 Penn & Teller: Fool Us. 9.15 Hard Quiz. 9.45 Shaun Micallef's MAD AS HELL. 10.15 QI. 10.45 Doctor Who. 11.50 Live At The Apollo. 12.35am Would I Lie To You? 1.05 Community. 1.25 Parks And Recreation. 1.50 Plebs. 2.10 ABC News Update. 2.15 Close. 5.05 Little Princess. 5.15 Hoot Hoot Go! 5.20 Pingu In The City. 5.30 Late Programs.</p>	<p>SBS VICELAND (31) 6am WorldWatch. Noon Jasper And Errol's First Time. 1.00 Mr Tachyon On The Edge Of Science. 1.30 Most Expensivest. 2.00 Gaycation. 2.50 Cyberwar. 3.50 WorldWatch. 5.15 Joy Of Painting. 5.45 Shortland St. 6.15 Alone. 7.05 Jeopardy! 7.35 8 Out Of 10 Cats Does Countdown. 8.30 The Curse Of Oak Island. 10.10 Chasing Famous. 11.00 The Feed. 11.30 Late Programs.</p>	<p>7TWO (72) 6am Home Shopping. 6.30 Travel Oz. 8.00 Harry's Practice. 8.30 Million Dollar Minute. 9.30 NBC Today. Noon Honour. 2.00 The Great Australian Doorstep. 2.30 Sons And Daughters. 4.30 Selling Houses Australia. 5.30 Escape To The Country. 6.30 Bargain Hunt. 7.30 Father Brown. 8.30 Inspector George Gently. 12.30am The Fine Art Auction. 3.30 Australia's Best Backyards. 4.00 Late Programs.</p>	<p>9GEM (81, 92) 6am TV Shop: Home Shopping. 7.00 Creflo Dollar Ministries. 7.30 TV Shop: Home Shopping. 10.30 Pointless. 11.30 My Favorite Martian. Noon Days Of Our Lives. 12.55 The Young And The Restless. 1.50 The Bill. 3.00 Antiques Roadshow. 3.30 MOVIE: The Face Of Fu Manchu. (1965, PG) 5.30 Murder, She Wrote. 6.30 Antiques Roadshow. 7.30 Death In Paradise. 8.40 DCI Banks. 10.40 House. 11.40 Late Programs.</p>	<p>10 PEACH (52, 11) 6am The Late Show With Stephen Colbert. 7.00 Frasier. 8.00 The King Of Queens. 9.00 Becker. 10.00 The Middle. 11.00 Frasier. Noon This Is Us. 1.00 The Big Bang Theory. 1.30 Friends. 2.00 Mom. 3.00 The King Of Queens. 4.00 Becker. 5.00 Frasier. 6.00 Friends. 6.30 Neighbours. 7.00 Friends. 8.00 The Big Bang Theory. 9.30 Seinfeld. 11.00 Mom. Midnight Shopping. 12.30 Infomercials. 1.30 Late Programs.</p>
<p>NITV (34) 6am Morning Programs. 1.30pm Going Native. 2.00 Shortland St. 2.30 Chefs' Line. 3.00 Bushwhacked! 3.25 The Magic Canoe. 3.50 Wolf Joe. 4.00 Aussie Bush Tales. 4.10 Grace Beside Me. 4.35 Mustangs FC. 5.00 Our Stories. 5.30 The 77 Percent. 6.00 Bamay. 6.30 News. 6.40 Land Of Primates. 7.30 Going Places With Ernie Dingo. 8.30 Tribal. 9.20 MOVIE: Dog Eat Dog. (2016, MA15+) 11.15 Late Programs.</p>	<p>SBS WORLD MOVIES (32) 6am The Thief Lord. Continued. (2006, PG) 7.25 About Elly. (2009, PG, Persian) 9.35 Jungle Book. (1942, PG) 11.35 The Belier Family. (2014, M, French) 1.35pm Loving. (2016, PG) 3.50 Toys And Pets. (2017, PG) 5.40 What We Did On Our Holiday. (2014, PG) 7.30 Flawless. (2007, M) 9.30 God's Own Country. (2017, MA15+) 11.30 The Sex Of The Angels. (2012, MA15+, Spanish) 1.30am Late Programs.</p>	<p>7MATE (73) 6am Morning Programs. 1pm Storage Wars. 1.30 Extreme Unboxing. 2.00 Leepu And Pitbull. 3.00 Shipping Wars. 3.30 Big Easy Motors. 4.00 Fish'n With Mates. 4.30 Pawn Stars. 5.00 Pawn Stars South Africa. 5.30 Storage Wars: TX. 6.00 American Pickers. 7.00 Pawn Stars. 7.30 MOVIE: Lethal Weapon. (1987, M) 9.50 MOVIE: The Rookie. (1990, M) 12.20am Late Programs.</p>	<p>9GO! (82, 93) 6am Children's Programs. Noon Xena. 2.00 Hercules. 3.00 The Nanny. 3.30 3rd Rock From The Sun. 4.00 That '70s Show. 4.30 Raymond. 5.30 The Nanny. 6.00 3rd Rock From The Sun. 6.30 That '70s Show. 7.00 Young Sheldon. 7.30 MOVIE: Passengers. (2016, M) 9.45 MOVIE: Jumper. (2008, M) 11.30 Young Sheldon. Midnight The Fix. 1.00 Reverie. 2.00 Below Deck Sailing Yacht. 2.50 Late Programs.</p>	<p>10 BOLD (53, 12) 6am Home Shopping. 6.30 Infomercials. 8.00 What's Up Down Under. 8.30 NBL Slam. 9.00 Jake And The Fatman. 10.00 Diagnosis Murder. 11.00 JAG. Noon NCIS. 1.00 Walker, Texas Ranger. 3.00 Jake And The Fatman. 4.00 Diagnosis Murder. 5.00 JAG. 6.00 Bondi Rescue. 7.30 NCIS. 8.30 Bull. 10.30 NCIS: New Orleans. 11.30 FBI. 12.30am Infomercials. 1.00 Shopping. 2.00 Late Programs.</p>

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SEVERANCE
Streaming, Apple TV+

A healthy work-life balance is at the top of everyone's post-pandemic wishlist, whether it's in the relative peace of an office cubicle or the comfort and convenience of working from home. But what if you could completely separate your professional and personal lives, to the point where you had no recollection of one life while you were living the other?



Business as usual:
Adam Scott as Mark
in Apple TV+ sci-fi
thriller *Severance*.

In a nutshell, that's the premise of this quirky new thriller series from director and executive producer Ben Stiller, created by Dan Erickson. Employees at the mysterious Lumon Industries undergo a process known as "severance", a brain surgery that divides their memories so they can work productively without the distractions or drama of a personal life, and leave their work stress at the office when they clock out each day. It's the perfect arrangement for Mark (Adam Scott), a recently widowed professor who works in Lumon's "macrodata refinement

division". And no, he doesn't know what that means either. It seems as though his inscrutable supervisor Harmony (an ice-cold Patricia Arquette) wants to keep it that way. Mark and his fellow "severed" coworkers seem happy with the arrangement, dutifully completing tasks they don't understand all day long, but the arrival of new team member Helly (Britt Lower) calls their brittle peace into question - what exactly do they do each day? And why is it such a closely-guarded secret? With episodes dropping each Friday, this retrofuturistic sci-fi mystery is sure to be tantalising viewers for weeks to come.



TRIGGER POINT
Streaming, Stan

Line of Duty producer Jed Mercurio reunites with series star Vicky McClure for this high-octane series. McClure and Adrian Lester (both pictured) play bomb-disposal experts who put their lives on the line when a terrorist threatens London. Not only do they disarm the bomb threats, but they're tasked with finding those responsible before fatalities rise.



THE WALKING DEAD
Streaming, Foxtel On Demand

It's the final stretch of this long-running undead epic, and several heroes are under attack - if it's not zombies, it's torrential rain. When season 11 returns, Daryl (Norman Reedus, pictured), Maggie, Gabriel, Negan and Elijah are fighting other survivors for food, while the Alexandrians face a deadly storm.



THE MARVELOUS MRS MAISEL
Streaming, Prime Video

It's a new decade, and Midge Maisel (Rachel Brosnahan, pictured) is ready to embrace her edgier side. The impeccably dressed housewife-turned-comedienne is bursting into the 1960s with a new sense of creative freedom, and a refusal to be anyone else's opening act. Committing to her craft is going to take sacrifices, and for Midge, they're personal.



VIKINGS: VALHALLA
Streaming, from Friday, Netflix

Set more than 100 years after the end of *Vikings* (streaming, Netflix), this new historical adventure chronicles the lives of a new generation. As tensions between the Vikings and the English royals reach breaking point, Leif (Sam Corlett), his sister Freydis (Frida Gustavsson, pictured with Corlett) and Prince Harald (Leo Suter) set off on an epic journey.



THE MARFA TAPES
Streaming, Paramount+

An intimate glimpse inside the Grammy-nominated album by country music stars Jack Ingram, Miranda Lambert (pictured) and Jon Randall, this heartfelt documentary film charts the trio's five-day recording session against the backdrop of West Texas. It's a wild ride filled with candid interviews and unfiltered performances. A real treat for fans.

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New Carmichael Mine haul truck trainee driver Brooke McNee on her family's cane farm in the Burdekin.

Brooke revved up for role

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Brooke McNee was born with a passion for performance vehicles in her veins.

She said her grandma has always been into cars and she passed that passion onto her dad, and as soon as they took her to my first Summernats she was hooked.

“Add to that growing up on a cane farm surrounded by a culture of big agricultural equipment, and there was no chance the McNee love of machinery and motorsport would skip a generation.”

Now the 22-year-old is about to jump behind the wheel of an 85 litre, 3,500 horsepower engine as one of 60 new trainee haul truck drivers at Bravus Mining and Resources’ Carmichael Mine.

The Burdekin local said getting to learn and qualify on Bravus’ fleet of Caterpillar 796 AC mining trucks was the opportunity of a lifetime.

“I first began applying for mine operator roles in 2019 and when I wasn’t successful moved into a good job in real estate, which I really enjoyed,” she said.

“When I saw this traineeship advertised I knew I had to apply.

“Not only is this my start in an amazing industry and working with massive, sophisticated machinery, it’s an opportunity that will open doors to other goals like building my first home.”




Bravus Mining and Resources CEO David Boshoff said Brooke and her peers would undertake a four-week program of desk-based and supervised on-the-job training, including both day and night shifts. The 60 trainees will be employed by Bravus’ mining services contractor MacKellar, and their start dates will be staggered from the end of February through to May 2022.

“We’re delighted to continue to invest in regional Queenslanders and give Brooke and the other trainees a paid, structured, environment to kick start their career in mining,” Mr Boshoff said.

“We had just shy of 4,000 applications for these 60 positions, which shows people want to work in our industry and that the resources sector has access to an enthusiastic talent pool well into the future.”

Mr Boshoff said the Carmichael Project had provided more than 2,600 direct jobs and paid more than \$1 billion to regional Queensland contractors and businesses since construction began.

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Recruitment well on track

Queensland's newest rail freight operator is searching for the next crop of train drivers to jump behind the controls of its fleet of state-of-the-art locomotives.

Bowen Rail Company (BRC) General Manager Brendan Lane said 12 trainee train driver positions were being recruited in readiness for when construction and testing and commissioning activities are complete.

"This latest round of recruitment of new to industry and experienced applicants is the next step on the road to optimising our existing business capacity, which is very exciting for the team," Mr Lane said.

BRC's diesel freight locomotives are next generation rolling stock developed in partnership with Caterpillar Company's Progress Rail business in the USA.

They have been designed to use technology to create a safer working environment for crews and to remove some of the physical requirements of the job that had created barriers to enter the industry.

"Despite the cutting-edge nature of our fleet, our trains still need humans, and we're delighted to be investing in people and our community, as well as systems and technology," Mr Lane said.

"The trains are the most powerful diesel locomotive in Queensland allowing us to haul in a double not triple-head, configuration and, on a per train basis, they are more fuel efficient."

"The perks of the job extend beyond brand new equipment.

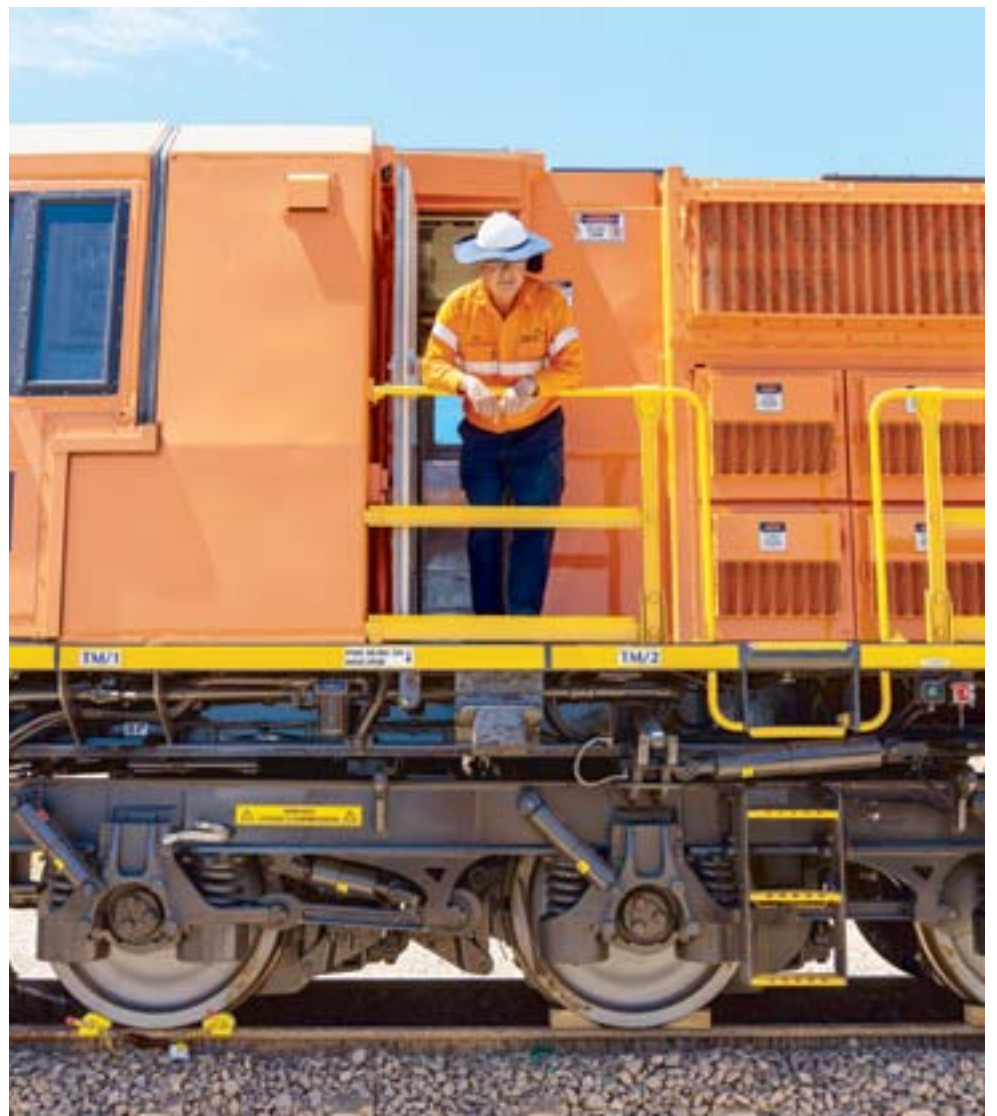
"There's a lot to be said for living in a close-knit community with a great sense of civic spirit, and we provide a lifestyle roster that lets you take full advantage of all that the Whitsundays have to offer."

BRC had partnered with Trojan to assist with recruitment and training of the new train drivers.

You can submit your application at www.bowenrail.com.au/work-with-us/ and applications close March 6, 2022.



Bowen Rail Company General Manager Brendan Lane.



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Collaboration is the key

By Matthew Pearce

Central Queensland industry leaders met with State Government representatives at an industry breakfast at CocoBrew on 15 February as part of a plan to capitalise on government capital works programs for the benefit of the region.

In July, several CQ industry leaders approached Industry Today, speaking about discontent within the business community regarding the \$2.25 billion Shoalwater Bay Training Area upgrade project and contracts being awarded to companies outside the region for its construction.

With the support and collaboration of Capricornia Chamber of Commerce, Advance Rockhampton and Capricorn Enterprise, Industry Today brought like-minded industry businesses together to discuss the situation at the luncheon on 17 September.

On Friday, 12 November, a follow-up luncheon held at CocoBrew attended by 24 concerned and passionate people coming together in a workshop type environment to nut out the top 10 issues affecting local industry.

Those issues were then prioritised to five (in no particular order):

1. Skill shortage and labour turnover.
2. Shorter payment terms to better manage cashflow.
3. Requirement to leave a positive post-project legacy.
4. Scopes that suit capabilities and capacity.
5. Ensuring Tier 1 project proponents understand capability and capacity early in project planning.

Facilitator Marcus Lang said last week's meeting of the Central Queensland Industry Collaborative, organised by Member for Kippel Brittany Lauga, was another productive one.

"It was a great opportunity for our industry



SMW Group CEO Jack Trenaman with Dave Grenfell, chairman, Apprentices and Trainees Queensland at CocoBrew.

representatives and the government to look at our top five issues, with everyone in agreement that they are good, solid issues that need to be addressed."

He said while actions needed to be taken at a federal, state and local government levels, local industry representatives also had ensure they "did their 50 per cent" for the region



Deputy Director-General Sharon Bailey from the Department of Energy and Public Works with Phil Henry, president of the Capricornia Chamber of Commerce.



Marcus Lang, managing director of Asset Management Australia with Jack Trenaman, CEO, SMW Group.

to move forward.

The Central Queensland Industry Collaborative will hold a similar function with Federal Government representatives in March.

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A last week's breakfast at CocoBrew: Jordan Geddes, director of BRAWD & Co, Mick de Brenni, Minister for Energy, Renewables and Hydrogen and Minister for Public Works and Procurement, with Daniela Espinoza, front.

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MOBILITY CHOICES TO DRIVE NEW ECONOMIC GROWTH IN ROCKY

It's official! Bonza's purple aeroplanes will grace our skies very soon along with Neuron's bright orange E-Scooters hitting the streets of Rockhampton! This Thursday, the bright orange E-Scooters will make travel between Rockhampton's retail, sporting, business and leisure precincts easy for visitors and residents. With a Ride Zone covering The Botanic Gardens and Zoo, Rocky's Visitor Information Centre and Riverside Precinct through to Rocky Showgrounds, Browne Park, Kershaw Gardens, Musgrave Road and Stockland Shopping centre, there's something for everyone to enjoy.

Neuron Mobility have been selected due to their strong track record of partnering with councils across Australia, and its leadership when it comes to safety and innovation. Neuron has invested significantly into the city, creating approximately 25 local jobs, helping increase economic activity. E-scooters are really well suited to the city and they will be a great way for locals as well as tourists to travel in a safe, convenient and environmentally-friendly way.

Neuron also have an excellent safety record and pride themselves on providing a safe riding experience. Their distinctive orange e-scooters feature a 000 emergency button which can tell if someone has a fall and helps them call the emergency services and voice guidance to educate and warn riders of how to ride safely. Neuron's local operations team are on hand to ensure the e-scooters are parked responsibly, fully charged and relocated to high use areas when required.

Riders will be able to book and use the e-scooters through Neuron's user-friendly app, which can be downloaded from the App Store or Google Play and set up in a matter of minutes.

Just imagine scooting between the CBD and Stockland, the botanic gardens to Kershaw Gardens and being connected to our CBD retailers, restaurants and hotels with the showgrounds and our sporting precincts at Victoria Park and Browne Park.

Rockhampton Regional Council, through the initiatives of Advance Rockhampton are excited to see Neuron launch E-Scooters to Rockhampton in late February. The addition of the E-scooter fleet reinforces the commitment towards creating new opportunities for all residents and visitors to enjoy the Rockhampton region and to keep putting #rockyontheradar.

Greg Bowden

Executive Manager – Advance Rockhampton



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Job vacancy numbers have increased steadily across all sectors including construction.

Vacancies are up in CQ

There has been a positive increase in vacancy numbers in the CQ employment market, compared to December, which demonstrates that businesses are poised for growth. The numbers have increased steadily across all sectors, with Engineering, Construction, Healthcare and Social Assistance the most noticeable.

A question arising is whether these higher vacancy numbers will translate to higher wages? This varies from sector to sector and increases are most prevalent where there is high workforce mobility.

This includes construction and supply chain distribution with wages generally on the increase in these sectors. This is, in part, due to the inability for employers to offer other benefits such as flexibility and work-from-home options, which are used in some of the other “skills-in-demand” sectors to make positions more attractive.

Healthcare and Social Assistance is the region’s largest industry of employment with an average of at least 700 advertised vacancies in the CQ region throughout the month and lots of these vacancies reportedly not being filled. It is yet to be seen if this situation will translate into higher wages and better working conditions.

Salaries and wages are a hot topic!

As the cost of living is on the rise and most sec-



tors are facing significant skills shortages, salaries and wages are a hot topic!

With current CPI levels standing at 2.6% (excluding volatile items), upwards inflationary pressure is anticipated over the coming months and economists expect this will continue, until it reaches around the mid 3% level and stabilises.

National unemployment is low at 4.2% and expected to fall below 4% during the same period. The latest published figures for the Central Queensland region show unemployment of 5% which is a 19% drop from the rate of 6.2% a year ago (still 16% higher than the national average). Youth Unemployment most noticeably has plummeted by 43% (to 6% down from 10.5%), which is largely reflective of the number of displaced workers in this category at the height of the pandemic.

In general, compared to December we are

seeing minimal wage/salary rises except between 0.5% and 1% rises in some professional and management positions, most noticeably within Construction and Healthcare.

Higher mobility rates should typically translate to higher wages & conditions but not necessarily, because pay negotiations take time to work through, before they can be implemented if successful. Also working-from-home arrangements and flexible working are increasingly being offered as a substitute for higher wages in many sectors, where practical.

Is there a high rate of job switching?

In the first year of the COVID-19 pandemic the CQ region experienced a relatively low level of job switching but we are now witnessing a “catch-up” situation as the community is generally feeling more certainty about the financial outlook and the virus becoming under control.

And what about Tourism?

We have seen a slight increase in vacancies within Hospitality and Tourism as well, with Job Ads in this sector ranging between 4-5% of overall vacancies on the JobsInCQ.net.au site throughout January. This is also reflective of the ratio on other major job advertising platforms.

Notably in Rockhampton there was a high-

er proportion of job ads within Hospitality & Tourism versus job ads in other sectors, when compared to the other main centres of Gladstone and Mackay.

The easing of state and international border restrictions is now having a long-awaited positive effect on hospitality and tourism businesses and the re-opening of international borders later this month is expected to fuel that further and create more demand in this sector. However much more needs to be done to support and further assist the rehabilitation of many CQ businesses in this sector.

Wrapping up

Central Queensland employers have reported challenges in maintaining business-as-usual, due to additional Covid-19 compliance rules implemented in December and higher than normal staff shortages due to staff sickness and home isolation.

I believe there is much cause for optimism about the outlook for 2022 in the economy and life in Central Queensland! There are significant projects underway and on the horizon with an array of opportunities available for businesses and people, looking to further enhance their career and lifestyle.

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Trading up – class of 2022

Young starters at Hastings Deerings came from all walks of life, some had started university degrees; many came straight from school while others from cattle properties and even the Navy, but they came together with a common goal – to meet the skills shortage head on.

Close to 2000 hopefuls applied to join Hastings Deering's apprenticeship program this year. This week the major employer and apprentice trainer welcomed 50 to the company and its allied businesses from Queensland and the Northern Territory.

He might be a dab hand at fixing a fence or rounding up cattle but for South Yaamba's James Kirkwood his mix up of geographical knowledge has him setting course for a diesel fitter apprenticeship in Alice Springs.

To be fair Mr Kirkwood, 20 did grow up in Texas in the USA and moved to Australia with his family two years ago to the South Yaamba property, so when he applied for a position in Alice Springs, he thought it was in the Rocky district.

"I guess I shouldn't tell people that," he laughed.

"Dad is Australian born and met mum in the US when he went over to work with cattle there.

"He wanted to work his own property so that's what brought him back to Australia. While I graduated from military college in the US as a lieutenant, I love cattle work and helping to fix the machinery on the property.

"I have also been working in a mine and that's when I decided to apply to Hastings Deering. "My parents are certainly excited for me, though Dad will miss that extra set of hands on the property.

"I believe you make your own luck and for me this is such a great opportunity, and I will get to experience a new part of Australia."

While Mr Kirkwood is off to the Alice, eight apprentices will start work in the Rockhampton workshop including Tobey Wain who also comes from a farm and Ben Tudman who is swapping six years in the Navy for his diesel fitting role.

Hastings Deering's Executive General Manager- Safety and Operations Daniel Viero said the company had again deliberately targeted a diverse range of apprentices with this cohort a mix of school leavers, mature age workers, females and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders. The youngest 16 and the oldest 32.

"There is fierce competition for skilled workers across all industries," Mr Viero said.

"Figures show that between March 2020 and July 2021 the number of trade and non-trade traineeships, across all parts of the workforce, has grown to 347,000: an increase of 27% from pre-Covid levels.

"Many schools have long pushed university studies to the detriment of trades and the result of this is now being felt across almost every industry in the country. The infrastructure industry alone is predicting a shortfall of skilled workers, for future projects, to be as high as 100,000.

"Hastings Deering has always taken a long-term view when it comes to replenishing the talent pipeline and our apprenticeships are



The Hastings Deerings Rockhampton intake of young staff for 2022 get to work.

part of that. Our record application figures, year on year, shows trades are becoming increasingly attractive especially for careers in the resources sector.

"The majority of applications were for diesel fitter and auto electrician apprenticeships.

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

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

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




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Breaking ground with their golden shovels at Mytilineos' Moura Solar Farm project are: (from left) project manager Sunil Parash; general manager APAC Thomas Melitsis, general manager Oceania Region Ian Kirkham, site manager Corey Kinnear and Banana Shire Council Deputy Mayor Colin Semple. Picture: BANANA SHIRE COUNCIL

Solar farm for Moura

A solar farm at Moura will generate up to 250 jobs.

Situated between Moura and Banana, the Moura Solar Farm being constructed by Greek industrial group Mytilineos will be home to a large solar panel array expected to help power more than 43,000 Australian homes each year.

The construction phase of the project is expected to be completed in August and full power generation is expected by the end of November.

Developers also plan to add a Battery Energy Storage System (BESS) to the solar farm's infrastructure over the next few years of its operating life.

Project manager Sunil Parash said the site was selected because of the region's high solar resource, proximity to Powerlink's transmission network and access from the Dawson Highway.

He said projects like this brought real investment into regional communities to lower electricity bills with cheap local power.

"Once a project is successfully connected to the grid system and generating positive revenue, this gains interest and confidence from developers wanting to invest in other renewable projects within the region.

"The notable contribution is the jobs these projects create during construction and the revenue contributed to local businesses, such as grocery stores, bakeries, real-estate, motels and taverns."

Mr Parash said construction jobs would peak at about 250 personnel (including sub-contractors) with most of them travelling into Moura from other parts of Queensland.

"We offer local opportunities where possible and practical if skills match our requirements," he said.

"For example, we have Angela, a local from Moura, as site project admin support. We also have a new starter, Brock Jarick, as site yard person and general hand starting with us this week.

"Other local jobs offered are for cleaners through site building supplier Kennards."

Banana Shire Deputy Mayor Cr Colin Semple said the solar farm project would inject significant revenue into the local economy.

"Mytilineos' decision to develop the Moura Solar farm here is another example of business looking for outstanding opportunities to grow and prosper and the Banana Shire can provide that," he said.

"Spread over 28,000 square kilometres, our Shire provides a mix of agricultural land, a budding new tourism hub, mining and construction opportunities, so it makes perfect sense to do business here.

"We look forward to seeing the innovative new technology that the Moura Solar Farm will provide and watch with interest to see how the industry progresses, particularly in our region."

The farm will feature an array of photovoltaic panels that will convert the sun's energy into usable, clean energy.

To optimize energy generation, the panels will be placed on a single axis tracking system that will slowly track the sun's movement across the sky each day.

The farm will also include an electrical operations room and a substation that will be fenced off to ensure the safety of nearby communities.

Mytilineos will engineer, construct, and operate the solar farm, having acquired the project from ESCO Pacific.

After construction is completed, the farm will have an expected lifespan of 30 to 50 years.

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Queensland Resources Council chief executive Ian Macfarlane says adaptability is key to mining's future.

Adaptability is key skill

By Queensland Resources Council chief executive Ian Macfarlane

At times, it must be confusing for people working in Queensland's minerals and energy sector to know who and what to believe when it comes to the future of their industry.

The same goes for businesses which provide goods and services to mining operations.

There's a lot of commentary, not all of it informed. What most people do agree on, however, is that protecting our environment and creating jobs is in the best interests of every person on the planet.

As the world moves to embrace decarbonisation and other measures to address climate change, the good news is that Queensland's ever-adaptable resources sector is already well ahead of the game. Resources companies are heavily investing in increasingly sophisticated technology to lower carbon emissions, and the introduction of more renewable energy into their operations is well underway. As an industry, we are committed to reducing our industry's environmental impact and achieving net zero emissions by 2050.

Our sector's willingness to move with the times will come as no surprise to anyone who works in mining. After all, the key ingredient to the continuing success of Queensland's resources sector has been our ability to adapt and evolve to meet market demand, government regulations and community expectations. If Covid has demonstrated anything over the past two years, it's that our sector's resilience and flexibility is the key to our success.

Queensland is also set to benefit from the expansion of our critical minerals sector to meet growing demand for the minerals and rare earths needed to support the world's transition to a greener future. These minerals are referred to as 'critical' for good reason - very few jurisdictions apart from Queensland have substantial deposits of the minerals needed to manufacture renewable technologies, infrastructure and other products.

Global demand for Queensland's most valuable export industry, our coal industry, is also forecast to be strong in the medium term and beyond. While developed countries like Australia will transition more rapidly to using renewable energy on a large scale, growing economies in other parts of the world - some

of which have millions of people who still don't have access to electricity - will continue to need our high-quality coal to meet their energy needs well into the future.

So, while the rules, expectations and responsibilities around mining are changing, Queensland's resources sector is well-equipped to turn these challenges into opportunities. Our state's unique geology, highly skilled workforce, world-class METS sector and enviable reputation for being safe and environmentally responsible operators all bode well for the future.

As a sign of our success, one of the biggest problems our sector is facing right now is a shortage of skilled workers. A perfect storm of Covid, border closures, an ageing workforce and interstate competition for employees has combined to reduce the number of people available with the right skills and qualifications to work in Queensland's coal, metals and gas industries.

The silver lining is this shortage creates more opportunities for women to follow a well-paid, trade or professional pathway into our industry. At an upcoming International Women's Day breakfast and Resources Awards for Women in Brisbane on March 8, our sector will celebrate new QRC data that shows female participation in our workforce is now sitting at almost 20 per cent, which represents a 53 per cent increase over the past six years.

Nine out of 10 women are also working in non-traditional roles such as engineering, trade, operator and executive management positions.

Bearing this out, our 2022 award finalists are engineers, electricians, excavator operators, planning, digital and maintenance specialists, managers, apprentices and superintendents. Growing interest by women in a resources career is welcome news for mining CEOs, who last year identified a critical shortage of skilled workers in the face of continued industry growth as their number one concern.

The future of Queensland's resources sector is extremely bright, and our highly adaptable industry - which contributed \$84.3 billion to the state economy last year - will continue to support hundreds of thousands of jobs for generations to come. You can count on resources to help Queensland recover.

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Walz celebrates loyal staff

By Walz Group CEO Matthew Campiutti

Recently I had the pleasure of hosting the inaugural Walz Group 10-year club celebration – an invite only event for members of our current workforce who have contributed more than 10 years’ service to Walz.

The night was all about recognising the dedication and loyalty our people have shown to Walz and the significant impact they have made.

Incredibly, there was 49 currently employed people who qualified for the 10-year club, with 17 of them having racked up over 20 years’ of service.

It was a great night where we individually acknowledged each inductee and also got to hear some wonderful stories from some of our most long term employees.

Thanks again to all inductees and to our owners Colin and Desley Walz who continue to provide their unwavering support.



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Gladstone region

30 of 60



Projects
completed



Total project progress

The projects are categorised into odour, air quality (which includes reducing alkali and dust emissions), noise reduction, and the management of land and water.

Some projects are to reduce the risk of a process incident impacting the surrounding water or land environments, while other projects are to provide tangible reductions to odour, dust and alkali emissions. This mix of projects will help us sustainably reduce our environmental risk while also providing better day to day outcomes for our community.

In 2021 alone we spent over \$80M addressing our Class III & IV environment risks, completing 12 projects.



For more regular updates and project information, along with the full project implementation plan and videos, please see our website:

www.qal.com.au/our-approach/environment.aspx

To contact us please: call 1800 181 110 or email feedback@qal.com.au

Saving lives together

In January, the RACQ CapRescue crew were tasked to multiple rescues across the region, all of which highlighted their important relationship with the Queensland Ambulance Service (QAS). More often than not, prior to the arrival of CapRescue, QAS are first on scene providing initial medical treatment that can sometimes be the difference between life and death. Once on scene, the Rescue300 crew provide specialised medical care and stabilise and prepare the patient for air transfer to the appropriate health facility, which can often be hours away by road. By working together, particularly in remote regions, CapRescue and QAS provide the highest level of critical medical care at the scene of an accident.

On the afternoon of January 13th, CapRescue airlifted a man in his sixties who had suffered crush injuries after the vehicle he was changing a tyre on reportedly slipped off the jack. The patient was able to free himself from under the vehicle and drive to a nearby camp reserve to seek assistance.

The man was initially treated by QAS Paramedics prior to the arrival of the Rescue300 helicopter. The onboard Doctor and Critical Care Paramedic (CCP) further examined the patient and treated him for suspected rib injuries. He was then stabilised for transport to Rockhampton Hospital for further scans and treatment.

Just after 6am on January 18th, Queensland Health tasked Rescue300 to the scene of a single motorbike accident involving a kangaroo on the Marlborough-Sarina Road, near Clarke Creek.

The 56 year old rider was initially treated by QAS Paramedics with the assistance of Queensland Fire and Emergency Services and Queensland Police Service Officers prior to CapRescue touching down. The onboard Flight Doctor and CCP treated the patient for suspected internal injuries and upper body fractures before being flown to Rockhampton in a serious but stable condition.

On January 27th, CapRescue retrieved a male patient in his mid-thirties from Calliope. The man suffered suspected spinal injuries when he fell off his motorbike, slid across the road and hit a tree. QAS Paramedics provided initial treatment on scene before transporting him to the Calliope Show Grounds to meet Rescue300. He remained in a stable condition throughout the flight.

Rescue300 received a call after 6pm on January 31st to rescue a young man who had been working in the cattle yards of a property when he was suddenly rammed into the steel railings by a bull. The teenage patient sustained serious injuries to his upper



leg and pelvis from the incident. Three QAS vehicles quickly responded and called for the assistance of CapRescue.

He was treated on scene by the helicopter's onboard Doctor and CCP before being quickly airlifted to Rockhampton in a serious but stable condition for further treatment.

service providers, CapRescue is on call 24/7 to keep the people of this great state safe. In Central Queensland when the necessary health care is hours away, CapRescue are there – because a region this big, needs a fast response!

For more rescue stories follow CapRescue's Facebook page @caprescue.

Together, with all Queensland emergency



Cracking new event is a hit!

Coming up in April is a fantastic new event on the RACQ CapRescue calendar. A corporate golf day on Friday the 22nd at the Rockhampton Golf Club.

Community Engagement Officer Kim Moss said she has been overwhelmed by the response for the day.

"With only 30 teams available, the invite was sent as an early release to our Rescue300 members and it was snapped up so quickly!"

An initiative partnered with Triple M, General Manager Matthew Wex also shared in the enthusiasm of the CapRescue community.

"Triple M CQ is delighted to partner with CapRescue to establish what we hope will become the annual must attend charity golf day of the year.

We recognise CapRescue as an essential service to our region and we hope that we can raise a meaningful amount of money on the day to help support the service."

DC Motors who have been a proud supporter of CapRescue for 15 Years, jumped at the opportunity to be a major sponsor of the inaugural Golf Day.

Sheamus O'Reilly DC Motors Dealer Principal said he was more than happy to come on board and be a part of the day that will be an exciting opportunity to raise funds for CapRescue.

"I'm hoping we will all have a cracking day. We are always grateful for the extraordinary work CapRescue does in the community and are proud to be a sponsor of a great organisation."

Although player opportunities are currently sold out, CapRescue are looking for donations of raffle prizes which it's hoped businesses will see as an opportunity to not only support a great cause, but also get their product and/or name in front of a corporate audience.

To donate raffle prizes contact Kim on (07) 4922 9093 or kimm@caprescue.org.au.



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Gardening

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Blooming good Gerberas

There is nothing more attractive than a garden bed full of flowering Gerberas.

Unfortunately in recent decades Gerbera have lost favour with many gardeners. Botanically, this native of Africa and is regarded as a Perennial herb, with its long-stalked, daisy-like flowers.

Do you have any flowering Gerberas in your garden? If not what about planting some Gerberas?

Gerberas could be described as one of the most dependable varieties of daisy and one plant no colour garden should be without. This striking Perennial, with its distinctively shaped and vibrantly coloured flowers has become a favourite of gardeners over the last few decades.

Gerberas are available in single and double flowering varieties, some with two-toned colouring combinations, and others with a wide colour range in petals, some with either black or white centres.

There are even the unusual spider-type Gerbera varieties but these are a little more temperamental.

Some of the most significant hybrids available throughout Australia have actually been developed in Bundaberg, by well-respected horticulturalist, Eric Bauer, with his plants sold under the name Gerbera bauerii Noble Flora.

The flowers of these plants have been known to reach the size of saucers. A visit to any city or country agricultural show will provide excellent specimens of this man's hybridisation skills.

Gerberas were first identified by a German botanist by the name of Traugott Gerber. While there are approximately forty known species of Gerbera, the most common in Gerbera jamesonii, which is the parent plant of the just about every commonly found gerbera hybrid in most gardens. There are at least two hundred named varieties of Gerberas available to the specialist gardeners.

TRANSPLANTING GERBERAS

Recently I received an e-mail from Jenny asking if I could give some advice on transplanting Gerberas. Jenny's Grandmother lives in Tambo and has offered her several dozen different Gerberas from garden.

Jenny would like to grow most of the Gerberas in pots though there is a small garden she would also like to plant a few Gerberas.

Gerberas make excellent pot plants, particularly for small window boxes or balcony areas. With potted gerberas, it is always best to divide and repot the plants each year, allowing the plant to always remain at its very best. Mid-march is always a good starting time for this process, and I would repot no later than



Gerbera bauerii Noble Flora Gold.



Gerbera Tambo.



Gerbera bauerii Noble Flora Orange



Gerbera bauerii Noble Flora Multi Pink.



Gerbera bauerii Noble Flora Hot Pink.

mid to late May.

Most varieties of gerberas will quite happily grow in pots, but still require a sunny position. Gerberas will grow in the garden in just about all soil types, though, in heavy clay soils, extra drainage may be advisable when planting, and in very sandy soils, extra organic material will help in producing a better plant. It is always important to remember that when you are planting potted gerberas into the ground, the crown of the plant should be placed level with the surface of the soil.

Place a handful of organic fertiliser in the hole when planting your gerberas. I would surgest organic blood-and-bone or an organic rose fertiliser to feed gerberas during

spring summer and autumn, sometimes even twice in a season. Using an organic rose food is one old wives tale that is entirely true! It is very important to remember when fertilising gerberas not to place the fertiliser too close to the main stem, as this can kill the plant quite quickly. Once planted in the ground, mulching is essential, using forest or sugar cane mulch, or even pine bark, all of which would be suitable.

In fact a few years ago I transplanted a large quantity of unique gerberas, and relocated them to a new, specialised gerbera bed. Twelve months later, the garden beds were producing generous sprays of show quality gerbera flowers. The reason for this relocation was the fact

that, like in many gardens, these gerberas were being overgrown by other plants around them in the garden, which is a great lose for anyone who enjoys the beauty of these flowers.

DID YOU KNOW?

Gerberas are excellent companion plants, especially when planted with roses, which seem to have similar preferences for soil and climatic conditions, as well as suffering from the same pest and disease problems at the same times throughout the year.

Eggshells are rich in magnesium and calcium, and may be crushed up, or just added to your compost heap. When they are dug in around gerberas and cauliflower you can get the best results.

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Partnering with schools

By AgForce General President
Georgie Somerset

One of the best things about AgForce's School to Industry Partnership Program (SIPP) is seeing the smile on a kid's face when they hold a lamb in their arms or 'drive' a tractor for the first time.

It's something I, the SIPP team, teachers, family members, and anyone who helps deliver the numerous SIPP events, never grow tired of.

During the past five years more than 23,000 primary and secondary school students, 2,200 teachers, and 450 industry partners have participated in a SIPP event – two of those years during the Covid-19 pandemic.

While it's true that Covid has shone a spotlight on the importance of our nation's food security, a 2018 National Farmers' Federation poll revealed that 52 per cent of 18- to 29-year-olds felt disconnected from farming and uninformed about the agriculture industry.

Research also estimates that to keep up with our food production demands Australia's agricultural job market requires more than 4000 new people entering the workforce each year, but that there are now only around 300 agricultural graduates produced annually, and 700 when related courses are considered.

Recent agricultural college closures have clearly only increased the intrinsic value of SIPP to society.

SIPP raises awareness about the importance of agriculture to our daily lives, promotes the diversity of interesting, rewarding careers in agriculture, and provides opportunities for children and teachers to experience agriculture and the people who work in it 'up close and personal' – helping them better un-



It's important that children understand the importance of agriculture.

derstand the connections between modern life and agricultural production.

Funding from the Federal Department of Agriculture, Water and Environment and the Queensland Department of Employment, Small Business and Training has paved the way for the growing number of requests from

Queensland schools to engage with AgForce's SIPP – but, significantly, we need continued support and collaboration – especially from government – if SIPP is to continue to thrive.

Continued and even increased support will allow AgForce's SIPP team to go on running programs and events that further highlight the

importance of agriculture to current and future generations – all while putting a smile on the face of every kid (and adult) who attends them.

If you are a teacher or community member interested in more information on SIPP, call (07) 3236 3100.

Livestock markets yield record prices in bumper week

Combined agents yarded 2782 head on 16 February, comprising of 1,305 steers, 798 heifers, 571 cows, 60 Cows & Calves and 48 bulls. Cattle were drawn from North to Bowen and Collinsville as far south as Taroom and most local areas. Condition was good for most of the offering with quality varied. All usual processors were present and operating as well as the normal feeders together with an expanded restocker panel. Seeing light-weight weaner steers reaching record pricings again this week of 948c/kg.

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE DAY

- Kirkwood Family, Akubra Downs Sold Santa Cross Bullocks to 448c/kg weighing 633kg to return \$2,839/hd
- S Meehan, Yeppoon Sold Brangus Bullocks for 428c/kg weighing 832kg to return \$3,562/hd
- EM & RF Bella, Nebo Sold Brangus Steers for 568c/kg weighing 447kg to return \$2,545/hd
- M Goulding, Theodore Sold Santa Cross Steers for 572c/kg weighing 415kg to return \$2,379/hd
- D & A Cocks, Duaringa sold Shorthorn cross steers for 902c/kg weighing 207kg to return \$1,876p/hd
- N & T Harch, Biloela Sold Brangus Steers for 772c/kg weighing 300kg to return \$2,312/hd
- M & S Bella, Ilbilbie Sold Droughtmaster Cross Weaner Steers for 948c/kg weighing 197kg to return \$1,867/hd
- LJ and BL Christensen, Theodore Sold Charbray Cows for 415c/kg weighing 674kg to return \$2,800/hd
- E & T Jones, Dalma Sold Brangus Heifers for 680c/kg weighing 253kg to return \$1,725/hd
- G & L Smith, Nebo Sold Simbrah Heifers



- 706c/kg weighing 271kg to return \$1,919/hd
- N & T Harch, Biloela Sold Brangus Heifers for 708c/kg weighing 313kg to return \$2,222/hd

- B & N Miller, Barmoya Sold Droughtmaster Heifers for 648c/kg weighing 338kg to return \$2,193/hd
- L Hanrahan, Gogango Sold Red Brahman

- Weaner Heifers for 752c/kg weighing 270kg to return \$2,036/hd
- P Moran, Clarke Creek Sold Brahman Cows and Calves for \$4,100/unit

COMICS

Bottled Fruit



Bushy Tales



Swamp



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Against the Grain



Ballard Street



Aaron teaches his dog about traffic.

Grin Bin



Your year ahead
Somehow, you've managed to persuade a guardian angel to put in a bit of overtime on your behalf. Actually, it's more likely that you have a team of them working around the clock - along with the support of friends and family. Finally, here's a year when there's little to lose and much to gain. If you've been feeling overloaded, you're now more inclined to review those long hours. The next step may be to permanently work from home - a situation set up for many Pisceans last year. And should there be mounting tension between home and work life - prioritise, and leave plenty of time for play.



ARIES
(Mar 21 - Apr 20)

This week's message is to take a step back to acknowledge your innermost feelings. Preoccupied with many of today's distractions, we often lose ourselves for long periods at a time. Agitation follows. To avoid feeling pressured or stressed, you must learn to trust your innate intuition. Calmness and true self-reflection are required.
Best Day: Saturday 5th



TAURUS
(Apr 21 - May 20)

You see things from a different perspective this week. Most Taureans feel more confident, and ambitious. Work could also take an unexpected turn as you try something new. If you cope well enough, you may be offered retraining. And should someone ask your opinion on an important matter, answer with conviction.
Best Day: Sunday 27th



GEMINI
(May 21 - Jun 21)

Geminis focus on finances this week, giving you an opportunity to increase income. Start saving now and you'll soon have plenty to spare for that proverbial rainy day. Jobs connected with finance or the media do particularly well. Ditto for those linked with health care. Romantically, many discover a hot new stamping ground.
Best Day: Monday 28th



CANCER
(Jun 22 - Jul 22)

Almost everything has its upside, which is well worth remembering this week. The real problem is that you may feel a tad dazed or confused. When you feel this vulnerable, it can help to put some distance between you and others. Sit quietly, and come to terms with a few home truths. Learn how to turn current circumstances to your advantage.
Best Day: Friday 4th



LEO
(Jul 23 - Aug 23)

If you've been tiptoeing around any kind of resolution or dodging an important conversation, this could all come to a head this week. Hidden tensions may surface, especially if you've been making too many sacrifices for someone. You're nobody's doormat, Leo - a fact that will soon become crystal clear.
Best Day: Saturday 5th



LIBRA
(Sep 23 - Oct 23)

There are times when you feel you don't belong. Others just don't seem to understand your unique and inquisitive imagination. Happily, this week gives the rest of us dullards a chance to catch up. Communications start to improve - as do relationships. You may receive an unexpected visit or hear important news.
Best Day: Sunday 27th

ARROW WORDS												
	Garcia, Ocean's Eleven actor (pic)	Current events	Bonfire		Land measure		Duo		Smoking apparatus			
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						Extremely			Burst			



VIRGO
(Aug 24 - Sep 22)

You're exhausted, Virgo, and it's a fair bet that relationship issues need sorting. But a chirpier Venus turns your attention away from life's troubles. Give yourself permission to shift from social to solitary, and back again, depending on your mood. Both modes of operation will work for you now. Take time out for some pampering, too.
Best Day: Friday 4th



SCORPIO
(Oct 24 - Nov 22)

Just when you're searching for a deeper meaning in life, the world shows itself to be more superficial than you'd imagined. Partners could easily play a part in this. Don't worry. Nothing's permanent - disappointment included. Even though that right sense of balance can be elusive, luck turns your way again very soon.
Best Day: Monday 28th



SAGITTARIUS
(Nov 23 - Dec 21)

It's a week to rid yourself of restrictions, especially regarding lacklustre romance or being stuck in a dead-end job. The cosmos allows you to discard emotional or physical baggage that block you from taking action. Do this, and new opportunities will start to appear. Finally, you can make the best of your very special talents.
Best Day: Friday 4th



CAPRICORN
(Dec 22 - Jan 20)

It could be difficult to differentiate between fact and fiction this week. If asked to referee family feuds, step away. You've more pressing issues to address. In all of this, take special care of yourself. Despite feeling energetic, it wouldn't hurt to make a point of observing good health and safety precautions. Prevention's always better than cure.
Best Day: Thursday 3rd



AQUARIUS
(Jan 21 - Feb 18)

If tensions or delays are getting you down, distancing yourself won't make things any better - even if it is the easy option. If nothing seems to be going right, ask yourself whether you've become too inflexible. Admit it, Aquarius - you can be stubborn! All that's needed to get your life back on track is a little co-operation and mutual understanding.
Best Day: Tuesday 1st



PISCES
(Feb 19 - Mar 20)

The past has a bad habit of reappearing on your doorstep when you least expect it. If this sounds like a recipe for disaster, don't worry. It's simply a case of using your common sense. By late week, many Pisceans find that their cash flow improves. It's been a long wait, but you may finally start to pay those overdue bills.
Best Day: Wednesday 2nd

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WEATHER

FORECAST

Warnings

See www.bom.gov.au/australia/warnings

Gladstone: Partly cloudy. High chance of showers, most likely from the late morning. The chance of a thunderstorm. Winds southeasterly 15 to 25 km/h. Friday. Showers.

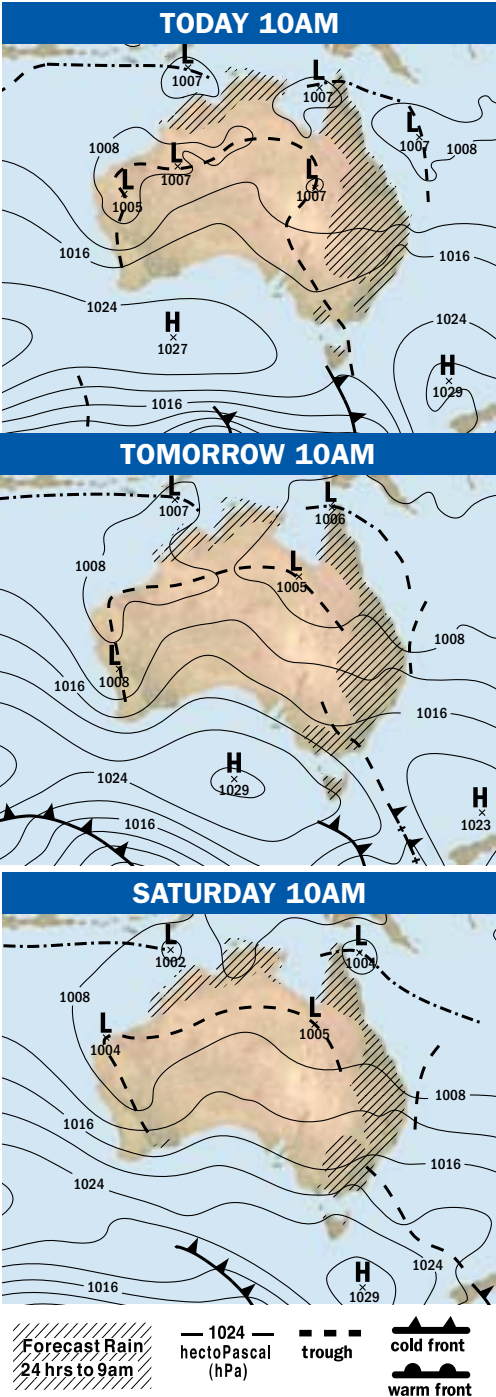
Rockhampton: Medium chance of showers, most likely from the late morning. The chance of a thunderstorm. Winds southeasterly 15 to 20 km/h tending easterly in the middle of the day then becoming light in the evening. Friday. Shower or two.

Capricornia: High (70%) chance of showers, most likely from the late morning. The chance of a storm, with possible heavy falls in the southwest in the afternoon and evening. Winds southeasterly 15 to 20 km/h becoming light before dawn then becoming east to southeasterly 15 to 20 km/h in the morning. Friday. Medium (60%) chance of showers. The chance of a storm, with possible heavy falls in the afternoon and evening. Light winds becoming southeasterly 15 to 25 km/h during the morning.

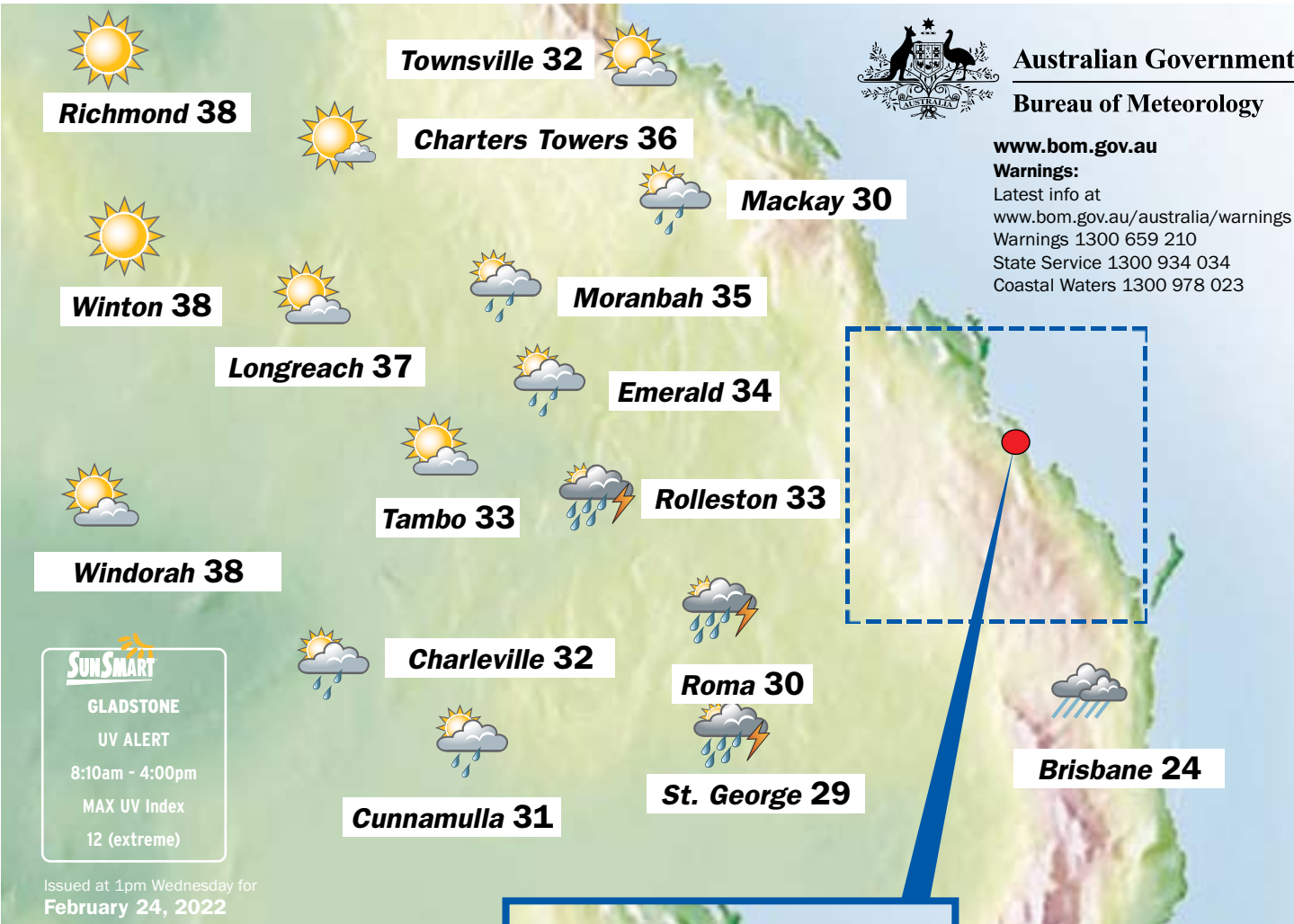
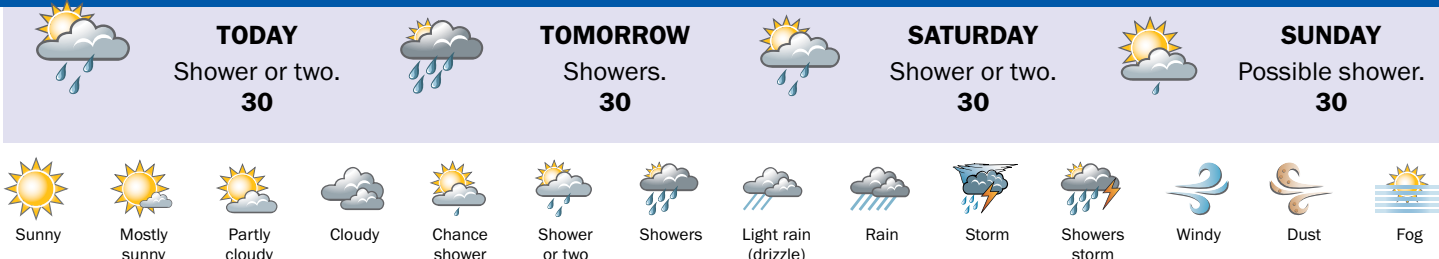
Central Highlands and Coalfields: High (70%) chance of showers in the southeast, medium (50%) chance elsewhere. The chance of a storm, with possible heavy falls in the south in the afternoon and evening. Light winds becoming southeasterly 15 to 20 km/h in the late afternoon then becoming light in the evening.

Queensland: A high near New Zealand and a trough near the southern Queensland coast will maintain a humid onshore airflow and unsettled conditions across eastern Queensland. An inland trough will linger over western Queensland. A monsoon trough will develop over northern Cape York Peninsula. Mostly sunny in the west. A slight to medium chance of showers and storms elsewhere, increasing to a high to very high chance in the southeast and Cape York Peninsula. Moderate to heavy falls are possible in the southeast with the coastal trough. Temperatures near average, tending below average across the southeast and above average in the northwest.

Friday. A high near New Zealand and a trough near the southern Queensland coast will maintain a humid onshore airflow and unsettled conditions across eastern Queensland. A monsoon trough will develop over northern Cape York Peninsula with possibly windy conditions for the Torres Strait islands as a tropical low develops over the eastern Arafura Sea or the northern Gulf of Carpentaria and moves east. Mostly sunny in the west. A slight to medium chance of showers and storms elsewhere, increasing to a high to very high chance in the southeast and Cape York Peninsula. Moderate to heavy falls are possible in the southeast with the coastal trough. Temperatures near average, tending well below average across the southeast and well above average in the northwest.



GLADSTONE FORECAST



COASTAL WATERS

St. Lawrence to Burnett Heads:

Winds: East to southeasterly 10 to 15 knots increasing to 15 to 20 knots during the afternoon, then decreasing to 10 to 15 knots in the late evening. Seas: 1 to 1.5 metres, decreasing to 1 metre during the morning. Swell: Easterly below 1 metre inshore, increasing to 1 to 2 metres offshore. Weather: Partly cloudy. 80% chance of showers. Chance of a storm. Friday. Winds: East to southeasterly 10 to 15 knots increasing to 15 to 20 knots during the afternoon. Seas: Around 1 metre, increasing to 1 to 1.5 metres offshore south of Agnes Water. Swell: Easterly below 1 metre inshore, increasing to 1 to 2 metres offshore. Weather: Partly cloudy. 80% chance of showers. Rain heavy at times in the morning. The chance of a storm.

Bowen to St. Lawrence:

Winds: East to southeasterly 10 to 15 knots decreasing to about 10 knots in the late evening. Inshore winds south of Sarina tending east to northeasterly in the afternoon. Seas: Around 1 metre. Swell: Easterly below 1 metre. Weather: Partly cloudy. 60% chance of showers. The chance of a storm.

Hervey Bay:

Winds: Southeasterly 10 to 15 knots turning easterly 15 to 20 knots in the afternoon. Seas: Around 1 metre. Swell: North to northeasterly below 1 metre. Weather: Cloudy. 95% chance of showers. Rain heavy at times in the evening. The chance of a storm.

Fraser Island Coast:

Winds: East to southeasterly 15 to 20 knots, increasing 20 to 25 knots during the afternoon and reaching up to 30 knots offshore. Winds tending east to northeasterly during the evening. Seas: 1 to 1.5 metres, increasing to 1 to 2 metres during the afternoon. Swell: Easterly 1 to 1.5 metres inshore, increasing to 1.5 to 2 metres offshore. Weather: Cloudy. 95% chance of showers. Rain heavy at times in the afternoon and evening. The chance of a storm.

CAPITAL CITIES

City	Condition	Max
Adelaide	Mostly sunny.	31
Brisbane	Rain. Possible heavy falls.	24
Canberra	Possible shower.	28
Darwin	Showers. Possible storm.	31
Hobart	Cloudy.	23
Melbourne	Humid. Possible shower.	27
Perth	Mostly sunny.	36
Sydney	Showers.	28

SUN & MOON

	Sunrise	Sunset	Moonrise	Moonset
Thursday	5:48am	6:29pm	11:43pm	12:44pm
Friday	5:48am	6:28pm	Nil	1:50pm
Saturday	5:49am	6:27pm	12:39am	2:54pm
Sunday	5:49am	6:26pm	1:41am	3:55pm
Monday	5:50am	6:26pm	2:47am	4:49pm
Tuesday	5:50am	6:25pm	3:54am	5:37pm

Rockhampton 32

Gladstone 30

Biloela 32

Bundaberg 29

Hervey Bay 27

Gayndah 29

THE WORLD

World conditions today

City	Weather	Max	Min
Athens	cloudy	12	7
Auckland	showers	28	17
Bangkok	fine	31	20
Beijing	fine	9	-6
Berlin	fine	11	0
Christchurch	fine	18	12
Denpasar	storms	33	24
Dublin	hail	6	4
Hong Kong	cold	15	9
Honolulu	sunny	28	22
Jakarta	rain	30	25
Johannesburg	storms	28	15
Kuala Lumpur	storms	32	24
London	showers	8	7
Los Angeles	sunny	17	5
Madrid	fine	19	7
Moscow	snow	4	2
New Delhi	fine	28	11
New York	sleet	3	1
Noumea	sunny	30	24
Paris	rain	12	6
Auckland	showers	28	17
Port Vila	fine	33	22
Seoul	fine	4	-8
Singapore	storms	33	24
Suva	showers	31	24
Tel Aviv	fine	17	11
Tokyo	fine	9	0
Vancouver	sunny	4	-5
Wellington	fine	18	13

TIDES

Gladstone

Today:

H:	2:48am	3.5m
L:	9:27am	1.8m
H:	3:07pm	3.1m
L:	9:19pm	1.6m

Tomorrow:

H:	4:25am	3.6m
L:	11:07am	1.7m
H:	4:53pm	3.0m
L:	10:47pm	1.5m

Saturday:

H:	5:50am	3.9m
L:	12:24pm	1.4m
H:	6:21pm	3.2m

Sunday:

L:	12:13am	1.3m
H:	6:55am	4.2m
L:	1:22pm	1.0m
H:	7:22pm	3.5m

Monday:

L:	1:19am	1.1m
H:	7:47am	4.4m
L:	2:09pm	0.8m
H:	8:11pm	3.7m

Tuesday:

L:	2:10am	0.8m
H:	8:31am	4.6m
L:	2:51pm	0.6m
H:	8:52pm	3.9m

Port Alma

Today:

H:	2:59am	4.3m
L:	9:48am	2.2m
H:	3:30pm	3.8m
L:	9:57pm	1.9m

Tomorrow:

H:	4:33am	4.4m
L:	11:17am	1.9m
H:	5:03pm	3.9m
L:	11:26pm	1.8m

Saturday:

H:	5:56am	4.8m
L:	12:32pm	1.6m
H:	6:18pm	4.1m

Sunday:

L:	12:41am	1.5m
H:	7:02am	5.1m
L:	1:33pm	1.2m
H:	7:17pm	4.4m

Monday:

L:	1:39am	1.2m
H:	7:56am	5.4m
L:	2:23pm	1.0m
H:	8:05pm	4.6m

Tuesday:

L:	2:27am	0.9m
H:	8:41am	5.6m
L:	3:06pm	0.8m
H:	8:46pm	4.8m



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**COMMUNITY CONSULTATIVE
COMMITTEE MEETING -
Information Session**

**Biloela Bowls Club
Wednesday March 2
1pm - 2.30pm**

Light refreshments will be served

The Banana Range Windfarm Community is
invited to attend an information forum, to be held
at the Biloela Bowls Club on March 2 at 1 pm.

The process for the establishment of the Banana
Range Windfarm Community Consultative
Committee (CCC) will be discussed.
An update on the project will be presented.

Please register your interest, including your
full-name, address and contact details to:
bananarangewindfarm@edf-re.com.au

The purpose of a Community Consultative
Committee (CCC) is to provide a forum for
discussion between EDF Renewables Australia
and representatives of the community,
stakeholder groups and the local council on
issues directly relating to the
Banana Range Wind Farm.

A consultative committee is not a decision-
making body but performs a vital advisory
and consultative role. The CCC will meet
quarterly. Further, information newsletters will
be provided quarterly.

We look forward to meeting you all soon.
Please stay safe and healthy in the interim.

Mr Kyle Russell
EDF Renewables Australia Project Director

Announcements

Funeral Services

**LEHTINEN
Vivian Henrietta**

Late of Edenvale Nursing Home,
Gladstone, and formerly of Caboolture.
Passed away peacefully, Monday
21st February, 2022, aged 88 years.

Beloved Wife of the late Ed Lehtinen
(Mr Ed). Loving Mother and Mother-
in-law to Lois and Colin, Tim, Sylvia,
Daniel and Donna, Amy and Steve,
Stephen and Amanda.

Adored Grandma, Great and Great
Great Grandma to their families.

Relatives and Friends are respectfully
invited to attend Vivian's Funeral
Service, to be held at the Boyne
Tannum Memorial Parklands Chapel,
Pioneer Drive, Boyne Island,
**Wednesday 2nd March, 2022,
commencing 10.00a.m.**

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**SHERWIN
Keith Huntley**

Late of Emmadale Drive,
Gladstone, and formerly of
the Boyne Valley. Passed away
peacefully at the Gladstone Hospital,
Saturday 19th February, 2022,
aged 81 years.

Dearly loved Husband of Pauline.
Loved Father and Father-in-law
of Tony and Veronica, Lola and
Shaun, and loving Grandad and
Great Grandad to their families.

Relatives and Friends are
respectfully invited to attend
Keith's Funeral Service, to be
held at the Boyne Tannum
Memorial Parklands Chapel,
Pioneer Drive, Boyne Island,
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Kresten Doak was the man tasked to play between the sticks for Nerimbera.



Garth Lawrie drops the ball off for a teammate before darting forward.



A massive challenge in the air deep in the contest.



There we plenty of shoulder-to-shoulders tackles on Saturday night.

Central soars above Pies

By Liam Emerton

The Australia and Kappa Cup competitions kicked off on Saturday with four big matches across Rockhampton, Yeppoon and Gladstone. Heading to Nerimbera first, the Magpies hosted Central FC in an intriguing Australia Cup battle at Pilbeam Park.

After a back-and-forth battle the sides remained locked level at half time as you could feel the tension in the air.

But just two minutes into the second half it was a Central free kick which was teased into the area and after skimming a Nerimbera head, the ball rustled in the back of the net.

That goal gave Central the lead and allowed the travelling side to drop a little deeper when defending inside their own half.

However what was impressive was FC's ability to press high, forcing the Magpies into a number of errors in their own half.

That clearly frustrated Nerimbera and ultimately, after a number of decent attacks which ended in blocks or saved shots by Central goalkeeper and coach Dave Longden, the Magpies couldn't crack the clean sheet and were defeated 1-0.

The match itself was also extremely physical with five yellow cards being handed out over the course of the contest with a number of heated moments forcing the officials to calm things down.

For Central FC player-coach Dave Longden, he was impressed by his side's performance but said there are still a number of things to work on before the season starts.

"I thought the boys played very well. It was quite a physical game and quite fast," he said.

"The backline led by Dylan Clark played very well, Todd Longden also impressed in the backline and Mitch Tansky and Jayden Clark ran our midfield.

"They really held the team together from the forward-line to the backline which made my job easy in goal.

"It would have been nice to just get that second goal to make it a little bit more comfortable but we just couldn't find the back of the net.

"Garth's [Lawrie] movement up front was great and we're just trying to work on that combination play and just our finishing needs a bit of work at this stage, which you except



Lachlan Riley clears the ball away.



Lachlan Riley avoids a strong challenge.



Nerimbera's Jeremy McMahon crunches Todd Longden.



Central's attack was clicking on Saturday.



The own goal that cemented Central's spot in the next round.

considering it's only our second run this year." Across to Yeppoon and the Capricorn Coast Eagles, down on numbers, were torn apart by a rampart Frenchville Roos outfit.

The Roos scored nine goals, with the Eagles unable to reply with one of their own, to move onto the next round of the Australia Cup.

Earmarked in last week's preview, Frenchville recruit Liam Mclean found himself with three assists and a goal while attacking partner

Ryan Hawken secured the match-ball with a hatrick.

That means that Central will have to come up against last year's competition winners, which will be a good test for the fresh Central squad.

It wasn't all doom and gloom for Cap Coast who managed to advance in the Kappa Cup thanks to a tough 2-1 win over a much-improved Frenchville Roos women's team.

Cap Coast will now come up against the looming Clinton FC who won their battle with Bluebirds United 7-1.

United went up 1-0 in that match but the muscle of Clinton, including Georgia Muir who scored a hatty of her own, saw the team knock in seven unanswered goals.

CQ Today was down at Pilbeam Park on Saturday night to witness and capture all the action between Nerimbera and Central FC.



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Thursday, 24 February, 2022 **GLADSTONE TODAY 55**



Trials and tribulations

Rugby League

We're back into footy all across national, Queensland and local competition, how good was it and who did you like first of all in the NRL trials?

Aaron: It was terrific to watch, I'm going to say I liked the Broncos of course.

The Broncos and Titans game was a cracker, finished as a draw, and that was a great game to watch.

Across the entire weekend, I tell you who impressed me the most, there were a couple of teams.

I thought the Bulldogs were good, which is going to make you happy, and the Dragons.

Most of us Central Queenslanders would like to see Anthony Griffin do well at the Dragons.

He got an extension on his contract through to the end of next year so he's there for the long run.

He is close to the team that he wants now and I thought the Dragons were really good.

They have plenty of depth and some real good forward firepower now and you look across that team they've got some really strong positions filled.

I think the Dragons might be a bit of a surprise packet. I'm sorry Anthony Griffin I had you down as the wooden spooners for 2022 but after watching them on the weekend I have them finishing higher up the ladder.

Liam: I don't know Aaron, it was a funny game, the Eels kind of just fell off towards the end.

And the Dragons steamed back in. I would just like to add that the prediction of the Eels not finishing in the top eight from me was a bit of a stretch last year but after seeing that, that feels pretty good.

That was a pretty tough game for the Parramatta boys and the Dragons will be filled with confidence after doing something like that.

You can't take too much out of trials but you can take a bit of heart and soul out of it and if a team has that they're always going to be hanging around in games.

You touched on the Bulldogs and we had a draw with the Knights I thought we were ok Aaron but I was a little bit concerned.

I'm really waiting for the introduction of Matt Burton and Josh Addo-Carr, I think that will be our main team.

There was also that huge hit on Ponga, who was absolutely destroyed by a rookie, that was great to watch.

I was out of my chair watching that. It was a good game but plenty to work on.

Aaron: As you said you never know with trials there's plenty going on around and on the field.

But if you're looking for heart, passion and the desire to win in a trial and you can see that effort then you know that your team is going to place pretty well.

The Dragons, Bulldogs, the Titans and the Broncos all had it on the weekend, even the Cowboys, They're the teams that have been struggling but they're the teams who will show fight this year.

I have said, and I will say it again, I think this year's NRL season might be the best of all time because we are seeing the top teams like the Storm who have lost a number of players combined with the strengthening of those bottom teams.

And then the Rabbits, they were probably the most disappointing team of the weekend.

I just don't know how they fill in for Reynolds, they've lost the great man. What pulls that team together?

Liam: It's going to be a tough season for them. It's a transition for them losing probably one of the top three halfbacks in the NRL.

If you lose a playmaker like that you're going to struggle.

The eyes drift towards the Rabbitohs and



Aaron was impressed by his wooden-spoon tip the Dragons in the opening round of the pre-season.

Dragons and that traditional clash out there that Mudgee.

Aaron: Well that's the game isn't it. When we talk pre-season trials, that's not a pre-season trial, that's a competition game.

They're playing for lots in that game, they're playing for pride. I think we will truly see on the weekend where the Dragons and Rabbitohs are at.

I think that one is on the way up and one is on the way down.

And then Broncos and Cowboys in Mackay, what else could you want?

Speaking of Mackay, the Cutters came down to play the Capras and it was great to see the Capras get a win.

Liam: It was a good game. I was there for a majority of it and the Capras just really stuck together.

This year seems different. There were a few injuries and outs, but they just played so well out there.

It's great to see from a CQ Capras standpoint, it's terrific for them to step up and keep that lead.

The dropping of the points after half-time was such a big issue but this week they kept pushing forward and got the job done over Mackay.

And of course all the youngsters played before them and there are a couple of really talented youngsters in those ranks Aaron who will be the ones that will be looking towards the Dolphins and the NRL.

And in another pre-season trial, it's always interesting when a Gladstone team takes on a Rocky squad so we've got the Valley Diehards, who won the Gladstone comp last year and the Fitzroy Sharks who finished last in the Rocky comp but are always a good fight.

That's going to be a good game down there isn't it?

Aaron: From what I hear the Sharks have strengthened a bit for the season ahead.

Once again if you get a lot of those players in, it can be tough because of work commitments in Central Queensland, but it looks like they've strengthened.

I'm really looking forward to the seasons ahead and we're there aren't we, we're just on the cusp of the season.

We're into the entree, but I can't wait to be into the proper season.

Liam: And down in Gladstone it's going to be a full day of rugby league so for anyone that wants to get down there and really enjoy it, it's literally from 9am, all the way through to 6pm.

It's going to be a great day down there.

Super Netball

A terrific tournament tips off this weekend in the Super Netball, what can you tell us about it?

Aaron: This weekend we're seeing this new netball concept which is just a terrific idea.

Let's face it Liam, we all get excited for the shorter format of games, the 9s, 7s in league and union, T20 in cricket and six-a-side is on this weekend at Frenchville.

But now netball has got on board, and they've done similar things in previous years, but they're really stepping it up with the Suncorp Team Girls Cup.

It's three days, ten minute quarters and all of the teams are in a round-robin competition before playing finals on Sunday.

What a great idea and terrific concept and if you go to the draw on the Super Netball website it's bright, it's flashy, they've done a great job of capturing that essence that we see in the Big Bash.

It looks like it's going to be a great compe-

tion. The Firebirds, the Vixens, the Fever, the Giants, the Magpies all those teams that we see in the Super Netball season, firing up in a round-robin competition.

Liam: It sounds fantastic Aaron, you brought it to my attention this week and it's always good to get into the shorter format.

The draw looks fantastic, it sticks out at you right away and it looks like a great tournament that's going ahead.

Like you said, it's always good with those shorter formats to get people into the game and that sounds perfect to me.

On a Friday night watching those games, but I'll be cheering on the Giants mate, I can't go past the Western Sydney side, who will you be cheering on mate?

Aaron: Obviously the Firebirds, c'mon the Firebirds. But the interesting subplot to all this is showing your colours.

It's all about getting that support for netball and getting that team support going and getting people to do what we see in AFL and NRL buy yourself a shirt and show your support.

The Suncorp Team Girls Cup it's about getting people on board before the season starts.

Wonderful concept, over three days, all in the one location so well done to them.

Those shorter forms of the games have really grown in the last few years.

We expect lots of people down at Frenchville for the six-a-side competition.

In our fast-paced world these days Liam, that shorter form of the game is really taking over.

Liam: A bite-sized chunk of what you can get from a full game of electric action.

It will be a really good format and like you said the side-a-side at Frenchy this weekend will be fantastic and I'll be down there enjoying that.

Fresh Capras captured

By Liam Emerton

The Rockhampton Leagues Club Capras kicked off their 2022 season with a pre-season trial against Mackay Cutters on Saturday.

Our Hostplus Cup men's squad were able to overcome the Cutters in a gruelling and physical game at Browne Park.

But the day also gave an opportunity for many of our younger teams including the under 16s and women's under 19s squads who had their first hit out against an opposition team.

The day was a great way to kick off rugby league for the Capras who will have another trial, this time in Gladstone, in two weeks.

CQ Today was down at Browne Park during the under 16s, women's under 19s and first grade squads' first games of the new year to capture all the action.



Five-eight Radean Robinson looks for a gap in the Mackay defence.



Jamie Hill performed in a ball-playing lock role.



Bailey Butler crashes over for a try in the first half.



Jackson Harris looks out the back for a teammate.



Jonus Pearson puts on a left foot step.



Trey Brown captained the Capras in their first trial match of 2022.



A huge dumping tackle by Mackay on CQ.

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Regional Fishing



Devon Van Rooyen with a 103cm Trevally he caught at the 4mile off Bundaberg.



Shane Anderson with a barra he caught at Lake Monduran.



Jody Williams with some grunter she caught at Baffle Creek.

Catches from Queensland

By Today Group

Gympie and Noosa

With a little less rain and bigger tides with the full moon the rivers and creeks got a good influx of saline water. This has certainly helped to stabilise things with more fish happier to move upriver.

Trevally have been on the bite with anglers getting amongst the action on the run-in tide. Surface poppers have been working well at sunup with a large blip and a good pause. Give the Roosta Popper from Halco a go with the 105mm size perfect for the job. Try the creek mouths and around Inskip point near the sink hole.

Working the flats and rolling into the deeper waters with larger soft plastics has been working well for flathead on the run-out tide. Angler with boats have had some real success using this method. Bait anglers have also done the same using small pilchards, whitebait and hardy heads.

There are still some good mud crabs to be had, baiting your pots heavily with mullet has seen the best results. Set your pots in deeper water as there is still a bit of fresh in the system.

Fishing Creeks like Kauri and Alligator have been good for bream, mangrove jacks and queenfish. Early morning and late in the evening is the prime times. Live baits have been the best way to go so make sure you have your cast net, and live bait bucket handy.

On the offshore scene, things have been a little quiet running up to last weekend with the large swell and wind but the fishing gods have at last smiled on us and we saw some great opportunities to get offshore.

Double Island has been firing with both pelagic and reef species on offer. From the bottom tusk fish, maori cod, squire, snapper, an even a job fish have been accounted for. Anglers had to upsize their sinkers as there was a fair bit of run especially on the morning tide.

Large tuna and spanish mackerel are plentiful on the pelagic front. The mackerel have been quite large with fish well over the metre mark not uncommon. Tuna have been taking smaller slugs up to 40grams have been working well with most anglers getting to the north of the schools and letting the fish come to them. Casting to the edges of the schools has been the most effective with a fast retrieve.

Out of Noosa, at North reef the cobia is on the chew with the pilchard floater seeming to be the way to go. Snapper, pearl perch and nice sweetlip were also on the bite. Sunshine has also fished well for the Kayak anglers and is a great spot to try for some pelagics, for those that fished the bottom some trout is always on the cards at this time of the year.

On the beaches with conditions greatly improving and coming off the full moon anglers did quite well, whiting and dart numbers are good in the close gutters with Rainbow beach and Teewah beach producing some nice elbow slappers on the run-out tide and some big dart on the top of the tide at the back of the gutters.

Jew are also around with good fish taken on



Zane Gordon with a 63cm jack taken on a live bait.

fresh or live mullet. Fishing the night tide has been the most productive as the bigger fish move into the gutters under the cover of darkness to feed just before moon rise.

For the Rockhoppers Double Island and the Noosa National Park have been hot spots with plenty of bait coming out of the rivers, these closer areas have been fishing well for squire, sweetlip, jew and small cobia. Tuna have also been in the mix with some good schools getting in close.

Now for all the latest information log onto www.fishingnoosa.com.au for up-to-date bar and fishing reports, don't forget to drop into Tackle World Noosa, Noosa Boating and Outdoors and Northshore Bait & Tackle in Marcoola for all the right equipment, bait and advice to get you catching. Be sure to follow us on Facebook and remember Tight Lines and Bent Spines!

Bundaberg

BUNDABERG OFFSHORE

The offshore fishing has really been turning it on lately - when the weather is playing the game.

The coral trout has definitely been the standout fish caught in good numbers offshore.

Fishing for trout using pilchards, is the standout technique to get a feed but also using soft plastics can be a deadly way to catch them as well.

Fingers crossed the weather plays the game for us this weekend. As always, check the local weather report before heading out.

BUNDABERG INSHORE

The pelagics have started to turn it on over the past week.

The spanish mackerel and tuna has been the main two species being caught, trolling garfish and hardbody lures has been getting most the bites.

There's also been some very nice grunter being caught as well, so be sure to do some bottom fishing while out there.

BURNETT RIVER

The Burnett is still quite fresh from the rain we've been experiencing, so fishing towards the mouth is a good idea.

Anglers have been trolling the north wall with hardbody lures and been catching flathead, cod, mangrove jack and schoolie mackerel.

Also, there's some large morning tides this weekend so be sure to drop some crab pots in

for a feed of muddys.

THE KOLAN RIVER AND BAFFLE CREEK

The standout fish caught in these two systems has been the mangrove jack and flathead.

Both these fish have been caught on 3" Zman Minnowz and live baits such as sprat and paddy mullets.

There's also been some queenfish lurking around the mouth of the Baffle, so be sure to throw some surface lures around if you see any bait flickering nervously.

Again, don't forget to drop the crab pots in with the big morning tides this weekend.

LAKE MONDURAN

Lake Monduran is still firing on all cylinders with 1m+ barra being caught every day on the dam.

Fishing the windblown points and bays are great places to start searching for the barra. Hardbody lures and paddle tail soft plastics have both been getting their fair share of action.

With the hot days we've been experiencing my favourite time to chase the barra is definitely early in the mornings when the temp is still down.

Remember to fish with confidence!

Fishing

with Allstars Insalt's
Joe McGuire



Five-year-old Jack is fishing while dad watches closely.



Father Nigel and son Jack Mitchell with matching Fingermark.



February 2021 winning 88cm Tuna - Jack Mitchell.

Fishing is a skill for life

As the quote goes, “When you teach your son, you teach your son's son” (by The Talmud).

And so this occurs with fishing.

Not only is it a lifelong skill, but it is the gift that keeps on giving whether it is for enjoyment, escaping the rat race, being one with the nature of putting food on the table.

I've got two daughters and two sons that I've taught to fish, and fortunately, all of them love it.

In my ALLSTARS INSALT online fishing competition, there have been Father/Son entrants from Mackay that have stood out from the pack continuously.

Not only because of the stellar fish they catch, their prime #fishbragwin angler photos, but you can tell they love to fish by the look on their faces in the photos.

So, this column is dedicated to the Father/Son anglers from Mackay, Nigel and Jack Mitchell.

To help any of you who are thinking about teaching your kids or grandkids to fish, I thought I'd take the opportunity to ask dad Nigel a couple of questions to help increase our knowledge and then I asked his son, Jack, to add his two bobs too.

So, here's what they had to share.

1. How early did you teach Jack to fish?

I started taking him in the boat at around two years old, and he probably started fishing around four to five years old.

Jack says his earliest fishing memories with his old man were chasing Ribbon fish on the spoons off the local when he was roughly five years old.

2. Around what age did you start to see that Jack liked fishing as much as you?

Going back through some old photos, I can see he was getting keen around five to six years old.

Jack became attracted to fishing because he loves the environment, the places fishing has taken him and his increased learning about what drives fish behaviour.

3. At what age did you start to see that you had transferred enough knowledge to Jack that he had the skills to fish as well as you?

It was around age nine or ten when he started to throw lures with a bit of cast on his own.

And funny enough - Jack says his favourite learn to fish moment was when he was first introduced to lure throwing!

4. What's your favourite Father/Son fishing story to share?

Nigel says they used to live in Weipa, and he started taking Jack back up there with a few mates on a boys trip each year from about age 12 to 16, and since then, they now do a Lucinda/Hinchinbrook boy's trip every year.

So, the Father/Son fishing trips are such a solid bonding experience because Jack answered that his favourite fishing story was while fishing in Lucinda and fishing headland where he hooked a fish.

His dad told him it was a shark because he'd seen the fin in the shallows.

After fighting the fish for five minutes and not even enjoying it because it was a “shark”, it came up beside the boat and was a 115cm Barramundi.

5. What's your favourite Father/Son fishing experience nowadays?

As you can see from the photos accompanying this fishing column, Nigel says catching Doubles, Mangrove Jacks, Barrs, and Fingermark.

Jack agrees because he likes to head out to some flats in clean water and sight cast with the Old Boy for Barra and other fish species.

6. What do you like most about Father/Son fishing in the ALLSTARS competition?

Nigel was quick to say, “bragging rights against Jack, but I think he beat me last year!”

Whilst Jack enjoys fishing, the ALLSTARS comp shows you how many good anglers are out there and really challenges him to catch larger fish.

The final words about Father/Son fishing need to start with the well-taught prodigy Jack.

Father/Son fishing is a great thing to get into because it gets you out of the house, being active, and although it does get quite competitive, it's just as much fun.

But the final word goes out to the father, old man, the teacher Nigel.

Father/Son fishing is good times, a few beers, although it does get a bit competitive at times!

So if you like fishing and want to learn more about it, check out my fishing columns on my website www.allstarsinsalt.com.au.

I've written about how to target different species of fish that will help you get your family members out and about to try fishing and improve their fishing to result in a successful catch.

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.

As much as I like to write about fishing, I'd also like to hear from you. So please email me atinfo@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.



June 2021 winning 82cm Fingermark - Jack Mitchell.



December 2021 winning 105cm Queenfish - Nigel Mitchell.



December 2021 winning 87cm Fingermark Jack Mitchell.



Capras put Cutters to the sword

By Liam Emerton

The Central Queensland Capras have found their feet early in the new year, defeating rivals Mackay Cutters at Browne Park on Saturday.

After leading at half time, the Capras forced past last year's demons to continue their strong start and put the Cutters to the sword in fine fashion.

Caleb Tull was in amongst the action notching up a couple of tries to help secure the Capras' opening win of the new year.

See photos from the whole day
on page 57

Caleb Tull dives over the try-line for a four pointer.



The Diehards' big day out

By Liam Emerton

The reigning Gladstone Rugby League champions kick off their season as the main event of a stellar day of rugby league.

The first grade Valley Diehards will begin their season with a clash of cities when they battle the Fitzroy/Gracemere Sharks on Saturday afternoon.

Prior to that A Grade clash, the Valleys will host a gargantuan day of rugby league beginning with the under 6s.

The Gladstone Wallabys will be in action in the junior grades this weekend from the young gun under 6s to the under 15s.

The only junior grade that the Valleys won't be facing the Wallabys in will be the 13s, where the Tannum Sands Seagulls will be in battle.

Looking back towards the senior grades, the women's Fitzroy squad and Wallabys will clash prior to the reserve grade contest be-

tween the Diehards and the Wallabys.

However, the main event will be that first-grade duel between the Sharkies and the Diehards which will certainly be intriguing for fans of either side.

The Diehards are boasting strong numbers at training and will look to start the season on the right foot while the Fitzroy side has added to their roster and are eager to improve on last year's performance.

For Valley Diehards coach Les Nicholson this game is an important way to kickstart the local rugby league season and his club is proud to be the host this year.

"The club is super excited to host this, it's going to be held at the Valleys' grounds at Aerodrome Road.

"There's a lot of work going into this weekend behind the scenes and for those people who put in that hard work we always want

to recognise them.

"But in terms of the team, we're getting some really good numbers down at training and it's on the back of the grand final win last year.

"I'm really impressed by the way they've adopted the training methodology this year with everyone on the same page this year.

"I really couldn't be happier with the team at the moment."

Nicholson said it will be an interesting clash when his A Grade team matches up with the Sharks in a battle between two cities.

"It's a bit of an unknown, I haven't seen Fitzroy for a number of years," he said.

"We're not going to go into this too lightly because of that reason.

"They could come out and be dark horses of the competition up in Rockhampton, who knows.

"I just hope for our sake that we can just continue on our winning ways and the form that we showed at the end of last year."

And for the A Grade coach he is looking forward to seeing those older players stand up and lead the side especially the youngsters coming through.

"I've seen a change in our experienced guys standing up again at the start of the season," said Nicholson.

"The guys like Algon Congoo, Jaiden Richards and Leith Hammelswang, some of those guys have been around for a number of years now and they're looking pretty sharp at the moment and I'm excited to see them out there this weekend."

The games kick off at 8.30am with the under 6s with the women's match scheduled for 1.30pm before the A Grade is set to start at 4pm.

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