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Graham Simpson designed the memorial at the Ash Wednesday Bushfire Education Centre. 318184

# Refuge on Ash Wednesday

By Shelby Brooks

Forty years ago when fire ripped through Cockatoo, quick-thinking kindergarten teachers opened their circular building to allow people refuge.

About 200 residents, along with their pets, had 360-degree views of the devastation around them on that long night on Wednesday 16 February 1983.

Now, hundreds of past and present firefighters and volunteers are expected to gather at the same spot, which is now the Ash Wednesday Bushfire Education Centre (AWBEC), on Sunday 12 February for a state-wide memorial service to commemorate the 40th anniversary. The Gazette will also publish a special commemorative edition on 15 February.

Ash Wednesday was one of the most significant bushfire events in Australian history. It claimed the lives of 47 Victorians.

More than 180 fires occurred on that day across several towns and communities in regions across the state. More than 16,000 firefighters and other personnel were involved in the response.

The AWBEC provides an overview of the eight major fires on the day and was chosen as the site for the commemoration following con-

sultation with past and present members who fought the Ash Wednesday fires.

CFA captain in 1983, and current committee chairperson of the education centre, Graham Simpson was out fighting the fires when his wife and children took shelter in the kindergarten building, which years later was saved from demolition and heritage listed.

"They opened the building and people gravitated there," Graham said.

"A couple of blokes got on the roof and were putting the embers out while the people were inside."

Graham had joined the Cockatoo CFA Brigade five years earlier and had made captain only three months prior to Ash Wednesday.

He recently celebrated 45 years with the service.

Graham had returned home from work on Wednesday 16 February 1983 when the call came in at 7.28pm that a small fire had started on Baileys Road, Cockatoo.

The brigade's main tanker was out helping in Upper Beaconsfield, so Graham and his crew took the smaller truck with a 600L tank.

While putting out the fire in Baileys Road, the firefighters spotted smoke from Wright Forest.

"I walked into the forest and all along the track was a fire burning. We decided to make a stand up the hill where there were a few houses," Graham said.

"Next thing we got a call saying the wind had changed. We got off the hill and came back to Cockatoo. Our main tanker had just gotten back into town.

"That was the start of it. It was sheer bedlam.

"Traffic was everywhere. My hair was singed at the back of my head from the heat while I was trying to get the traffic cleared to get the trucks through."

The fire in Cockatoo was the last one to start on the day, so the town did not have much external support.

It took many years for the town to recover, though it could be argued recovery is still occurring.

Graham served as captain for a total of 12 years before taking a step back.

He said he never considered leaving Cockatoo.

Graham said not everyone understands why he is so passionate and invested in the AWBEC.

"It's history. It's part of not only the town's

history, but the state's history," he explained.

Having a plan for fire season is essential, according to Graham.

"People need to have a plan. There is not going to be a fire truck in your driveway. We don't have that many fire trucks in the state," he said.

The state-based commemoration is being held on Sunday 12 February at the Ash Wednesday Bushfire Education Centre in McBride Street, Cockatoo.

A link to the commemoration service will be available on the CFA website for people who are unable to attend.

## Support

Anniversaries of significant events such as the Ash Wednesday fires can bring up difficult memories and feelings including sadness, fear and grief.

In the weeks leading up to Ash Wednesday, and in the days after, if you find yourself experiencing strong emotions, we recommend that you contact Lifeline on 13 11 14 or Beyond Blue on 1300 224 636 which offer support services nationwide.

CFA members and their families can contact the CFA Wellbeing Support Line for free, confidential 24/7 access to psychologists, counsellors, peers and chaplains.

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# Accused thieves in court

By Cam Lucadou-Wells and Tara Cosoletto, AAP

One of the men who allegedly bound, gagged and threatened a store owner at knifepoint in a \$1.9 million jewellery heist in Dandenong has claimed to be the victim's long-term friend.

Kamran Orouji, 66, of Doncaster, and Masoud Izadi, 60, of Pakenham, faced at separate hearings in Melbourne Magistrates' Court on Thursday 2 February on charges including armed robbery, false imprisonment and assault.

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The detective told the court that the alleged robbers grabbed the owner as he emerged from a toilet at the rear. Then he was "frog-marched" into the back door.

Orouji allegedly held a knife to the owner's throat and threatened "I'll cut you" unless provided with the PIN for a safe, the detective told the court.

The intruders plundered 17 kilograms of gold worth \$1.792 million and \$140,000 cash, smashed the store's CCTV cameras and stole the CCTV hard drive, he said.

The owner was allegedly bound and gagged and left in a side room.

Orouji and Izadi fled with the loot in the owner's Range Rover, which was later found abandoned 800 metres away in Wedge Street, the court heard.

They then allegedly drove away in the daughter's Camry south down Foster Street, crossing Princes Highway and Thomas Street.



Sergeant Craig West appeals for public assistance on the alleged jewellery heist on 30 January. Two days later, arrests were made. 317565 Picture: STEWART CHAMBERS

They were arrested in simultaneous raids on the accuseds' homes on 1 February – a day after police made a public appeal for information.

None of the gold has been recovered, despite five raids by police on 1 February, Sen Const Ballintyne said.

As part of a "complex case", Sen Const Ballintyne said he had never had more CCTV footage to go through "in my life".

Telephone intercepts of the accused pair speaking in a "foreign language" were yet to be transcribed.

The "traumatised" store owner hadn't reopened the business since the "brazen" offending, the detective said.

According to a defence lawyer, Orouji had been friends with the victim for 15 years.

The victim's name was found among Orouji's phone contacts, though no communica-

tions between the pair had yet been found, Sen Const Ballintyne said.

The defence lawyer questioned why the victim didn't identify his assailant as Orouji, who was described as wearing sunglasses at the time.

Sen Const Ballintyne said both accused men were also seen on CCTV footage walking to the scene wearing Covid face masks.

Magistrate Tara Hartnett said identification of the accused and the victim's credibility were "triable" issues. She also noted the "strong" prosecution case and "serious" alleged offending.

Ms Hartnett released Orouji on bail due to "compelling reasons", namely to care for his wife in "dire" health.

According to a defence lawyer, Orouji's wife was stricken with cancer and paralysed. She was admitted to hospital as a result of stress from Orouji's arrest.

Sen Const Ballintyne observed she was "close to the end of her life".

On bail, Orouji is subject to a night curfew, must surrender his passport and can't contact the victim or co-accused Izadi.

"I don't leave Doncaster until the investigation is finished," Orouji told the court.

He will appear at a committal case conference at Melbourne Magistrates' Court on 8 June.

In a separate hearing, Izadi did not apply for bail.

He was charged with armed robbery, assault, false imprisonment, destroying the store's CCTV and dealing with \$3500 cash suspected to be proceeds of crime.

His lawyer told magistrate Charlie Rozencwajg it was the 60-year-old's first time in custody and he needed treatment for a broken left wrist and injured knee.

Izadi was remanded in custody ahead of a committal mention hearing in April.

A 38-year-old man from Narre Warren was also arrested on 1 February and charged with trafficking methamphetamine.

## SES volunteers spend seven hours removing fallen tree

Last week, Pakenham SES Unit experienced its biggest storm damage clean-up job in five years.

Pakenham SES spokesperson Shayne Honey said the unit received 10 calls to assist with a mix of building damage and trees down, on the night of Thursday 2 February.

The most serious job was a 25m tree that had fallen onto a house in Old Coach Lane, Beaconsfield.

"This was the single biggest storm damage job we've covered for the last five years," Mr Honey said.

"We had up to 20 volunteers at the job and it took over seven hours to remove the tree, ensure a safe environment and cover the roof with tarps."



SES volunteers remove a large tree which had fallen onto a home in Beaconsfield. Picture: SUPPLIED



Volunteers spent seven hours making the scene safe.

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# Emerald identity farewelled

Emerald stalwart and community man Robert Taylor has passed away.

Rob regularly walked around the village from Ferres Road, often with two dogs - a pug named Max and a golden retriever, Angus.

When the dogs passed on, Rob kept up his walking tradition - always with a smile and people were cheered by his interest in them and his friendly greeting to everyone he met.

In 1972, Rob had bought a five-acre block of land in Ferres Road, built a house on it and with his first wife, Mary raised three children, all of whom subsequently became involved with Little Athletics, football and netball clubs.

Later in 1992, as a single parent Rob met Anne Brown at an Emerald Spring Flower Show held in the old Emerald Hall, and finding they had a lot in common, they married in 1996.

When Anne sold her house in Woodlands Avenue in Emerald, they extended Rob's house to better accommodate his three children, their friends and themselves.

Rob was a brilliant researcher at CSIRO in the pyrotechnical metallurgy department and retired from this career after 41 and a half years.

He was extremely clever with his hands and could mend or make anything - even creating tools using his metal lathe for any unusual problem.

He was always the "go-to" man for people in trouble and was often rescuing people or clearing a road of fallen trees.

One day a police car backed into a drain at the end of their road and the occupants had to sheepishly ask for help.

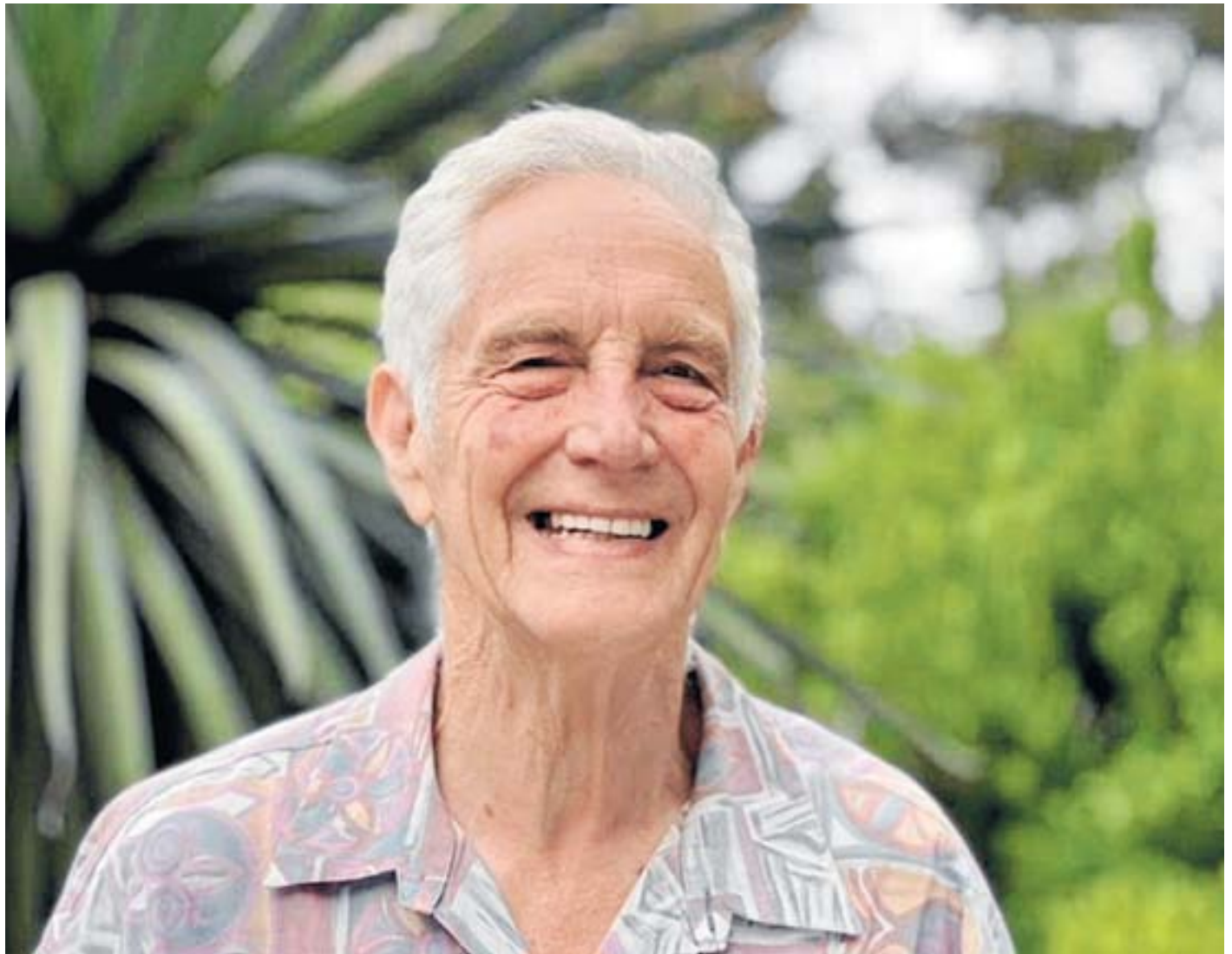
Rob came to the rescue with his trusty old Ferguson tractor to pull them out.

He was the secretary of the Men's Probus Club of Emerald for many years, until it had to fold due to dwindling numbers.

He later joined the Olinda Probus Club.

Rob was the communication organiser of lunches for CSIRO colleagues and the men's Probus Club even after they had been wound up.

He was always the linchpin to maintaining friendships.



Rob Taylor was always smiling.

Picture: SUPPLIED

Rob passed away on 15 January at Salisbury House in Upper Beaconsfield. A large funeral was held at the Springvale Crematorium on 25

January, when many people said farewell to the popular Emerald identity. He leaves his wife Anne, his three children - Elissa, Craig and Brett

and their families - and two stepsons, Roger and his family and Philip who is in full-time care. Rob and his smile will be missed by many.

## Announcements

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**O'BRIEN** Pauline  
President Bryan and members of the Koo Wee Rup Bowls Club were saddened to hear of the passing of Life Member and Ladies Past President, Pauline on 28.01.2023, aged 103 years.

**ALLEN**  
A service to celebrate the life of Leslie Keith Allen will be held at Bunurong Memorial Park and Cemetery, Stratus Reflection Space 790 Frankston-Dandenong Rd, Dandenong South on Friday, 17th February 2023 at 11am.

This will be followed by a private burial.

In lieu of flowers the family would be grateful for a donation to the Royal Flying Doctors or Dementia Australia

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## Hills Men's Shed lending a helping hand

By Tyler Wright

The Hills Men's Shed has used its resources to lend a helping hand to the SES's Emerald Unit, recently donating a large picnic table for crews to use after attending call outs within the community.

Men's shed member Tony Hodgson designed and helped build the table - hand-crafted from sienna pine - which was donated on Saturday 28 January.

The process took around seven hours, using glue and bugle screws.

"Being a member of the Men's Shed, you get things back into the public," Mr Hodgson said.

"Donating to these guys, it's such a good thing and it gives me a good feeling we can do that.

"These guys do a great service, and the CFA always do a great service. I think we should do more for them in general."

Unit Controller Ben Owen said he was not expecting the donation.

"We reached out to them with the possibility of purchasing one, and then we were looking at getting some timber to help with the purchase, and then they came back and said, 'we're going to build you one, what size do you want?'" Mr Owen said.

"That connection with community groups is amazing... it's their way of appreciating what we do, and we get to appreciate [what] they can manufacture, which is great.

"We've got a barbecue area at our facility, so when we're busy, we can come back and have lunch or dinner and sit down at the table... or we can even use it as a training space."

The Hills Men's Shed, which is based in Cockatoo, built a display unit used as a community noticeboard outside the Gembrook



Emerald SES members Maree Dunn (front left), Maz Thomson (second from left in second row) David Wilson and Peter Copp (back row) will be able to enjoy a new donated picnic table thanks to the Hills Men's Shed.

Picture: TYLER WRIGHT

Post Office and built a shed for the local school after forming in the early 2000s.

Founding member Gavin Harrison said the shed is a place where men can learn how to weld, use the woodworking machine or even drink coffee and socialise without the pressure of it being an actual job.

"It's important for men's health, because men finish work and they've had association with men all their working life, and all of a sudden, they're by themselves or they're at home annoying their wife," Mr Harrison said.

"Because they're not used to being together all day, every day, and being able to

come here, talk to men, and talk about men's problems, or talk about their own problems.

"It doesn't go outside the shed, it stays within the shed, and between us."

Mr Harrison said members can offer help to each other or even assist in finding help elsewhere.

"It is of great value," he said.

The group is looking for more members to and are welcoming men and women of all ages from any area, with existing members from areas including Gembrook, Clematis, Emerald and Upper Beaconsfield.

For more information on the Hills Men's Shed, contact 5968 9473.

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She said the grass had been a problem for a few months now and it had reported been to Cardinia Shire Council.

"We've had a lot of rain and it just hasn't been maintained in the last three months," she said.

Cardinia Shire Council did not respond in time for deadline.

In January, neighbouring municipality the City of Casey released a statement regarding mowing and long grass.

"Late last year we had one of the wettest Octobers on record, and with most of our parks and reserves located on low-lying land, it was difficult to keep on top of the grass growth in our open spaces and reserves," a spokesperson said in a statement.

"Now with all the sunny weather the grass is thriving and growing at record heights and thickness. Most of our parks are on a three-week mowing schedule, and the main road reserves are on a five-week schedule. However, our contractors are still running significantly behind schedule due to the wet weather experienced before Christmas.

"To get on top of this growth and to address the backlog, we are utilising additional resources including engaging four additional contractors while prioritising parks that are most in need. Maintenance works will also now occur on Saturdays to assist with the backlog."



Marilyn Thorn at the Welcome to Cardinia sign on Dalmore Road. 318086

Picture: STEWART CHAMBERS



Marilyn Thorn and Ian Ridgway stand in a patch of grass they had to clear themselves. 318086

The Fire Danger Period (FDP) began at 1am on Monday 30 January for CFA's South East Region, which includes Bass Coast Shire, Cardinia Shire Council, City of Casey, City of Dandenong, City of Frankston, City of Kingston, Mornington Peninsula Shire and French Island.

While CFA firefighters are preparing for the bushfire season, they are urging the community to use common sense and take responsibility in preventing fires.

Residents in these areas were encouraged to take the opportunity ahead of the FDP to conduct safe private burn-offs to reduce fuel loads and clean up their property.

No burning off is permitted during the FDP without a Permit to Burn, which can be applied for through the Fire Permits Victoria website.

There are very strict conditions attached to these permits and the liability sits with the permit holder to ensure they always act safely.

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burn-off during days of high winds. More information about burn-off restrictions specific to your area can be found by consulting your local council.

More information and restrictions are published at [cfa.vic.gov.au/warnings-restrictions/fire-danger-period-restrictions](http://cfa.vic.gov.au/warnings-restrictions/fire-danger-period-restrictions)

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## Six teenagers arrested after Nissan stolen

Pakenham police arrested six teenagers after they attempted to run from a stolen car in Officer.

The teens were first spotted in Piggott Street after a caller to Triple Zero (000) advised a group of youths appeared to be acting suspiciously in the vicinity of a car about 6.45pm.

Attending officers checked the registration of the 2017 Nissan X-Trail and confirmed the vehicle was stolen.

As police approached, the teens ran from the scene in varying directions.

Uniformed members were able to catch up with youths and arrested three males and three females nearby.

All six have been processed by police in relation to the theft of a motor vehicle.



Pakenham police have arrested six teenagers following the theft of a car. 137393

A 13-year-old boy from Ararat, who was also wanted in relation to a number of outstanding matters, has been charged with three counts of theft of motor vehicle, four counts of burglary, four counts of theft, handling stolen goods, and committing an

indictable offence whilst on bail. He was remanded to appear before a children's court.

A 15-year-old boy from Dandenong has been charged with theft of motor vehicle and handle stolen goods. He was also remanded to appear before a children's court.

The third male, a 15-year-old from Springvale South, was released but was expected to be charged on summons.

The three females aged 13 and 14, from Brighton East, Highett and Bentleigh East, have been cautioned in relation to theft of motor vehicle.

Enquiries have revealed the car was stolen during an aggravated burglary in Glen Iris on 30 January. Sergeant Julie-Anne Newman said the investigation remains ongoing with Victoria Police.

## Pakenham man stabbed

Cardinia Crime Investigation Unit detectives are investigating a stabbing in Pakenham on Sunday 5 February.

It is alleged a 24-year-old man was stabbed following an altercation with a group of men on Adam Court about 3.30am. He was taken to hospital with non-life-threatening injuries.

Police were told the group of men fled the scene on foot. A 21-year-old Pakenham man was arrested nearby and has been released pending further enquiries.

Anyone who witnessed the incident, has CCTV footage or information is urged to contact Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000 or submit a confidential report online at [crimestoppers-vic.com.au](http://crimestoppers-vic.com.au)




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# New school opens doors

Officer's brand-new primary school welcomed 110 new students in Prep to Grade 6 last week.

Kurrun Primary School officially opened its doors for the first time on Monday 30 January.

The first day of school was also Gavan Hughes first day as principal.

"It has been quite a smooth week considering the challenges involved with opening a new school," he said.

"It's an exciting time to make new friends and have the community come together.

"The feedback we've heard has been really positive towards our community focus and calm environment."

Mr Hughes said the students, along with the five classroom teachers, two specialist teachers, education support staff and leadership team, were loving being in brand-new buildings.

Kurrun Primary School has space for 525 students, including around 65 spaces for young people with disabilities and additional needs.

Mr Hughes said he expected the school to experience significant growth in coming years.

Kurran Primary School offers specialist learning spaces for subjects including food technology and science, as well as a community hub competition-grade gymnasium, two outdoor hard courts and music and drama spaces.

Pakenham MP Emma Vulin, who was present along with Education Minister Natalie Hutchins for the official opening on Monday, said it was great to see the school officially open for term one.

"[The new schools give] local students in the area every opportunity to thrive both at school and in life."

More than one million Victorian students headed back to school last week, with families in Melbourne's growing south-eastern suburbs benefiting from two of 12 new schools opening



Pakenham MP Emma Vulin, Education Minister Natalie Hutchins with two new students and principal Gavan Hughes.

Picture: SUPPLIED

for term one.

The other new schools opening for term one are in Melbourne's growing west and northern suburbs and include Ngarri Primary School, Karwan Primary School, Nearnung

Primary School, Wollert Secondary College, Mickleham Secondary College, Donnybrook Primary School, Wayi School, Barrawang Primary School, Thornhill Park Primary School and Lollypop Creek Primary School.

All new primary schools have a kindergarten on-site or next door, allowing children to make a smooth transition from pre-school and helping parents ditch the dreaded double drop-off.



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Tristan, Michael, Riley and Harrison celebrate Mel's win. 317956

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Mel Ludlow won \$20,000 on Millionaire Hot Seat.



Mel Ludlow with Millionaire Hot Seat host, Eddie McGuire.

# Trivia buff in the hot seat

By Shelby Brooks

An Officer mother of three is planning on taking her family on a "massive" American holiday after walking away with \$20,000 from Channel 9's Millionaire Hot Seat.

Mel Ludlow has always loved trivia and game shows.

"I'm always interested in learning as much as I can," she said.

"I think my love of trivia stems from my

childhood. As a child, my parents had Trivial Pursuit which I enjoyed playing.

"I have a really good memory of certain facts which I can pull out of my brain."

Mel previously appeared on The Chase in 2019 and Million Dollar Minute in 2013, but this is the first time she's won.

"Winning Millionaire Hot Seat was a surreal, out of body experience," Mel said.

Filmed in November last year, Mel said she had been excited for her friends and family to

watch her episode, which aired Tuesday 7 February.

She said for her last few questions before she won, she didn't know the answers.

"I followed my gut feeling," she said.

The Ludlow family, which consists of husband Michael and sons Riley 14, Tristan 11 and Harrison 9, have been through a lot in recent years.

When Harrison was six, he was diagnosed with Acute Lymphoblastic Lymphoma (ALL).

He spent two and a half years undergoing monthly chemotherapy treatment, which wrapped up in August last year.

"He's back to living a normal life, if you see him you wouldn't know what he went through," Mel said.

With her prize money, Mel and Michael are hoping to take the boys to America, incorporating the boy's dream holiday activities like watching an NBA game, visiting Disneyland and going on a cruise.

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# Roads shut for roundabout

The State Government is forging ahead with the Healesville-Kooweerup Road upgrade, with works on a new roundabout at Ballarto Road underway.

Once complete, the new roundabout will make it safer for drivers turning into or crossing Healesville-Kooweerup Road.

Pakenham MP Emma Vulin said the new roundabout at the Ballarto Road intersection is a major safety upgrade that once complete will reduce the risk of crashes and help locals get where they need to be safer and sooner.

“We thank people for their patience as we get on with not only this vital upgrade, but also the Racecourse Level Crossing Removal – both will deliver significantly safer driving conditions the tens of thousands of cars travelling in the area each day,” she said.

As part of the upgrade, the government is building a new bridge over McGregor Drain on Ballarto Road to replace the existing bridge as part of the approach to the new roundabout.

The plans also involve building a new bridge at Island Road, which will be stronger than the existing bridge and, once open, will better cater for heavy vehicle movements.

Drainage in this area will also be improved by installing additional culverts to reduce the risk of flooding.

To safely complete these important works, the following closures will occur.

Ballarto Road eastbound between Healesville-Kooweerup and McDonalds Drain roads from 7pm Monday 30 January to Thursday 6 April. Detours will be in place via Kooweerup-Longwarry, Station and Kooweerup roads.

Ballarto Road westbound between Healesville-Kooweerup and Cardinia roads from 7pm Monday 30 January to Monday 24 April. Detours will be in place via Cardinia Road, Princes Freeway and Kooweerup Road.

Island Road between Healesville-Kooweerup and Lea Roads from 7pm Monday 30



A roundabout at the intersection of Ballarto Road and Healesville-Kooweerup Road is underway.

Picture: SUPPLIED

January to Monday 24 April. Detours will be in place via Manks and Lea roads.

Motorists are advised to follow the detour signage and allow extra time for their journey.

The installation of new traffic lights at the Greenhills Road intersection is also underway,

which once complete will improve safety for drivers turning in and out of Greenhills Road and make it easier and safer for everyone to travel around Pakenham South.

As part of the works, Greenhills Road at Healesville-Kooweerup Road will be closed

until mid-March.

Detours are in place via Southeast Boulevard and Commercial Drive, with delays of up to three minutes expected during peak times.

The Healesville-Kooweerup Road Upgrade is expected to be complete by 2025.

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# Serving up better courts

Following their recent upgrade, you would never guess the Beaconsfield tennis courts were over 90 years old.

Cardinia Shire Council has recently celebrated the upgrade of the Beaconsfield tennis courts, with several of the community's youngest bringing their tennis rackets down to the club to try out the new courts recently.

As part of the upgrade, two courts were resurfaced to enhance the community members' social and official play at the club.

"I am thrilled to see the completion of these upgraded tennis courts in our community," Beacon Hills Ward councillor Brett Owen said.

The upgrades came about with the support of council's Community Capital Works grant program and the federal government's Stronger Communities grant program.

**Other council grant recipients included:**

- Cardinia Environment Coalition: Pot wash facility.
- Pakenham Cricket Club Incorporated: Training nets roof.
- Lang Lang Pastoral, Agricultural and Horticultural: Replace roof on sports pavilion.
- Pakenham Upper Recreation Reserve: Community outdoor training net upgrade.
- Pakenham Upper Riding Club and Pakenham Pony Club: Arena refurbishment.
- Cardinia Civic Concert Band: Kitchen rebuild and blinds.
- Officer City Soccer Club: Replacement of sporting field globes.
- Catani Recreation Reserve: Upgrading drainage to second oval.
- Cora Lynn Football Club: LED electronic scoreboard and additions.
- Pakenham Tennis Club: Kellmat windbreak.

Applications are now open for council's 2023-24 Community Capital Works Grants on their website - [cardinia.vic.gov.au/ccwg](http://cardinia.vic.gov.au/ccwg) - until 31 March, 2023.



Beaconsfield Tennis Club president Andrew with Federal MP Jason Wood and councillor Brett Owen at the official opening.



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Shelley Beardshaw is the playgroup facilitator at the Emerald Hills Hub. 317566

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Cardinia Shire Council's Citizen of the Year Shelley Beardshaw was not expecting to take out the top accolade in the 2023 Australia Day Awards. A kind and generous volunteer in Emerald, Shelley loves sharing moments of joy with people of all ages. Gazette journalist **SHELBY BROOKS** sat down with Shelley to learn more about her love of community and volunteering.

# Volunteering a way of life

Shelley Beardshaw discovered the joy of volunteering in 1988 when she helped organise a street party for Celebrate '88.

"That was the first time I really volunteered," she said.

The joy she experienced from that event inspired her to join parent's associations, playgroups and tutor groups as her four children grew up.

Over the years she also helped run the Debutante Ball for Upwey Secondary College and was a tutor for refugees at Swinburne University.

"You put your hand up, it helps you and it helps the community," Shelley said.

"You name it, I've tried it as a volunteer."

At 40, Shelley became a mature aged student at Deakin University studying to become a teacher.

"I decided I quite liked working with children," she said.

"I had to get the cogs going again to study.

"My family has always supported the mad things I do."

Shelley was a prep teacher for 20 years at Upwey South and Belgrave South Primary Schools before she retired.

Her last posting was at Kallista Primary School.

Three years ago, Shelley moved to Emerald from Belgrave South to be closer to her family.

"I have three children who married Emeraldians," she said.

Meeting her neighbour when she moved into her new home, she discovered he was the president of the Emerald Village Association.

"I asked him if he wanted any help and he said yes," Shelley said.

"The next thing - that was it, I dived in."

Shelley quickly threw herself into volun-



Shelley Beardshaw was named Cardinia Shire Council's Citizen of the Year at the 2023 Australia Day Awards. 317566

“ If my win does anything to raise the profile of volunteering, that would be wonderful.”

teering for the association, setting up a pen pal program for primary school students and seniors in Emerald during Covid-19.

Through the success with that initiative, she helped develop the Come Sit By Me program, which will begin its second iteration this year.

It's a program for seniors in the community to teach Emerald Primary School Grade 3 students fun skills, such as how to knit, sing, fold

origami, cook and play table tennis.

"A lot of seniors were reluctant to step back into the community after Covid-19," Shelley said.

"We had one lady who had not virtually been out of the house for a couple of years apart from grocery shopping and she suddenly found an opportunity to work with young kids."

Another of Shelley's Emerald volunteering highlights is with the playgroup at the Hills Hub.

"Playgroup is a family's first steps into the community and is very important," she said.

"I've still got friends from my first playgroup in Perth - my eldest child now is 44 years old."

Her connection with Emerald Primary School is strong; she also volunteered reading to children last year.

"Lots of kids were at risk, two years without kinder or Prep because of Covid-19 and suddenly you're at school," she said.

"Teachers are doing it hard at the moment, that two-year gap."

Shelley loves making connections with children.

"Talking to kids - that's what I do," she said.

"If somebody gives you a positive reaction to you, if I smile at a child walking into the playground who doesn't want to leave mum, if I say how are you going, that will make a difference to their life.

"It's because they think somebody cares enough about me to smile at me - somebody told me that a long time ago and I've practised that."

Shelley was named Cardinia Shire Council's Citizen of the Year at the 2023 Australia Day Awards.

She said she was thrilled and humbled.

"The hoopla was a bit overwhelming," she said.

"I'm a volunteer, and you get so much joy from being a volunteer and connecting with the community.

"If my win does anything to raise the profile of volunteering, that would be wonderful because there are so many unsung heroes of volunteering."

# Perera's retirement twist

By Cam Lucadou-Wells

In a just-released autobiography, former Cranbourne MP Jude Perera has revealed a falling out with Premier Daniel Andrews played a role in his retirement.

The four-term Labor MP's life, political and health battles are detailed in his just-released autobiography *Challenging Incomplete Democracy*.

The 69-year-old, who was the first Sri Lankan-born and -educated MP elected to a lower house of parliament in Australia, retired in 2018 after a long battle with renal disease and two kidney transplants.

In his book, Mr Perera describes then Opposition Leader Mr Andrews dumping him as an opposition parliamentary secretary after missing a division during Parliament in 2014.

It resulted in the Opposition "losing a vote we should have won".

He would not regain a Cabinet or parliamentary secretary role.

Mr Perera, one of Mr Andrews's "very loyal supporters", wrote that colleagues thought his demotion was "very unfair".

"I was sick as a dog and was disappointed with how Daniel Andrews had treated me, a loyal supporter.

"This event coupled with my health issues led me to consider retirement."

Mr Perera told Star News that Mr Andrews was a "tough cookie".

"He knows what he has to do to maintain his support in the electorate."

He was not surprised by Labor's decisive state election win in November.

"There was a large silent vote that supported Labor because of its handling of the coronavirus issue."

In his book, he writes that Mr Andrews "seems to put his personal survival first and foremost and is very good at it".



Retiring incumbent Jude Perera handing out how-to-vote material at the 2018 state election.

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Picture: STEWART CHAMBERS

He described previous Premier Steve Bracks as "appealing to the electorate" who "swept under the carpet" controversial issues like abortion law reform.

Caucus meetings were "stage-managed boring affairs" without "serious policy debate".

Former Premier John Brumby was "forthright in dealing with tough topics" but not as electorally appealing as Mr Bracks, the book states.

Growing up in rural Sri Lanka, Mr Perera was steeped in left-wing politics in what was a turbulent environment.

His father Edmund, a coconut plantation manager, was a leader in the Marxist party Lanka Sama Samaja and hosted meetings with activists around his kitchen table.

After dabbling in politics and struggling to make ends meet, he left Sri Lanka with wife Iranganie and two small children for a "better life".

In Australia, he joined the ALP in reaction to the Kennett Government.

In 1998, his political know-how helped him to build local support for ALP preselection in the seat of Cranbourne.

In his book, he says many Sri Lankans were initially surprised at his preselection in what was then a heavily Anglo Saxon electorate.

"Many asked questions such as, 'Did they easily give it to you?'," Mr Perera writes.

"What they really meant was, 'How come a dark-skinned Asian migrant has been selected by the white skin majority to stand for parliament?'"

His memoir delves into great detail into his political philosophies.

"A lot of (candidates) don't have a (political) belief," Mr Perera told Star News.

"They think that because there aren't enough people with ethnic backgrounds, they think they should be in Parliament."

In his book, Mr Perera details recruiting Sri Lankans to join ALP branches as well as the battles for control of the South East between Left and Right factions.

"I came to know that if you have a permanent support base, you are a force to be reckoned with," he wrote.

"If you want to be recognised in the Labor Party, you need to have a membership base under your control; your power base."

He told Star News that the branch-stacking involving former Labor Minister Adem Somyurek, which was recently investigated by IBAC, went "too far".

Mr Perera defined branch-stacking as recruiting members who weren't involved with activities at the branch or in support of the local candidate.

"Adem Somyurek went too far. He thought he could be the king-maker around the ALP."

Mr Perera appeared as a witness in the IBAC Operation Sandon inquiry into alleged corrupt dealings between property developers, MPs and Casey councillors.

Mr Perera told Star News that he agrees that Victoria should follow NSW's lead and ban political donations from developers.

"The issue is that people should not give donations for personal favours."

The Sandon report, which investigated possible law reforms, has yet to be publicly released.

Reflecting on his tenure as an MP, Mr Perera is most proud that he helped many with immigration and visa issues.

He says he went beyond the call of duty. And in many cases his intervention helped people migrate to Australia.

However, Mr Perera says his health is "not the best". After two failed kidney transplants, he is back on three dialysis treatments a week.

He says he's listed for a third transplant, but unlikely to receive it due to his age and the extra antibodies he's acquired from previous transplants.

The book *Challenging Incomplete Democracy* is available at [judebiography.au](http://judebiography.au)

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People will gather in Cockatoo this Saturday - and at Upper Beaconsfield the following week - to mark the 40th anniversary of the Ash Wednesday bushfires.

Both towns copped the brunt of the damage back in February 1983 and the hurt still lingers for many who endured the horror.

Gazette editor at the time, Dorothy Thomas, was asked to reflect on her experience for the 20th anniversary of the fires back in 2003.

She recalled heading up to Cockatoo to assess the damage while husband Ian, the managing director, went to Upper Beaconsfield.

Dot remembers being told about how people fled in horror. A helicopter hovered overhead with police pleading through a loud hailer for people to evacuate immediately.

Six people were burnt to death and half of the town wiped out. Of the 297 buildings destroyed, eight were homes of CFA members.

Dot was taken by the eerie silence as she drove up to assess the damage. She didn't see one living thing - human or animal - on the journey from Pakenham to Cockatoo.

She says the most tragic thing, apart from the deaths, were the older people who had lost everything they had worked for all their lives.

A member of staff, Malcolm McQualter, fronted for work on Thursday morning with blood-red eyes and an ashen face. He had been out fighting the fires all night and was grief stricken. His best mate, Nar Nar Goon firefighter Eddie Lowen, died when his vehicle overturned while battling the Cockatoo blaze.

Dot remembers there being anomalies in the mainstream media coverage - so it was imperative the Gazette got it right.

I remember having the same feeling with the Bunyip State Park blaze a few years back.

All the metro journos wanted to know at the briefings was how many people had died and how many homes were lost, not what information they could get out to a public desperate for useful information.

The edition of the Gazette that hit the streets on 23 February 1983 sold out within hours and the paper was reprinted for the first time in the company's history.

Next week we will produce a commemorative edition of the Gazette to mark the anniversary, not as a celebration of that day but as a reminder of what those people endured and a tribute to the courage and character that followed.

Make sure you pick up a copy.

- Garry Howe



## OPINION

### LENSCAPE



Cleaning up for the 40th anniversary at the Ash Wednesday Bushfire Education Centre, Cockatoo. 318489

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## THUMBS UP THUMBS DOWN



### Thumbs up

Monash Pathology for a difficult bleed well done.



### Thumbs down

Cardinia Life - the basketball stadium is embarrassing. The toilets! Shouldn't be allowed to be in use. Compared to Casey it's horrible.



### Thumbs up

To Archer Burgmann for a wonderful 106 against Catani. Fourth week in a row someone from Garfield/Tynong Cricket Club has hit a century! Go Titans.



### Thumbs up

To seeing progress on the train overpasses. Never thought it would happen.



### Thumbs up

To the Postie who delivers mail in Main St, Pakenham. He is always so happy and friendly.



### Thumbs down

To the local council and the over development of Pakenham.

## NEWS

# Walk for awareness

By Tanya Faulkner

Pakenham locals are being encouraged to grab their walking shoes and head down to Lakeside for an upcoming walkathon.

Headspace Pakenham is holding its first community event of 2023 to raise awareness of its services in the community.

Located in both Narre Warren and Pakenham, Headspace is a national youth mental health foundation providing early intervention mental health services, work and study support and alcohol and substance support to youth since 2006.

The Pakenham branch opened its doors in 2020 amidst the Covid-19 pandemic to support local youth, and is excited to bring the walkathon to the community.

Community engagement officer Caitlin Frost said the event is the first of its kind, aiming to bring the community together and connect with other locals.

"We've teamed up with other local organisations like Aligned Leisure, ADRA and Have a Little Hope to bring this event to the community," she said.

The event is completely free to locals wanting to come down and enjoy the atmosphere, and learn more about the services available to them around mental health support.

Ms Frost said it was a way for the community to reconnect with each other and come together for a relaxed day of walking and entertainment.

Pakenham residents and visitors alike will be treated to a barbecue and live music by local artist Olivia Mae, and are encouraged to don their sneakers for a walk around



Pakenham locals are encouraged to walk Lakeside for mental health. Picture: STEWART CHAMBERS

Pakenham's Lakeside Lake.

"We want the event to be relaxed and accessible to the community. People can come down anytime during the event, and can walk one lap or as many laps as they like, or just pop down

and enjoy the entertainment," Ms Frost said.

The event will be held between 11am and 1pm on 11 February, with more information available on the Headspace Narre Warren Facebook page.

## NEWS

# Free meals for students

The State Government provided thousands of Victorian students with food packs to ensure they could get healthy meals over the school holiday period.

Almost 6000 holiday food packs were delivered to families for the summer break, while more than 28 million free, healthy meals have been provided to students in Victorian schools as part of the State Government's School Breakfast Clubs program. The program, delivered in partnership with Foodbank Victoria, provides free healthy food for students at 1000 government schools. The State Government has invested more than \$71 million in the program since its establishment in 2016.

# Election pledge 'overdue'

By Cam Lucadou-Wells

A Dandenong refugee advocate says there's soaring frustration about the Federal Government's still-dormant election pledge to upgrade thousands of temporary visas.

Wicki Wickiramasingham, a long-time ALP member and former deputy chair of Southern Migrant and Refugee Centre, says hundreds of asylum seekers in the South East had been expecting "good news" by the new year.

"Still after the election, nothing has been done. They have been disappointed."

Ahead of the May 2022 election, Labor had promised to end Temporary Protection Visas (TPVs) and Safe Haven Enterprise Visas (SHEVs), and to transition holders onto permanent visas.

The government has since blamed hold-ups on an inherited one million visa application backlog. It says it has hired more than 400 extra staff and slashed the list to 600,000 by the end of 2022.

Asylum seekers who arrive by boat, otherwise called 'unauthorised maritime arrivals', can only apply for a TPV or SHEV.

They must re-apply every three years (TPV) or five years (SHEV) to remain in Australia.

Some have been living in such limbo for up to 16 years, Mr Wickiramasingham says.

Without permanent visas, they find it harder to get work and earn a living, and are barred from reuniting with loved ones left behind.

Mr Wickiramasingham tells of a Tamil man who has been on a bridging visa for more than a decade while awaiting for a decision on his refugee status.

In the meantime, his prime adult years have been wasted, still unable to reunite with his fiancée left behind in Sri Lanka.

"He's lonely. He has no family, just other boat people who help each other," Mr Wickiramasingham says.



Wicki Wickiramasingham says asylum seekers are anxiously awaiting for the Federal Government to fulfil its promise. 235665  
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In his early 20s, the man was arrested by the Sri Lankan military for supporting "pro-liberation forces".

A relative paid for his release from the army's detention camp and then he was "put on a boat" to Australia.

Now in his early 30s, he still dreams of bringing out his parents and his fiancée that he left behind.

He has not spoken to them by phone for several months. Family members are too afraid due to Sri Lankan authorities "tapping the calls" and detaining people seen as anti-government.

In Australia, he is hampered by his insecure

visa status. Potential employers overlook him in favour of citizens and permanent residents.

Often he relies on low-paid, cash-in-hand jobs, and sometimes on friends and charity for food.

In the meantime, he and four other asylum seekers are crammed into an 'affordable' two-bedroom rental, sharing the \$2400-a-month rent.

Asylum Seeker Resource Centre has criticised the delay in ending a "cruel and inhumane" system.

Spokesperson Barat Ali Batoor said the system was introduced by the former Abbott Government to stop people arriving by sea from

getting permanent residency.

"It was introduced to fail people. It was flawed and gave little opportunity for their claims."

The wait has been a "very frustrating situation" for 31,000 asylum seekers across Australia and their wider communities.

"There is a lot of stress and anxiety about the delay in the announcement. It should have happened by now. There's been nothing."

Greater Dandenong Council's asylum seeker advisory committee reported in December that TPV and SHEV holders were "experiencing fatigue from waiting".

Mayor Eden Foster leads the Local Government Mayoral Taskforce Supporting People Seeking Asylum, which comprises mayors from across Australia.

She said the taskforce was continuing to press Federal MPs for an end to TPVs and SHEVs.

While understanding the causes for the delays, she said it was "cold comfort" for temporary visa holders.

Bruce Labor MP Julian Hill said: "I share the community's frustration at the delay to be frank, and have numerous friends and local constituents affected."

"Details will be announced as soon as possible."

"Unfortunately it is not a simple matter to clean up 10 years of utter mess that the Liberals left in Home Affairs including a backlog over one million visa and citizenship applications but 500 new staff are now making progress."

A Department of Home Affairs spokesperson said the government "intends to meet this commitment as soon as possible".

"The resolution of these visa holders needs to be carefully managed."

## Hundreds seeking refuge

By Cam Lucadou-Wells

South East Melbourne is a hot spot for asylum seekers awaiting their fate on bridging visas.

The Dandenong postcode is home to the most asylum seekers on bridging visa E in Victoria, new official stats show.

The short-term visa is granted to 'unauthorised maritime arrivals' awaiting a decision on their refugee status.

As of June 2022, there were 591 BVE holders in the 3175 postcode – about one in eight of those living in Victoria.

Next highest in Victoria was Sunshine with 459.

Springvale ranked seventh with 138, Doveton tenth with 132 and Noble Park 11th with 131.

Also in the South East, Cranbourne was home to 59 BVE holders, Endeavour Hills 52 and Hampton Park 49, Hallam and Narre Warren each with 32 and Pakenham 27.

The most common nationalities were Sri Lanka (1448), Iran (1423), Pakistan (502) and Afghanistan (276). A further 468 were 'stateless'. Nearly two thirds of the BVE holders were aged between 26 and 45, and most commonly men. More than 750 were children.

Across Australia, there were 10,868 BVE holders. More than 80 per cent lived in Victoria or NSW.

## Creative works in Emerald

Prism, an upcoming exhibition at Emerald's Hills Hub, will feature work by the local creative LGBTQIA+ community.

The exhibition will include blackout poems, character art and photographic portraiture.

Developed by lifelong shire resident, Dae Knight, Prism celebrates the incredible diversity and inclusivity of Cardinia Shire.

Mayor councillor Tammy Radford said showcasing the artistic talent of the local rainbow community through the exhibition was very exciting.

"The council is proud to give Cardinia Shire's LGBTQIA+ community the opportunity to express themselves in such a creative way," Ms Radford said.

"The exhibition title 'Prism' is used as a metaphor in that the exhibition is a prism taking the 'light' of Cardinia Shire and refracting it to show off a diverse rainbow of artworks by local creatives."

Prism is proudly presented by Cardinia LG-BTQIA+ and Cardinia Shire Council. The exhibition will be on display in the arts space from Monday 13 February to Friday 10 March 2023 on weekdays between 10am and 1pm.

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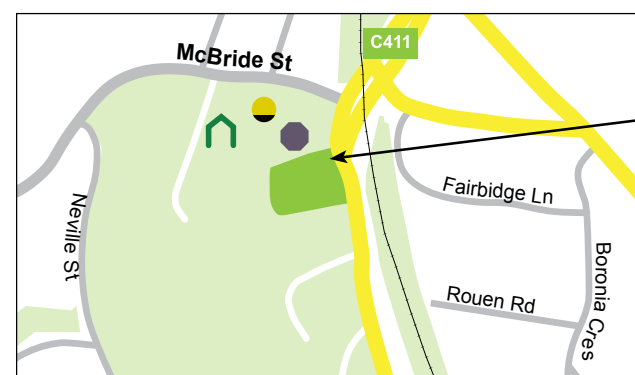


Prism is proudly presented by Cardinia LGBTQIA+ and Cardinia Shire Council.

For more information about other upcoming exhibitions at Hills Hub, visit the council's website at [cardinia.vic.gov.au/hills-hub-arts-space-2023](http://cardinia.vic.gov.au/hills-hub-arts-space-2023) or call the arts team on 1300 787 624.

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The event will be livestreamed – check CFA's website for more details.



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Former world champion Boomerang thrower Rob Croll had many curiosities for sale. 317973



The 1st Casey Scout Group joined forces with the Dandenong Valley Historic Car Club for the first time. 317973



Julie and Ross' hot food van was in demand during the cold, wet weather. 317973

# Car enthusiasts' paradise

A heavy downpour of rain was an unwelcome attendant at the 2023 Berwick Swap Meet, but it didn't stop the most dedicated car and knick-knack enthusiasts from exploring Akoonah Park on Saturday 4 February.

Sellers and buyers gathered at the crack of dawn for the meet, which was hosted by the Dandenong Valley Historic Car Club and supported by the 1st Casey Scout Group.

Star News photographer Rob Carew was present to capture all the action.



One of the more unique items on sale on the day. 317973



A huge range of exotic items for sale. 317973



David Peck and Pamela from The Motorist Vintage Motor Museum in Gembrook with their one-off Australian made 1976 Wine-a-Bago. 317973

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# Rubbish drives emissions

By Tanya Faulkner

Have you ever wondered where your rubbish goes or the effect it can have on your environment after you throw it in the bin?

This has been on the minds of Dr Harpreet Kandra of Officer Sikh Temple Gurudwara Siri Guru Nanak Darbar and president of the Lakeside Residents Group, Wendy Andrews following recent community events hosted by the two groups for New Year's Eve and Australia Day.

During the planning of this year's 'Pakenham Welcomes 2023' event, Dr Kandra and Ms Andrews had considered incorporating a laser light show instead of fireworks, as an attempt to reduce their carbon emissions, however chose to stick with the traditional New Year's fireworks this time around.

This decision, and the research into the carbon offset of fireworks, led them down a much larger rabbit hole that showed the greatest carbon footprint is created by rubbish. After hours of research by Dr Kandra, the Officer Gurdwara and residents group have created a calculator to keep track of the carbon emissions from all facets of their New Year's Eve and Australia Day events from fireworks to gas bottles, fuel and electricity and the waste produced.

In an effort to offset the carbon emissions from the two events, the Officer Gurdwara and residents group have teamed up to plant native trees at the Gurdwara in Officer.

Dr Kandra said a lot of work is being done to ensure the best trees are planted that will have the lowest environmental impact, with the highest reward.

"We are working with experts to ensure the trees are native, tall enough, won't have an impact on the water systems, and can provide the highest per cent of carbon offsetting. The trees will be protected with stakes and netting to provide the best chance of survival," Dr Kandra said.



President of Lakeside Residents Group, Wendy Andrews and Dr Harpreet Kandra of Officer Sikh Temple Gurudwara Siri Guru Nanak Darbar stand to make a change. 318355

Ms Andrews said for future events the residents group will be working with their vendors and the public to ensure waste is disposed of in the correct manner, and continue to make changes to reduce their carbon footprint.

"We will be doing what we can to ensure waste at our events is disposed of correctly, and working with food vendors to do the

same," she said.

Dr Kandra and Ms Andrews both said there isn't enough attention brought to recycling and the proper disposing of waste and recycling, and the pair aim to help educate their community on how they can reduce their carbon offset through the planting of these trees and their own initiatives.

"We are the first community groups to

come up with an initiative like this in Pakenham. There are other groups doing things, but this is new for our area," said Dr Kandra.

"We are both very excited to be the first group to proactively offset our New Year's Eve and Australia Day emissions so it reaches zero. I thank Harpreet for his many hours of work and look forward to returning to the Gurdwara to plant these trees."

## Healthcare journey begins

West Gippsland Healthcare Group has welcomed its new nurses and midwives.

The group of 18 graduate nurses and midwives completed their orientation at the hospital and are now working on their respective wards.

The nurses and midwives will gain experience, confidence and expertise caring for patients in wards including medical, surgical, maternity, theatre, day surgery, the Emergency Department and Cooina Lodge Aged Care.

West Gippsland Healthcare Group chief executive Dan Weeks has welcomed the new graduate nurses and midwives.

"We are proud of the quality training we provide here at West Gippsland Healthcare Group and encourage the nurses and midwives to immerse themselves into life at West Gippsland Hospital to build their skills and experience.

"We also encourage those who are new to the area to explore the local region and hopefully continue their nursing journey with us here in one of the fastest growing regions in Victoria.

"We have a new brand hospital on the way and this is something we are extremely excited about.

"If all goes to plan, it should be completed in 2028, which isn't that far away.

"The new hospital will provide a better working environment for our staff, who have watched with envy new hospitals being built around us. The new hospital will also provide a better environment for our patients, residents and consumers."

Continuing education and support coordinator at West Gippsland Healthcare Group Jerin Jose with the new nurses and midwives.

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# 'Punitive' bail reform call

By Cam Lucadou-Wells

A South East community legal service says women and Aboriginal people have suffered disproportionately due to Victoria's "punitive" bail laws.

South-East Monash Legal Service (SMLS) is among many calling for Bail Act reform, including State Coroner Simon McGregor who labelled the laws a "complete and unmitigated disaster".

On 30 January, Coroner McGregor handed down damning findings into the "harrowing" and "preventable" death of 37-year-old Veronica Nelson in a prison cell after being arrested for alleged shoplifting.

"Veronica, while alone in her cell at the Dame Phyllis Frost centre, passed away after begging for assistance for several of the last hours of her life."

In a statement SMLS said there had been "exceptional growth" in unsentenced women being held in prison since tougher bail laws in 2013 and 2018.

Many did not "pose a risk to the community" and more likely to have committed "low-level offences".

Their incarceration also led to the "harmful consequences" of their children often being placed in child protection.

There had also been a "dramatic increase" in Aboriginal people in prison who had not been sentenced.

"This is the opposite of what the Royal Commission into Aboriginal Deaths in Custody recommended over 30 years ago."

Aboriginal women are the fastest-growing



Percy Lovett, partner of Veronica Nelson in Melbourne, April 2022.

demographic of being held in custody without sentence. "Many of these women are victim-survivors of family violence and mothers. They need support, not a prison cell."

Aboriginal children were also "disproportionately" impacted, with 69 per cent in youth custody being on remand.

Along with bodies such as Liberty Victoria, the SMLS has called for the removal of the Bail Act's "reverse-onus" provisions.

This would reinstate the presumption in favour of bail subject to "specific and immediate risk to the safety of another person or demonstrable flight risk".

SMLS also calls for a ban on remanding people facing charges unlikely to result in jail sentences.

Liberty Victoria president Michael Stanton said "our broken bail laws have now had tragic consequences".

"An applicant for bail should not be required to demonstrate that they do not pose a risk to community safety in order to avoid the impact of a reverse onus provision.

"That would be very difficult to prove, even for many low-level alleged offences. The onus should always remain on the state to demonstrate why a person being held in custody before hearing or trial is justified and necessary."

The government and opposition have both declared support for bail reform.

Attorney-General Jaclyn Symes said, "the death of Veronica Nelson was a tragedy - nothing less".

"Our bail laws need to protect the community without having a disproportionate or unintended impact on those accused of low-level offending who do not present a risk to community safety. We know we need to do more in relation to criminal justice reform, including bail reform, and that work is continuing."

Shadow Attorney-General Michael O'Brien said more than four-in-10 prisoners were held on remand awaiting trial "while Victorian court backlogs are the worst in the nation".

The Coalition was committed to "effective bail laws that protect the safety of the community whilst giving every opportunity to those in the criminal justice system to get on the right path".

## Hundreds of disqualified, unlicensed drivers nabbed

By Tanya Faulkner

More than 500 unauthorised vehicles were detected in a recent road safety effort, with the help of Automatic number plate recognition (ANPR) technology.

The recent five-day Operation Amity saw an increased police presence on Victorian roads during the high-risk Australia Day period, with ANPR technology fitted to highway patrol and specialist police vehicles used to detect disqualified, suspended and unlicensed drivers.

Acting Assistant Commissioner Road Policing Justin Goldsmith said with school resuming, and more people returning to work after the holidays, now was not the time to be complacent behind the wheel.

"Whilst it's great that ANPR technology is helping police to detect and remove more unauthorised drivers than ever before, it's also frustrating that we continue to detect an increasing number of these suspended, disqualified and unlicensed drivers on our roads."

On average, Victoria Police detected an



A total of 6728 traffic offences were detected during Operation Amity. 137393

average of 100 unauthorised drivers during each day of Operation Amity - an increase on the 85 unauthorised drivers detected per day during the statewide road policing operation during the Christmas period.

Of the infringements issued during the operation, more than one third were for speeding, with the majority of them between 10km/h and 25km/h over the speed limit.

Police also caught 225 drink drivers and 198 drug drivers during the operation, with 117,703 alcohol and drug tests conducted

across the state.

Across Victoria, a total of 6728 traffic offences were detected during Operation Amity, including:

- 2384 speeding offences - 1876 of those for speeding between 10km/h and 25km/h over the limit.
- 258 disqualified or suspended drivers.
- 244 unlicensed drivers.
- 225 drink driving offences from 114,973 preliminary breath tests.
- 198 drug driving offences from 2730 road-

side drug tests.

- 261 mobile phone offences.
- 374 disobey signs/signals.
- 168 seatbelt offences.
- 186 vehicle impoundments.
- 741 unregistered vehicles.

Mr Goldsmith said authorities had also seen another tragic period on our roads that resulted in six lives lost within four days.

"It's been a particularly bad start to the year, and we're really concerned about the high number of fatalities this month, particularly on rural roads across the state."

Victorian roads saw six fatalities between 25 and 28 January, with fatal collisions occurring in Berwick, Broadford, Halls Gap, Lilliput, Moutajup and Tatong.

"Rest assured, our enhanced capability means we are stopping [unauthorised] drivers in their tracks and removing them from our roads, making it safer for all road users," said Mr Goldsmith.

Operation Amity ran from 12.01am on Wednesday 25 January to 23.59pm on Sunday 29 January.

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Anya Hynninen, 19, appeared on Australian Idol this month.

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# Anya strikes the right note

By Tyler Wright

A Yarra Ranges local has hit television screens across the country as a contestant on this season of Australian Idol.

Anya Hynninen, 19, grew up playing gigs in the Dandenong Ranges including open mic nights at Sooki Lounge in Belgrave, and has now taken her talent to the international stage with a performance of Johnny Cash's Ring of Fire.

Accompanied by step-dad Bernard on guitar, the Selby local said it was "daunting" stepping in front of the panel of judges.

"I didn't have my glasses on, so I couldn't see them very well thankfully, but I thought they all looked a little bit like wax figures," she said.

"I wanted to touch them and see if they melt[ed]... it was definitely crazy."

From a young age, Hynninen was taught to harmonise by her mother, but it wasn't until her step-dad, musician Bernard, came into her life at age six that a professional music career would begin.

"He started off doing funk and that's all he would play...it definitely influenced my sound, and he plays a certain way, he's very intuitive so we mesh whenever we play together," she said.

"It's cool because now it's at the point where I can sing any note and I know exactly what he's going to play next because there's so much chemistry and we've done it for so long...he's definitely been there the whole time."

Hynninen released her debut single 'Home' in 2019 featuring fellow Melbourne artist, Pez as a collaboration with World Vision, which gained over 73,000 streams.

Following that success, Hynninen submitted her unreleased single 'How Do You Sleep At Night' into the International Songwriting Competition in 2021, ending up as a semi-finalist out thousands of teens globally.

Still in high school, Hynninen decided to apply for Australian Idol after seeing a friend's social media post about the auditions.

"I didn't really want to apply to any of the others because I didn't like the structure of it... especially when it makes you battle people," she said.



Anya and step-dad, Bernard.

"I never applied for anything else, and I didn't really think I ever would, and then I saw a friend post about applying for it as a joke, and I was like, 'you know what? I've got nothing to lose. I might as well do and see what happens.'"

With the first video audition tape filmed in her university classroom, the application process involved several auditions.

"I thought it was crazy... it just kept going and I was like 'we'll just see how it goes'; and then as it got kind of closer and closer, I'm like, 's\*\*t, this is actually real'.

"Especially being there on the day, it was like a battlefield.

"People were crying and passing out because they had nothing but tim tams and green tea, and I was passing through the bodies...It was definitely a really full on experience."

Now, with around 400 songs in her backlog, the musician hopes to tour an EP once she gathers a team.

"I remember going to Adele's concert... when I saw her I burst into tears," she said.

"I was like, 'Imagine being in that position and having someone love you so much that they uncontrollably cry the moment they see you. One day, I'll be there, and people will be crying.'"



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# Showgrounds set to shine

The 2023 Lang Lang Show 'n' Shine is fast approaching, with thousands of people expected to attend the annual event.

As with previous events, the day will feature an ever-growing Swap Meet where automotive parts and bric-a-brac will be on sale.

Set to be held on Sunday 12 February at the Lang Lang Reserve, on the corner of Westernport Rd and McDonalds Track, 200 stalls are anticipated.

In addition there will be several trade stands with diecast model cars.

The Show 'n' Shine element of the day will see hundreds of cars on display whilst a small number will participate in judging based on age, originality and modifications.

The President's Award as well as People's Choice are trophies highly regarded by the contestants.

Judging will be held for both cars and motorbikes.

Last year saw the oval at capacity with around 800 cars on display and this year should be similar.

Whilst the event has strong local support, show cars came from as far away as Colac last year.

The annual lawn mowing racing events are sure to create plenty of entertainment with thrills and spills on the cards.

Gates open at 7am for the public with swap meet vendors and show cars participants one hour earlier.

Several food stalls will be on hand selling a variety of products.

This event is run by the Kooweerup-Lang Lang Rotary with proceeds from the event going to Rotary projects.

Further details are available at [langlangshownshine.com](http://langlangshownshine.com)



Ray Johnson from Leongatha with his 1929 Ford Model A. 268610



Steve McDonald and his 1931 Ford Model A at the Lang Lang Show 'n' Shine. 268610



Last year's event drew a large crowd. 268610



Lawn mower racing. 268610

## Bigger, bolder flavours to be found in South Gippsland

This year the Meeniyán Garlic Festival will offer the public two new varieties of garlic.

The Festival and Hillston varieties are bigger than similar varieties and packed with a more intense flavour.

The Hillston garlic is a re-emergence of a lost variety back in 1990 and has now been brought back to market by a long-standing commercial grower.

The Festival Creole is a good-sized bulb coming originally from Tasmania. Be warned, while it ranges between mild and hot flavoured, it comes with the kicker of what the garlic industry euphemistically refers to as "delayed-extreme heat".

Now in its fifth year, the annual Meeniyán Garlic Festival draws in thousands of festival-goers to celebrate the region's high-quality garlic and produce. The festival aims to connect Gippsland and Melbourne with fine food offerings, great garlic and great produce, making this a one-off opportunity to explore the food and beverage of the whole region.

In the Taste of Gippsland section of the festival, visitors can choose from two dishes from two of the region's finest eateries. The festival is delighted to announce the two award-winning restaurants coming to Meeniyán are The Tinamba Hotel and The Long Paddock. Chef Gerard Phelan from The Tinamba Hotel and Tanya Bertino, chef and co-founder of The Long Paddock, will each prepare two unique dishes featuring local produce and, of course, garlic.

The Tinamba Hotel was recently awarded a Chef Hat in the 2022 Australian Good Food Guide Awards. Their philosophy is simple: "There's nothing better than local Gippsland produce, and where possible, we source everything locally. And we cultivate a hotel



Meeniyán Garlic Festival Day is on Saturday 18 February from 9am-4pm at Meeniyán Reserve and Meeniyán Hall - home of the Garlic Institute.

garden with fresh herbs and vegetables, producing dishes that deliver a memorable experience."

The Long Paddock is a critically rated destination restaurant for foodies, travellers and locals in the town of Lindenow, East Gippsland.

Anton Eisenmenger and Tanya Bertino once worked with top chefs in Melbourne and London and now specialise in seasonal dishes made with local produce, right down to the wine list. Dining at the Long Paddock

is a remarkable encounter with a region, its produce and its people.

Both eateries have placed a 'foodie spotlight' on Gippsland and are a great addition to the Meeniyán Garlic Festival.

More announcements will be made soon on the new Gippsland Wine Academy at the festival, featuring 10 award-winning local wineries and 40 selected wines.

The re-birth of the festival has been made possible by funding from Visit Victoria as Event Partner. Together with the support

from the Events Gippsland Acquisition Fund, an initiative of the new regional peak event body 'Events Gippsland' supported by Regional Development Victoria, Latrobe Valley Authority and local councils, including South Gippsland Shire Council. Meeniyán Garlic Festival Day, Saturday 18 February, 9am-4pm, Meeniyán Reserve and Meeniyán Hall - home of the Garlic Institute.

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## Top 8 sustainability tips

Sustainability is a focus of many schools these days, with students often encouraged to engage in practices such as packing 'nude' lunches, recycling and switching off lights when not in use.

How can parents help encourage their kids to be sustainable students?

**Here are eight tips from Sustainability Victoria:**

1. Lunches - get the kids to make their own lunch and use containers suited to nude food, eliminating the need for disposable wrapping. If you do need to wrap, reusable beeswax wraps can be used. Find out about them online or do a course on making them at your local neighborhood house or community arts centre.

2. Make your own snacks - despite what they say, many kids have plenty of time on their hands. Teach them to make their own muesli bars and other snacks. Be patient, it's a great life skill. They will learn to be more independent and have fun doing it!

3. Get more value - use the 'Love Food Hate Waste' website to get great recipes to use last night's leftovers in exciting ways for school (and work) lunches.

4. Use what you've got - save money by digging out pens, pencils and other consumables from drawers, cupboards and bags, rather than buying new ones. Many stationery makers also have a range of notebooks made from recycled paper.

5. Textbooks and uniforms - most schools have secondhand book and uniform shops, but your local op shop is also worth trying. Many high school English and literature books are available for free on Kindle. For other subjects, ask teachers what the difference is with this year's version of a textbook compared with last year's, as the older edition



may still be suitable.

6. Walking or riding to school is a great way to stay fit. It saves fuel and reduces vehicle pollution and traffic jams at the school gate. Otherwise, park a short distance from the school and walk with the kids and use it as an opportunity to teach road rules. Catching the bus may also be an option.

7. Buying a desk, bookcase or filing cabinet? Second-hand office furniture shops often have very modern goods at a much better price than new and they will last. It is also worth checking out Facebook Marketplace for some great quality bargains.

8. Ask your school to join the ResourceSmart Schools program offered by Sustainability Victoria. Supporting schools within the state to embed sustainability measures across the school facilities, community and curriculum, once a school joins the program, it will have access to an online portal to learn and practice ways of integrating sustainability while also saving resources and money for the school.



Teaching your kids about sustainable food choices is an important life skill.

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Our 2022 Dux, Zoe, achieved 97.9 and our students achieved excellent VCE results, featuring in Top Designs, Top Class Dance and the State Schools Spectacular. Elite programs such as High Achievers', Basketball Academy, Dance Academy and Instrumental Music are going from strength to strength.

The Victorian Education Excellence Awards recognise inspirational teachers, principals and education support staff who improve schools and support children and young people. Berwick College's outstanding staff have been consistently recognised as winners and finalists in the following categories - Outstanding Secondary Teacher (Finalist 2020 and 2022, Winner 2018), Outstanding Early Career Teacher (Finalist 2022), Outstanding Koorie Education (Winner 2017, Winner 2021), Outstanding Education Support - Wellbeing Team (Finalist 2016 and 2017) and Learning Support Team (Finalist 2021) and Outstanding Business Manager (Finalist 2019 to 2021).

Dedicated teachers, wellbeing staff, career guidance and transition programs ensure our students are well supported and cared for throughout their school life. Activities and events are held throughout the year to support our students to build organ-

isational and study skills, develop strong peer relationships, enhance resilience and empathy, and to build a sense of connectedness to our school community. Learning Teams look after our students where we get to know each student, tracking their achievements and encouraging them to make a difference in the wider community through supporting a charity of their choice.

Berwick College offers an extensive range of school and inter-school sporting activities in outstanding sporting facilities, including hockey pitches, tennis courts, netball courts, the basketball stadium and fitness gym, and access to the City of Casey Athletics track and Berwick Leisure Centre.

Our new Community Health and Wellbeing Centre ensures all students, parents and carers have access to the best possible care for trauma, mental health and physical wellbeing.

I am very proud of this College; our inclusive education, our provision of pathways for all students, our multi-generational connections and our commitment to delivering successful outcomes for our students.

Parents and students are warmly invited to our 2024 Year 7 Information Evening on Wednesday, 3rd May at 6:00pm and College Tours are available on Wednesdays at 9:30am throughout the year. Bookings available through [www.berwickcollege.com.au](http://www.berwickcollege.com.au)



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**Basketball Academy**  
National Champions  
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**Parent Information Evening -Year 7, 2024**  
Wednesday 3rd May  
6:00pm  
Elite Programs  
7:00pm



**Dance Academy**  
State Schools Spectacular  
Dancelife Unite-National Champions  
New York Dance Study Tour



BERWICK College commenced in 1977 with the motto 'Crescam', Latin for 'I shall grow', and today, through our strong emphasis on excellence in teaching and learning, our students enjoy a comprehensive curriculum and many career specific pathways.

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## Diverse and wonderful

The St Patrick's team prides itself on the cultural diversity it has among its school community.

St Patrick's is host to large communities of families from Myanmar and South Sudanese communities.

The school has also seen a rise in the addition of Sikh families which has been a wonderful addition.

It has a group of South Sudanese ladies who come together regularly to participate in sewing and other craft-related activities.

They produce some magnificent pieces that they donate back to the community.

It has been delightful to see more interaction also from the school's Myanmar community members.

The barrier of language can always be an obstacle for any new people to the community, but they have made so many inroads as they learn and master the English language every day.

At St Patrick's, the school has the assistance of both Myanmar and Sudanese Liaison officers, along with some of its dedicated education support officers, who work closely with these two communities in particular to ensure they receive the support they need in terms of communication with the school.


They are assisted with enrolments for both Primary and Secondary schools, excursion, swimming programs, special events days such as Mother's and Father's Day, school assemblies and school closure days.

The school is delighted to see the incredible richness its families bring to the St Patrick's community, which continues to grow and thrive and enhance the wonderful diverse community.

Please make time to visit St Patrick's Primary School at 136 Princes Highway, Pakenham. Call 5943 9000.



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St Francis Xavier College  
Berwick, Officer and Beaconsfield

### Year 7 2025 Online Q & A Information Evening

Thursday 16 March, 7.00pm – 8.00pm

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PRIMARY SCHOOL**  
TOGETHER AS ONE

We pride ourselves on being a Catholic, welcoming school where everyone is valued and respected. Our committed and professional staff provide a safe, caring environment where we aim to engender a love of learning in every student.



### ENROLMENTS NOW OPEN FOR 2024

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## Equipping students

Cranbourne Secondary College is a dynamic learning community committed to equipping students so they can grow, contribute meaningfully and enjoy life in the world they encounter. The College delivers an outstanding and holistic educational program that integrates academic, social, emotional and moral learning.

The College mission is to equip learners for a fulfilling life by developing their intellectual, social, emotional and moral intelligence. The broad, personalised curriculum and pathway options are delivered in a caring and engaging learning environment underpinned by an ethos and community culture of inclusion, participation.

Living our values of care, learning, community and contribution is integral to the process as is our honouring of student voice. Ensuring students influence their school experience and learning journey is so important to us because that's what empowers them and makes all the difference to their learning outcomes. It's why our students are increasingly motivated and happy at school.

It's our teaching and learning know-how implemented in modern, fit-for-purpose facilities and a safe, genuinely caring context that gives us our edge. Evidence-informed learning and positive behaviour frameworks ensure teachers and students know what they must do to get the best out of themselves. This ultimately enables our students to develop their aspirations into meaningful pathways beyond school.

We're continually building on our strong and proud history, going from strength to strength by ensuring the education we deliver in partnership with parents, educational experts and members of the wider community remains real, relevant, innovative and impactful.

Recently, the College has benefitted from



Book a tour at Cranbourne Secondary College to find out about their programs and what they have to offer.

a range of upgrades to facilities and grounds resulting in high-quality learning and recreational spaces for students as well as a new two court stadium that includes retractable seat-

ing for approximately 1000 students. A further \$9 million upgrade will be occurring through 2023 and 2024.

Book a tour to find out more about our ex-

cellent programs and to experience our wonderful facilities. At Cranbourne Secondary College we are a respectful, responsible, learning community.



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## NEW SCHOOL? ACT NOW

### ST. PETER'S COLLEGE DISCOVERY EVENINGS: IT'S A BIG DECISION

**YEAR 7 2024** Join us for our College Discovery Evenings

Meet our Principal, Teachers and have a Student-led Tour of our classrooms in action, where your child can join in some learning activities. Have all of your questions about what St. Peter's College can offer your child's Secondary education answered by our Staff & Students.

**BOOK NOW!** On-line on our home page icon **Book A Tour at [www.stpeters.vic.edu.au](http://www.stpeters.vic.edu.au)**

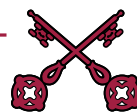
**CLYDE NORTH CAMPUS:** Thursday 23rd March for 7.00pm start

**CRANBOURNE CAMPUS:** Tuesday 21st March for 7.00pm start

**All Year Level Vacancies** Come to our Discovery Evenings or Campus Tours which are held on Friday's at 9.30 am. Bookings required at [www.stpeters.vic.edu.au](http://www.stpeters.vic.edu.au)



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## Beginning of school year



Sacha at the start of a new year.



Jeffraj enjoys his first day.



Twins - Alessio and Matteo and family.

Last Tuesday, the big day finally arrived for ninety new Foundation students.

These new students began their first ever school day by walking the red carpet where they were greeted by Principal, Ms Helen Staindl who welcomed them to St Clare's School with a special medal. The medal of St Clare, which came all the way from Assisi in Italy, is a reminder of our school's Patron Saint.

Once inside the beautiful learning spaces, students and families were greeted by four

very excited Foundation teachers.

The teachers are looking forward to a great year and will work with the students and encourage all to do their best learning within a kind and welcoming environment.

St Clare's is a Catholic Primary School in Officer with close to six hundred students.

Our core beliefs are built around the teachings of Jesus and specifically, the values of respect, optimism, courage, kindness and feeling safe.



### VISIT OUR VIRTUAL SCHOOL TOUR TODAY

Our virtual school tour allows you to experience Berwick Lodge Primary School spaces as though you are physically there.

Using emerging technology, we have mapped spaces across the school to create 3D tours and 360-degree walkthroughs. Immerse yourself in the spaces, move around, explore and look out for LODGIE BEAR along the way.

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*Kevin Heinge  
Best School Garden  
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## St Clare's Catholic Primary School in Officer



### *Our faith leads to wisdom and courage.*

*This motto is the energising source of all that happens at St Clare's and is embedded in the ethos of the school, the curriculum we offer and the relationships we develop within our school and wider communities.*

*If you are reading this as a prospective student, parent, guardian or family, I invite you to visit us at St Clare's and discover this dynamic learning environment and start the beginning of, what I hope will be, a life-long learning partnership.*

**School Tours Available**

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# Meet the Principal

## Meg Escalante

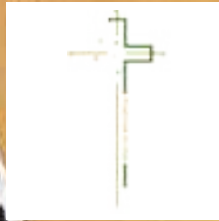
My name is Meg Escalante and I am the Principal of St Patrick's Primary school in Pakenham.

St Patrick's is first and foremost a child safe school where all students are included and challenged to develop their talents to the fullest extent.

In the spirit of St Patrick's School, we are a Catholic community, working together as one to inspire faith filled, lifelong learners. As a Catholic School, we are called to teach the Catholic tradition, celebrate faith, promote educational excellence and to nurture the growth and wellbeing of all students.

We believe that children learn best when they are happy and when the learning is relevant to their lives and to their stage of development and readiness. We live the values of Respect, Safety, Cooperation, Courage and Resilience. Our staff at St Patrick's understand that students learn best when strong relationships and connections are established among those involved in the learning process. We know that learning involves risk-taking and mistakes are seen as healthy and important steps as we strive for excellence, growth in knowledge and a continued acquisition of skills.

We look forward to another successful year of learning together as one!



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## Henry Grosseck

Some things never leave our bank of memories. As I sit here in my office, writing another short piece for Principal's Feature, I can't help but think back to a cold and wet day in October 1989 when I stood in this very same office, which was then little more than a concrete slab with a timber frame. I had just been appointed as the foundation principal of Berwick Lodge Primary School, filled with excitement and some nervousness. It was all before me then.

Today, many years later, the excitement remains as does a feeling of great pride – to have been a part of a wonderful school community that has provided many children with an excellent start to their educational journey is priceless. Better still, collectively, we are in an outstanding position, having seen off three years of Covid as well as we have, to look forward to 2023 with great optimism.

There's a lot been researched and written about the crisis in our teaching profession, what with a shortage of teachers and people willing to take up school leadership positions. That's certainly worrying at the very least. Fortunately, here at Berwick Lodge, there's a sufficient and well-grounded sense of optimism to have us look forward with hope.



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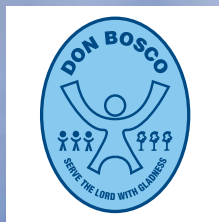
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## Treasa Barwick

It is with great pleasure that I begin my second year as principal at Don Bosco Catholic Primary School in Narre Warren. Don Bosco is one of three schools within the Parish of Our Lady Help of Christians.

We are a Catholic school learning from and with each other, to provide a high-quality education where young people come to know the loving God and their call to act in faith. Our new school behaviour expectations of Responsibility, Respect and Safety underpin how all members of our school community act to ensure our students are ready to learn. We place a high focus on the personal and social capabilities and embrace opportunities for student voice at all levels. Our Junior and Middle school buildings have had a recent refurbishment with acoustic pinboarding and new carpet throughout to provide optimal learning environments. Our students feel safe, empowered and confident in their ability to learn and our staff work and learn together in a culture of high expectations. We value the work of our parent community and encourage involvement in many facets of school life. Students have weekly lessons in French, The Arts, Physical Education and Science.

I am blessed to be the Principal of such a wonderful school community, walking alongside our students, families and staff. I invite you to call our office on 9704 7255 and arrange a school tour.



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## Chris Black

"Developing the skills today to thrive in tomorrow's world"

Welcome to St. Peter's College. We are a proudly Catholic community with a focus on Christ at the centre of our learning. We have a strong focus on the development of the whole person, academically, socially, emotionally and spiritually. "As a Catholic community, we aspire to lead in faith, guide with love and inspire through learning." Our learning environment provides students with the opportunity to become the best version of themselves.

**21st Century learners will require a skill-set of critical thinking, effective communication skills and the ability to work collaboratively & creatively.** We strive to provide opportunities for our students to engage and excel in all of these areas.

Our desire is for students to run excitedly through our gates at Year 7 and walk out completing Year 12, with confidence, a sense of purpose, and a feeling of positivity about their future lives. When selecting a Secondary College parents must feel confident that the school can provide a stimulating learning environment across all six years. This is what you get at St Peter's College.

Guided Campus Tour are held on Friday mornings. Contact our Registrar Mrs Wendy Height. Come join us.



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# Get your skates on

By Shelby Brooks

With a need for speed, an Upper Beaconsfield boy has skated his way to national acclaim and has big dreams for the future.

Nine-year-old Mack Konecny, who is in Grade 4 at Beaconsfield Upper Primary School, was just seven years old when he first gave inline skating a go in 2020.

"Mum took me to KemizO Entertainment Centre at the summer holidays," Mack said.

"I fell in love with skating.

"One day, I met a boy who was a speed skater. I wanted to be like him so I started having lessons."

Mack is coached by Grant Mulhall at training sessions each week in Pakenham.

"You have a boot with wheels attached and race with them on," Mack explained.

"The people who skate are really nice and I love to go around a rink fast."

In January this year, Mack competed at the 2023 Skate Australia Speed Skating National Championships in Perth.

Mack said he was a bit nervous to compete at such a high level.

"I was scared but I still did it," he said.

He said he enjoyed making friends with other young speed skaters from different states.

"They were friendly. We played chess and tag and we talked a lot."

In track events, Mack took home a bronze medal in the 200m time trial, silver medal in the 3000m, and came fourth in the 1000m event.

In the bank track events, Mack came in fourth in the 500m race, won a bronze medal in the 1000m event and 3000m fourth.

"I wanted to get some medals. So I tried my best. I'm so happy about the results," he said.

Mack said anyone can be good at skating and encouraged other people his age to try it.

"You don't need to have any skills," he said.

"Just have fun and practice.

"It's really fun. If you are interested, try it out at KemizO."



Mack loves skating fast.

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Mack (right) won bronze in the 1000m bank track event in Perth.



Mack with all the medals he won in Perth at the National Championships.

Mum Anna said her son had big international dreams for a speed skating career.

"At this age, he's found something he loves

and that's awesome," she said.

"It's really hard to find something you love so as a mum it's lovely to see."

## LOOKING BACK

### 30 YEARS TO 1993

Lois Williams is not one to sit around and watch others do the work. She likes helping the sick elderly, raising money for charity and even weeding... and she's not afraid of getting her hands dirty. Mrs Williams' life-long dedication to helping people was justly awarded when she was named Berwick's Citizen of the Year. A lady of great compassion and commitment, she is well known around town for her voluntary work at Stephenson House. She loves gardening and was seconded as a judge for the Berwick City News gardening competition. She makes regular trips to the Old Cheese Factory and a block of flats in Dandenong owned by the Uniting Church to do some weeding. "I love getting down on my knees to work in a garden. It can be a satisfying job and it sure beats being inside all day."

### 20 YEARS TO 2003

The Cockatoo Primary School came to the aid of three children who were evacuated from Swifts Creek to avoid nearby bushfires. Connor, Thomas and Lachlan Harvey left their home, which was under the threat of fire, to stay with their aunty, Sue Bretherton, in Cockatoo. The trio started school there, wearing uniforms and using pencils and books donated by the school. Principal Darrelyn Boucher said that Ash Wednesday may have been 20 years ago but it was still clear in the minds of many residents. "We all know all too well the effects bushfires can have on a community," she said. "The school was keen to help these children. While they are away from their parents they need to be in a routine and school can provide that for them."

### 10 YEARS TO 2013

Peter Boekel is not an average 97-year-old. He is a bright spark, clever and remarkably "with it" for his age. On Australia Day, Mr Boekel, originally from Holland, celebrated with his family and the Kooweerup community at the award ceremony at the town's community centre, where he was humbled to receive the Citizen of the Year award. Mr Boekel lived through the Great Depression and two world wars before coming to Australia in 1950. He served



Looking back 10 years to 2013: "I love Australia, particularly the swamp, it's such a nice community," said Kooweerup Citizen of the Year Peter Boekel.

in the Dutch army in World War II and was a prisoner of war working on the infamous railway line between Thailand and Burma and the bridge over the River Kwai. He lived in Toolangi

before owning a fruit shop in Box Hill and finally settling in Kooweerup 10 years later. He enjoys spending time with his five children, 20 grandchildren and 12 great grandchildren.



The old shoe shop sign at what is going to be the Toyworld site. 318204

### Blast from the past

Workers dug up a blast from the past in the Pakenham CBD last week.

While preparing the shop next to the newsagency for the arrival of Toyworld, they uncovered a sign for what appears to be Dikic's Shoe Store.

Does anyone remember buying shoes there? Let us know at [dailyeditor@starnewsgroup.com.au](mailto:dailyeditor@starnewsgroup.com.au)

### At least the name's a winner

The racetrack can throw up some pretty clever names.

One of the best of late is in the Pakenham stable of John Allen and is regularly ridden by his younger brother Ben, a former student of Beaconhills College.

The horse is named Memumsmedad. Why you ask?

Well incredibly the five-year-old gelding's parents share the same name.

Sire Redwood is a Group 1 winner in the UK and dam Redwood is an Australian bred galloper.

Another brother Matthew, also an accomplished jockey, is credited with coming up with the magnificent moniker.

The horse, unfortunately, isn't living up to the blue ribbon name, having not troubled the judge in four starts to date.

### Poo-wrong to right

Poowong has had a temporary name change to promote an important health message.

The Gut Health Month initiative saw the town's name changed to 'Pooright' momentarily.

Dietician Connect changed the sign for only a few minutes, but activities will be held all month to help educate people on how simple diet changes can help improve gut health.

### Wood heaters in February

Smoke filled the sky around Pakenham Road at the weekend, but not for a bushfire during fire restrictions.

Despite it being February - and summer, apparently - temperatures dipped on the weekend, leading locals to resort to the reliable wood heater.

It's all well and good until the sun returns and beams through the windows, and the house gets too hot! What season is it supposed to be again?

### Taking the piss, surely?

Stephen Pretty snapped this cheeky photo in Beaconsfield on Saturday.

We're wondering if it was an excursion of a visiting birdwatching club. If the photo was taken from the other angle it may have revealed a cockatoo!





Pakenham's Oliver Paulsen, Liam Piccolo and Mackenzie Adams, with Warragul's Justin Fernando, representing Gippsland Country Region.



Mitchell with his dad Luke Copley.

# Track stars on the big stage

The stars of Pakenham's Little Athletics club took to Lakeside Stadium on Saturday for the return of the Little Athletics Victoria State Relay Championships.

Competitors from Pakenham represented the Gippsland Country Region Team, including Liam Piccolo, Mackenzie Adams, Felicity Buza and Chloe Langley.

Here are some of the best shots from the day.

For the results of the event, turn to page 59



Nick Coombe had the big responsibility of firing the starting gun.



Adam Gillett, Mitchell Copley, Visal Athwell Gamaralalage and Victor Sangalang from Pakenham in the Under 12B team.

Pictures: SUPPLIED



Liam Piccolo and his Dad, Justin, president of Pakenham Little Athletics.



Felicity Buza, Beth Byers-Hunt, Chloe Langley and Charlee Cant in Under 12G from Pakenham.



# Creative course of action

Cardinia Shire Council is one of six municipalities in metropolitan Melbourne to provide free career support for the creative community.

Made available January to June 2023, ArtsACTION delivers inspiration and professional development for artists and creatives to activate career pathways, broaden networks, and build market reach.

The program is facilitated by Pop Up Art, a division of not-for-profit Jumpleads NFP and offers a six-part email resource pack, Zoom workshops, and access to a growing supportive network. The workshops cover topics such as being market ready, working together effectively and digital communities.

Jumpleads Director and program facilitator Sharon Seyd, who has been working in the creative industries for over 35 years said this program recognised creatives were often under-resourced and overlooked - despite their importance as a highly valuable, vital sector of the community.

"According to Creative Victoria, in 2019-20, the creative sector contributed \$31.6 billion to the Victorian economy, 8.6 per cent of the total state workforce," Ms Seyd said.

"The partners coming together behind this initiative, recognise the need for artists to develop relevant career skills and the support required for them to foster viable practices.

"Through our experience delivering the previous four programs and working with 1000's of artists, we have found most creatives want greater opportunities for exposure. Many need information, methods, and frameworks to maximise their potential."

ArtsACTION is free of charge for anyone living or working within Brimbank, Cardinia, Hume, Melton, Nillumbik and Yarra Ranges, thanks to generous contributions from these shires, who have jumped on board for multiple beneficial reasons.



Silvana Benacchio has hosted many exhibitions.



Ian Kemp previously participated in the program.



Pauline O'Shannessy-Dowling in her studio.

Emerging or professional visual artists, performers, writers, musicians, arts workers, and people involved in community arts or creative

industries, are invited to participate.

It's particularly relevant for creatives looking to grow their career, build their business,

step up their organisation, or connect with other creatives across Victoria and beyond.

Everyone is welcome.

## WHAT'S ON

### Gembrook Craft Group

We are pleased to offer three workshops in February 2023.

Macrame workshop – Saturday 18 February. Two sessions available, 10am-12pm or 1pm-3pm. We will be making a plant hanger. Come along and learn some basic knotting (we promise you won't get tied in knots!). Help is on hand should you need it. Same hanger will be made at each workshop session.

Crochet workshop – Friday 10 February, 10am-12pm. Dawn and Chris are confident you will be able to learn some basic techniques in the time.

Spinning course - Starting on Friday 17 February 10am-12pm. This course runs for four weeks. Start dates are flexible. This a therapeutic and beneficial craft to learn. Bring your own spinning wheel and fleece if you have some or use one of our spinning wheels and fleece.

All workshops are to be held at Gembrook Craft Cottage, 3 Redwood Road, Gembrook.

■ Email secretary at [gembrookcraftgroup@gmail.com](mailto:gembrookcraftgroup@gmail.com) for further information and cost.

### Kids' Art Workshops

Our Kids' Art Workshops are designed to give children up to the age of five the opportunity to be creative in a supportive and facilitated environment. The early childhood phase is a critical time for growth and skill development. These workshops will help to build motor skills, encourage creative play, and strengthen the bond between child and caregiver.

■ Kids' Art Workshops run from 10am to 12pm every Tuesday from 17 January to 28 March in the Waterfront Room at the Cardinia Cultural Centre.

### Cockatoo Ash Wednesday 40th anniversary

Come join us on Sunday 12 February in commemoration of 40 years since the Ash Wednesday Bushfire. The event is being held by the CFA as a statewide memorial on the day. Our volunteer-run centre will be open for anyone who wishes to view our display free of charge. Any donations you care to make will be gratefully accepted.

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### Tooradin Tractor Pull and Truck Show

The Tooradin Tractor Pull and Truck Show has been an annual event since 1998 and has grown into a fabulous family day packed with lots of fun things to see and do.

■ Rutter Park Reserve, South Gippsland Hwy, on Saturday 25 February 2023, 10am to 10pm.

■ Sunday 12 February at 2 McBride Street, Cockatoo 2pm.

### Upper Beaconsfield Village Festival

The Upper Beaconsfield Village Festival is an annual community event held in February to celebrate our community in the wake of the devastating Ash Wednesday fires in 1983. The Tower Run commences at 8am from Charing Cross opposite the post office. You can register to participate. The festival will be held in the grounds around the Upper Beaconsfield Community Centre and Keith Ewenson Reserve 10-12 Salisbury Road, Upper Beaconsfield.

■ Sunday 19 February 9am to 3pm.

### Line Dancing at Wilson Botanic Park

Line dancing is a very social and fun way to get active. Cheyenne on Queue's Darren and John will look after you as you dive into the joyful experience of Line Dancing with or without a partner. This event is suitable for the entire family, the young and young-at-heart. No experience necessary, suited to all ages and abilities.

■ Saturday 11 February, Wilson Botanic Park,

668 Princes Hwy, Berwick. BYO picnic 5pm to 7pm and line dancing from 7pm to 9pm. Bookings essential: [trybooking.com/events/landing?eid=1007194&](http://trybooking.com/events/landing?eid=1007194&)

### #CaseyGirlsCan: Bollywood Dance Sessions

Get active and have some fun at our free Bollywood Dance sessions. Participants will learn four-to-five Bollywood songs and different dance moves, while connecting with other community members.

■ From 11am to 12pm every Thursday from 19 January to 16 March at Indoor Leisure Complex, Building 5, 65 Berwick-Cranbourne Rd, Cranbourne East.

### Voices of Casey

Voices of Casey is looking to recruit new members who love to sing. With mixed ability and experience, we aim to positively impact our community and participate in events.

■ 2023 rehearsals commenced on 30 January at Fiddlers Green, 57 Gloucester Ave, Berwick. Go to [voicesofcasey.org.au](http://voicesofcasey.org.au) for more information.

### Summer Sessions at The Orchard at Montague

Enjoy an afternoon of live music, drinks and food on the lawn at The Orchard at Montague, with a fantastic line-up of talented local musicians performing live on Sunday afternoons. There will be some outdoor seating and picnic rugs available, however, you are encouraged to bring your own so you don't miss out. This is a free event for the whole family so bring everyone along. Sorry, no BYO food or drinks. Come down from 2-5pm every Sunday from 22 January to 26 February at 18 Horswood Road, Narre Warren North.

### Berwick and District Show

The Berwick Show will be held over 25-26 February at Acoonah Park, with both days ending in fireworks for the family!

■ Come down for a range of activities for the family including agriculture and Horticulture shows and competitions, family and thrill rides, food trucks and market stalls, horse shows, arts and crafts, entertainment and much more! Tickets available from 1 February. Visit [berwickshow.org.au](http://berwickshow.org.au) for more information.

## Q&A

with Cardinia Shire's Citizen of the Year Shelley Beardshaw

**Tell us a fun fact about yourself.**

I was born and lived in Perth WA for the first 37 years of my life - I have the wrinkles and spots to prove it!

**What are you most passionate about?**

Working with the community and volunteering - especially to give children and their families the best support we can. They need it now, more than ever.

**What do you love about Emerald?**

The beauty from every view and the strong sense of community, plus the friendly Emeraldians!

**What would your last meal be?**

Oh, a roast lamb dinner and bread and butter pudding - how old-fashioned is that!

**What was your most memorable moment?**

There are four of them - the births of our four wonderful babies - now four wonderful adults.

**What was your favourite subject at school?**

Had to be English - reading and writing, speaking and listening.

**What event, past or present, would you like to witness?**

How wonderful to live through the end of the Second World War - to see my Dad travel back across the Nullarbor in the train, from the Airforce and the Torres Strait Islands. To see people dancing in the streets and families not having to shelter in backyard bunkers for drills. The fear must have been enormous. And to see life get back to "normal".

**Which six dinner guests, dead or alive, would you invite to dinner?**

Eleanor Roosevelt, Spike Milligan, Germaine Greer, Stephen Fry, Catherine the Great, and David Niven. The conversation would be interesting!

**What are you currently listening to/watching or reading?**

Reading Maggie Farrell's The Marriage Portrait



Shelley Beardshaw was named the 2023 Cardinia Shire Citizen of the Year. 318275  
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- a favourite author. Watching PBS News Hour - we went to the USA in 2016, Trump era, and have been hooked on watching fascinating Americans ever since. Listening to ABC Country (when I am alone - I am hooked on Line Dancing in the kitchen!).

**How would you describe your fashion sense?**  
Colourful and eclectic. I am not a beige person.

**Have you had a pet that has made an impact on you?**

Bluey, the Blue Heeler, arrived shortly after I was born. She died when I was 12 and I worried I might be going too.

**If you had to compete on MasterChef, what dish would you cook?**

I have cooked every variety of scone known to man for over 46 years. Sweet, savoury, Vegemite rolls, apple and cinnamon, gluten free - you name it, I've done it! Day 2 might be a problem...

**What is your dream holiday destination?**

Anywhere with a tree, a water view, mountains, a sun lounge and a book. Far North Queensland, Gippsland, South West WA, a boat on the Rhine...

**What were you like as a kid?**

Noisy, loud and usually upside down in a handstand, or on my bike, or deep in a book...

**What was your favourite colour and why?**

Blue, because my sister and I were always dressed in handmade puffy blue dresses in the 1950s and my Dad sang "Two little girls in blue ..." to us. If my Mum was not happy with me, I wore apple green - which I hated!

**What was your first job?**

I worked, as a 14-year-old, in the Christmas School Holidays, in Boan's Department Store in central Perth, selling mousetraps and kitchen implements. Such a step up into the world of adults for a skinny, red headed kid - catching the bus into town, wearing a dress and stockings, eating my lunch sandwich in the huge, old staff cafeteria. I worked with another similar young man - we had a lot of fun setting off those mousetraps!

**What is the one question you have never been able to get the answer to?**

Did Granddad Greenslade have the Spanish Flu in 1919?

## THREE ...

### Valentine's Day History Facts

**1 Namesake: Saint Valentine**  
Saint Valentine was a Catholic priest who lived in Rome in the third century. When a law was introduced to prevent Roman soldiers from marriage so they could be fully devoted to their job, he would secretly marry them to their loves. Saint Valentine was executed on 14 February in the year 270.

**2 Day of celebration**  
It wasn't until more than 200 years later that 14 February was proclaimed St Valentine's Day. A Roman pagan fertility ritual was held in February each year and the Pope abolished this festival and proclaimed 14 February Saint Valentine's Day, thus establishing this feast day on the Catholic Calendar of Saints.

**3 The love link**  
The poet Chaucer in the Middle Ages was the first to link St Valentine with romantic love. Stories grew about a High Court of Love where female judges would rule on issues related to love on 14 February each year. Historians believe that these meetings were in fact gatherings where people read love poetry and played games of flirtation.

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# Colourful past

**Zoë Coombs Marr** dives into the hidden history of our LGBTQIA+ culture for ABC doco **Queerstralia**



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# History brought to light

Zoë Coombs Marr sets out to discover the history of Australia's LGBTQIA+ community in docuseries *Queerstralia*. The award-winning comedian tells **Siobhan Duck** what she found along the way

**L**ONG before flash mobs were a bunch of strangers breaking into dances in public spaces, it was a term used to describe lesbian convict gangs with a penchant for shiny jewels.

This surprising fact is just one of the many pieces of Australia's history that comedian Zoë Coombs Marr unearthed while filming her three-part docuseries *Queerstralia*.

"It was one of the first things that I googled [while researching potential topics for the series] that made me want to do a documentary on this [topic]," she smiles.

"Convict lesbian gangs were called flash mobs in Tasmania! I mean all the [queer] convict history is fascinating but those gangs were really interesting."

While Coombs Marr couldn't devote as much time to the finer details of the flash mobs as she would have liked, she is proud to be shining a broad light on some of these lesser-known corners of our history.

And who knows, once the makers of the *Underbelly* TV franchise get wind of it, she laughs, there may one day be a drama series inspired by the law-breaking lesbians of days gone by.

When Coombs Marr was first approached to front a documentary series for the ABC, she had no shortage of ideas; not all of them good.

After considering a few concepts, she landed on the idea of telling a story with particularly personal significance for someone who describes herself as a "professional lesbian": the history of Australia's LGBTQIA+ community.

"I'm not a historian," she says.

"This is not a definitive history. It's me navigating my way through this big messy pile of badly archived information. Now that I have said that, I realise I will probably have offended a lot of queer archivists.

"And I don't want that. They are incredible and they've collected a lot of this stuff. The problem was that it wasn't recorded properly in the first place."

Although some of the topics covered are challenging to hear, involving experiences of discrimination, persecution and abuse, Coombs Marr manages to avoid *Queerstralia* being overwhelmingly bleak or depressing.

"So, my approach is humour," she explains.

"But that's also the way that the queer people have approached and processed these really traumatic parts of our lives... There's a lot of darkness in our lives and in our histories, but we are really funny and fun people. I wanted to celebrate the things that queer people have done despite that darkness."

**No stone unturned:**  
Zoë Coombs Marr uncovers the history of Australia's queer culture in *Queerstralia*.



And so, wiping away the straight-washed history we all learned at school, Coombs Marr introduces us to gay diggers, legendary drag acts, cross-dressing bushrangers and pioneers for change in this unflinching and funny examination of Australia.

Coombs Marr was shocked that nobody had attempted to do anything like this before. But she soon discovered that telling a story like this – one which required drawing together many unique strands – would be no mean feat.

Realising the herculean task ahead, Coombs Marr enlisted the help of a few friends.

And what a glittering group she's assembled! Among those sharing their stories and offering insights into what makes our queer community tick are *Kath & Kim* star Magda Szubanski, Emmy-winning comedian Hannah Gadsby, *Neighbours* actress Georgie Stone, retired rugby legend Ian Roberts and trailblazing activist Peter de Waal.

"One of the hardest parts of the process was deciding who to include or not include, because I wanted to include everyone and we've had a good crack," she says.

"It was really important that there weren't just a couple of voices. Because for me it was about getting that critical mass of different people, talking about their different experiences, but also those common things like

experiences] in there. I felt though, it was really important to approach them a different way so that people were able to tell their own stories and have conversations with each other because there is still a power imbalance.

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coming out or being a queer child, because we experienced the same sorts of things."

Eager to make sure each special segment of this complex story was told authentically and with the right lens, Coombs Marr called on activist and author Nayuka Gorrie to walk viewers through the queer experience of our Indigenous people.

"That's not my story to tell," she explains.

"But it was really important to have it [the First Nations' queer

"We speak different languages in a lot of ways. I could have done those interviews, I could have led that section myself and been like: 'This is what I'm going to say on it', but it wouldn't have been the real story."

Where Coombs Marr was more than happy to lend her voice – and self-deprecating humour – was her own story, making a pit stop to her childhood home to talk to her parents about her own coming out.

"I'm very lucky. My parents were really accepting and they are

accepting enough that they are in the documentary," she laughs.

"But even within an accepting family, there's still this sense that there's something that they need to be accepting of.

"I think it's the same for a lot of queer people. It's different now in a lot of ways [than when I came out], but there's certain bits of the experience of being queer that stayed the same, which is that you have to come to terms with who and what you are on your own as a little kid in a way that is how to articulate.

"Regardless of how well you're accepted, before you tell your parents you have to sort of you have to tell yourself [who you are]."

Although everyone's coming-out narrative is unique, Coombs Marr believes "there's something about those experiences of queerness or feeling different that should be celebrated".

And that is certainly what this unique documentary does – with all the colours of the rainbow.

■ *Queerstralia*, Tuesday, February 28, 8.30pm, ABC TV and streaming, ABC iView



# Movie Guide

PICK OF THE WEEK



Healing hour:  
Naomi Watts stars  
in *Penguin Bloom*.

## FREE AS A BIRD

**Friday**  
**PENGUIN BLOOM**  
Nine, 8.30pm, PG (2020)

Award-winning actress Naomi Watts gives a predictably moving and poignant performance in this tear-jerker, but a mischievous magpie almost steals her thunder. In this sentimental and hopeful tale, which is based on the true story of an Australian family and the subsequent hit book, a holiday is shattered with a life-changing accident. Surf-lover Samantha Bloom (Watts) is holidaying in Thailand with her husband (Andrew Lincoln, *The Walking Dead*) and their three sons when she falls from a balcony, becoming paraplegic. Returning home, she is consumed by grief for a year, until her sons bring an injured bird home. Also starring Jacki Weaver, director Glendyn Ivin (*The Cry*) doesn't pass up an opportunity to pull on heartstrings, but the scenes involving the inquisitive magpie are utterly charming and beautifully shot to boot. ★★★★★



**THE MARTIAN**  
Seven, Friday, 8.30pm, M (2015)

Matt Damon (pictured) heads to space to play botanist Mark Watney, an astronaut who must survive alone on Mars after being left for dead by his crew during a fierce storm on the Red Planet. With only a meagre amount of supplies, the stranded spaceman must use his wits and spirit to find a way to survive on the hostile planet. Meanwhile, back on Earth, members of NASA and a team of international scientists, led by Jeff Daniels, work tirelessly to bring him home. ★★★★★



**BLACK PANTHER**  
Seven, Saturday, 7.30pm, M (2018)

This game-changing blockbuster elevated superhero movies to new heights while telling one of Marvel's most captivating stories - and introducing some of its most interesting characters. The Black Panther (the late Chadwick Boseman, pictured), the newly crowned ruler of the African kingdom of Wakanda, must defend his claim to the throne against an outsider (Michael B. Jordan). Director Ryan Coogler upends African stereotypes and rewrites history in this thrilling adventure. ★★★★★



**GODZILLA VS. KONG**  
Nine, Saturday, 8.30pm, M (2021)

Director Adam Wingard's blockbuster pits two of cinema's most iconic monsters against each other in a sublimely over-the-top, escapist extravaganza. When Kong and his protectors begin a dangerous journey to find his true home, they wind up in the path of an irate Godzilla. While the scenes involving the monsters are captivating, the real-life actors in the mix, including Rebecca Hall and Alexander Skarsgård (both pictured), do an excellent job playing second fiddle to the real "stars". ★★★★★



**AD ASTRA**  
9Go!, Sunday, 7.30pm, M (2019)

With this striking film that's part mystery and sci-fi, director James Gray (*The Lost City of Z*) has crafted a deeply emotive literal and psychological journey to that shows off Brad Pitt's (pictured) talent. When mysterious power surges threaten Earth, astronaut Roy McBride (Pitt) steps into the footsteps of his presumed-dead father (Tommy Lee Jones) - who has been missing in space for decades after a secret mission - travelling on a lonely odyssey to Neptune to uncover the truth. ★★★★★



**HUNTER KILLER**  
9Go!, Monday, 8.30pm, MA15+ (2018)

*Hunter Killer* is a revival of the Cold War thriller genre, where espionage and submarine warfare are coupled with the looming threat of war between the United States and Russia. American submarine captain Joe Glass (Gerard Butler, pictured) is thrown into the deep end in a mission to rescue the Russian president, who has been captured in a coup attempt. Tensions run high as Glass plays a cat-and-mouse game with the enemy fleet to prevent an all-out war between the superpowers. ★★★★★



**THE BANK JOB**  
10 Shake, Tuesday, 8.30pm, MA15+ (2008)

The real-life raid on a London bank more than 35 years ago provides the inspiration for this heist flick. The robbery of the Baker Street bank made headlines, but much of the loot from the safe-deposit boxes was never found. Directed by Roger Donaldson (*The World's Fastest Indian*), this gripping tale reveals the contents of the boxes, weaving a web of murder, corruption and a sex scandal. Jason Statham (pictured) is brilliant as small-time crook Terry, who gets involved in the heist. ★★★★★

# The Guide



## GARDENING AUSTRALIA ABC TV, Friday, 7.30pm

You don't need to be a green thumb to adore this long-running gardening series. Featuring a tribe of passionate and interesting presenters, they are the secret to its success. Returning with its 24th season (or 34th year of episodes) tonight, effervescent host

Costa Georgiadis and his crew - including new team members Tammy Huynh and Hannah Moloney - are in Melbourne's lush Royal Botanic Gardens. The episode is flush with many varied segments, but highlights include Hannah chatting with a First Nations educator at the Botanic Gardens about the gardens' history and Sophie visiting the plot of an acclaimed landscaper.

## THE WORLD'S MOST BEAUTIFUL LANDSCAPES SBS, Saturday, 7.35pm

Settle in with a soft pillow and your favourite cup of tea for this exquisite new series. As the title helpfully suggests, this eight-episode visual extravaganza reveals the world's most gorgeous scenery, but what you may not realise is how the show will allow you to unwind: it's the visual equivalent of a meditation session. Each episode covers a specific area - Queensland, the Amazon and the Scottish Highlands all enjoy the limelight - with geology, culture and even locals all playing a part. Narrated by English actor Robert Lindsay, the knockout spectacle begins in Snowdonia, Wales, with its wildlife, slate mines and mountain peaks.

## LOVE AROUND THE WORLD SBS Viceland, Tuesday, 8.30pm

The Beatles reminded us all that all we need is love, and what better thing to do than look at the world through rose-coloured glasses? After Croatians Andela and Davor Rostuhar married, they felt so lovey-dovey that they decided to spend their "honeymoon" gallivanting around the world interviewing other couples about love. They spent a year getting to know 130 couples in 30 different countries, with most of the footage taking place inside the lovers' homes. It's an intimate, gentle and moving set of portraits, with Andela and Davor crafting a love letter to, well, love; the whole viewing experience, from the camera work, editing and interviewing, was all done themselves.

## PICK OF THE WEEK

### BACK ROADS ABC TV, Monday, 8pm

Veteran presenter Heather Ewart hands the reins to champion Paralympian Kurt Fearnley for tonight's exploration of a close-knit regional community. This series is celebrated for its inspirational storytelling in remote communities and townships around Australia and tonight, in its ninth season, the Northern Territory's Tennant Creek gets the chance to spotlight its best side. Fearnley has a way with words and connecting with the locals as he discovers the heartening side to a town that has often been associated with crime. He meets an informal group of artists, known as the Tennant Creek Brio, uncovering a non-judgemental community along the way.

**On the road:**  
Kurt Fearnley  
takes *Back Roads*  
to Tennant Creek.



## Wednesday, February 8

### ABC TV (2)

**6.00** News Breakfast. **9.00** ABC News Mornings. **10.00** Four Corners. (R) **10.45** Q+A. (R) **12.00** ABC News At Noon. **12.30** National Press Club Address. **1.35** Media Watch. (PG, R) **2.00** Parliament Question Time. **3.00** Gardening Australia. (R) **4.10** Long Lost Family: What Happened Next. (PG, R) **5.00** Anh's Brush With Fame. (PG, R) **5.30** Hard Quiz. (PG, R)

### SBS (3)

**6.00** WorldWatch. **9.00** Destination Flavour China Bitesize. (R) **9.10** World's Most Secret Homes. **10.05** Billy Connolly: Made In Scotland. (Mal, R) **11.00** The Story Of Spice. (PG) **12.00** WorldWatch. **2.00** Destination Flavour China Bitesize. (R) **2.10** Secrets Of The Royal... (PGal, R) **3.00** Portillo's Greatest Railway Journeys. (PG, R) **3.55** Who Do You Think You Are? UK. (PGa, R) **5.05** Jeopardy! (R) **5.30** Letters And Numbers. (R)

### SEVEN (7, 6)

**6.00** Sunrise. **9.00** The Morning Show. (PG) **11.30** Seven Morning News. **12.00** Australian Idol. (PG, R) **1.45** Motorbike Cops. (PG, R) **2.00** Border Security: America's Front Line. (PG, R) **2.30** Border Security: International. (PG, R) **3.00** The Chase. **4.00** Seven News At 4. **5.00** The Chase Australia.

### NINE (9, 8)

**6.00** Today. **9.00** Today Extra. (PG) **11.30** Morning News. **12.00** Married At First Sight. (Mls, R) **1.30** My Way. (PG, R) **2.00** Pointless. (PG, R) **3.00** Tipping Point. (PG) **4.00** Afternoon News. **4.30** [VIC] Millionaire Hot Seat. **5.00** Millionaire Hot Seat. **5.30** [VIC] WIN News.

### TEN (10, 5)

**6.00** The Talk. (PGa) **7.00** Farm To Fork. (PG, R) **7.30** GCBC. (R) **8.00** Everyday Gourmet With Justine Schofield. (R) **8.30** Entertainment Tonight. **9.00** Judge Judy. (PG, R) **9.30** The Bold And The Beautiful. (PGav, R) **10.00** Studio 10. (PG) **12.00** 10 News First: Middy. **1.00** Dr Phil. (PGal) **2.00** Australian Survivor. (R) **3.30** Judge Judy. (PG, R) **4.00** Farm To Fork. **4.30** The Bold And The Beautiful. (PG) **5.00** 10 News First.

**6.00** The Drum. **7.00** ABC News. **7.30** 7.30. **8.00** Hard Quiz. (Return, PG) **8.30** The Weekly With Charlie Pickering. (Return) A satirical news program. **9.00** Utopia. (PG, R) Tony is close to finishing a major report. **9.25** Spicks And Specks. (PG, R) Hosted by Adam Hills. **10.10** Adam Hills: The Last Leg. (R) **10.50** ABC Late News. **11.05** The Business. (R) **11.25** Midsomer Murders. (Mv, R) **12.55** Parliament Question Time. **1.55** Rage. (MA15+adhlinsv) **4.00** One Plus One. (R) **4.30** The Drum. (R) **5.30** 7.30. (R)

**6.00** Mastermind Australia. (R) **6.30** SBS World News. **7.35** Wildlife ER: Brought Back From The Brink. (Premiere) Takes a look at the RSPCA wildlife hospital. **8.35** My Grandparents' War: Keira Knightley. (PG) Part 2 of 4. Keira Knightley retraces the footsteps of her grandparents during World War II. **9.30** Bloodlands. The search leads to an abandoned house. **10.35** SBS World News Late. **11.05** Cargo. (MA15+a) **12.00** Thin Blue Line. (MA15+av, R) **4.35** Bamay. (R) **5.00** NHK World English News Morning. **5.30** ANC Philippines The World Tonight.

**6.00** Seven News. **7.00** Home And Away. (PGa) **7.30** Code 1: The Cronulla Riots. (Malv) A look at the 2005 Cronulla Riots. **8.30** The Front Bar: All Sports Edition. (Ml) Sam Pang, Mick Molloy and Andy Maher take a look at the world of sport and catch up with the stars of yesteryear. **9.30** Kitchen Nightmares Australia. (MA15+, R) Hosted by Colin Fassnidge. **10.35** Police Code Zero: Officer Under Attack. (MA15+, R) **11.35** Autopsy USA. (Mad, R) **12.30** [VIC] Home Shopping. (R) **12.35** Filthy Rich. (Mads, 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 social experiment continues. **9.00** Under Investigation: The Man In The Hole. (Return, Mlv) Presented by Liz Hayes. **10.00** Nine News Late. **10.30** See No Evil. (Ma) **11.30** Ordinary Joe. (Premiere, Mav) **12.20** Tipping Point. (PG, R) **1.10** Living On The Coast. (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.

**6.30** The Project. A look at the day's news and events. **7.30** The Dog House Australia. (Return, PG) Narrated by Dr Chris Brown. **8.40** Fire Country. (PGa) A vegetation fire gets tricky for the crew when a panicked horse refuses to leave a burning barn. **9.40** Bull. (PGlv, R) Chunk does his daughter a favour and convinces Bull to represent a teenager on trial for robbery. **11.30** The Project. (R) **12.30** The Late Show With Stephen Colbert. (PG) **1.30** Home Shopping. (R) **4.30** CBS Mornings.

**ABC TV PLUS (22)** **6am** Children's Programs. **4.40pm** Fireman Sam. **4.50** PJ Masks. **5.00** Peppa Pig. **5.10** Octonauts. **5.20** Hey Duggee. **5.30** Ginger And The Vegesaur. **5.35** Do, Re & Mi. **5.45** Kiri And Lou. **5.55** Kangaroo Beach. **6.05** The Adventures Of Paddington. **6.20** Bluey. **6.25** Peter Rabbit: Winds Of Change. **2.00** Shortland St. **2.30** The Cook Up. **3.00** Bushwhacked! **3.25** Red Dirt Riders. **3.40** Wolf Joe. **3.55** Tales Of The Moana. **4.00** Grace Beside Me. **4.30** Spartakus And The Sun Beneath The Sea. **5.00** Our Stories. **5.30** Living Black. **6.00** Bamay. **6.35** News. **6.45** Arctic Secrets. **7.35** Ice Cowboys. **8.30** First Australians. **9.30** Ray Charles: Live At The Montreux. **11.10** Late Programs.

**SBS VICELAND (31)** **6am** WorldWatch. **9.30** Shortland St. **11.00** The Movie Show. **Noon** One Armed Chef. **1.55** Border To Border. **1.25** Cryptoland. **1.55** Hunters. **2.45** Counter Space. **3.15** BBC News At Ten. **3.45** ABC World News Tonight With David Muir. **4.15** PBS News. **5.15** Takeshi's Castle. **5.45** The Joy Of Painting With Bob Ross. **6.15** Forged In Fire. **7.05** Jeopardy! **7.35** 8 Out Of 10 Cats Does Countdown. **8.30** The Bloody Decade. **9.30** Letterkenny. (Return) **10.25** MOVIE: Goon. (2011) **12.10am** QAnon: The Search For Q. **1.00** Reset. **2.00** NHK World English News. **5.00** Al Jazeera Newshour.

**7TWO (72, 62)** **6am** To Be Advised. **6.30** Escape To The Country. **7.30** Under The Hammer. **8.00** Harry's Practice. **8.30** Million Dollar Minute. **9.30** NBC Today. **Noon** Better Homes And Gardens. **1.00** Escape To The Country. **2.00** Sydney Weekender. **2.30** Million Dollar Minute. **3.30** Medical Rookies. **4.00** Coastwatch Oz. **4.30** Better Homes And Gardens. **5.30** Escape To The Country. **6.30** Bargain Hunt. **7.30** Heartbeat. **8.45** Foyle's War. **10.55** Frankie Drake Mysteries. **11.55** Cities Of The Underworld. **1am** Medical Rookies. **1.30** Better Homes. **2.30** Bargain Hunt. **3.30** Coastwatch Oz. **4.00** Harry's Practice. **4.30** Late Programs.

**9GEM (92, 81)** **6am** TV Shop: Home Shopping. **7.00** Creflo Dollar Ministries. **7.30** TV Shop: Home Shopping. **10.30** Seaway. **11.30** My Favorite Martian. **Noon** Days Of Our Lives. **12.55** The Young And The Restless. **1.50** New Tricks. **3.00** Antiques Roadshow. **3.30** MOVIE: Quiet Weekend. (1946) **5.30** Murder, She Wrote. **6.30** Antiques Roadshow. **7.30** As Time Goes By. **8.50** Midsomer Murders. **10.50** One Deadly Mistake. **11.50** House. **12.50am** Explore. **1.00** TV Shop: Home Shopping. **1.30** Take Two. **2.30** TV Shop: Home Shopping. **4.30** Joyce Meyer. **5.00** TV Shop: Home Shopping.

**10 PEACH (11, 52)** **6am** The Late Show With Stephen Colbert. **7.00** Friends. **8.00** Charmed. **9.00** The King Of Queens. **10.00** The Middle. **11.30** Frasier. **12.30pm** Friends. **1.00** Becker. **2.00** NBL Slam. **2.30** The Big Bang Theory. **3.00** The King Of Queens. **4.00** Becker. **5.00** Frasier. **6.00** Friends. **8.00** The Big Bang Theory. **9.20** Two And A Half Men. **10.10** The Big Bang Theory. **11.00** Frasier. **Midnight** Home Shopping. **1.30** The Late Show With Stephen Colbert. **2.30** The Late Late Show With James Corden. **3.30** The King Of Queens. **4.30** Home Shopping.

**NITV (34)** **6am** Morning Programs. **8.45** Bushwhacked! **9.35** The Magic Canoe. **10.00** Arctic Secrets. **10.50** Yarning Culture Through Film. **11.00** Moko. **11.30** True North Calling. **Noon** The Last Land: Gespe'gewa'gi. **12.30** Hunting Aotearoa. **1.00** Milpirri: Winds Of Change. **2.00** Shortland St. **2.30** The Cook Up. **3.00** Bushwhacked! **3.25** Red Dirt Riders. **3.40** Wolf Joe. **3.55** Tales Of The Moana. **4.00** Grace Beside Me. **4.30** Spartakus And The Sun Beneath The Sea. **5.00** Our Stories. **5.30** Living Black. **6.00** Bamay. **6.35** News. **6.45** Arctic Secrets. **7.35** Ice Cowboys. **8.30** First Australians. **9.30** Ray Charles: Live At The Montreux. **11.10** Late Programs.

**SBS WORLD MOVIES (32)** **6am** Tenderness. Continued. (2013, PG, French) **6.15** The Way. (2010, PG) **8.35** The Crow's Egg. (2014, PG, Tamil) **10.15** Tracker. (2010, M) **12.10pm** Cousins. (2021) **2.00** Hunt For The Wilderpeople. (2016, PG) **3.55** Frankie. (2019, PG) **5.50** Lady L. (1965, PG) **7.50** Alex And Eve. (2016, M) **9.30** We'll End Up Together. (2019, M, French) **Midnight** Three Colours: Blue. (1993, M, French) **1.45** The Whistlers. (2019, MA15+, Romanian) **3.30** In The Name Of The Land. (2019, M, French) **5.25** The Movie Show. **5.55** Babette's Feast. (1987, PG, Danish)

**7MATE (73, 64)** **6am** Hook, Line And Sinker. **7.00** Merv Hughes Fishing. **7.30** Creek To Coast. **8.00** A Football Life. **9.00** America's Game: The Super Bowl Champions. **10.00** American Restoration. **10.30** American Pickers. **11.30** Pawn Stars. **Noon** Outback Truckers. **1.00** Heavy Tow Truckers Down Under. **2.00** Truck Night In America. **3.00** Billy The Exterminator. **3.30** Down East Dickering. **4.30** Barter Kings. **5.30** American Restoration. **6.00** American Pickers. **7.00** Pawn Stars. **7.30** Highway Patrol. **8.30** Highway Cops. **9.30** Police Strike Force. **10.30** Surveillance Oz. **11.00** Late Programs.

**9GO! (93, 82)** **6am** Children's Programs. **11.30** Yu-Gi-Oh! Sevens. **Noon** Filthy House SOS. **1.00** I'm Having Their Baby. **2.00** Full House. **2.30** 3rd Rock. **3.30** That '70s Show. **4.30** The Nanny. **5.00** Bewitched. **5.30** I Dream Of Jeannie. **6.00** M\*A\*S\*H. **6.30** Everybody Loves Raymond. **7.00** Young Sheldon. **7.30** MOVIE: Assassins. (1995, M) **10.10** MOVIE: Rocky Balboa. (2006, M) **12.10am** Married To Medicine Los Angeles. **1.10** Vanderpump Rules. **2.00** The Nanny. **2.30** Full House. **3.00** Bakugan: Armored Alliance. **3.30** Monk Kid. **4.00** TV Shop: Home Shopping. **5.00** Pokémon Master Journeys. **5.30** Yu-Gi-Oh! Sevens.

**10 BOLD (12, 53)** **6am** Home Shopping. **8.00** Snap Happy. **8.30** Destination Dessert. **9.00** iFish. **9.30** The Love Boat. **10.30** Star Trek: The Next Generation. **11.30** JAG. **12.30pm** NCIS. **1.30** NCIS: Los Angeles. **2.30** Scorpion. **3.30** The Love Boat. **4.30** Star Trek: The Next Generation. **5.30** JAG. **6.30** Scorpion. **7.30** Bull. **8.30** NCIS. **9.25** Hawaii Five-0. **11.15** In The Dark. **12.15am** Home Shopping. **2.15** Hawaii Five-0. **3.10** Star Trek: The Next Generation. **4.05** JAG. **5.00** Scorpion.

# Thursday, February 9

<p><b>ABC (2)</b>  <b>6.00</b> News. <b>9.00</b> News. <b>10.00</b> Back Roads. (PG, R) <b>10.30</b> That Pacific Sports Show. (R) <b>11.00</b> Wang Gungwu Lecture 2023. <b>12.00</b> News. <b>1.00</b> Hard Quiz. (PG, R) <b>1.30</b> The Weekly With Charlie Pickering. (R) <b>2.00</b> Parliament Question Time. <b>3.00</b> Gardening Australia. (R) <b>4.10</b> Long Lost Family: What Happened Next. (PG, R) <b>5.00</b> Anh's Brush With Fame. (PG, R) <b>5.30</b> Hard Quiz. (PG, R)</p>	<p><b>SBS (3)</b>  <b>6.00</b> WorldWatch. <b>9.00</b> Cook Up Bitesize. (PG, R) <b>9.05</b> World's Most Secret Homes. <b>10.00</b> Billy Connolly: Made In Scotland. (Mal, R) <b>11.00</b> The Story Of Beer. (PG) <b>12.00</b> WorldWatch. <b>2.00</b> Secrets Of The Royal... (PG, R) <b>2.55</b> The Queen and Her Prime Ministers. (PGa, R) <b>3.55</b> Who Do You Think You Are? UK. (PGal, R) <b>5.05</b> Jeopardy! (R) <b>5.30</b> Letters And Numbers. (R)</p>	<p><b>SEVEN (7, 6)</b>  <b>6.00</b> Sunrise. <b>9.00</b> The Morning Show. (PG) <b>11.30</b> Seven Morning News. <b>12.00</b> <b>MOVIE:</b> Frequency. (2000, Mlv, R) <b>2.30</b> Kochie's Business Builders. <b>3.00</b> The Chase. (R) <b>4.00</b> Seven News At 4. <b>5.00</b> The Chase Australia. Hosted by Larry Emdur.</p>	<p><b>NINE (9, 8)</b>  <b>6.00</b> Today. <b>9.00</b> Today Extra. (PG) <b>11.30</b> Morning News. <b>12.00</b> Married At First Sight. (Mals, R) <b>1.30</b> It's All Greek To Me. (R) <b>2.00</b> Pointless. (PG, R) <b>3.00</b> Tipping Point. (PG) <b>4.00</b> Afternoon News. <b>4.30</b> [VIC] <i>Millionaire Hot Seat</i>. <b>5.00</b> <i>Millionaire Hot Seat</i>. (R) <b>5.30</b> [VIC] WIN News.</p>	<p><b>TEN (10, 5)</b>  <b>6.00</b> The Talk. (PGa) <b>7.00</b> Farm To Fork. (PG, R) <b>7.30</b> GCBC. (R) <b>8.00</b> Everyday Gourmet. (R) <b>8.30</b> Ent. Tonight. <b>9.00</b> Judge Judy. (PG, R) <b>9.30</b> Bold. (PG, R) <b>10.00</b> Studio 10. (PG) <b>12.00</b> 10 News First: Midday. <b>1.00</b> Dr Phil. (Mav) <b>2.00</b> To Be Advised. <b>3.00</b> Ent. Tonight. <b>3.30</b> Judge Judy. (PG, R) <b>4.00</b> Farm To Fork. <b>4.30</b> The Bold And The Beautiful. (PGV) <b>5.00</b> 10 News First.</p>
<p><b>6.00</b> The Drum. <b>7.00</b> ABC News. <b>7.30</b> <b>7.30</b>. Presented by Sarah Ferguson. <b>8.00</b> <b>You Can't Ask That: Dementia</b>. (Final, Mal, R) People living with dementia share their stories. <b>8.35</b> <b>Grand Designs: House Of The Year: Materials And Craftsmanship</b>. Part 2 of 4. Kevin McCloud, Damien Burrows and Michelle Ogundehin visit five properties. <b>9.20</b> <b>Joanna Lumley's Hidden Caribbean</b>. (MI, R) Part 2 of 2. <b>10.10</b> <b>Movin' To The Country</b>. (PG, R) <b>10.40</b> <b>ABC Late News</b>. <b>10.55</b> The Business. (R) <b>11.15</b> <b>Australia's Wild Odyssey</b>. (R) <b>12.10</b> Q+A. (R) <b>1.15</b> Parliament Question Time. <b>2.15</b> The Trouble With Maggie Cole. (PG, R) <b>3.00</b> Rage. (MA15+adhlnsv) <b>4.00</b> One Plus One. (R) <b>4.30</b> The Drum. (R) <b>5.30</b> <b>7.30</b>. (R)</p>	<p><b>6.00</b> Mastermind Australia. (R) Presented by Marc Fennell. <b>6.30</b> <b>SBS World News</b>. <b>7.35</b> <b>From Paris To Rome With Bettany Hughes: Venice, Bologna And The Bay Of Poets</b>. Part 2 of 4. <b>8.30</b> <b>American Presidency With Bill Clinton: Presidential Vision</b>. Takes a look how the presidents who have made the most impact have imagined what America could be. <b>9.20</b> <b>Miniseries: The Walk-In</b>. (MA15+) Part 2 of 5. Robbie Mullen reaches out to Matthew Collins and Hope Not Hate to try and prevent a murder. <b>10.15</b> <b>SBS World News Late</b>. <b>10.45</b> <b>L'Opera</b>. (Mdl, R) <b>11.35</b> <b>World On Fire</b>. (MA15+av, R) <b>4.00</b> Mastermind Australia. (R) <b>4.30</b> Bamay. (R) <b>5.00</b> NHK World English News Morning. <b>5.30</b> ANC Philippines The World Tonight.</p>	<p><b>6.00</b> Seven News. <b>7.00</b> <b>Home And Away</b>. (PGa) Ziggy fears she is a terrible mother. <b>8.30</b> <b>The Best Of The Best And Worst Of Red Faces</b>. (PGal, R) Daryl Somers presents <i>Hey Hey It's Saturday's</i> most popular, funny and weird Red Faces acts of all time, as well as discovering where some big names got their break, and what it was like to be a judge. <b>10.00</b> <b>Mrs Brown's Boys</b>. (Mls, R) Peggy Piper is released from prison. <b>10.45</b> <b>To Be Advised</b>. <b>12.00</b> <b>MOVIE: Ready Or Not</b>. (2019, MA15+hv) Samara Weaving. <b>2.00</b> Home Shopping. (R) <b>4.00</b> <b>NBC Today</b>. <b>5.00</b> <b>Seven Early News</b>. <b>5.30</b> Sunrise.</p>	<p><b>6.00</b> Nine News. <b>7.00</b> <b>A Current Affair</b>. <b>7.30</b> <b>RBT</b>. (PGd) Follows the activities of police units. <b>8.30</b> <b>Paramedics</b>. (Ma, R) An ambulance crew comforts a schoolboy who has fallen out of a tree. <b>9.30</b> <b>Australia Behind Bars</b>. (MA15+adl, R) Melissa Doyle takes a look beyond the high walls and barbed wires of three of maximum security prisons. <b>10.40</b> <b>Nine News Late</b>. <b>11.10</b> <b>Emergency Call</b>. (Ma) <b>11.55</b> <b>Council Of Dads</b>. (PGa) <b>12.40</b> <b>Tipping Point</b>. (PG, R) <b>1.30</b> <b>TV Shop: Home Shopping</b>. (R) <b>2.30</b> <b>Global Shop</b>. (R) <b>3.00</b> <b>TV Shop: Home Shopping</b>. (R) <b>4.00</b> <b>Believer's Voice Of Victory</b>. (PGa) <b>4.30</b> <b>A Current Affair</b>. (R) <b>5.00</b> <b>News Early Edition</b>. <b>5.30</b> Today.</p>	<p><b>6.30</b> <b>The Project</b>. A look at the day's news and events. <b>7.30</b> <b>Taskmaster Australia</b>. (PGal) Comedy game show featuring comedians performing a series of tricky tasks. <b>8.30</b> <b>The Montreal Comedy Festival</b>. (Mls) Hannah Gadsby hosts her own Comedy Gala at Just For Laughs Montreal's 40th anniversary festival. Presented by Tommy Little, and featuring Fern Brady, Ryan Hamilton and Zoe Coombs Marr. <b>9.30</b> <b>Law &amp; Order: SVU</b>. (Ma) A lifesaver asks the Special Victims Unit for help when he suspects his boss is preying on his sister. <b>11.30</b> <b>The Project</b>. (R) A look at the day's news and events. <b>12.30</b> <b>The Late Show With Stephen Colbert</b>. (PG) Late-night talk show. <b>1.30</b> <b>Home Shopping</b>. (R) <b>4.30</b> <b>CBS Mornings</b>.</p>
<p><b>ABC COMEDY (22)</b> <b>6am</b> Children's Programs. <b>7pm</b> Spicks And Specks. <b>7.30</b> <b>QI</b>. <b>8.30</b> Penn &amp; Teller: Fool Us. <b>9.15</b> <b>Hard Quiz</b>. <b>9.45</b> The Weekly With Charlie Pickering. <b>10.15</b> Gruen. <b>10.55</b> Shaun Micallef's MAD AS HELL. <b>11.25</b> Doctor Who. <b>12.10am</b> Would I Lie To You? <b>12.40</b> Live At The Apollo. <b>1.25</b> Louis Theroux: Louis And The Brothel. <b>2.25</b> Friday Night Dinner. <b>2.50</b> ABC News Update. <b>2.55</b> Close. <b>5.05</b> Late Programs.</p>	<p><b>SBS VICELAND (31)</b> <b>6am</b> WorldWatch. <b>9.30</b> Shortland St. <b>11.00</b> The Movie Show. <b>Noon</b> The Indian Pacific: The Full Journey. <b>3.20</b> WorldWatch. <b>5.15</b> Takeshi's Castle. <b>5.45</b> Joy Of Painting. <b>6.15</b> Forged In Fire. <b>7.05</b> Jeopardy! <b>7.35</b> 8 Out Of 10 Cats Does Countdown. <b>8.30</b> The Curse Of Oak Island. <b>10.10</b> Jack The Ripper: Hidden Victims. <b>11.05</b> The UnXplained. <b>12.45am</b> The Clinton Affair. <b>1.35</b> Future Man. <b>3.10</b> Late Programs.</p>	<p><b>7TWO (72, 62)</b> <b>6am</b> Morning Programs. <b>7.30</b> Under The Hammer. <b>8.00</b> Harry's Practice. <b>8.30</b> Million Dollar Minute. <b>9.30</b> NBC Today. <b>Noon</b> Better Homes. <b>1.00</b> Escape To The Country. <b>2.00</b> South Aussie With Cosi. <b>2.30</b> Million Dollar Minute. <b>3.30</b> Medical Rookies. <b>4.00</b> Coastwatch Oz. <b>4.30</b> Better Homes. <b>5.30</b> Escape To The Country. <b>6.30</b> Bargain Hunt. <b>7.30</b> Father Brown. <b>8.30</b> Murdoch Mysteries. <b>9.30</b> Kavanagh QC. <b>11.15</b> Late Programs.</p>	<p><b>9GEM (92, 81)</b> <b>6am</b> TV Shop. <b>7.00</b> Creflo Dollar Ministries. <b>7.30</b> TV Shop: Home Shopping. <b>10.30</b> Seaway. <b>11.30</b> My Favorite Martian. <b>Noon</b> Days Of Our Lives. <b>12.55</b> The Young And The Restless. <b>1.50</b> As Time Goes By. <b>3.00</b> Antiques Roadshow. <b>3.30</b> <b>MOVIE:</b> Night Boat To Dublin. (1946, PG) <b>5.30</b> Murder, She Wrote. <b>6.30</b> Antiques Roadshow. <b>7.30</b> Grantchester. <b>8.40</b> Poirot. <b>10.50</b> London Kills. <b>Midnight</b> Late Programs.</p>	<p><b>10 PEACH (11, 52)</b> <b>6am</b> The Late Show With Stephen Colbert. <b>7.00</b> Friends. <b>8.00</b> Becker. <b>9.00</b> The King Of Queens. <b>10.00</b> Friends. <b>10.30</b> The Middle. <b>Noon</b> The Big Bang Theory. <b>1.00</b> Frasier. <b>2.00</b> Becker. <b>3.00</b> The King Of Queens. <b>4.00</b> Becker. <b>5.00</b> Frasier. <b>6.00</b> Friends. <b>8.00</b> The Big Bang Theory. <b>9.30</b> Seinfeld. <b>11.00</b> Frasier. <b>Midnight</b> Shopping. <b>1.30</b> Stephen Colbert. <b>2.30</b> Late Programs.</p>
<p><b>NITV (34)</b> <b>6am</b> Morning Programs. <b>2pm</b> Shortland St. <b>2.30</b> The Cook Up. <b>3.00</b> Jarjums. <b>3.40</b> Wolf Joe. <b>3.55</b> Tales Of The Moana. <b>4.00</b> Grace Beside Me. <b>4.30</b> Spartakus And The Sun Beneath The Sea. <b>5.00</b> Our Stories. <b>5.30</b> The 77 Percent. <b>6.00</b> Bamay. <b>6.30</b> News. <b>6.40</b> Arctic Secrets. <b>7.30</b> Going Places With Ernie Dingo. <b>8.30</b> Miniseries: True Colours. <b>9.30</b> <b>MOVIE:</b> The Dead Lands. (2014, MA15+) <b>11.30</b> Late Programs.</p>	<p><b>SBS WORLD MOVIES (32)</b> <b>6am</b> Babette's Feast. Continued. (1987, PG, Danish) <b>7.55</b> The Odyssey. (2016, PG, French) <b>10.10</b> Between Two Worlds. (2021, M, French) <b>12.10pm</b> In The Name Of The Land. (2019, M, French) <b>2.05</b> The Way. (2010, PG) <b>4.25</b> A Cat In Paris. (2010, PG) <b>5.40</b> Whisky Galore. (2016, PG) <b>7.30</b> The Way Back. (2010, M) <b>9.55</b> Monsieur Chocolat. (2016, French) <b>12.05am</b> Late Programs.</p>	<p><b>7MATE (73, 64)</b> <b>6am</b> Morning Programs. <b>9.00</b> America's Game. <b>10.00</b> American Restoration. <b>10.30</b> American Pickers. <b>11.30</b> Pawn Stars. <b>Noon</b> Highway Patrol. <b>1.00</b> Surveillance Oz. <b>2.00</b> Police Strike Force. <b>3.00</b> Billy The Exterminator. <b>3.30</b> Down East Dicking. <b>4.30</b> Barter Kings. <b>5.30</b> American Restoration. <b>6.00</b> American Pickers. <b>7.00</b> Pawn Stars. <b>8.30</b> <b>MOVIE:</b> U.S. Marshals. (1998, M) <b>11.10</b> Late Programs.</p>	<p><b>9GO! (93, 82)</b> <b>6am</b> Children's Programs. <b>Noon</b> Filthy House SOS. <b>1.00</b> I'm Having Their Baby. <b>2.00</b> Full House. <b>2.30</b> 3rd Rock. <b>3.30</b> That '70s Show. <b>4.30</b> The Nanny. <b>5.00</b> Bewitched. <b>5.30</b> I Dream Of Jeannie. <b>6.00</b> M*A*S*H. <b>6.30</b> Raymond. <b>7.00</b> Young Sheldon. <b>7.30</b> <b>MOVIE:</b> Inception. (2010, M) <b>10.30</b> Paranormal Caught On Camera. <b>11.30</b> Young Sheldon. <b>Midnight</b> Married To Medicine Los Angeles. <b>1.00</b> Late Programs.</p>	<p><b>10 BOLD (12, 53)</b> <b>6am</b> Home Shopping. <b>8.00</b> Snap Happy. <b>8.30</b> Destination Dessert. <b>9.00</b> iFish. <b>9.30</b> The Love Boat. <b>10.30</b> Star Trek: The Next Generation. <b>11.30</b> JAG. <b>12.30pm</b> NCIS. <b>1.30</b> NCIS: Los Angeles. <b>2.30</b> Scorpion. <b>3.30</b> The Love Boat. <b>4.30</b> Star Trek: The Next Generation. <b>5.30</b> JAG. <b>6.30</b> Scorpion. <b>7.30</b> Bull. <b>8.30</b> NCIS. <b>9.30</b> NCIS: New Orleans. <b>10.30</b> SEAL Team. <b>11.30</b> 48 Hours. <b>12.30am</b> Shopping. <b>2.00</b> Late Programs.</p>



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# Friday, February 10

<p><b>ABC TV (2)</b>  <b>6.00</b> News. <b>9.00</b> News. <b>10.00</b> Searching For Superhuman. (Final, PG, R) <b>11.00</b> Australia Remastered. (R) <b>12.00</b> ABC News At Noon. <b>1.00</b> Les Misérables. (Mv, R) <b>2.00</b> Joanna Lumley's Hidden: Treasures. (MI, R) <b>2.45</b> Back Roads. (R) <b>3.15</b> Gardening Australia. (R) <b>4.15</b> Long Lost Family: What Happened Next. (PG, R) <b>5.00</b> Anh's Brush With Fame. (PG, R) <b>5.30</b> Hard Quiz. (PG, R)</p>	<p><b>SBS (3)</b>  <b>6.00</b> WorldWatch. <b>9.15</b> World's Most Secret Homes. <b>10.10</b> Billy Connolly: Great American Trail. (Mas, R) <b>11.00</b> The Story Of Beef. (PG) <b>12.00</b> WorldWatch. <b>2.00</b> Cook Up Bitesize. (R) <b>2.05</b> Royal Doctors: Treating the Monarchy. (PGa, R) <b>3.00</b> NITV News: Nula. <b>3.40</b> Inferno. <b>3.55</b> Who Do You Think You Are? UK. (PGa, R) <b>5.05</b> Jeopardy! (R) <b>5.30</b> Letters And Numbers. (R)</p>	<p><b>SEVEN (7, 6)</b>  <b>6.00</b> Sunrise. <b>9.00</b> The Morning Show. (PG) <b>11.30</b> Seven Morning News. <b>12.00</b> <b>MOVIE:</b> Hometown Killer. (2018, Mav, R) Kaitlyn Black, Ashley Gallegos, Jon Prescott. <b>2.00</b> Border Security: America's Front Line. (PG, R) <b>2.30</b> Border Security: International. (PG, R) <b>3.00</b> The Chase. (R) <b>4.00</b> Seven News At 4. <b>5.00</b> The Chase Australia.</p>	<p><b>NINE (9, 8)</b>  <b>6.00</b> Today. <b>9.00</b> Today Extra. (PG) <b>11.30</b> Morning News. <b>12.00</b> <b>MOVIE:</b> Love, Bubbles &amp; Crystal Cove. (2021, PGa, R) Stephanie Bennett, Pricilla Mudaliar. <b>1.45</b> Garden Gurus Moments. (R) <b>2.00</b> Pointless. (PG, R) <b>3.00</b> Tipping Point. (PG) <b>4.00</b> Afternoon News. <b>4.30</b> [VIC] <i>Millionaire Hot Seat</i>. (R) <b>5.00</b> <i>Millionaire Hot Seat</i>. (R) <b>5.30</b> [VIC] WIN News.</p>	<p><b>TEN (10, 5)</b>  <b>6.00</b> The Talk. (PGa) <b>7.00</b> Farm To Fork. (PG, R) <b>7.30</b> GCBC. (R) <b>8.00</b> Everyday Gourmet. (R) <b>8.30</b> Ent. Tonight. (R) <b>9.00</b> Judge Judy. (PG, R) <b>9.30</b> Bold. (PG, R) <b>10.00</b> Studio 10. (PG) <b>12.00</b> 10 News First: Midday. <b>1.00</b> Dr Phil. (PGal) <b>2.00</b> Beyond The Fire: Resilience. (PGa, R) <b>3.00</b> Ent. Tonight. <b>3.30</b> Judge Judy. (PG, R) <b>4.00</b> Farm To Fork. <b>4.30</b> The Bold And The Beautiful. (PG) <b>5.00</b> 10 News First.</p>
<p><b>6.00</b> The Drum. Analysis of the day's news. <b>7.00</b> ABC News. Takes a look at today's top stories. <b>7.30</b> <b>Gardening Australia</b>. (Return) Sophie Thomson visits a designer's home. <b>8.30</b> <b>Van Der Valk</b>. (Mds, R) Part 2 of 3. Van der Valk investigates the death of a young woman. <b>10.00</b> <b>The Larkins</b>. (PG, R) Ma books a weekend in Margate. <b>10.50</b> <b>ABC Late News</b>. Coverage of the day's events. <b>11.05</b> <b>The Larkins</b>. (Ms, R) Pop Larkin takes justice into his own hands. <b>11.55</b> <b>Adam Hills: The Last Leg</b>. (R) <b>12.35</b> <b>Unforgotten</b>. (Mal, R) <b>1.20</b> <b>Rage</b>. (MA15+adhlnsv)</p>	<p><b>6.00</b> Mastermind Australia. (R) <b>6.30</b> <b>SBS World News</b>. <b>7.35</b> <b>Scotland: A Wild Year: Autumn</b>. (PG) Part 3 of 4. <b>8.30</b> <b>Megabridges: Spanning The Void</b>. An insight into the construction of three bridges from different eras that are icons of progress. <b>9.30</b> <b>Lighthouses: Building The Impossible: The Smalls</b>. (PGa, R) Part 2 of 3. Rob Bell explores the bizarre history of one of Britain's most remote offshore lighthouses, The Smalls. <b>10.25</b> <b>SBS World News Late</b>. <b>10.55</b> <b>Gomorra</b>. (Malv, R) <b>1.30</b> <b>Das Boot</b>. (Malv, R) <b>3.40</b> Mastermind Australia. (R) <b>4.40</b> Bamay. (R) <b>5.00</b> NHK World English News Morning. <b>5.30</b> ANC Philippines The World Tonight.</p>	<p><b>6.00</b> Seven News. <b>7.00</b> <b>Better Homes And Gardens</b>. Johanna Griggs and the team demonstrate some terrific ideas for the house, garden and the kitchen. <b>8.30</b> <b>MOVIE: The Martian</b>. (2015, Mal, R) An astronaut believed to be dead after his crew were forced to abandon their expedition to Mars prematurely, has to rely on his ingenuity to survive in the planet's hostile conditions while awaiting rescue. Matt Damon, Jessica Chastain, Jeff Daniels. <b>11.30</b> <b>To Be Advised</b>. <b>12.30</b> <b>I Am Patrick Swayze</b>. (Mlv, R) A tribute to actor Patrick Swayze. [VIC] <i>Home Shopping</i>. (R) <b>4.00</b> <b>Million Dollar Minute</b>. (R) Hosted by Grant Denyer. <b>5.00</b> <b>NBC Today</b>. News and current affairs.</p>	<p><b>6.00</b> Nine News. <b>7.00</b> <b>A Current Affair</b>. <b>7.30</b> <b>For The Love Of Pets</b>. (PGm) Vets rush to save a German shepherd. <b>8.30</b> <b>MOVIE: Penguin Bloom</b>. (2020, PGal) Based on a true story. A mother's world is shattered after a near-fatal accident leaves her paralysed. Naomi Watts, Andrew Lincoln, Jacki Weaver. <b>10.20</b> <b>MOVIE: The Glass Castle</b>. (2017, Ma, R) Four siblings learn to take care of themselves. Brie Larson. <b>12.40</b> <b>Tipping Point</b>. (PG, R) <b>1.30</b> <b>TV Shop: Home Shopping</b>. (R) <b>4.00</b> <b>Take Two</b>. (R) <b>4.30</b> <b>Global Shop</b>. (R) <b>5.00</b> <b>TV Shop: Home Shopping</b>. (R) <b>5.30</b> <b>Skippy The Bush Kangaroo</b>. (R)</p>	<p><b>6.30</b> <b>The Project</b>. A look at the day's news and events. <b>7.30</b> <b>The Graham Norton Show</b>. Chat show with celebrity guests. <b>8.30</b> <b>To Be Advised</b>. <b>9.30</b> <b>The Graham Norton Show</b>. (MI, R) Guests include Dame Judi Dench, Jamie Dornan, Salma Hayek, Bruce Springsteen, Barack Obama and Tinie Tempah. <b>10.30</b> <b>Just For Laughs Australia</b>. (Mls, R) Hosted by Nick Cody. <b>11.00</b> <b>Just For Laughs Uncut</b>. (MA15+ls, R) Hosted by Nikki Osborne. <b>11.30</b> <b>The Project</b>. (R) <b>12.30</b> <b>The Late Show With Stephen Colbert</b>. (PG) <b>1.30</b> <b>Home Shopping</b>. (R) <b>5.30</b> [VIC] <i>Infomercials</i>. (PG, R)</p>
<p><b>ABC TV PLUS (22)</b> <b>6am</b> Children's Programs. <b>6.20pm</b> Bluey. <b>6.25</b> Peter Rabbit. <b>6.40</b> Ben And Holly. <b>6.50</b> Shaun The Sheep. <b>7.00</b> Spicks And Specks. <b>7.30</b> Hard Quiz. <b>8.30</b> <b>MOVIE:</b> Year One. (2009, M) <b>10.05</b> Doctor Who. <b>10.50</b> <b>MOVIE:</b> Pan's Labyrinth. (2006, MA15+) <b>12.45am</b> Death In Paradise. <b>1.45</b> Killing Eve. <b>2.30</b> Close. <b>5.05</b> Curious George. <b>5.25</b> Miffy's Adventures Big And Small. <b>5.35</b> Late Programs.</p>	<p><b>SBS VICELAND (31)</b> <b>6am</b> WorldWatch. <b>9.30</b> Shortland St. <b>11.00</b> The Movie Show. <b>Noon</b> Land Of The Giants: Titans Of Tech. <b>1.35</b> Bamay. <b>1.55</b> The UnXplained. <b>2.45</b> Counter Space. <b>3.15</b> WorldWatch. <b>5.15</b> Takeshi's Castle. <b>5.45</b> Joy Of Painting. <b>6.15</b> Forged In Fire. <b>7.05</b> Jeopardy! <b>7.35</b> 8 Out Of 10 Cats. <b>8.30</b> Hoarders. <b>9.25</b> The Search For Sexy. <b>9.50</b> Yab Yum: The World's Most Legendary Brothel. <b>11.15</b> Late Programs.</p>	<p><b>7TWO (72, 62)</b> <b>6am</b> Morning Programs. <b>8.30</b> Million Dollar Minute. <b>9.30</b> NBC Today. <b>Noon</b> Better Homes. <b>1.00</b> Escape To The Country. <b>2.00</b> Our Town. <b>2.30</b> Million Dollar Minute. <b>3.30</b> Medical Rookies. <b>4.00</b> Coastwatch Oz. <b>4.30</b> Better Homes. <b>5.30</b> Escape To The Country. <b>6.30</b> Bargain Hunt. <b>7.30</b> Border Security USA. <b>8.00</b> Border Patrol. <b>8.30</b> Escape To The Country. <b>10.30</b> World's Most Secret Homes. <b>11.30</b> Late Programs.</p>	<p><b>9GEM (92, 81)</b> <b>6am</b> TV Shop. <b>7.00</b> Creflo Dollar Ministries. <b>7.30</b> TV Shop: Home Shopping. <b>10.30</b> Seaway. <b>11.30</b> My Favorite Martian. <b>Noon</b> Days Of Our Lives. <b>12.55</b> The Young And The Restless. <b>1.50</b> Grantchester. <b>3.00</b> Explore. <b>3.10</b> Antiques Roadshow. <b>3.40</b> <b>MOVIE:</b> Tonight's The Night. (1954) <b>5.30</b> Murder, She Wrote. <b>6.30</b> Antiques Roadshow. <b>7.30</b> Keeping Up Appearances. <b>8.30</b> <b>MOVIE:</b> Patriot Games. (1992, M) <b>10.55</b> Late Programs.</p>	<p><b>10 PEACH (11, 52)</b> <b>6am</b> The Late Show With Stephen Colbert. <b>7.00</b> NBL Slam. <b>7.30</b> Seinfeld. <b>9.00</b> Becker. <b>10.00</b> The Middle. <b>11.30</b> The King Of Queens. <b>12.30pm</b> Frasier. <b>1.30</b> Seinfeld. <b>3.00</b> The King Of Queens. <b>4.00</b> Becker. <b>5.00</b> Frasier. <b>6.00</b> Friends. <b>8.00</b> The Big Bang Theory. <b>9.30</b> Two And A Half Men. <b>10.30</b> Nancy Drew. <b>11.30</b> Frasier. <b>Midnight</b> Shopping. <b>1.30</b> Stephen Colbert. <b>2.30</b> Late Programs.</p>
<p><b>NITV (34)</b> <b>6am</b> Morning Programs. <b>2pm</b> Shortland St. <b>2.30</b> The Cook Up. <b>3.00</b> Jarjums. <b>3.25</b> Red Dirt Riders. <b>3.40</b> Wolf Joe. <b>3.55</b> Tales Of The Moana. <b>4.00</b> Grace Beside Me. <b>4.30</b> Spartakus And The Sun Beneath The Sea. <b>5.00</b> Our Stories. <b>5.30</b> NITV News: Nula. <b>6.00</b> Bamay. <b>6.40</b> Arctic Secrets. <b>7.30</b> <b>MOVIE:</b> Hunt For The Wilderpeople. (2016, PG) <b>9.20</b> Going Places With Ernie Dingo. <b>10.20</b> My Life As I Live It. <b>11.15</b> Late Programs.</p>	<p><b>SBS WORLD MOVIES (32)</b> <b>6am</b> The Crow's Egg. Continued. (2014, PG, Tamil) <b>7.35</b> Whisky Galore. (2016, PG) <b>9.25</b> A Cat In Paris. (2010, PG) <b>10.40</b> Three Colours: Blue. (1993, M, French) <b>12.25pm</b> We'll End Up Together. (2019, M, French) <b>2.55</b> The Movie Show. <b>3.25</b> Babette's Feast. (1987, PG, Danish) <b>5.25</b> Dean Spanley. (2008, PG) <b>7.20</b> Time Bandits. (1981, PG) <b>9.30</b> How To Be A Good Wife. (2020, M, French) <b>11.35</b> Late Programs.</p>	<p><b>7MATE (73, 64)</b> <b>6am</b> Morning Programs. <b>10.00</b> Blokesworld. <b>10.30</b> Motorbike Cops. <b>10.45</b> Sound FX: Best Of. <b>11.45</b> NFL: Road To The Super Bowl. <b>1pm</b> NFL Honors. <b>3.00</b> Timbersports. <b>3.30</b> Down East Dicking. <b>4.30</b> Barter Kings. <b>5.30</b> American Restoration. <b>6.00</b> American Pickers. <b>7.00</b> Pawn Stars. <b>7.30</b> <b>MOVIE:</b> Striking Distance. (1993, M) <b>9.40</b> <b>MOVIE:</b> Cliffhanger. (1993, M) <b>Midnight</b> Late Programs.</p>	<p><b>9GO! (93, 82)</b> <b>6am</b> Children's Programs. <b>Noon</b> Rich Kids Go Skint. <b>1.00</b> I'm Having Their Baby. <b>2.00</b> Full House. <b>2.30</b> 3rd Rock. <b>3.30</b> That '70s Show. <b>4.30</b> The Nanny. <b>5.00</b> Children's Programs. <b>5.15</b> <b>MOVIE:</b> Dr Seuss' The Lorax. (2012) <b>7.00</b> <b>MOVIE:</b> Penguins Of Madagascar. (2014) <b>8.45</b> <b>MOVIE:</b> Bumblebee. (2018, M) <b>11.00</b> Alphas. <b>Midnight</b> In Ice Cold Blood. <b>1.00</b> Rich Kids Go Skint. <b>2.00</b> The Nanny. <b>2.30</b> Late Programs.</p>	<p><b>10 BOLD (12, 53)</b> <b>6am</b> Home Shopping. <b>8.00</b> Demolition Down Under. <b>9.00</b> iFish. <b>9.30</b> The Love Boat. <b>10.30</b> Star Trek: The Next Generation. <b>11.30</b> JAG. <b>12.30pm</b> NCIS. <b>1.30</b> NCIS: Los Angeles. <b>2.30</b> Scorpion. <b>3.30</b> The Love Boat. <b>4.30</b> Star Trek: The Next Generation. <b>5.30</b> JAG. <b>6.3</b></p>

# Saturday, February 11

<p><b>ABC TV (2)</b>  <b>6.00</b> Rage. (PG) <b>7.00</b> Weekend Breakfast. <b>9.00</b> Rage Goes Retro. (PG) <b>10.30</b> Rage. (PG) <b>12.00</b> ABC News At Noon. <b>12.30</b> The Larkins. (PG, R) <b>2.00</b> Midsomer Murders. (Final, PG, R) <b>3.35</b> Joanna Lumley's Unseen Adventures. (PG, R) <b>4.30</b> The Human Revolution. (PG, R) <b>5.25</b> Further Back In Time For Dinner. (PG, R)</p> <p><b>6.25</b> Better Date Than Never. (PG, R) Dianne visits one of her biggest supporters. <b>7.00</b> ABC News. Takes a look at today's top stories. <b>7.30</b> Call The Midwife. (Mad) The appearance of a black raven has Sister Monica Joan seeking advice from a clairvoyant. <b>8.30</b> Midsomer Murders. (Final, Mav, R) After a woman's body is found surrounded by ritual symbols on the eve of an Angel's Rise Psychic Fayre, DCI John Barnaby and DS Winter find themselves delving into the spiritual world to find the killer. <b>10.00</b> Unforgotten. (Final, Mav, R) The team narrows down the suspects. <b>10.50</b> Miniseries: Come Home. (Madlsv, R) Part 2 of 3. <b>11.50</b> Rage Goes Retro. (MA15+adhlsv) Music from the '80s. <b>5.00</b> Rage. (PG)</p>	<p><b>SBS (3)</b>  <b>6.00</b> WorldWatch. <b>9.15</b> Blue Water Safari. (PG) <b>10.10</b> Love Your Garden. (PGa, R) <b>11.05</b> Paul O'Grady For The Love Of Dogs: What Happened Next. (Premiere, PG) <b>12.00</b> WorldWatch. <b>2.00</b> Figure Skating. European Championships. Highlights. <b>3.30</b> Cycling. The Saudi Tour. Highlights. <b>4.40</b> Secret Scotland. (PGa, R) <b>5.30</b> WWII Battles For Europe. (PGaw, R)</p> <p><b>6.30</b> SBS World News. <b>7.35</b> The World's Most Beautiful Landscapes: Snowdonia. (Premiere) Narrated by Robert Lindsay. <b>8.30</b> Portillo In The Pyrenees: A Physical Challenge. (PG) Part 2 of 4. Michael Portillo's Pyrenean quest continues with the French High Pyrenees. <b>9.30</b> Inside Windsor Castle: Tragedy And Triumph. (PGa, R) Part 1 of 4. Delves behind the walls of Windsor Castle and its role in the lives of Queen Elizabeth II and her family. <b>10.25</b> Great Escapes With Morgan Freeman: Belfast Breakout. (Mav, R) <b>11.15</b> Atlanta. (Final, Madls, R) <b>11.55</b> Mister 8. (Premiere, Mls) <b>4.30</b> Mastermind Australia. (R) <b>5.00</b> NHK World English News Morning. <b>5.15</b> France 24 Feature. <b>5.30</b> ANC Philippines The World Tonight.</p>	<p><b>SEVEN (7, 6)</b>  <b>6.00</b> NBC Today. [VIC] Home Shopping. <b>7.00</b> Weekend Sunrise. <b>10.00</b> The Morning Show. (PG) <b>12.00</b> Horse Racing. Inglis Millennium Day and Family Race Day. <b>5.00</b> Seven News At 5. <b>5.30</b> Border Security: Australia's Front Line. (PG, R) Narrated by Grant Bowler.</p> <p><b>6.00</b> Seven News. <b>7.00</b> Border Patrol. (PG) Customs deal with a Lithuanian man who has questionable holiday plans. A risky item lands at the mail centre. <b>7.30</b> MOVIE: Black Panther. (2018, Mv, R) The newly crowned ruler of the African kingdom of Wakanda must defend his claim to the throne. Chadwick Boseman, Lupita Nyong'o, Michael B. Jordan. <b>10.25</b> To Be Advised. <b>12.10</b> MOVIE: Daffodils. (2019, Ml, R) A bittersweet love story. Rose McIver, George Mason. <b>12.30</b> [VIC] Home Shopping. (R) <b>4.00</b> Get Arty. (R) A showcase of art projects. <b>5.00</b> My Greek Odyssey: Karpathos And Kasos. (PG, R)</p>	<p><b>NINE (9, 8)</b>  <b>6.00</b> Drive TV. (R) <b>6.30</b> A Current Affair. (R) <b>7.00</b> Weekend Today. <b>10.00</b> Today Extra: Saturday. (PG) <b>12.00</b> Living On The Coast. <b>12.30</b> Mega Zoo. (PGm, R) <b>1.30</b> Mr Mayor. (PG, R) <b>2.00</b> MOVIE: The Cure. (1995, PGla, R) Joseph Mazzello, Annabella Sciorra, Brad Renfro. <b>4.00</b> For The Love Of Pets. (PGm, R) <b>5.00</b> News: First At Five. <b>5.30</b> Country House Hunters Australia. (R)</p> <p><b>6.00</b> Nine News Saturday. <b>7.00</b> A Current Affair. <b>7.30</b> Space Invaders. (PGa) Experts help people declutter their lives. <b>8.30</b> MOVIE: Godzilla Vs. Kong. (2021, Mav) Fearsome monsters Godzilla and King Kong square off in an epic battle for the ages. Alexander Skarsgard, Millie Bobby Brown, Rebecca Hall. <b>10.45</b> MOVIE: Species. (1995, MA15+hsv, R) Scientists chase a half-alien girl. Natasha Henstridge. <b>12.45</b> Living On The Coast. (R) <b>1.10</b> Australia's Top Ten Of Everything. (PGs, R) <b>2.00</b> The Incredible Journey Presents. (PGa) <b>2.30</b> TV Shop: Home Shopping. (R) <b>4.30</b> Global Shop. (R) <b>5.00</b> TV Shop: Home Shopping. (R) <b>5.30</b> Helping Hands. (PG)</p>	<p><b>TEN (10, 5)</b>  <b>6am</b> Morning Programs. <b>7.30</b> Escape Fishing. (R) <b>8.00</b> Exploring Off The Grid. (PGL, R) <b>8.30</b> What's Up Down Under. (R) <b>9.00</b> Everyday Gourmet. (R) <b>9.30</b> GCBC. (R) <b>10.00</b> St10. (PG) <b>12.00</b> 4x4 Adventures. (R) <b>1.00</b> Offroad Adv. (R) <b>2.00</b> All 4 Adventure. (PGL, R) <b>3.00</b> What's Up Down Under. <b>3.30</b> Cook With Luke. (R) <b>4.00</b> Farm To Fork. (R) <b>4.30</b> Taste Of Aust. (R) <b>5.00</b> News.</p> <p><b>6.00</b> Bondi Rescue. (PGL, R) Tragedy strikes when a husband and wife are washed off rocks by a massive wave. <b>6.30</b> To Be Advised. <b>7.30</b> NCIS: Los Angeles. (Mav) A US Marine falls ill during a training mission after an attack by a genetic weapon. <b>9.30</b> FBI: International. (Mav) The Fly Team questions an NYPD officer who is under arrest for assault in the breakaway Moldovan state of Transnistria, amid claims that a sex trafficking ring is being concealed by those in power. <b>11.30</b> NCIS. (Mv, R) A US Navy officer is murdered. <b>12.30</b> Home Shopping. (R) <b>3.30</b> [VIC] Infomercials. (PG, R) <b>4.00</b> [VIC] Home Shopping. (R) <b>5.00</b> Hour Of Power.</p>
<p><b>ABC TV PLUS (22)</b> <b>6am</b> Children's Programs. <b>7pm</b> Spicks And Specks. <b>7.30</b> Whose Line Is It Anyway? <b>8.15</b> Live At The Apollo. <b>9.00</b> Russell Howard Stands Up To The World. (Final) <b>9.45</b> The Set. <b>10.20</b> Doctor Who. <b>11.10</b> Would I Lie To You? <b>12.40</b> Bliss. <b>12.10am</b> Fleabag. <b>12.35</b> Cucumber. <b>1.20</b> QI. <b>1.50</b> Banana. <b>2.15</b> Louis Theroux: Altered States. <b>3.15</b> ABC News Update. <b>3.20</b> Close. <b>5.05</b> Late Programs.</p>	<p><b>SBS VICELAND (31)</b> <b>6am</b> WorldWatch. <b>9.30</b> Shortland St. <b>11.00</b> The Movie Show. <b>Noon</b> Dave Gorman: Modern Life Is Goodish. <b>2.45</b> WorldWatch. <b>4.45</b> Mastermind Aust. <b>5.45</b> Dynamo: Magician Impossible. <b>6.40</b> Adam Eats The 80s. <b>7.30</b> Impossible Engineering. <b>8.30</b> Woodstock: Three Days That Defined A Generation. <b>10.20</b> Glastonbury 2022 Highlights. <b>11.30</b> The X-Files. <b>2.10am</b> Future Man. <b>3.15</b> Late Programs.</p>	<p><b>7TWO (72, 62)</b> <b>6am</b> Morning Programs. <b>11.30</b> The Great Australian Doorstep. <b>Noon</b> Escape To The Country. <b>3.00</b> Better Homes. <b>4.00</b> The Hotel Inspector. <b>5.00</b> Horse Racing. Inglis Millennium Day and Family Race Day. <b>6.00</b> Border Patrol. <b>6.30</b> The Highland Vet. (Premiere) <b>7.30</b> The Yorkshire Vet. <b>8.30</b> I Escaped To The Country. <b>9.30</b> Escape To The Perfect Town. <b>10.30</b> Penelope Keith's Hidden Villages. <b>11.30</b> Late Programs.</p>	<p><b>9GEM (92, 81)</b> <b>6am</b> Morning Programs. <b>12.30</b> MOVIE: The Winslow Boy. (1948) <b>1pm</b> Rugby League. NRL. Women's All-Stars. Round 1. Maori Indigenous All Stars. <b>3.00</b> Rugby League. NRL. Men's All-Stars. Round 1. Maori Indigenous All Stars. <b>6.00</b> Customs. <b>6.30</b> Keeping Up Appearances. <b>7.30</b> MOVIE: Jack Ryan: Shadow Recruit. (2014, M) <b>9.35</b> MOVIE: The Thomas Crown Affair. (1999, M) <b>11.50</b> Late Programs.</p>	<p><b>10 PEACH (11, 52)</b> <b>6am</b> The Late Show With Stephen Colbert. <b>7.00</b> The King Of Queens. <b>8.00</b> Frasier. <b>9.00</b> Becker. <b>10.00</b> Friends. <b>11.30</b> The King Of Queens. <b>12.30pm</b> Frasier. <b>1.00</b> The Middle. <b>1.30</b> Australian Survivor. <b>6.00</b> The Big Bang Theory. <b>10.15</b> Friends. <b>12.15am</b> Home Shopping. <b>1.45</b> The Late Show With Stephen Colbert. <b>2.45</b> Charmed. <b>3.35</b> Nancy Drew. <b>4.30</b> Home Shopping.</p>
<p><b>NITV (34)</b> <b>6am</b> Morning Programs. <b>10.00</b> MOVIE: Hunt For The Wilderpeople. (2016, PG) <b>11.45</b> Arctic Secrets. <b>12.35pm</b> Going Places. <b>1.35</b> From The Heart Of Our Nation: A Celebration. <b>4.35</b> Songlines On Screen. <b>4.50</b> Intune 08. <b>5.50</b> Going Native. <b>6.20</b> Kriol Kitchen. <b>6.50</b> News. <b>7.00</b> Family Rules. <b>7.30</b> Black Mamba: Kiss Of Death. <b>8.30</b> MOVIE: Once Were Warriors. (1994, MA15+) <b>10.15</b> The Colour Of Justice. <b>11.15</b> Late Programs.</p>	<p><b>SBS WORLD MOVIES (32)</b> <b>6am</b> The Odyssey. Continued. (2016, PG, French) <b>8.00</b> Time Bandits. (1981, PG) <b>10.10</b> Three Colours: White. (1994, M, Polish) <b>11.50</b> Monsieur Chocolat. (2016, French) <b>2pm</b> A Cat In Paris. (2010, PG) <b>3.15</b> Whisky Galore. (2016, PG) <b>5.05</b> Little Men. (2016, PG) <b>6.40</b> Ping Pong Summer. (2014, PG) <b>8.30</b> Nurse Betty. (2000, MA15+) <b>10.35</b> Sleeping Beauty. (2011, MA15+) <b>12.30am</b> Late Programs.</p>	<p><b>7MATE (73, 64)</b> <b>6am</b> Morning Programs. <b>1.30pm</b> The Car Club. <b>2.00</b> Motor Racing. Night Thunder. New Year Derby. H'lights. From Perth Motorplex. <b>3.00</b> Rides Down Under: Workshop Wars. <b>4.00</b> American Restoration. <b>4.30</b> American Pickers. <b>5.30</b> Last Car Garage. <b>6.00</b> Pawn Stars. <b>6.30</b> Building Giants. <b>7.30</b> Air Crash Investigation. <b>8.30</b> Air Crash Investigations: The Accident Files. <b>9.30</b> Disasters At Sea. <b>10.30</b> Late Programs.</p>	<p><b>9GO! (93, 82)</b> <b>6am</b> Children's Programs. <b>2pm</b> MOVIE: Pokémon: The First Movie - Mewtwo Strikes Back. (1998) <b>3.30</b> MOVIE: Combat Wombat. (2020, PG) <b>5.15</b> MOVIE: Trolls World Tour. (2020) <b>7.00</b> MOVIE: Legally Blonde. (2001, PG) <b>9.00</b> MOVIE: Clueless. (1995, M) <b>11.00</b> Paranormal Caught On Camera. <b>Midnight</b> Love After Lockup. <b>2.00</b> Vanderpump Rules. <b>3.00</b> Power Rangers Dino Super. <b>3.30</b> Late Programs.</p>	<p><b>10 BOLD (12, 53)</b> <b>6am</b> Morning Programs. <b>10.00</b> The Love Boat. <b>11.00</b> All 4 Adventure. <b>Noon</b> Escape Fishing. <b>12.30</b> Exploring Off The Grid. <b>1.00</b> 4x4 Adventures. <b>2.00</b> A-League All Access. <b>2.30</b> Waltzing Jimeoin. <b>3.00</b> JAG. <b>4.00</b> Scorpion. <b>5.00</b> Escape Fishing. <b>5.30</b> Reel Action. <b>6.00</b> JAG. <b>7.00</b> Soccer. A-League Men. Matchweek 16. Western Sydney Wanderers v Sydney FC. <b>10.15</b> MacGyver. <b>11.10</b> Late Programs.</p>



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# Sunday, February 12

<p><b>ABC TV (2)</b>  <b>6.00</b> Rage. (PG) <b>7.00</b> Weekend Breakfast. <b>9.00</b> Insiders. <b>10.00</b> Offsiders. <b>10.30</b> The World This Week. (R) <b>11.00</b> Compass. (PG, R) <b>11.30</b> Songs Of Praise. <b>12.00</b> ABC News At Noon. <b>12.30</b> Landline. <b>1.30</b> Gardening Australia. (R) <b>2.25</b> Call The Midwife. (PGa, R) <b>3.25</b> Victoria. (PG, R) <b>4.15</b> Grand Designs: House Of The Year. (R) <b>5.00</b> Australia's Wild Odyssey. (R)</p> <p><b>6.00</b> Antiques Roadshow. Hosted by Fiona Bruce. <b>7.00</b> ABC News. Takes a look at today's top stories. <b>7.30</b> Death In Paradise. (Return, Mv) A kidnapping ends in murder. <b>8.30</b> Vera. (Final, PG, R) DCI Vera Stanhope investigates after the body of a woman is washed up on the banks of the River Tyne. <b>10.00</b> Farewell Doc Martin. (Ma, R) A behind-the-scenes look at the final instalment. <b>10.50</b> Operation Buffalo. (Final, Malv, R) <b>11.50</b> Just Between Us. (Malns, R) <b>12.50</b> Les Misérables. (Mv, R) <b>1.50</b> Victoria. (PG, R) <b>2.40</b> Rage. (MA15+adhlsv) <b>4.15</b> The Recording Studio. (PG, R) <b>5.00</b> Insiders. (R)</p>	<p><b>SBS (3)</b>  <b>6.00</b> WorldWatch. <b>9.00</b> Destination Flavour China Bitesize. (R) <b>9.10</b> Blue Water Safari. (PG) <b>10.05</b> Love Your Garden. (PGa, R) <b>11.05</b> Paul O'Grady For The Love Of Dogs: What Happened Next. (PG) <b>12.00</b> WorldWatch. <b>1.00</b> Speedweek. <b>3.00</b> Figure Skating. European Championships. Highlights. <b>4.40</b> Secrets Of The Tower Of London. (PGa, R) <b>5.30</b> WWII Battles For Europe. (PGaw, R)</p> <p><b>6.30</b> SBS World News. <b>7.30</b> Ancient Egypt By Train: Alexandria. Part 1 of 4. <b>8.30</b> Dan Snow's Greatest Discoveries. Part 1 of 3. Dan Snow explores some of the world's most remarkable archaeological discoveries. <b>9.30</b> Expedition Bermuda Triangle. (PGalv, R) Investigators take a look at one of modern history's most enduring mysteries, the Bermuda Triangle. <b>11.00</b> 24 Hours In Emergency: Someone To Lean On. (Ma, R) An elderly woman is rushed to St George's. <b>12.50</b> Pandemic 2020. (Ma, R) <b>4.00</b> The Source. (Mal, R) <b>4.50</b> Destination Flavour: Japan Bitesize. (R) <b>5.00</b> NHK World English News Morning. <b>5.15</b> France 24 Feature. <b>5.30</b> Al Jazeera News.</p>	<p><b>SEVEN (7, 6)</b>  <b>6.00</b> NBC Today. [VIC] Shopping. <b>7.00</b> Weekend Sunrise. <b>10.00</b> The Morning Show: Weekend. (PG) <b>12.00</b> Dog Patrol. (PGa, R) <b>12.30</b> MOVIE: Storks. (2016, PGa, R) <b>2.30</b> Cycling. Santos Tour Down Under. H'lights. <b>3.30</b> Border Security: America's Front Line. (PG, R) <b>4.00</b> Better Homes And Gardens. (R) <b>5.00</b> Seven News At 5. <b>5.30</b> Border Security: Australia's Front Line. (PG, R)</p> <p><b>6.00</b> Seven News. <b>7.00</b> Australian Idol. (PG) Hosted by Ricki-Lee and Scott Tweedie. <b>8.45</b> Maternal. (Mal) As Maryam fights to control her anxiety, Catherine weighs up what it will take to progress as a female surgeon. <b>9.45</b> What The Killer Did Next: Nadine Aburas. (Mav) Hosted by Philip Glenister. <b>10.45</b> Born To Kill? Dale Hausner And Samuel Dieteman. (MA15+av) <b>11.45</b> Autopsy USA: George Michael. (Mads, R) <b>12.45</b> Dr Harry's Animal Encounters. (PG, R) <b>1.00</b> [VIC] Home Shopping. <b>3.30</b> Million Dollar Minute. (R) <b>4.00</b> NBC Today. <b>5.00</b> Seven Early News. <b>5.30</b> Sunrise.</p>	<p><b>NINE (9, 8)</b>  <b>6.00</b> Drive TV. (R) <b>6.30</b> A Current Affair. (R) <b>7.00</b> Weekend Today. <b>10.00</b> Sports Sunday. (PG) <b>11.00</b> Golf. Jack Newton Celebrity Classic. <b>12.00</b> MOVIE: Rocky II. (1979, PGv, R) Sylvester Stallone, Talia Shire. <b>2.30</b> Space Invaders. (PGa, R) <b>3.30</b> Bondi Vet. (PGm) <b>4.30</b> Explore TV. <b>5.00</b> News: First At Five. <b>5.30</b> Postcards. (PG)</p> <p><b>6.00</b> Nine News Sunday. <b>7.00</b> Married At First Sight. (PGIs) It is time for the first commitment ceremony. <b>8.40</b> 60 Minutes. Current affairs program, investigating, analysing and uncovering the issues affecting all Australians. <b>9.40</b> Nine News Late. A look at the latest news and events. <b>10.10</b> The First 48: Deadly Dispute/Heart To Heart. (Ma) Detectives investigate two murder cases. <b>11.05</b> Manhunt: The Wests. (MA15+, R) <b>12.00</b> Law &amp; Order: Organized Crime. (Mav, R) <b>12.50</b> Explore TV. (R) <b>1.20</b> He Said/She Said. (PG) <b>1.30</b> TV Shop: Home Shopping. (R) <b>4.00</b> Believer's Voice Of Victory. (PGa) <b>4.30</b> Take Two. (R) <b>5.00</b> News Early Edition. <b>5.30</b> Today.</p>	<p><b>TEN (10, 5)</b>  <b>6am</b> Morning Programs. <b>8.00</b> Luca's Key Ingredient. (R) <b>8.30</b> Freshly Picked. (R) <b>9.00</b> GCBC. (R) <b>9.30</b> Destination Dessert. (R) <b>10.00</b> St10. (PG) <b>12.00</b> Australian Survivor. (R) <b>1.30</b> My Market Kitchen. (R) <b>2.00</b> Waltzing Jimeoin. (PGa, R) <b>2.30</b> Exploring Off The Grid. <b>3.00</b> 4x4 Adventures. <b>4.00</b> Farm To Fork. (R) <b>4.30</b> Taste Of Aust. (R) <b>5.00</b> News.</p> <p><b>6.30</b> The Sunday Project. Panellists dissect, digest and reconstitute the daily news, events and hottest topics. <b>7.30</b> Australian Survivor. A tribe faces what could be one of the most catastrophic Tribal Councils ever witnessed. <b>9.10</b> NCIS: Hawai'i. (Mv, R) After Tennant and the team are tasked with finding a globetrotting social media star who has been kidnapped, they find out that she is not the person her husband, or her followers, think she is. <b>10.10</b> FBI. (Msv, R) The team must track down a shooter targeting detectives from the same precinct and unit. <b>11.00</b> The Sunday Project. (R) A look at the day's news. <b>12.00</b> Home Shopping. (R) <b>4.30</b> CBS Mornings.</p>
<p><b>ABC TV PLUS (22)</b> <b>6am</b> Children's Programs. <b>7pm</b> Spicks And Specks. <b>7.30</b> You Can't Ask That. <b>8.30</b> Louis Theroux: Twilight Of The Porn Stars. <b>9.30</b> Louis Theroux: A Different Brain. <b>10.30</b> David Attenborough's Great Barrier Reef. <b>11.30</b> Long Lost Family. <b>12.15am</b> George Clarke's Amazing Spaces. <b>1.05</b> Close. <b>5.05</b> Tik Tak. <b>5.10</b> Clangers. <b>5.20</b> Buddi. <b>5.25</b> Miffy's Adventures Big And Small. <b>5.35</b> Late Programs.</p>	<p><b>SBS VICELAND (31)</b> <b>6am</b> WorldWatch. <b>9.30</b> Shortland St. <b>11.00</b> The Movie Show. <b>Noon</b> The Kimberley Cruise: The Full Journey. <b>2.50</b> E-Sports Revolution. <b>3.50</b> WorldWatch. <b>4.25</b> Insight. <b>5.25</b> Adam Ruins Everything. <b>6.40</b> Cars That Built The World. <b>7.35</b> Abandoned Engineering. <b>8.30</b> Lost Gold Of World War II. <b>9.20</b> Tales From The Territories. <b>10.15</b> The Kings. <b>11.20</b> Das Boot. <b>1.35am</b> Future Man. <b>3.30</b> Late Programs.</p>	<p><b>7TWO (72, 62)</b> <b>6am</b> Morning Programs. <b>1pm</b> The Yorkshire Vet. <b>2.00</b> South Aussie With Cosi. <b>2.30</b> The Great Australian Doorstep. <b>3.00</b> My Road To Adventure. <b>3.30</b> Our Town. <b>4.00</b> Penelope Keith's Hidden Villages. <b>5.00</b> Escape To The Perfect Town. <b>6.00</b> Air Crash Investigation: Special Report. <b>7.00</b> Border Security. <b>8.30</b> Heathrow. <b>9.30</b> Chris Tarrant's Extreme Railway Journeys. <b>10.30</b> Air Crash Investigation. <b>11.30</b> Late Programs.</p>	<p><b>9GEM (92, 81)</b> <b>6am</b> Morning Programs. <b>7.30</b> In Touch. <b>8.00</b> Beyond Today. <b>8.30</b> The Incredible Journey. <b>9.00</b> TV Shop. <b>10.00</b> Helping Hands. <b>10.30</b> Seaway. <b>11.30</b> MOVIE: The Happiest Days Of Your Life. (1950) <b>11.50</b> MOVIE: Angels One Five. (1952) <b>3.15</b> MOVIE: The Alamo. (1960, PG) <b>6.30</b> Bondi Vet. <b>7.30</b> David Attenborough's Life In Colour. <b>8.30</b> MOVIE: Magnum Force. (1973, MA15+) <b>11.00</b> Late Programs.</p>	<p><b>10 PEACH (11, 52)</b> <b>6am</b> Friends. <b>7.30</b> The Middle. <b>9.00</b> The Big Bang Theory. <b>11.00</b> Friends. <b>1pm</b> Two And A Half Men. <b>2.00</b> Friends. <b>4.00</b> To Be Advised. <b>6.00</b> The Big Bang Theory. <b>9.00</b> Friends. <b>Midnight</b> Home Shopping. <b>1.30</b> Mom. <b>2.30</b> Charmed. <b>3.30</b> Two And A Half Men. <b>4.30</b> Home Shopping.</p>
<p><b>NITV (34)</b> <b>6am</b> Morning Programs. <b>2.25pm</b> Living Black. <b>3.00</b> Football. NFL. Women's Under 18s. <b>4.15</b> Football. First Nations Indigenous Football Cup. Men's Second Semi-Final. SA All-Stars v Bunji Magic. Replay. <b>5.45</b> Just Another Day In Indulkana. <b>5.55</b> Songlines. <b>6.30</b> News. <b>6.40</b> Wild New Zealand. <b>7.40</b> Idris Elba's Fight School. <b>8.40</b> MOVIE: Chasing Trane: The John Coltrane Documentary. (2021) <b>10.30</b> Late Programs.</p>	<p><b>SBS WORLD MOVIES (32)</b> <b>6am</b> Morning Programs. <b>8.25</b> Dean Spanley. (2008, PG) <b>10.15</b> The Movie Show. <b>10.50</b> Three Colours: Red. (1994, M, French) <b>12.40pm</b> How To Be A Good Wife. (2020, M, French) <b>2.45</b> Time Bandits. (1981, PG) <b>4.55</b> Three Summers. (2019, PG, Portuguese) <b>6.45</b> Flight Of The Navigator. (1986, PG) <b>8.30</b> Without A Clue. (1988, PG) <b>10.35</b> Free Fire. (2016, MA15+) <b>12.05am</b> Late Programs.</p>	<p><b>7MATE (73, 64)</b> <b>6am</b> Morning Programs. <b>Noon</b> The Fishing Show By AFN. (Return) <b>1.00</b> Hook, Line And Sink. <b>2.00</b> On The Fly. <b>2.30</b> Step Outside. <b>3.00</b> Fishing Addiction. <b>4.00</b> Surveillance Oz Dashcam. <b>4.15</b> Shipping Wars. <b>4.45</b> Full Custom Garage. <b>5.45</b> MOVIE: The Amazing Spider-Man 2. (2014, PG) <b>8.30</b> MOVIE: Pirates Of The Caribbean: The Curse Of The Black Pearl. (2003, M) <b>11.25</b> Late Programs.</p>	<p><b>9GO! (93, 82)</b> <b>6am</b> Children's Programs. <b>1.30pm</b> 3rd Rock. <b>2.00</b> Filthy House SOS. <b>3.00</b> Full Bloom. <b>4.00</b> Dance Moms. <b>5.00</b> About A Boy. <b>5.30</b> Children's Programs. <b>5.50</b> MOVIE: Space Jam. (1996) <b>7.30</b> MOVIE: Ad Astra. (2019, M) <b>10.00</b> To Be Advised. <b>Midnight</b> Filthy House SOS. <b>1.00</b> Full Bloom. <b>2.00</b> Dance Moms. <b>3.00</b> Power Rangers Dino Super. <b>3.30</b> Beyblade Burst Surge. <b>4.00</b> Yu-Gi-Oh! Sevens. <b>4.30</b> Ricky Zoom. <b>4.50</b> Late Programs.</p>	<p><b>10 BOLD (12, 53)</b> <b>6am</b> Shopping. <b>7.30</b> Key Of David. <b>8.00</b> All 4 Adventure. <b>9.00</b> 4x4 Adventures. <b>10.00</b> Reel Action. <b>11.00</b> Healthy Homes Aust. <b>11.30</b> Roads Less Travelled. <b>Noon</b> JAG. <b>1.00</b> Demolition Down Under. <b>2.00</b> What's Up Down Under. <b>2.30</b> Soccer. A-League Men. Matchweek 16. Newcastle Jets v Melbourne Victory. <b>5.30</b> JAG. <b>7.30</b> NCIS. <b>10.20</b> MOVIE: The Expendables 3. (2014, M) <b>12.45am</b> Late Programs.</p>

# Monday, February 13

<p><b>ABC TV (2)</b>  <b>6.00</b> News Breakfast. <b>9.00</b> ABC News Mornings. <b>10.00</b> Landline. (R) <b>11.00</b> Antiques Roadshow. (R) <b>12.00</b> ABC News At Noon. <b>1.00</b> Lucy Worsley: Agatha Christie Mystery Queen. (PG, R) <b>2.00</b> Parliament Question Time. <b>3.00</b> Vera. (Final, PG, R) <b>4.40</b> Long Lost Family: What Happened Next. (PG, R) <b>5.25</b> Hard Quiz. (PG, R)</p> <p><b>6.00</b> The Drum. <b>7.00</b> ABC News. <b>7.30</b> 7.30. Presented by Sarah Ferguson. <b>8.00</b> Back Roads: Tennant Creek, Northern Territory. Kurt Fearnley heads to Tennant Creek. <b>8.30</b> Four Corners. Investigative journalism program exposing scandals, triggering inquiries, firing debate and confronting taboos. <b>9.15</b> Media Watch. (PG) Paul Barry takes a look at the latest issues affecting media consumers. <b>9.35</b> Q+A. Public affairs program. <b>10.35</b> ABC Late News. <b>10.50</b> The Business. (R) <b>11.05</b> Midsomer Murders. (Mav, R) <b>12.40</b> Father Brown. (Ma, R) <b>1.25</b> The Trouble With Maggie Cole. (PG, R) <b>2.10</b> Rage. (MA15+adhlnsv) <b>4.00</b> One Plus One. (R) <b>4.30</b> The Drum. (R) <b>5.30</b> 7.30. (R)</p>	<p><b>SBS (3)</b>  <b>6.00</b> WorldWatch. <b>9.00</b> Destination Flavour China Bitesize. (R) <b>9.15</b> World's Most Secret Homes. (PG) <b>10.10</b> Billy Connolly: Great American Trail. (Man, R) <b>11.05</b> The Story Of Sugar. (PG) <b>12.05</b> WorldWatch. <b>2.00</b> Lost Worlds And Hidden Treasures. (PGa, R) <b>3.00</b> Mastermind Aust. (R) <b>4.00</b> Who Do You Think You Are? UK. (PGa, R) <b>5.05</b> Jeopardy! (R) <b>5.30</b> Letters And Numbers. (R)</p> <p><b>6.00</b> Mastermind Australia. (Return, PG) Presented by Marc Fennell. <b>6.30</b> SBS World News. <b>7.30</b> Darcy Bussell's Royal Road Trip: Wales. Part 4 of 4. <b>8.30</b> Monster: The Mystery Of Loch Ness: The Birth Of A Monster. Part 1 of 3. A detailed exploration of the mystery of the Loch Ness monster. <b>9.30</b> Secrets Of Playboy: The Shadow Mansions. (MA15+) A look at how men in Hefner's inner circle set up "shadow" mansions where women were exploited. <b>10.20</b> SBS World News Late. <b>10.50</b> Partisan. (Malv) Maud is tormented by her past. <b>11.45</b> Mr Mercedes. (MA15+a, R) <b>4.50</b> Destination Flavour: Japan Bitesize. (R) <b>5.00</b> NHK World English News Morning. <b>5.30</b> ANC Philippines The World Tonight.</p>	<p><b>SEVEN (7, 6)</b>  <b>6.00</b> Sunrise. <b>10.00</b> NFL. Super Bowl LVII. Kansas City Chiefs v Philadelphia Eagles. <b>3.00</b> The Chase. Hosted by Bradley Walsh. <b>4.00</b> Seven News At 4. <b>5.00</b> The Chase Australia. Contestants race to answer quiz questions correctly to avoid being caught by The Chaser.</p> <p><b>6.00</b> Seven News. <b>7.00</b> Home And Away. (PGa) <b>7.30</b> Australian Idol. (PG) After an exhausting round of auditions, the top 50 face new challenges. <b>9.15</b> Starstruck. (PG) The next four teams go head-to-head for a place in the final and a chance to win the £50,000 prize. Hosted by Olly Murs. <b>10.30</b> The Latest: Seven News. <b>11.00</b> Busted In Bangkok. (MA15+as, R) Follows Thailand's tourist police as they deal with tourists from all over the world. <b>12.00</b> MOVIE: Secrets In Suburbia. (2017, MA15+a, R) A woman is betrayed by her friends. Brianna Brown, Joe Williamson. <b>2.00</b> Home Shopping. (R) <b>4.00</b> NBC Today. News and current affairs. <b>5.00</b> Seven Early News. <b>5.30</b> Sunrise.</p>	<p><b>NINE (9, 8)</b>  <b>6.00</b> Today. <b>9.00</b> Today Extra. (PG) <b>11.30</b> Morning News. <b>12.00</b> Married At First Sight. (PGs, R) <b>1.30</b> Country House Hunters Australia. (R) <b>2.00</b> Pointless. (PG, R) <b>3.00</b> Tipping Point. (PG) <b>4.00</b> Afternoon News. <b>4.30</b> [VIC] Millionaire Hot Seat. <b>5.00</b> Millionaire Hot Seat. <b>5.30</b> [VIC] WIN News.</p> <p><b>6.00</b> Nine News. <b>7.00</b> A Current Affair. <b>7.30</b> Married At First Sight. (MIs) Intimacy Week begins. <b>9.00</b> Big Miracles. (Malm) Follows 10 Australian couples and singles on their journey to becoming parents with the help of IVF. <b>10.00</b> Nine News Late. A look at the latest news and events. <b>10.30</b> New Amsterdam. (Mam) Iggy tries online dating. <b>11.20</b> The Equalizer. (Mdv, R) <b>12.10</b> Almost Family. (Mas) <b>1.00</b> Hello SA. (PG) <b>1.30</b> TV Shop: Home Shopping. (R) <b>2.30</b> Global Shop. (R) <b>3.00</b> TV Shop: Home Shopping. (R) <b>4.00</b> Believer's Voice Of Victory. (PGa) <b>4.30</b> A Current Affair. (R) <b>5.00</b> News Early Edition. <b>5.30</b> Today.</p>	<p><b>TEN (10, 5)</b>  <b>6.00</b> The Talk. (PGa) <b>7.00</b> Farm To Fork. (PG, R) <b>7.30</b> GCBC. (R) <b>8.00</b> Everyday Gourmet. (R) <b>8.30</b> Ent. Tonight. (R) <b>9.00</b> Judge Judy. (PG, R) <b>9.30</b> The Bold And The Beautiful. (PG, R) <b>10.00</b> Studio 10. (PG) <b>12.00</b> 10 News First: Midday. <b>1.00</b> Dr Phil. (PGa) <b>2.00</b> Australian Survivor. (R) <b>3.40</b> Entertainment Tonight. <b>4.00</b> Farm To Fork. <b>4.30</b> The Bold And The Beautiful. (PG) <b>5.00</b> 10 News First.</p> <p><b>6.30</b> The Project. A look at the day's news and events. <b>7.30</b> Australian Survivor. In the aftermath of another chaotic Tribal Council, the castaways try and make sense of what unfolded. <b>8.40</b> Would I Lie To You? Australia. (Return, M) Two teams, including Rebecca Gibney, Luke McGregor, Harley Breen and Concetta Caristo, go head-to-head. <b>9.40</b> Ghosts. (PGds) Sam gives relationship advice to Freddie, ignoring Hetty's warning not to get too close to the help. <b>10.10</b> FBI: Most Wanted. (Mv, R) The team goes after the vigilante. <b>11.00</b> The Project. (R) A look at the day's news and events. <b>12.00</b> The Late Show With Stephen Colbert. (PG) <b>1.00</b> Home Shopping. (R) <b>4.30</b> CBS Mornings.</p>
<p><b>ABC TV PLUS (22)</b> <b>6am</b> Children's Programs. <b>7pm</b> Spicks And Specks. <b>7.30</b> David Attenborough's Great Barrier Reef. (Final) <b>8.30</b> George Clarke's Amazing Spaces. <b>9.15</b> Long Lost Family. <b>10.05</b> The Making Of David Attenborough's Great Barrier Reef. <b>10.55</b> Adam Hills: The Last Leg. <b>11.40</b> Louis Theroux: Twilight Of The Porn Stars. <b>12.40am</b> Whose Line Is It Anyway? <b>1.00</b> Veneno. <b>1.55</b> Late Programs.</p>	<p><b>SBS VICELAND (31)</b> <b>6am</b> WorldWatch. <b>6.50</b> The 77 Percent. <b>7.20</b> WorldWatch. <b>9.30</b> Shortland St. <b>11.00</b> The Movie Show. <b>Noon</b> Hear Me Out. <b>1.00</b> The Employables. <b>2.05</b> Devoured. <b>2.55</b> Counter Space. <b>3.55</b> WorldWatch. <b>5.15</b> Takeshi's Castle. <b>5.45</b> Joy Of Painting. <b>6.15</b> Forged In Fire. <b>7.05</b> Jeopardy! <b>7.35</b> 8 Out Of 10 Cats Does Countdown. <b>8.30</b> Taskmaster. <b>10.20</b> Somewhere Boy. (Premiere) <b>11.20</b> Late Programs.</p>	<p><b>7TWO (72, 62)</b> <b>6am</b> To Be Advised. <b>6.30</b> The Great Australian Doorstep. <b>7.00</b> My Greek Odyssey. <b>8.00</b> Harry's Practice. <b>8.30</b> Million Dollar Minute. <b>9.30</b> NBC Today. <b>10.30</b> Better Homes. <b>1pm</b> Air Crash Investigation. <b>2.00</b> Weekender. <b>2.30</b> Million Dollar Minute. <b>3.30</b> Medical Rookies. <b>4.00</b> Coastwatch Oz. <b>4.30</b> Better Homes. <b>5.30</b> Escape To The Country. <b>6.30</b> Bargain Hunt. <b>7.30</b> Doc Martin. <b>8.30</b> Inspector Morse. <b>10.50</b> Late Programs.</p>	<p><b>9GEM (92, 81)</b> <b>6am</b> TV Shop. <b>7.00</b> Creflo. <b>7.30</b> TV Shop. <b>9.30</b> Newstyle Direct. <b>10.00</b> Danoz. <b>10.30</b> Pointless. <b>11.30</b> My Favorite Martian. <b>Noon</b> Days Of Our Lives. <b>12.55</b> The Young And The Restless. <b>1.50</b> Bondi Vet. <b>2.50</b> Antiques Roadshow. <b>3.20</b> MOVIE: Champagne Charlie. (1944) <b>5.30</b> Murder, She Wrote. <b>6.30</b> Antiques Roadshow. <b>7.30</b> Death In Paradise. <b>8.40</b> Agatha Christie's Partners In Crime. <b>9.55</b> Coroner. <b>10.55</b> Late Programs.</p>	<p><b>10 PEACH (11, 52)</b> <b>6am</b> Friends. <b>8.00</b> The Big Bang Theory. <b>9.30</b> The Middle. <b>11.00</b> Friends. <b>12.30pm</b> The Big Bang Theory. <b>1.00</b> Charmed. <b>2.00</b> The Neighborhood. <b>3.00</b> The King Of Queens. <b>4.00</b> Becker. <b>5.00</b> Frasier. <b>6.00</b> Friends. <b>8.00</b> The Big Bang Theory. <b>9.30</b> Seinfeld. <b>11.00</b> Frasier. <b>Midnight</b> Home Shopping. <b>1.30</b> Becker. <b>2.30</b> The Late Late Show With James Corden. <b>3.30</b> The King Of Queens. <b>4.30</b> Home Shopping.</p>
<p><b>NITV (34)</b> <b>6am</b> Morning Programs. <b>1.50pm</b> Kungka Kunpu. <b>2.00</b> Shortland St. <b>2.30</b> The Cook Up. <b>3.00</b> Jarjums. <b>3.40</b> Wolf Joe. <b>3.55</b> Tales Of The Moana. <b>4.00</b> Grace Beside Me. <b>4.30</b> Spartakus And The Sun Beneath The Sea. <b>5.00</b> Our Stories. <b>5.30</b> APTN National News. <b>6.00</b> Bamay. <b>6.40</b> News. <b>6.50</b> Arctic Secrets. <b>7.45</b> Who Killed Malcolm X. <b>8.30</b> Karla Grant Presents. <b>9.30</b> MOVIE: Race. (2016, PG) <b>11.50</b> Late Programs.</p>	<p><b>SBS WORLD MOVIES (32)</b> <b>6am</b> The Movie Show. <b>6.30</b> Flight Of The Navigator. (1986, PG) <b>8.10</b> Lady L. (1965, PG) <b>10.10</b> Little Men. (2016, PG) <b>11.45</b> Papi Chulo. (2018, M) <b>1.40pm</b> Ping Pong Summer. (2014, PG) <b>3.30</b> Hotel Salvation. (2016, PG, Hindi) <b>5.25</b> Maudie. (2016, PG) <b>7.35</b> Edie. (2017, M) <b>9.30</b> Undine. (2020, M, German) <b>11.10</b> Marjorie Prime. (2017, M) <b>1am</b> Mad Bastards. (2010, MA15+) <b>2.50</b> Late Programs.</p>	<p><b>7MATE (73, 64)</b> <b>6am</b> Morning Programs. <b>1pm</b> Motor Racing. Night Thunder. New Year Derby. Highlights. From Perth Motorplex. <b>2.00</b> Rides Down Under: Workshop Wars. <b>3.00</b> Wheelburn. <b>3.30</b> Full Custom Garage. <b>4.30</b> Counting Cars. <b>5.30</b> American Restoration. <b>6.00</b> American Pickers. <b>7.00</b> Pawn Stars. <b>7.30</b> American Pickers. <b>8.30</b> MOVIE: Lethal Weapon 2. (1989, M) <b>10.50</b> Late Programs.</p>	<p><b>9GO! (93, 82)</b> <b>6am</b> Children's Programs. <b>Noon</b> Motor Racing. Formula E C'ship. Hyderabad E-Prix. H'lights. <b>1.00</b> Rivals. <b>2.00</b> Full House. <b>2.30</b> 3rd Rock. <b>3.30</b> That '70s Show. <b>4.30</b> The Nanny. <b>5.00</b> Bewitched. <b>5.30</b> I Dream Of Jeannie. <b>6.00</b> M*A*S*H. <b>6.30</b> Raymond. <b>7.00</b> Young Sheldon. <b>7.30</b> RBT. <b>8.30</b> MOVIE: Hunter Killer. (2018, MA15+) <b>10.45</b> Paranormal Caught On Camera. <b>11.45</b> Late Programs.</p>	<p><b>10 BOLD (12, 53)</b> <b>6am</b> Home Shopping. <b>8.00</b> Snap Happy. <b>8.30</b> Destination Dessert. <b>9.00</b> iFish. <b>9.30</b> Camper Deals. <b>10.00</b> Reel Action. <b>10.30</b> JAG. <b>12.30pm</b> NCIS. <b>1.30</b> NCIS: Los Angeles. <b>2.30</b> MacGyver. <b>3.30</b> The Love Boat. <b>4.30</b> Star Trek: The Next Generation. <b>5.30</b> JAG. <b>6.30</b> Scorpion. <b>7.30</b> Bull. <b>8.30</b> NCIS. <b>10.20</b> In The Dark. <b>11.15</b> NCIS: New Orleans. <b>12.15am</b> Home Shopping. <b>2.15</b> ST: Next Gen. <b>3.10</b> MacGyver. <b>4.05</b> JAG. <b>5.00</b> Scorpion.</p>

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<p><b>ABC TV (2)</b>  <b>6.00</b> News. <b>9.00</b> News. <b>10.00</b> One Plus One. (R) <b>10.30</b> Everyone's A Critic. (PG, R) <b>11.05</b> Aussie Inventions That Changed The World. (PG, R) <b>12.00</b> ABC News At Noon. <b>1.00</b> Father Brown. (PG, R) <b>2.00</b> Parliament Question Time. <b>3.00</b> Gardening Australia. (R) <b>4.10</b> Long Lost Family: What Happened Next. (Final, PG, R) <b>5.00</b> Anh's Brush With Fame. (PG, R) <b>5.30</b> Hard Quiz. (PG, R)</p> <p><b>6.00</b> The Drum. <b>7.00</b> ABC News. <b>7.30</b> 7.30. <b>8.00</b> Better Date Than Never. (PG) Olivia experiences new feelings. <b>8.30</b> The Penguin King With David Attenborough. (R) Follows a penguin's search for a mate. <b>9.30</b> Lucy Worsley: Agatha Christie Mystery Queen: Destination Unknown. (PG, R) Part 2 of 3. <b>10.30</b> ABC Late News. <b>10.45</b> The Business. (R) <b>11.05</b> Bronwyn Oliver: The Shadows Within. (PG, R) <b>12.05</b> Four Corners. (R) <b>12.50</b> Media Watch. (PG, R) <b>1.05</b> Van Der Valk. (Mds, R) <b>2.35</b> Rage. (MA15+adhlnsv) <b>4.00</b> One Plus One. (R) <b>4.30</b> The Drum. (R) <b>5.30</b> 7.30. (R)</p>	<p><b>SBS (3)</b>  <b>6.00</b> WorldWatch. <b>9.15</b> World's Most Secret Homes. (PG) <b>10.10</b> Billy Connolly: Great American Trail. (Ma, R) <b>11.05</b> The Story Of Tea. (PG) <b>12.00</b> WorldWatch. <b>2.00</b> Cook Up Bitesize. (R) <b>2.05</b> Lost Worlds And Hidden Treasures. (PGa, R) <b>3.15</b> Mastermind Aust. (R) <b>4.15</b> Britain's Cathedrals With Tony Robinson. (PGav, R) <b>5.05</b> Jeopardy! (PGa, R) <b>5.30</b> Letters And Numbers. (R)</p> <p><b>6.00</b> Mastermind Australia. (PG) <b>6.30</b> SBS World News. <b>7.35</b> Who Do You Think You Are? US: Jennifer Grey. (PG) Jennifer Grey explores her roots. <b>8.30</b> Gloriavale: New Zealand's Secret Cult. (Ma) Examines widespread abuse inside New Zealand's infamous Gloriavale Christian Community. <b>10.05</b> SBS World News Late. <b>10.35</b> Great British Railway Journeys: Oxford To Abingdon. (PG, R) <b>11.10</b> Antidisturbios. (MA15+ad) <b>12.15</b> Manayek. (MA15+v, R) <b>1.55</b> Cacciatore: The Hunter. (MA15+dIv, R) <b>3.55</b> Mastermind Australia. (R) <b>5.00</b> NHK World English News Morning. <b>5.30</b> ANC Philippines The World Tonight.</p>	<p><b>SEVEN (7, 6)</b>  <b>6.00</b> Sunrise. <b>9.00</b> The Morning Show. (PG) <b>11.30</b> Seven Morning News. <b>12.00</b> To Be Advised. <b>1.30</b> Surveillance Oz. (PG, R) <b>2.00</b> Highway Cops. (PGI, R) <b>2.30</b> Border Security: America's Front Line. (PG, R) <b>3.00</b> The Chase. <b>4.00</b> Seven News At 4. <b>5.00</b> The Chase Australia.</p> <p><b>6.00</b> Seven News. <b>7.00</b> Home And Away. (PGa) <b>7.30</b> Australian Idol. (PG) After an exhausting round of auditions, the top 50 face new challenges. <b>9.15</b> Quantum Leap. (PGalv) Ben is transported back to 1879 and the rustic, frontier town of Salvation. <b>11.15</b> The Latest: Seven News. <b>11.45</b> Celebrity Obsessed: Madonna. (MA15+a, R) Examines the phenomenon of stalking. <b>12.45</b> Emergency Call. (PGal, R) <b>1.00</b> [VIC] Home Shopping. (R) <b>1.15</b> Travel Oz. (PG, R) <b>2.00</b> Home Shopping. (R) <b>4.00</b> NBC Today. <b>5.00</b> Seven Early News. <b>5.30</b> Sunrise.</p>	<p><b>NINE (9, 8)</b>  <b>6.00</b> Today. <b>9.00</b> Today Extra. (PG) <b>11.30</b> Morning News. <b>12.00</b> Married At First Sight. (MIs, R) <b>1.30</b> Explore TV. (R) <b>2.00</b> Pointless. (PG, R) <b>3.00</b> Tipping Point. (PG) <b>4.00</b> Afternoon News. <b>4.30</b> [VIC] Millionaire Hot Seat. <b>5.00</b> Millionaire Hot Seat. <b>5.30</b> [VIC] WIN News.</p> <p><b>6.00</b> Nine News. <b>7.00</b> A Current Affair. <b>7.30</b> Married At First Sight. (Mas) Intimacy Week continues. <b>9.00</b> The Hundred With Andy Lee. Andy Lee is joined by a panel of comedians and 100 Aussies to explore the fun behind the facts. <b>10.00</b> Nine News Late. A look at the latest news and events. <b>10.30</b> To Be Advised. <b>11.30</b> La Brea. (Mv, R) <b>12.15</b> Tipping Point. (PG, R) <b>1.10</b> It's All Greek To Me. <b>1.30</b> TV Shop: Home Shopping. (R) <b>4.00</b> Believer's Voice Of Victory. (PGa) <b>4.30</b> A Current Affair. (R) <b>5.00</b> News Early Edition. <b>5.30</b> Today.</p>	<p><b>TEN (10, 5)</b>  <b>6.00</b> The Talk. (PGa) <b>7.00</b> Farm To Fork. (PG, R) <b>7.30</b> GCBC. (R) <b>8.00</b> Everyday Gourmet. (R) <b>8.30</b> Ent. Tonight. (R) <b>9.00</b> Judge Judy. (PG, R) <b>9.30</b> Bold. (PG, R) <b>10.00</b> Studio 10. (PG, R) <b>10.30</b> Dr Phil. (Ma) <b>2.00</b> Australian Survivor. (R) <b>3.10</b> Entertainment Tonight. <b>3.30</b> Judge Judy. (PG, R) <b>4.00</b> Farm To Fork. <b>4.30</b> The Bold And The Beautiful. (PG) <b>5.00</b> 10 News First.</p> <p><b>6.30</b> The Project. The hosts and guest panellists take a look at the day's news, events and hot topics. <b>7.30</b> Australian Survivor. The Survivor Auction gives castaways the chance to bid on food, advantages and a video call home. <b>9.10</b> NCIS. (M, R) The team is immersed in the world of food trucks after a man is found frozen to death in the back of one. <b>11.00</b> The Project. (R) The hosts and guest panellists take a look at the day's news, events and hot topics. <b>12.00</b> The Late Show With Stephen Colbert. (PG) Late-night talk show. <b>1.00</b> Home Shopping. (R) <b>4.30</b> CBS Mornings. Morning news and talk show.</p>
<p><b>ABC TV PLUS (22)</b> <b>6am</b> Children's Programs. <b>7pm</b> Spicks And Specks. <b>7.30</b> Would I Lie To You? <b>8.30</b> To Be Advised. <b>9.10</b> Bliss. (Final) <b>9.40</b> Fleabag. <b>10.10</b> Q! <b>10.40</b> Friday Night Dinner. (Final) <b>12.15am</b> The Young Offenders. <b>12.45</b> Penn &amp; Teller: Fool Us. <b>1.25</b> Whose Line Is It Anyway? <b>1.50</b> Russell Howard Stands Up To The World. (Final) <b>2.35</b> Close. <b>5.05</b> Tik Tak. <b>5.10</b> Clangers. <b>5.20</b> Buddi. <b>5.25</b> Miffy's Adventures Big And Small. <b>5.35</b> Late Programs.</p>	<p><b>SBS VICELAND (31)</b> <b>6am</b> WorldWatch. <b>9.30</b> Shortland St. <b>11.00</b> The Movie Show. <b>Noon</b> Rise Up. <b>12.55</b> Fanatics: The Deep End. <b>1.25</b> Planet A. <b>1.55</b> Chasing Famous. <b>2.50</b> Counter Space. <b>3.20</b> WorldWatch. <b>5.15</b> Takeshi's Castle. <b>5.45</b> Joy Of Painting. <b>6.15</b> Forged In Fire. <b>7.05</b> Jeopardy! <b>7.35</b> 8 Out Of 10 Cats Does Countdown. <b>8.30</b> Love Around The World. <b>9.55</b> Forbidden History. <b>10.50</b> Secret History Of Comics. <b>11.40</b> Late Programs.</p>	<p><b>7TWO (72, 62)</b> <b>6am</b> Morning Programs. <b>7.30</b> Under The Hammer. <b>8.00</b> Harry's Practice. <b>8.30</b> Million Dollar Minute. <b>9.30</b> NBC Today. <b>Noon</b> Better Homes. <b>1.00</b> Escape To The Country. <b>2.00</b> Creek To Coast. <b>2.30</b> Million Dollar Minute. <b>3.30</b> Medical Rookies. <b>4.00</b> Coastwatch Oz. <b>4.30</b> Better Homes. <b>5.30</b> Escape To The Country. <b>6.30</b> Bargain Hunt. <b>7.30</b> Call The Midwife. <b>8.45</b> The Inspector Lynley Mysteries. <b>10.45</b> Late Programs.</p>	<p><b>9GEM (92, 81)</b> <b>6am</b> TV Shop. <b>7.00</b> Creflo. <b>7.30</b> TV Shop. <b>9.30</b> Newstyle Direct. <b>10.00</b> TV Shop. <b>10.30</b> Pointless. <b>11.30</b> My Favorite Martian. <b>Noon</b> Days Of Our Lives. <b>12.55</b> The Young And The Restless. <b>1.50</b> Death In Paradise. <b>3.00</b> Antiques Roadshow. <b>3.30</b> MOVIE: Seven Nights In Japan. (1976, PG) <b>5.30</b> Murder, She Wrote. <b>6.30</b> Antiques Roadshow. <b>7.30</b> New Tricks. <b>8.40</b> The Closer. <b>9.40</b> Rizzoli &amp; Isles. <b>10.40</b> Late Programs.</p>	<p><b>10 PEACH (11, 52)</b> <b>6am</b> The Late Show With Stephen Colbert. <b>7.00</b> Seinfeld. <b>8.30</b> To Be Advised. <b>10.30</b> Becker. <b>11.30</b> Frasier. <b>12.30pm</b> The King Of Queens. <b>1.30</b> Seinfeld. <b>3.00</b> The King Of Queens. <b>4.00</b> Becker. <b>5.00</b> Frasier. <b>6.00</b> Friends. <b>8.00</b> The Big Bang Theory. <b>9.30</b> Mom. <b>10.20</b> Becker. <b>11.00</b> Frasier. <b>Midnight</b> Shopping. <b>1.30</b> Stephen Colbert. <b>2.30</b> James Corden. <b>3.30</b> King Of Queens. <b>4.30</b> Shopping.</p>
<p><b>NITV (34)</b> <b>6am</b> Morning Programs. <b>2pm</b> Shortland St. <b>2.30</b> The Cook Up. <b>3.00</b> Jarjums. <b>3.55</b> Tales Of The Moana. <b>4.00</b> Jarjums. <b>5.00</b> Our Stories. <b>5.30</b> Indian Country Today News. <b>6.00</b> Bamay. <b>6.30</b> News. <b>6.40</b> Arctic Secrets. <b>7.30</b> Moko. <b>8.00</b> True North Calling. <b>8.30</b> The Last Land: Gespe'gewa'gi. <b>9.00</b> Hunting Aotearoa. <b>9.30</b> Wellington Paranormal. <b>10.00</b> MOVIE: The Dark Horse. (2014, M) <b>12.15am</b> Late Programs.</p>	<p><b>SBS WORLD MOVIES (32)</b> <b>6am</b> Maudie. Continued. (2016, PG) <b>6.35</b> Three Summers. (2019, PG, Portuguese) <b>8.25</b> The Umbrellas Of Cherbourg. (1964, PG, French) <b>10.05</b> I Am Michael. (2015, M) <b>Noon</b> Edie. (2017, M) <b>1.55</b> Flight Of The Navigator. (1986, PG) <b>3.35</b> Toast. (2010, PG) <b>5.25</b> Memoria. (2021, PG) <b>7.55</b> Hive. (2021, Albanian) <b>9.30</b> Compartment No. 6. (2021, Finnish) <b>11.35</b> Late Programs.</p>	<p><b>7MATE (73, 64)</b> <b>6am</b> Morning Programs. <b>11.30</b> Pawn Stars. <b>Noon</b> Counting Cars. <b>12.40</b> MOVIE: Lethal Weapon 2. (1989, M) <b>3.00</b> Billy The Exterminator. <b>3.30</b> Down East Dickering. <b>4.30</b> Barter Kings. <b>5.30</b> American Restoration. <b>6.00</b> American Pickers. <b>7.00</b> Pawn Stars. <b>7.30</b> Outback Truckers. <b>8.30</b> Heavy Tow Truckers Down Under. <b>9.30</b> Aussie Salvage Squad. <b>10.30</b> Truck Night In America. <b>11.30</b> Late Programs.</p>	<p><b>9GO! (93, 82)</b> <b>6am</b> Children's Programs. <b>Noon</b> MOVIE: A Guide To Dating At The End Of The World. (2019, M) <b>1.40</b> Young Sheldon. <b>2.00</b> Full House. <b>2.30</b> 3rd Rock. <b>3.30</b> That '70s Show. <b>4.30</b> The Nanny. <b>5.00</b> Bewitched. <b>5.30</b> I Dream Of Jeannie. <b>6.00</b> M*A*S*H. <b>6.30</b> Raymond. <b>7.00</b> Young Sheldon. <b>7.30</b> To Be Advised. <b>9.30</b> MOVIE: Valentine's Day. (2010, M) <b>Midnight</b> Millionaire Matchmaker. <b>1.00</b> Late Programs.</p>	<p><b>10 BOLD (12, 53)</b> <b>6am</b> Home Shopping. <b>8.00</b> Snap Happy. <b>8.30</b> Destination Dessert. <b>9.00</b> iFish. <b>9.30</b> The Love Boat. <b>10.30</b> Star Trek: The Next Generation. <b>11.30</b> JAG. <b>12.30pm</b> NCIS. <b>1.30</b> NCIS: Los Angeles. <b>2.30</b> Scorpion. <b>3.30</b> The Love Boat. <b>4.30</b> Star Trek: The Next Generation. <b>5.30</b> JAG. <b>6.30</b> Scorpion. <b>7.30</b> Bull. <b>8.30</b> My Life Is Murder. <b>9.25</b> Bull. <b>10.20</b> SEAL Team. <b>11.15</b> 48 Hours. <b>12.15am</b> Shopping. <b>2.15</b> Late Programs.</p>

# On Demand



**Having a field day:** Jeremy Clarkson and farmhand Kaleb Cooper are back with more agricultural adventures on Clarkson's Farm.

## LIFE ON THE LAND

**CLARKSON'S FARM**  
Streaming from Friday, Prime Video



"There are two fundamental difficulties to farming - weather and government." So says Jeremy Clarkson as he embarks on another year trying to make a success of his farm in the Cotswolds.

The first series of *Clarkson's Farm* proved a surprise hit with Australian viewers, as Clarkson

- who in his own words is best known for "driving quickly around corners while shouting" - swapped fast cars for farming.

The second series sees the introduction of new animals and crops to Diddly Squat Farm - which bring new problems - as well as following Clarkson's difficult dealings with the local council as he attempts to open an on-farm restaurant.

With farmers across the UK facing the impact of Brexit and the loss of subsidies, many are forced to diversify, and Clarkson's got big plans. He's bringing in cows, more chickens,

growing chillies and providing barley for a local beer. As Clarkson works to protect his stock from badgers and disease and develops a "too hot" chilli sauce, he's ably supported by all the regular characters, and real heroes of the show. Local farmhand Kaleb is still showing him how to actually run a farm, Lisa runs the shop, advisor Charlie delivers brutal home truths, and Gerald keeps everyone in line.

More laughs, triumphs and tribulations - and more farming faux pas - will be on show as we follow Jeremy & Co on their agricultural adventure. - **Kathryn Roberts**



**AVOIDANCE**  
Streaming from Friday, BritBox



This BBC comedy follows anti-hero Jonathan (Romesh Ranganathan), whose conflict-avoidance issues affect his whole life and drive his wife to break up with him. Desperate to avoid telling his son Spencer (Kieran Logendra, pictured with Ranganathan) about the separation, Jonathan instead takes the boy to hide out with his sister Danielle and her wife.



**AT MIDNIGHT**  
Streaming from Friday, Paramount+



Sophie (Monica Barbaro) is an up-and-coming Hollywood star. Alejandro (Diego Boneta, pictured with Barbaro) is an ambitious hotel manager. Their worlds collide when she heads to Mexico to film a blockbuster alongside her unfaithful boyfriend, Adam. Drawn together, Sophie and Alejandro forge a connection that will change the path of both their lives.



**HOTEL PORTOFINO**  
Streaming from Sunday, Foxtel On Demand



*Hotel Portofino* transports us back in time to follow the Ainsworth family as they relocate from Britain to set up a luxury hotel on the stunning Italian Riviera in the 1920s. In season two, we return to picturesque Portofino to find Bella (Natascha McElhone) and her family dealing with the fallout of Cecil's (Mark Umbers) shady business dealings.



**YOUR PLACE OR MINE**  
Streaming from Friday, Netflix



Rom-com royalty Reese Witherspoon and Ashton Kutcher (both pictured) team up in this offering, released just in time to "Netflix and chill" on Valentine's Day. Debbie (Witherspoon) and Peter (Kutcher) are best friends. She loves her life in LA, while he thrives in New York. When they swap homes for a week, they discover new ways of looking at life and love.



**ARSÈNE WENGER: INVINCIBLE**  
Streaming from Sunday, Stan.



In 2004, Arsenal became the first team to go an entire Premier League season without defeat. Against the backdrop of this remarkable feat, this documentary tells the story of enigmatic manager Arsène Wenger (pictured) and how his legacy shaped football worldwide. This is the manager's definitive story, in his own words.

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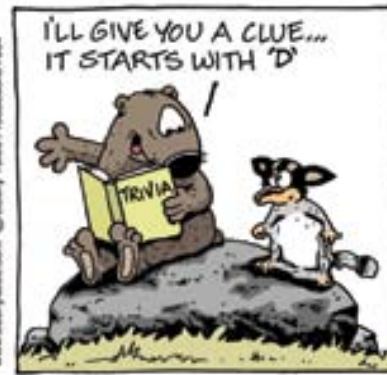
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# COMICS

## Bottled Fruit



## Bushy Tales



## Insert Brain Here



## Swamp



## Insanity Streak



## Doodley Squat



## WuMo



## Against the Grain



## Ballard Street



Peter and Rosalyn provide an inviting ambiance at their house.

## Grin Bin



# PUZZLES

## SUDOKU

No. 119

To solve a Sudoku puzzle, every number from 1 to 9 must appear in: each of the nine vertical columns, each of the nine horizontal rows and each of the nine 3 x 3 boxes. Remember, no number can occur more than once in any row, column or box.

easy

			4				1	6
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	8			7				3
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	6	7						
1	2				5			

medium

1		7				2		
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hard

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easy

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medium

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hard

5	1	8	6	2	9	7	4	3
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4	3	1	6	7	2	4	9	5
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6	7	5	8	9	4	1	2	3

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## 5x5

G		V		R
	N		L	
M		C		S
	N		C	
D		B		S

Insert the missing letters to make 10 words – five reading across the grid and five reading down.

NOTE: more than one solution may be possible

S	T	B	E	D
L	C	A	N	E
S	E	C	A	M
L	E	O	N	A
R	E	I	V	G

## QUICK CROSSWORD

No. 119

### ACROSS

- Auto (3)
- Change from one language into another (11)
- Raging fire (7)
- Settle (7)
- Aniseed liqueur (8)
- Mythical monster (6)
- Staff (3)
- In passionate manner (11)
- Exhibiting a desire to succeed (11)
- Name for the sun (3)
- Jewish religious text (6)
- Australian animal (8)
- Japanese technology company (7)
- Resident of Jerusalem or Tel Aviv (7)
- Dissipating into vapour (11)
- Restrained expression (3)

### DOWN

- Capital of Italy's Piedmont region (5)
- Highest point (10)
- Central African ethnic group (4)
- Positive declaration (9)
- Forbidden by law (7)
- Australian rugby league player and former Senator, – Lazarus (5)
- Lawsuit (10)
- Business leader (9)
- A jaundiced cast (9)
- Actor, – McCarthy (7)
- The sound brakes make (7)
- Heading (5)
- Prickly shrub (5)
- Fashion designer, – Jacobs (4)

R	H	E	D	S	E	N	V	A	E
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S	I	V	E	I	S	O	I		
N	O	V	I	O	E	O	O		

## DECODER

No. 119

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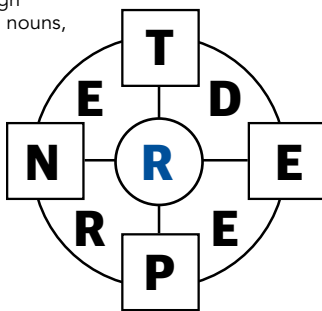
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## 9-LETTER WORD

Using the nine letters in the grid, how many words of four letters or more can you list? The centre letter must be included and each letter may only be used once. No colloquial or foreign words. No capitalised nouns, apostrophes or plural words ending in "s".

Today's Aim:

- 16 words: Good
- 24 words: Very good
- 32 words: Excellent



deeper, deer, deter, enter, entered, entree, erre, errd, peer, peered, pert, peter, petered, preen, preened, preten, pretend, PRETENDER, reed, rend, render, rent, rented, renter, repent, repented, tender, tenderer, tern, tree, treed, trend.

## 5x5

No. 119

## QUICK QUIZ



- What is the name used in industry for pure, crystalline glucose sugar?
- Nephron is the basic structural and functional unit of which part of the human anatomy?
- In what year did *Home and Away* debut on Australian television?
- Lambaré, Luque and Limpio are major cities in which country?
- Which star of *American Graffiti* said 'I'm like a fireman. When I go out on a call, I want to put out a big fire, I don't want to put out a fire in a dumpster'?
- Which Indonesian volcano erupted in 1883?
- Lars Ulrich (pictured) is the drummer and co-founder of which US heavy metal band?
- Wrigley Field is a baseball stadium located in which US city?
- English cricketer Andrew Flintoff plays for which country cricket club in England?
- A golden wedding celebrates which anniversary?

ANSWERS: 1. Dextrose 2. Kidney 3. 1988 4. Paragau 5. Harrisson Ford 6. Krakatoa 7. Metallica 8. Chicago 9. Lancashire 10. 50 years



## Your year ahead

What an extraordinary time it's been, Aquarius - one of dramatic change. You, more than anyone, have been vulnerable to the cosmic madness that's plagued our planet. Major changes affecting work and home have either merged these two interests or split them wide apart. Either way, it's been disruptive. But here's a new year worthy of celebration. Love and professional matters move back on course, with a delighted cosmos cheering on both passion and financial flamboyance. The biggest surprise will be just how well you cope with the unexpected.



### ARIES

(Mar 21 - Apr 20)

Just when you were about to let go of some long-held dreams, along comes a guardian angel to remind you why you had such high hopes in the first place. So, what to do? Give up or go on? Trust the voice within. Finally, here's a week when there's little to lose and much to gain. And, should someone close request help, offer support.

**Best Day: Friday 17th**



### TAURUS

(Apr 21 - May 20)

You're exhausted, Taurus, and it's a fair bet that relationship issues need sorting. But chirpier planets try to turn 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: Sunday 12th**



### GEMINI

(May 21 - Jun 21)

Geminis tend to give most the benefit of the doubt. But sometimes that all-too-forgiving stance may backfire when you discover that someone isn't as loyal as you thought. You'll survive, but this is a lesson in setting firm boundaries. The good news: a bit of extra cash could come within reach. If so, spend up while you can.

**Best Day: Tuesday 14th**



### CANCER

(Jun 22 - Jul 22)

Flat batteries, sagging spirit - you've very little left to give, my exhausted friend. But don't thrash yourself over recent troubles and past mistakes. Instead, book a massage and let someone else pummel away the aches and pains. And once you've hauled your way to the sauna, you can then reflect on the 'whys and wherefores' of life.

**Best Day: Friday 17th**



### LEO

(Jul 23 - Aug 23)

This week keeps you on your toes, Leo. Stay calm and in control, and there's precious little you can't manage. The question is: what do you really want? Love plays its dizzy game and you may be happy to surrender to Cupid's coaxing. Perhaps, just when you're ready to be swept off your feet, should said feet stay firmly planted on the ground?

**Best Day: Wednesday 15th**



### LIBRA

(Sep 23 - Oct 23)

They say everything passes, but better times can't happen soon enough. You could do with some light relief. In the meantime, if others are still out to undermine you, the planets provide cosmic carte blanche to regain control. This time you get the upper hand. Life becomes all about independence - and reclaiming your own strength.

**Best Day: Saturday 18th**



### SAGITTARIUS

(Nov 23 - Dec 21)

Love sidles a little closer this week, and it's unlikely to be a tame entanglement. What's more, the attraction should be reciprocated, with no end to the emotions you can mutually explore. The professional pace? Equally active, if a little unstable. Fortunately, few can handle creative challenges better than you.

**Best Day: Sunday 12th**



### CAPRICORN

(Dec 22 - Jan 20)

Expect changes, Capricorn. This applies to both personal and professional matters. The cosmos continues to encourage career development - and you're astute enough to realise that you're being put in a position of power. Love could just as easily flourish alongside work activities, either with a present partner or someone new.

**Best Day: Tuesday 14th**



### AQUARIUS

(Jan 21 - Feb 18)

An extremely busy week means you need to concentrate - a huge ask for most restless Aquarians. The culprit? Your imagination. There's a whole world of possibilities out there, and having to stay tethered to current responsibilities could feel like a prison sentence. Behave, and you may get the occasional day release.

**Best Day: Monday 13th**



### PISCES

(Feb 19 - Mar 20)

Some times are better than others and, sadly, this week could bring emotional warfare. You find yourself in disagreement with others or, perhaps - just sweating the small stuff. If so, consider whether this situation is worth your energy. Conflict often results in no winners or losers; only exhausted people and wasted time. Choose to walk away.

**Best Day: Saturday 18th**



### VIRGO

(Aug 24 - Sep 22)

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: Monday 13th**



### SCORPIO

(Oct 24 - Nov 22)

There's trickery in the air, Scorpio. Not only has someone shifted the blame and dumped you in the mire, you're expected to wade through it as well. But you don't intend to give in to such bullying. Financially, all your hard work comes to fruition. An extra bonus could pour in as well. You may even consider investing in a place to call your own.

**Best Day: Thursday 16th**

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# Uniting Church Pakenham

“Experiencing the love and life of Christ through vibrant and life changing communities and creative partnerships.”

At Sunday's service which was part of Interfaith Harmony Week, conducted by Rev Robert Elkhuisen, the congregation was asked what perfect meant. Answers included flawless, faultless. What is the purpose of this. Seeking an understanding of life. How does God want us to act? In Leviticus Chapter 19 the Lord sets out actions which he does not want us to take. These include not cheating and using all produce but leaving some for the poor,

do not steal or swear falsely, do not defraud your neighbour, do not cheat your employees. Do not cause harm to the blind or deaf. Do not slander your neighbours. Do not hate kin or neighbours nor take vengeance or bear a grudge. Do all of these as God is our Lord.

God also instructed us in Matthew Chapter 5 to turn the other cheek if we are wronged, if someone takes our coat also offer them more clothing and to go the second mile to help other. Love our enemies and our neighbours. Be perfect as God is perfect.

How can we live up to the expectations of

being perfect. There are times when we get angry and don't love people. Do we simply dismiss Jesus' teachings as impossible to attain. The Greek word in the Bible for perfect is teleios but it has different layers of meaning. It can mean someone who has reached full height or understanding (perfect)

Jesus is not expecting us to be flawless but we need to know what God intends for our lives. He is reminding us that our actions should reflect God's - the fullness of divine love. Jesus is not condemning us. He knows the way of love is demanding but we shouldn't

settle for the bare minimum. We need to have an understanding of perfection - God's perfection as stated in Matthew chapter 5. “Be perfect as your heavenly Father is perfect.” When we honour God and are truthful these are the divine purposes. This is the call for us to perfect God's love in our lives.

**To remember:**

- Thursday 9 February 4pm Holy Communion
- Thursday 9 Feb 7.30pm Church Council

“Praise the Lord! Happy are those who fear the Lord, who greatly delight in his commandments.” Psalm Ch 112 V1

## If one has spiritual hope, one has true meaning: Dasa

By Reverend Bhakta Dasa

Every one of us hopes that we will have happiness in our lives.

True happiness is a product of inner fulfillment.

Inner fulfillment is a life without fear.

Though hope helps us to transcend fear, misdirected hope is the cause of all fear and great unhappiness.

On a daily basis we put our hopes in the fallible soldiers of this world.

We put our hopes in our own abilities and the abilities of others.

But what hope is there?

We may try to block this thought out of our minds but, can anything or anyone in this world save us from inevitable death?

The Vedic scriptures repeatedly remind us that we are spiritual beings having a material experience.

We are not these material bodies and we are destined to live eternally in full knowledge



and bliss in the spiritual realm.

The Vedas go on to explain that by the power of time, everything and everyone in this material world is destroyed.

Does that mean that we should be pessimistic and should just wait for the inevitable?

No, not really. Actually, it is hope in the wrong thing which creates fear and unhappiness. Somehow or other, if we get the association of Godly individuals, (in the Hindu tradition it means seeking out a Spiritual master or Guru), he or she, with spiritual wisdom, can re-direct us how to approach the Supreme Lord.

With their guidance, when we call out to God, we gain the fortunate position filled with hope, a hope of eternal happiness.

We all need spiritual hope.

No matter how bad any situation is, if one has spiritual hope, one has true meaning and the spirit of joy contained therein.

Everyone, without exception, eventually comes to a point in life where all “material things” become meaningless.

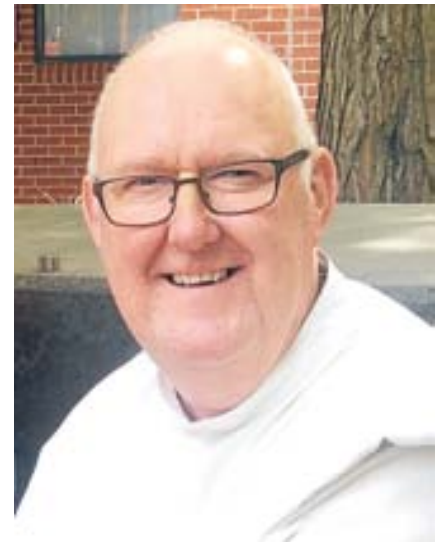
This occurs when faced with loss or death.

But if during our lifetime we cultivate finding hope in the eternal love of God, with all sincerity, we will receive the full gift of God's mercy.

So, before we really learn how to find hope in God, we must realise how everything else is hopeless.

That is not being pessimistic, in fact it is the most optimistic thought.

Reverend Bhakta Dasa is a Hare Krishna Minister Of Religion and chair of the Faith Communities Council Of Victoria.



Reverend Bhakta Dasa.

## NEWS



Researchers from National Field Services have begun seeking community feedback by reaching out to a random selection of Baw Baw residents.

## Have your say on Baw Baw

Households in Baw Baw Shire may soon receive a phone call inviting participation in community satisfaction surveys as part of the Victorian Government's annual program.

Researchers from National Field Services have begun seeking community feedback by reaching out to a random selection of Baw Baw residents.

The program will run until mid-March when 400 valid responses are received.

“Each year, the community satisfaction survey results provide the council with a valuable insight into areas where we are performing positively and where we can look to improve our service delivery for our residents,” mayor councillor Annemarie McCabe said.

“Last year we were pleased to report an increase in our overall performance rating, with our highest performing areas in customer service, art centres and libraries, appearance of

public spaces and waste management.

“We pride ourselves on continuous improvement and look forward to seeing the results as they are released.”

The information gathered will inform a range of performance measures and identify areas of improvement for more effective service delivery.

All resident details and individual responses are strictly anonymous.

Only overall results are shared so the council may gain a better understanding of community satisfaction with its services.

Results from the annual satisfaction survey will be published on the council's website and included in council's annual report.

To see previous results, visit the Community Satisfaction Survey page on the council's website.

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# Embrace in-season vegies

Due to technological advancement it can be argued that people are becoming increasingly out of touch with seasonal vegetables.

It is now common practice for fruit and vegetables to be harvested the previous year and to be imported from other countries, rather than sourced locally in Australia.

In-season produce that is locally sourced and naturally grown is more eco-friendly in comparison to importing or controlled-atmosphere storage and artificial ripening methods.

Out of season vegetables contain less nutrients as they're often picked early to be stored or distributed. Whereas seasonal vegetables are fresher, richer in flavour and have higher nutritional content as they're picked at their peak time.

HelloFresh has put together a guide of in-season fruit and vegetables to help people make better choices when it comes to cooking and eating. Check out recipes involving these vegies at [hellofresh.com.au/recipes](https://hellofresh.com.au/recipes)

## Asparagus

From August to December is the peak time to pick asparagus, but a secondary crop can still be harvested in January or February.

Asparagus is a great source of antioxidants, has beneficial blood pressure-lowering properties and is high in insoluble fibre which may support your digestive system. Asparagus is versatile, it can be steamed, boiled, roasted, grilled and sauted. It is great for pasta or stir-fries.

## Beetroot

Australians consume more beetroot per capita than any other nation in the world. Beetroot is at its peak for harvesting from November until April and is packed with nutrients with little calorie content.

Fibre, protein, copper, potassium, vitamin C and vitamin 46 are just some of the impressive nutritional content that beetroot is made up of. Beetroot may support brain health, support digestive health, and may have several compounds that fight against cancer. They're a great addition to salads, roasted as wedges and can be blended and used in dips.

## Capsicum

Capsicums are rich in vitamin C, B6, B9, E and A, they are also packed with antioxidants which overall are good for eye health and may reduce the risk of cataracts.

Additionally they're packed with iron and can help prevent anaemia and iron deficiency. The best time to harvest them is from August to early January. Capsicum are perfect for adding flavour and depth, they're great for Asian, Mexican and Mediterranean dishes, as well as many fusion style recipes.

## Carrot

Carrots are in season in winter, autumn and summer, making them one of the nation's favourite veg with incredible versatility.

They can be used in soups, stir-fries, cakes and can be roasted, boiled, steamed and eaten raw and that's barely touching the surface. Carrots have been linked to support cholesterol balance and improve heart health. They're packed with beta-carotene which we convert into vitamin A and may help maintain our immune system health.

## Cucumber

The best time to harvest cucumbers is between November and March. They're high in nutrients and low in calories, with magnesium, potassium, and vitamin K, three nutrients that are essential for our cardiovascular system.

They have a high water content and help with hydration which allows many of our body processes to function as normal. Cucumbers can be added to sandwiches, dips, salads and can be used in many creative ways.

## Eggplants

Eggplants are technically a fruit, with summer and autumn months being the most optimal time to pick them.

They are considered to be a nutrient-dense food that are high in antioxidants and may help reduce heart disease and control blood sugar levels. Eggplants may seem harder to use, but they can be great in curries, roasted in pasta and used in stir-fries among various other ways.

## Radish

Radish is best from summer through to au-



Carrots are in season in winter, autumn and summer. Pictures: UNSPLASH



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Asparagus is a great source of antioxidants.

turn, they're packed with calcium, potassium and many other nutrients.

They may support liver function and digestion and are packed with sulforaphane which helps support heart health. Radishes can be roasted, pickled and enjoyed raw in sandwiches or sliced into salads.

## Shallot

Mid-summer is the best time for shallots, they're similar to regular onions but are a more concentrated source of protein, fibre and micronutrients. They have anti-inflammatory properties and may improve heart and bone health. Shallots are versatile, they can be used minced in salad dressing, added to salads raw, roasted, fried or caramelised. They go well with many Asian-style dishes.

## Tomato

Whether you fancy tomatoes on the vine, ox-heart or heirloom tomatoes, Australia has an abundant supply due to recent weather and are arguably at their tastiest this time of year. Tomatoes are one of the most easily accessible in western cultures due to their versatility, they can be used for sauces, soup, curries, eaten raw with salads, fried and countless other ways.

## Watercress

Watercress peaks in the summer, with September to April being the best time to harvest. It is an antioxidant-rich food and is high in many nutrients, especially vitamin K.

Vitamin K plays an essential role in blood coagulation which is needed to heal wounds and may also help maintain general bone health. Watercress is great in salads, soups, sauces and it pairs well with salmon too.

## Zucchini

Spring and summer is the best time to have zucchini and it is at its best from September to March. Zucchini is rich in nutrients, most notably vitamin A, which may help support vision, growth, cell division and may also boost your immune system.

It is also packed with nutrients that may benefit your skin and heart and may reduce the risk of cancer. Zucchini is one of Australia's most loved vegetables as it's versatile and is excellent in pastas, tacos, salads and can be made into a good vegan alternative to noodles.

## Peter Rabbit



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# Turbulent wool, cotton year

International markets for wool and cotton saw much volatility through the course of 2022 – with the lingering impacts of COVID and escalated geopolitical and economic uncertainty affecting the trade – and the year ahead could be equally turbulent, agribusiness banking specialist Rabobank says in a new industry podcast.

Speaking on the podcast, Turbulent 2022 for Cotton and Wool Prices, Rabobank associate analyst Edward McGeoch said local and global extreme weather events have significantly impacted cotton production while Australian wool production is on the rise.

## Year in review – Cotton

There was a lot of fluctuation with cotton prices through 2022, Mr McGeoch said.

“Cotton prices opened well off the back of strong performances in 2021 – kicking off the year with a local price of roughly \$740 per bale. And we saw the price trend up significantly to an 11-year high, with rises of 29 per cent to achieve just under \$1000 per bale,” he said last year.

“Unfortunately, we have seen a steady decline from those high prices, which almost halved during the year, recovering slightly in recent months to sit at approximately \$600 per bale.”

Speaking on the podcast with Rabobank agriculture analyst Dennis Voznesenski, Mr McGeoch said there were a number of factors “playing into” the dramatic cotton price fluctuations seen through 2022.

“Reduced global production being one of the chief drivers of the market volatility. The US cotton crop has been affected by ongoing drought conditions – particularly in Texas, one of the major cotton-producing states.

“Retail sales have also been strong off the back of COVID lockdowns and cotton mills have been very active in the market – driving prices up.

“Global container logistics also played a role in the cotton price fluctuations, with high container rates and uncertainty about delivery times, which led to some over buying and ordering from cotton mills to ensure they had a continuity of supply.”

## Year in review – Wool

Mr McGeoch said Australian wool producers – like cotton growers – had experienced similar volatile market conditions throughout the course of the year.

“The Eastern Market Indicator (EMI) climbed significantly through the first half of 2022 to reach a high of approximately 1474 cent/kg,” he said. “And subsequently we have seen the EMI slide back by roughly 20 per cent from those high prices seen earlier in the year.”

Mr McGeoch said within the various wool micron ranges – there have been significant drops in prices paid for the finer micron wools, with falls between six to 15 per cent since the beginning of the year. “There were slight increases for some mid-micron wools. But the biggest price drops, of up to 30 per cent, have been in the higher micron type wools. Looking at prices across the last 10 years, some of those high-micron wools are at their lowest price for that period,” he said.

Mr Voznesenski said there is a range of factors contributing to the price decline for high-micron wools. “Including when the Chinese



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property market slows down and there is a reduced need for carpeting – a major market for high-micron wool.

“High micron wool is also used in the production of fake-fur, and when there was a downturn in the demand for fake-fur during COVID this affected the market for the courser types of wool,” he said.

Mr McGeoch said falling international consumer confidence in major wool markets, such as China and the US, through 2022 is the major factor behind the downturn in Australian wool prices.

“International retail apparel sales drive the Australian wool market and while there was a strong start to the year, growing international economic uncertainty has seen a negative effect on the sale of wool apparel and hence local prices,” he said.

“Key markets for wool suits – US, Japan and France – have seen reduced product appetite with sales down between 20 and 50 per cent.

“And the long COVID lockdowns in China through the year have affected the country’s wool milling capacity and saw reduced demand for Australian wool.”

## Production outlook - Cotton

Mr McGeoch said there have been recent industry adjustments made to the 2023 production outlook – globally and locally, due to weather events.

“US production was down this year by roughly 3.5 million bales due to drought conditions. And flooding and heatwaves in Pakistan during the year saw a reduction in the nation’s cotton production of approximately 1.5

million bales.”

Looking at the Australian cotton production outlook, Mr McGeoch said, the sector is coming off a very strong 2021/22 season of around 5.75 million bales – a big increase on the previously drought-impacted years.

Australia’s production estimate for 2022/23 was around six million bales, however, the excessive rainfall and flooding in southern Queensland and across cotton-growing areas of New South Wales has put a “serious dint” in the outlook for the 2022/23 production season, he said.

Mr McGeoch said Rabobank is now expecting to see a cotton harvest next year of under five million bales due to the impacts of the wet weather.

## Production outlook – Wool

“Since 2019, we have seen the Australian sheep flock recover in numbers, following years of drought – the increased sheep numbers have subsequently contributed to a lift in wool production,” Mr McGeoch said.

“In 2021, Australian wool production was approximately 294 million kilograms which we saw increase in 2022 to around 324 million kilograms.

“Through the course of this year, there has been a growth in wool production in Queensland and Tasmania – with sheep numbers increasing in Queensland and improved seasons seen in Tasmania.”

## New markets

New export destinations for Australian wool and cotton are opening up in 2023, Mr McGeoch said.

“In October 2020, China imposed a soft-ban on Australian cotton imports, and at the time Australia was sending a significant amount of cotton to that market – around 66 per cent of cotton exports,” he said. “There was then an urgent need to look for alternate markets and now in 2022, we’ve seen Vietnam emerge as a key new market – with the largest growth in demand for Australian cotton – with that nation now importing approximately 38 per cent of Australian cotton exports.”

Australian cotton exports to India have also jumped dramatically with 13 per cent now going to that market – compared with four per cent in 2020, Mr McGeoch said. “And Turkey has also emerged as a new market, taking roughly 10 per cent of Australian cotton exports this year.”

For Australian wool exports, Mr McGeoch said there is still a heavy reliance on the Chinese market – with approximately 80 per cent of the national wool clip going to China.

“We are seeing recent growth of some smaller markets for Australian wool – not to the same extent as in cotton markets – however, India is now accounting for five per cent of Australia’s total wool exports. That is a 40 per cent increase on 2021 exports to the country – which is considerable growth off the back of COVID disruptions.”

Mr Voznesenski said in recent years, Turkey, Vietnam and Indonesia have been purchasing and importing textile spinning and weaving machinery which will further open up these markets for Australian wool and cotton imports.

## Regional Tech Hub launches new book-in phone service

Say goodbye to connectivity frustration in rural, regional, and remote Australia with a new and convenient book-in phone support service from the Regional Tech Hub.

The team is ready to provide free, independent personalised connectivity assistance, answer questions, and provide advice on internet and mobile options, no matter where you live in regional Australia.

The Regional Tech Hub is funded by the Federal Government and operated by the National Farmers’ Federation. The hub recently expanded its services by launching a book-in service, allowing you to schedule a call with the team at a time that suits you best.

Bookings are available Tuesday through Friday from 11am to 4pm (AEDT). To schedule a call, simply visit the website - [region-altechhub.org.au/book-an-appointment](http://region-altechhub.org.au/book-an-appointment) - or Facebook page and click the Book Now link to select a time. A team member will call you at the scheduled time, ready to help with any connectivity issues.

“There’s already a number of ways to connect with us, but this adds another string to our bow by ensuring we are reaching people at a time convenient for them,” Regional Tech Hub manager Jen Medway said.

“We understand the importance of stay-

ing connected and we’re here to help make that happen.”

The new book-in service builds on the Regional Tech Hub’s increased social media presence for troubleshooting issues.

“People want to fix their issues immediately and they want to do it via platforms they are comfortable with,” Ms Medway said.

“We have listened to what people have told us about how they want to connect with us. Our new book-in service and increased social media presence directly responds to that feedback.”

The Regional Tech Hub has helped more

than 10,000 people across Australia with advice on simple connection and installation issues, right through to complex queries on internet or mobile options available at their location.

“The hub is a one-stop-shop for free and independent advice on connectivity solutions, options and escalation issues.

“Our team lives in regional Australia and is passionate about ensuring people have access to fast and reliable internet and mobile services in the bush.”

For more information on the Regional Tech Hub or to book an appointment, please visit [region-altechhub.org.au](http://region-altechhub.org.au)



Overall, the cattle herd in 2023 will grow to its highest level since 2014, reaching 28.8m head, according to a new report.

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# Australia's cattle herd to hit 28.8m

The Australian beef industry and cattle herd are well positioned to capitalise on changing global supply dynamics in 2023.

This year will be a year of transition and maturity for Australia's cattle herd, with any increases in numbers now beyond rebuild status, with all key production metrics forecast to improve this year, according to the latest Cattle Industry Projections update from Meat & Livestock Australia (MLA).

Continued rainfall and favourable seasonal conditions seen last year will ensure that there will be solid supply of both young and slaughter weight cattle over the next two years, regardless of seasonal outcomes.

Southern Australia will continue to drive increases in cattle numbers, particularly New South Wales, with supply improvements also expected from southern Western Australia, South Australia and Victoria to different extents.

In the north, 2022 saw favourable seasonal conditions for large parts of Queensland, driving the beginning of the state's herd rebuild and an improvement in female numbers. Northern Australia's rebuild is expected to gain significant pace this year.

Overall, the cattle herd in 2023 will grow to its highest level since 2014, reaching 28.8m head, an increase of 1.1m or 4.5 per cent year-on-year. According to MLA's senior market information analyst Ripley Atkinson, this growth is underpinned by a few key factors.

"The record retention of females for 15 consecutive months, coupled with above-average marking rates has delivered larger calf drops. This bodes well for supply to increase substantially in 2023 for both young and slaughter-weight cattle," Mr Atkinson said.

"Both of these metrics suggest that the lowest or most significant retention of stock on record occurred for the year. This underpins the positive growth in numbers forecast for the next three years."

By 2025, the national herd is expected to reach its highest level since the 1970s at 29.6m head, before a steady decline. This continued growth is due to strong female reproductive performance, genetic improvements across the herd and sound on farm management.

Input prices and cost of production will be major factors affecting the ability of the sector to remain productive and efficient.

In addition, the availability of skilled and

unskilled workers to manage the increased supply of cattle in 2023 will be the major issue affecting the red meat industry. The processing sector's ability to process cattle will determine production levels and therefore exports in 2023.

MLA's Market Information team have recognised this with a two-scenario forecast for 2023.

"If labour concerns are not addressed within the processing sector, slaughter is forecast to reach 6m head," according to Mr Atkinson.

"Based on actual supply of cattle this year, the forecasts indicate an uptick in numbers to 6.625m head."

2023 will be a year of transition for the cattle industry, according to Mr Atkinson.

"Positive outcomes along the entire supply chain seem likely as the exceptional operating conditions on-farm continue.

"The overall outlook for Australia's beef industry both domestically and internationally is one of optimism and positivity, whilst it continues to deliver high quality beef in larger volumes, this is expected to be a major feature in 2023," Mr Atkinson said.

## Summer hits

There were approximately 900 export and 340 young cattle penned at the Pakenham VLE Saleyards on 6 February, representing an increase of 460 head week-on-week.

There was a larger field of buyers present and operating in a dearer market in places.

Quality was mixed with a lot of weight in the grown and a good selection of trade although a larger proportion of the young cattle were showing the effects of the summer.

Well finished trade cattle sold up to 20c dearer while feeder lots improved up to 30c/kg with several orders back in operation after varying lengths of absence.

Grown steers and bullocks eased slightly.

Heavy Friesian manufacturing steers lifted 5c to 15c while the crossbred portion eased 5c with weight an issue in places.

Cows sold 10c to 20c/kg dearer while heavy bulls lost 10c/kg.

Vealers sold from 340c to 460c/kg.

Yearling trade steers made between 400c and 446c/kg.

Yearling heifers to the trade sold between 355c and 450c/kg.

Grown steers and bullocks made from 358c to 390c/kg.

Heavy grown heifers showing good Finish sold from 332c to 390c/kg.

Heavy Friesian manufacturing steers made between 275c and 315c with the crossbred portion between 300c and 390c/kg.

Most light and medium weight cows sold between 220c and 304c/kg.

Heavy weight cows made mostly from 250c to 332c/kg.

Heavy bulls sold from 250c to 320c/kg.

### 30 January

There were approximately 600 export and 180 young cattle penned on 30 January, representing an increase of 30 head week-on-week.

The usual buying group was present and operating more competitively in a dearer market in places.

Quality declined with a larger proportion of the vealers showing the effects of the summer while prime bullocks were again in short supply.

Well finished trade cattle sold up to 25c/kg dearer.

Heavy grown heifers improved 5c/kg.

Heavy feeder steers over 400kg sold to stronger competition.

Manufacturing steers sold firm.

Heavy beef cows lifted 5c to 12c while dairy lots eased 5c/kg.

Heavy bulls lost 20c/kg.

Vealers sold from 340c to 440c/kg.

Yearling trade steers made between 410c and 450c/kg.

Yearling heifers to the trade sold between 355c and 410c/kg.

Heavy feeder steers made from 375c to 432c/kg.

Heavy Friesian manufacturing steers sold from 267c to 302c with the crossbred portion from 310c to 388c/kg.

Most light and medium weight cows made between 180c and 276c/kg.

Heavy weight cows sold mostly between 230c and 314c/kg.

Heavy bulls made from 265c to 320c/kg.

- MLA market reporter Brendan Fletcher

## Thought bubble would fuel cost of living: NFF

Farmers are calling on Treasurer Jim Chalmers to urgently rule out changes to the Fuel Tax Credits Scheme ahead of the federal budget.

National Farmers Federation (NFF) president Fiona Simson warned that slashing the scheme, as proposed by the Grattan Institute, would be economically disastrous – lighting the fuse on a multi-billion dollar tax bomb that would send a cost of living shockwave down the supply chain.

"Farmers are already battling a cost of farming crisis, with fuel, fertiliser and other inputs at historically high levels. We're seeing this reflected in the food price inflation causing pain for families at the supermarket checkout.

"Levelling billions in new taxes on the supply chain is a recipe for further inflation," Ms Simson said.

The NFF said that as a road tax, it made no sense to extend fuel excise to off-road vehicles.

"Imposing a road tax on vehicles that don't use roads just doesn't stack up. Trac-

tors and boats don't drive on roads, so they shouldn't pay road tax. It's pretty simple.

"Should we also start paying tolls on toll roads we don't drive on?" Ms Simson asked.

Perhaps most alarming of all, the NFF said, the Grattan Institute report released claims that by increasing the cost of diesel for farmers, they will simply use less or switch to alternatives – lowering Australia's greenhouse gas emissions.

"The Albanese Government has a climate policy. It took a considered plan to the election to ensure Australia meets its climate targets," Ms Simson said.

"The idea that we start levelling ad-hoc taxes on emissions sources is incredibly reckless.

"It shows us this proposal is driven by ideology, with no regard for economic or practical realities."

### No substitute for diesel

Ms Simson said that there is currently no viable alternative to diesel when it comes to growing and transporting food and fibre.

"Alternate fuels or even small electric

tractors are still years from commercial viability," Ms Simson warned.

"The idea that we'll simply switch away from diesel is a dangerous fantasy. The only way to use less diesel is to grow less food.

"The report released by the Grattan institute glosses over this inconvenient truth, instead pointing to future technologies not available at commercial scale.

"We have no idea what these might cost, so the cost of living impacts modelled by Grattan are clearly undercooked. We have no idea what this dangerous proposal would cost Aussie households in the long run."

The NFF said its advocacy on this issue would intensify in the lead up to the budget.

"We'll be reaching out to all politicians on this issue as the budget draws closer to ensure the risks of this proposal are fully understood. No politician who understands farming or basic economics could say this is the right thing to do.

"The Treasurer would be wise to rule this out today and give certainty to rural industries," Ms Simson concluded.

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# 70 years in Pakenham

From hardship during war efforts to endless opportunities, the Knaap family story is one for the ages. Journalist **TANYA FAULKNER** sat down with Marlene and Roel, and Frances and Hank, to hear the stories of their journey to Pakenham and how they've grown into a well-established family in our town.



**T**heir history is a story that will live on for generations, starting in 1940 when Germany invaded the Netherlands during WWII. The Knaaps owned a market garden in their home town of Halfweg which they used to provide fresh produce to the Dutch during WWII.

Hank Knaap, who was just a child at the time, said it was illegal to sell produce to the Dutch, because the Germans were also starving themselves too.

"So Pop (Jope 'Jim' Knaap) would just give people fruit and vegies, and they would hide it under their clothes to get it home," he said.

It was a hard time for the family during the war efforts, and so the Knaap family sold their market garden, using almost all of the proceeds to pay for the journey to Australia, to ensure a better life for their 12 children.

The Knaap family was held in such high regard following Jope's war efforts, that the entire township of Halfweg and surroundings came out to bid them farewell.

Marlene Knaap, who married Roel Knaap in 1964, said they were the largest family on the ship when they came out to Australia, making the crossing with their 12 children.



Still calling Pakenham home, from left, Roel Knaap, Hank Knaap, Marlene Knaap and Frances Knaap.

**“Pop would just give people fruit and vegies, and they would hide it under their clothes to get it home.”**

She said the ship had segregated sleeping quarters, with the men on one side and women on the other.

"It made things difficult for Jope to keep an eye on all of the children, while his wife Rik coped with the youngest child Marty (who turned one crossing the equator), washing clothes and nappies in the cabin's small sink

on the journey," she said.

"When they arrived in Melbourne, The Age was there to take their picture, but the children were scattered all over the ship. The original photo taken only had five or six of the family that migrated over."

They were thankful that the Shelton brothers, who sponsored them to move to Australia,

lia, were there with a canvas covered truck to transport the family to the "wilds" of Pakenham Upper and support them in their new lives.

"At the time, three of us boys were put to work in the orchard, while three of the girls helped with packing produce in the shed ready for exports to the UK. It was a win-win situation for everyone," Roel said.

"We never had an education at home, because the Germans had taken over the schools, so we were put to work from the age of 13 and that was that."

The family settled with the Shelton brothers for a time as they began their new Australian lives. All of the children attended St Patrick's school (which continued to educate the Knaap family line for a further 60 years) and they established themselves as Pakenham residents in what used to be a small country town.

Marlene was also heavily involved in the school, working at St Patrick's for 27 years, as other family members carried out their schooling there.

Marlene said the family was always very religious, and attended church regularly at St Patricks.

Roel added that the church was always overflowing with people when they would arrive.

"We used to get a ride to church on the back tray of a truck, and the church was always full of people," Roel said.

Over time the family paved their way in Pakenham, with all of the children that migrated over marrying Australians, and building their own families in the area.



Pakenham Hall played host to more than 100 members of the wider Knaap family in November.



The two oldest siblings - Leny, 89, on the left and Tina, 90, on the right.



Knaap family history lives on in the pages of these photo books.



The Knaap family would ride to church on the back of a truck every Sunday.

The family were well involved in footy, tennis and the Pakenham Racing Club - where Frances Knaap spent more than 20 years as secretary and assistant secretary, was the first female elected to a racing club, served on the Pakenham Picnic Racing Club, Pakenham Show Society and on P.B. Ronald Trust Board. She was awarded Life Membership of the club on retirement.

When asked how she met husband Roel, Marlene reminisced on a time that was quite different to what we know today.

"When I met Roel, I borrowed his football boots for a women's footy game, and we used to have Saturday dances at the old Pakenham Hall every week where I met the family properly," she said.

"Back then during the 'last dance' the man would tap the woman on the shoulder that he wanted to dance with, and ask to take them home. Roel tapped my shoulder, and the rest is history."

The couple have now been married for 59 years.

At the time of their arrival to Pakenham, Marlene said it was a small, tight-knit community.

"We could walk down the street and know almost everyone we saw. Since then we have found that we know less people, but we still love the area," she said.

Seventy years since the arrival of the original Knaap family, Pakenham Hall played host to one of the largest family reunions in the area - with more than 100 family members of all ages coming together to connect and celebrate their family heritage. For some of the family, it was a chance to meet relatives for the first time, and discover more about their history.

Marlene said they also held a 50th reunion, which was much smaller than what the 70th reunion event turned out to be.

Frances Knaap (married to Hank Knaap) said the idea came about during a family discussion of their impending 70th anniversary.

"We created a Facebook event and had a large response from the family," she said.

During the past 70 years, the Knaap family has increased to 210 descendants from four generations. Nine of the 12 children, who arrived in 1952 are still enjoying life in Pakenham with the oldest member, Tina Stubbings recently celebrating her 90th birthday.

While Pakenham isn't what it used to be in 1952, the family are proud to call Pakenham their home.



Truus, Rita, Hank, Roel, Marty, Nicky and John at the reunion. Eldest sister Tina is in the Hillview Nursing Home in Bunyip and next oldest sister, Leny, is in a home in Noosaville, Queensland.



A family photo taken just prior to sailing to Australia.

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# Brent born to broadcast

By Jonty Ralphsmith

Nerves, anxiety and confidence are the cocktail of emotions Casey Radio caller Brent Sternberg feels in the lead-up to games.

The first two ingredients are inexorable when doing something as passionately as Sternberg does; the third comes later, just before he goes on-air and is borne out of his well-researched preparation.

Sternberg estimates he spends on average, a couple of hours per weekday preparing, researching, equipping himself with knowledge.

In his toolkit, Sternberg has spreadsheets on the clubs he commentates, with statistics and other quirky information about them that will enhance the broadcast.

As is the way with most things, though, the glamour of calling in the big leagues such as the AFL is not mirrored at the lower semi-professional level.

Statistics and player-specific information in the VFL, which Sternberg calls for Casey Radio, and NPL (soccer), is far less available given the reduced media attention each league gets.

It means lots of blue-collar work communicating with often unresponsive clubs, to get every scrap of information and follow up on news.

The weekly reward for all that research is the exhilaration of commentary.

The grander prize was an AFL Victoria rising star award for his 2022 work.

The highlights of the year were calling grand finals in the VFLW and VFL as well as getting exposure to calling the more professional AFLW.

Sternberg found out about the honour when his housemate put it in his group chat.



Casey Radio's Brent Sternberg won the AFL Vic Rising Star Award. 318591 Picture: SUPPLIED

While it was pleasant recognition, Sternberg doesn't necessarily see it as a breakthrough year as it was the ambitious 29-year-old's first full season of commentary.

The 2019 season was truncated by a live transplant, the third he received in his life through no fault of his own, before the Covid-19 interrupted years.

"Because on radio you have to describe the action people can't see, you have more of a free rein, therefore the radio calls often sound bet-

ter and a lot more passionate," Sternberg said.

"That's why I would love radio commentary. "Everyone gets this idea that people who chase this thing want to be the lead caller on Channel Seven, that's not me necessarily.

"The moment I start calling for a commercial station on radio, I've made it."

Peter Drury is the name Sternberg puts forward when asked about his favourite commentator.

He jokes that listening to Drury's eloquence and passion is a reminder of how much he still has to improve, but the Holmesglen Sports Media graduate has slowly seen his own improvement.

An industry where criticism and abuse can come hot and quick from the armchair experts, it's one where valuable feedback is seldom received so Sternberg listens back to all his games.

"I've gotten better at tangible things like player (identification) - which just come from calling in the league for longer - and being able to think of questions to ask co-commentators to elicit information out of them," he said.

"And just concentrating - you're there to call the games and describe the action, you can't forget things, if a player misses up one end and goes up the other end and kicks a goal, you have to talk about what a turnaround it is.

"I also listen to the tone of my voice in certain parts of the game and what sounds good and what sounds (bad), and if there's something that doesn't sound good then I'll think 'whenever I say that word again or that vowel or a similar syllable, I don't want to use my voice like that'.

"You have to come to terms with the fact

you might screw up in a two-hour broadcast, you just can't screw up in a big moment.

"I think I'm lucky because I've grown up watching so much footy - I turn 30 (soon) and at the risk of sounding arrogant, I don't think there would be too many people my age, even in Melbourne, the footy hotpot, who have watched more footy than me in their life.

"I feel like I have a lot of instinctive ability to say something at a moment in a game because I understand that something is happening or momentum is changing."

As well as commentary, Sternberg also hosts his own NFL show called 'Talkin' American Footy' on Sunday nights for Casey Radio, giving him an insight into producing his own shows.

"The best thing about (Casey Radio) is they know you are there to cut your teeth and hone your skills and one day hopefully call somewhere else which is what I hope happens, and they don't hold that against people," Sternberg said.

"Casey Radio has supported me and helped me get better, so hopefully a door opens for me but I am appreciative they thought I was good enough for them and given me this opportunity."

Meanwhile, Pakenham Gazette also received recognition.

The weekly football liftout won 'outstanding community-football focussed publication' and the 'Volunteer of the Week' segment was highly commended in the 'outstanding column' category.

Editor Dave Nagel's report about Tooradin's drought-breaking premierships was highly commended in the 'outstanding feature story' category.

## Officer young guns test their terrific talents abroad

By Marcus Uhe

While Melbournians sweltered through the heat of summer, two of Officer's brightest young football talents were testing their Gaelic football skills in the grips of a Northern Hemisphere winter.

McKenna O'Reilly and Kayla Dagleish, from Officer Junior Football Club and the Dandenong Stingrays Coates Talent League side, were part of a 39-player squad to visit the United Kingdom in late December and January with the Wanderers Australia travel group, playing in exhibition games of Gaelic and Australian football against local sides.

They played five games in total, testing their skills with a round ball and in bitterly cold conditions, and making life-long friends along the way, having been paired with an opponent and spending the night at their homes after games.

Both admitted that they were unfamiliar with playing the Gaelic game, but for O'Reilly, there was a sense of pride in playing with the round ball.

"I had never played Gaelic before but I am Irish and my grandad did play Gaelic, so he was quite happy that I was going over and playing," she said.

"I think it was much easier to adapt to the round ball compared to the oval ball.

"I think it was the ball-drop, from an AFL ball it's different and so much more precise, with a Gaelic ball you can kind of hit it down and you'll be okay.

"The hardest thing would have been 'soloing', a lot of the Aussie girls couldn't quite get that one and seeing the Irish girls go at full pace with that, was pretty impressive."

A 'solo' is where a player kicks the ball to themselves on the run, and must be completed after every four steps.

Alternatively, the player can bounce the ball instead of performing the solo.

Dagleish concurred with her teammate, and added that the difference in physicality took some adjusting.

"I think it would have been a lot harder for them to adjust to our ball, that would



Kayla Dagleish and McKenna O'Reilly on their Irish adventure. 318683

have been much harder, but our kicks half the time were going out on the full," she said.

"It was so difficult because you can't touch them. You can't 'bear-hug', nothing, it's like basketball on the field.

"You only have a slap at the ball and if you touch their hand, it's a free-kick. All us girls found that very hard."

With kicking being only a minor component of the Irish game in comparison to Aussie rules, the dashing flankers relished in the ability to run and carry the ball.

For O'Reilly, she said the speed of ball-movement by hand will be something she will look to implement to her game at Coates League level.

"Definitely the quick hands because in



The girls took pride in their growing guernsey collection, swapping with teammates and opponents throughout the trip. 318683

Gaelic, kicking is not a very good option," she said.

"You're better-off running in a group of three or four and getting quick hands, and weaving it quickly.

"It's more of a running game and there's less kicking, the only time you really kick is when you go for goal."

Weather conditions also proved difficult for O'Reilly, who fell victim to the rain and wind in one contest.

"In our fourth game, I genuinely got brain-freeze because of how cold it was," she said.

"You could choose to wear gloves but the rain comes from the side and it stings you in the eyes because it was so cold."

While both girls enjoyed the experiences on the field, the travelling component and

mingling with their opponents after games proved to be a highlight.

"All the friends I made were the main (highlights)," Dagleish said.

"Seeing the different architecture and the way people do things is so different over there and getting the experience of how everyone is so different.

"After the game we would meet up with them (their host partner), go back to their house and drop our bags, then come back to the club rooms and all have a dinner.

"Sometimes they showed us some Irish dancing, and music and one time they taught us hurling, so we learnt a lot of different stuff."

The Officer girls' Coates League season begins in mid-March.

# Hennessy a hit at Hillside

By David Nagel

Pakenham trainer Peter Moody appears to have an exciting prospect on his hands after Hennessy Lad made it three wins from five career starts at Sandown Hillside on Saturday.

The three-year-old gelding started a \$2.50 favourite in the \$150,000 Robert Hunter Handicap (1800m), and used every inch of the Sandown straight to wear down the free-wheeling Gai Waterhouse-Adrian Bott-trained Acosta.

Hennessy Lad gave up a huge start, before continuing a great start to 2023 for popular owner-syndicator Wylie Dalziel.

"It goes in waves doesn't it, we'll enjoy it (the luck) while it's there, and we've had a couple of unlucky runners in between," Dalziel explained post-race.

"We work hard, it's a dream, but not an overnight success, we've been at it for a while and it's great.

"This is a horse we bought in New Zealand for only \$80,000.

"He's really repaid us and the owners that follow us with these New Zealand horses, they've jumped in and having a great time."

Dalziel said Hennessy Lad had put behind him any concerns surrounding his staying ability and prospects of stepping up in grade.

"That was the query, even though he didn't get out last start - and it looked like he should have won the race - you never know until you stretch them out and today, he's done it beautifully," he said.

"Obviously he runs 1800 nicely, and it looks like he'll get over 2000, 24.

"So maybe a nicer race down the track beckons."

Hefel was almost content with a second-place finish as she looked up as the field turned for home.

"I saw I had a bit to do, and I did think at one stage I was going to run a nice second, but



Hennessy Lad gobbles up Acosta in the shadows of the post to win impressively at Sandown on Saturday. 318291  
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Gun-jockey Mark Zahra pokes through on the inside aboard Glory Daze to give Ciaran Maher and David Eustace a winning double. 318291



Ben Melham pilots the James Cummings' trained two-year-old Zulfiqar to victory in the Group-3 Chairman's Stakes. 318291

then he went through his gears and I knew he was going to get there," Hefel said.

The powerful Cranbourne training partnership of Ciaran Maher and David Eustace waited until the last two races on the card to claim training honours at Sandown on Saturday.

On a day when two Group-3s went up for grabs, the Maher-Eustace camp had three placings earlier in the program before Right You Are produced a dominant display in the \$150,000 BenchMark-100 Handicap (1800m).

Piloted expertly by in-form jockey Ethan Brown, Right You Are exploded away in the straight to win running away by four lengths, with Beltoro (\$6) and red-hot race-favourite Detonator Jack (\$1.65) left in his wake.

The Maher-Eustace stable then made the short trip back to Cranbourne even more en-

joyable, after their Irish-import Glory Daze was given a peach of a ride by Mark Zahra to score in the last race on the card.

Zahra settled well back on the inside during the race, before finding galloping room late to kick clear on the rails.

Glory Daze, who ran second in the Group-3 Irish Derby as a three-year-old, is a four-year-old horse out of Cotai Glory/Pioneer Alexander.

His win at Sandown on Saturday was just his second Australian start, after running a close-up fifth at Warrnambool on 8 January.

Eustace was thrilled with the win post-race, with Glory Daze having to overcome a sticky inside gate to get the job done.

"It was obviously a little bit of an awkward spot, but we knew he would be in that (prediction) from the draw, but Sandown is a lovely

big track so we felt the gaps could open, and if they did, he'd be able to take it," Eustace said.

The two Group-3 victories on the program went to the James Cummings-trained Zulfiqar, who took out the \$200,000 Chairman's Stakes (1000m) for two-year-olds, and to Wrote To Arataki, trained by Matthew Williams and ridden by Jamie Kah to take out the \$200,000 Geoffrey Bellmaine Stakes (1300m).

Racing returns to Sandown this Saturday 11 February for a high-quality card of racing.

Highlighting the program will be the Group-1 CF Orr Stakes, with three Group-2 and Group-3 races providing a stellar support cast.

Preludes for the Blue Diamond Stakes will be run, while the group-2 Rubiton Stakes (1100m) will attract a high-class field of sprinters.

## SPORTS QUIZ

- The Philadelphia Eagles will play which team in the upcoming Super Bowl LVII?
- What venue hosted the 2022-23 Men's Big Bash League final?
- Team Kinky is the nickname of a duo who play which sport?
- How many Grand Slam singles titles has Novak Djokovic won?
- The invitational 2023 Cup of Nations women's soccer tournament features which Caribbean-based team?
- Adelaide United star Juande is from which country?
- The traditional AFL fixture played on Easter Monday features which two teams?
- How many teams will compete in the 2023 Super Netball season?
- Who is the current coach of the Socceroos?
- AFL player Izak Rankine will play for which team in 2023?
- Which Australian cricketer won the 2023 Allan Border Medal?
- Which Australian cricketer won the 2023 Belinda Clark Award?
- Terry Bollea is the real name of which well-known, now retired American professional wrestler?
- Which billionaire was in attendance at the 2023 Australian Open Final?
- Which Belarusian professional tennis player won the 2023 Australian Open women's singles title?
- Australian Open women's doubles winners Barbora Krejčíková, and Katerina Siniaková hail from which Central European country?
- Which Australian duo won the 2023 Australian Open men's doubles title?
- Australian Open mixed doubles winners Luisa Stefani, and Rafael Matos hail from which South American country?
- Jason Gilbee is a rookie-listed player at which NSW-based AFL club?
- Which two NFL teams have won the most Super Bowl titles?
- Which cycling race earns the winner an Ochre Jersey, for the fastest combined time at the end of each stage?
- Which F1 track is universally known as 'The Temple of Speed'?
- And where is the track located?



Dwayne Johnson



Novak Djokovic

- Former child actor Frankie Muniz is exploring a career in which sport?
- Geoff Walsh recently announced his departure as general manager of football from which AFL club?
- English TV and radio presenter Maya Jama was at one time engaged to be married to which Australian NBA player?
- True or false: the International Olympic Committee considers chess to be a sport?
- Dwayne 'The Rock' Johnson stars as a retired NFL player in which comedy/drama series?
- Which NBL athlete received backlash online for venting his frustrations with paper straws, pleading for the return of plastic?
- Which Richmond star recently had his car stolen at a petrol station?

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# Let's Talk Sport

WITH DAVE NAGEL, JONTY RALPHSMITH AND MARCUS UHE



## Marcus, Mitch and Medals

**DAVE:** Hi boys, it's great to be back for our second season of Let's Talk Sport, we're all refreshed and ready to get stuck into it. A fair bit has happened since we last put ink to paper, with Tyler Lewis leaving us and being replaced by a very special talent in Marcus Uhe. Welcome to the team mate, tell us a bit about yourself?

**MARCUS**

**MARCUS:** Thanks Dave, first time contributor, long time reader, and it's an honour to be joining the highly-esteemed award winning sports team at the Pakenham Gazette.

**DAVE:** There's a segue if I've ever heard one.

**MARCUS:** I guess I'll lay my sporting credentials on the line straight away. The highlight of my sporting career would probably have to be my match-winning performance with both bat and ball in my grade six cricket grand final. We batted first; it didn't go well, before I ran three byes off the last ball to sneak us up to 71. I took three wickets with the ball and we ended up winning by two runs. I guess you could say I hit the winning runs.

**DAVE:** Well those byes sounded very important by the sound of it.

**MARCUS:** Exactly right. I bring to the team six 5-a-side soccer premierships. I dislocated my thumb in one grand final while goal-keeping, which was a pretty heroic effort if I must say so myself, but we managed to hold on, and our second-most recent premiership we won in golden-goal extra-time. I saved a penalty in the second half which I think changed the momentum...but who am I to say. And I've won a best and fairest in the thirds in year-11 in school footy.

**DAVE:** Jonty, what do you think mate...has he got what it takes?

**JONTY:** He brings a lot more from a pure playing side of things than I did when I was inducted this way Dave, but I think that's more of an indictment on my sporting ability than it says anything about his.

**DAVE:** Laughs.

**MARCUS:** I don't know how to take that Jonty, but I'll take it as a compliment.

**DAVE:** Jonty, while we've got this little back-slapping exercise going on here, we had a little success of our own before Christmas didn't we.

**JONTY:** Yes we did, one of segments, Volunteer of the Week, came second in the Best Column category at the AFL Victoria Media Awards, which was great, because it gave us the chance to shine the light on people that fly under the radar at football and netball clubs. That was nice recognition, and Dave, one of your stories about Tooradin-Dalmore winning their premiership also came second in the Outstanding Feature Story category. Tell us about that one?

**DAVE:** Mate, anyone could have written that story, the drought had been brewing for 25 years and there were so many elements to the victory. Joy, despair, that club has had it all for a quarter of a century, and my story just spoke of how the fabric of the club had been built and how it was never going to be pulled apart on grand final day. But, more importantly, from a team point of view, we took out the best coverage for a Football Focussed Publication at the awards. That was pretty exciting.

**JONTY:** Yeah it was; Lachie and Tyler were in the seat before I joined the team so it was a good nod to all involved. But the way I look at it, we need to send a very big thankyou to all the coaches and players that help us out when we can't get to games.

**MARCUS:** I've only just joined the team Jonty, but I think you've left out a couple of key contributors. Do Stewart Chambers and Rob Carew get a mention on your list? The two best photographers in the business...and only 25 years of service from Stew, that's not too bad!

**JONTY:** Good point (highly embarrassed).

**DAVE:** Boys, let's take a pat on the back but let's get into the real stuff, let's get into the current state of play in cricket. Marcus, after a short time to acclimatise, how does the DDCA Turf 1



New-boy Marcus thinks Narre South star Jeevan Mendis is a key contender for this year's Wookey Medal. 315377

Picture: ROB CAREW

competition look right now?

**STATE OF PLAY**

**MARCUS:** There's a significant gap between the top three or four and the bottom four, and leading the way is Springvale South. They've gone undefeated, they've got the best top-end quality in guys like Ryan Quirk, who is leading the run-scorers, and they've got a really experienced bowling attack. Blade Baxter bowling his left-arm seamers, Jarryd Straker left-arm orthodox, Jordy Wyatt in the middle order, they just seem to have all bases covered. It's an easy option to pick a team on top of the ladder, going for back-to-back premierships...maybe I need to pull the splinters out of my arse there, but it's hard to argue for anyone else.

**DAVE:** Who plays off with them?

**MARCUS:** I'm going to give Buckley (Ridges) the slight edge as second favourite. They play Springy South this week so we'll probably find out more about both teams, assuming we get on the park.

**DAVE:** It was great to see Mitch Forsyth get his first ton last week as well.

**MARCUS:** We nearly had his brother Brett make a hundred for Dandenong on the weekend as well, but he shouldered arms to Fawad Ahmed on 97 and that was the end of that.

**DAVE:** What about you young man, Jonty, let's start with Turf 2.

**JONTY:** Turf 2 is a lot more even than Turf 3, and I think the obvious one is Beaconsfield, they've been the ladder leaders throughout the season and they've got that ultra-sturdy opening partnership of Mark Cooper and Tyler Clark. I suppose the only concern from the Tigers point of view would be if Cooper and Clark get knocked over early in a final, do they have the batting depth to get them to a competitive score in the middle order. No-one can be sure about that because they've been dominant at the top of the order. One player they do have that hasn't had much opportunity is Lachie Ramage; he's got a good technique and could play the role if they're two for not many in a final. I've got them as favourites ahead of HSD, with Cranbourne as the wildcard if it can sneak in over the last three weeks of the season. The Sweeney brothers are peaking at the right time so they could be dangerous.

**DAVE:** And Turf 3...is it as obvious as it ap-

pears on paper?

**JONTY:** There's one team to beat and that's Dandenong West. They're undefeated; four games clear of Coomoora and Springvale in second and third. Dandy West is clear favourites and will have all the pressure on them in March. It's really a matter of who is going to face Nuwan Kulasekara and Anthony Brannan in the grand final. It will certainly be one of Coomoora and Springvale I think, with a slight leaning to Springy. What about CCCA Dave?

**DAVE:** Pakenham has had a fantastic year, been on top all season, but the biggest question mark over them has been the over-reliance on their top-order, similar to Beacy. It was always going to be a challenge for them when they eventually struggled at the top of the order, and that came home to roost on the weekend. They were three for not many, Jason Williams and Rob Elston tried to lift them via a 40-odd partnership, but then that under-exposed mid-to-lower order failed badly. That's the big worry for Pakky, Dale Tormey and Chris Smith are two of the best players in the comp, but if they fail they could be in a bit of trouble. On the other hand, Tooradin are the reigning champs and appear to have the depth to overcome any obstacles that might get thrown their way. They bat deep, have plenty of bowling options and it's hard to see them not playing off. I'd have them short-priced favourites ahead of Pakenham, with Kooweerup next best.

**LEAGUE MEDALS**

**DAVE:** Boys, in the next few weeks all votes will be locked away for the respective league medals, I want to know who wins these individual awards. Marcus...Turf 1 mate, who has the Wookey hanging over their neck?

**MARCUS:** This bloke is starting on the back foot, because he did miss some early fixtures, but former Sri Lankan international Jeevan Mendis has been running riot for Narre South. He's made 308 runs at 44 and taken 18 wickets at 13.5 from his seven games this year. You speak to guys on the sidelines, with your phone in your hand, and all they want to know is "What's Jeevan doing?" There's a bit of a fear factor; he took 4/33 and made 63 against Springy South, and nearly won the game off his own bat. But he has missed a few games,

and Ryan Quirk has had a great season at the top for the Bloods. There are a few all-rounders from Buckley that will also be in the mix.

**DAVE:** Jonty...Turf 2?

**JONTY:** For me it will come to two players, Tyler Clark (Beaconsfield) and Pete Sweeney (Cranbourne). Clark just doesn't miss out, he's got a century, three half centuries and four other 40s. And Sweeney, he's the leading wicket-taker, with his left-arm orthodox, and he's always bowling his 12 overs. He got a 97 not out in his last game and appears to be hitting form with the bat at the right time.

**DAVE:** And is it a one-horse race in in Turf 3?

**JONTY:** Yep. Nuwan Kulasekara took 5/3 on the weekend and that just added to a very long list of achievements this season. He's done it with bat and ball and is a clear stand-out. If there is to be an upset, Nuwan Mendis could be the man, but you can inscribe the name Nuwan Kulasekara on the medal right now.

**DAVE:** Good call Jonty, not sitting on the fence like Marcus did earlier. In Casey Cardinia, I think Dale Tormey from Pakenham is the favourite to receive his second Terry Stephenson Medal. He's been terrific, but not as dominant as previous seasons with the bat, but it's his all-round performances this year that I think will set him apart. Josh Lownds from Tooradin has had a great year, opening the batting left-handed and bowling darts off a couple of steps with his right, but he took five wickets and made a century in one game...and you can only get three votes for that. He's been equally as effective as Tormey, but the Pakky skipper has spread his load more evenly. Luke McMaster from Kooweerup, he took 6/12 on the weekend and made 193 earlier in the season...when he performs he gets three votes. They're my three at this stage with Perry and Karunanayake from Carlisle Park making a charge.

**JONTY:** Dave, you had a crack at the new guy for sitting on the fence, and you've just brought in half of the competition.

**DAVE:** Jonty, you're lucky you're working from home today mate, because that comment could have caused some issues.

Well done boys, we started talking about ourselves but got the job done in the end.

We'll talk sport again next week!

# Steady stream of success

By David Nagel

The trophy cabinet at Gunton Oval continues to fill at a rapid rate after Cardinia (7/161) made it back-to-back Kookaburra Cup wins in the Casey Cardinia Cricket Association T20 finals at Pakenham on Sunday.

The Bulls have now claimed three of the last four pieces of silverware on offer after a clinical display with both bat and ball against Kooweerup (7/124).

The Bulls won the 2020/21 Premier Division title, and have now backed up that victory with dual Kookaburra Cup crowns.

The only title to elude the Bulls over the last two years was the 2021/22 Premier Division - a title they defended bravely in the grand final before going down to Tooradin.

Sunday's victory was set up in the early stages of the contest, with Alex Nooy (72) and Morteza Ali (26) putting on 76 for the first wicket.

Nooy began the carnage in the second over, with the classy left-hander pouncing on a short ball from Adam McMaster and pulling it for six.

The bright start continued in the fourth over, with Nooy cutting and pulling nicely to take 17 off McMaster's second over.

The Bulls were 0/46 off four...momentum had been gained.

Nooy added eight fours to his brilliant six off McMaster in just his second half century for the season.

The busy opener has been down in form, but Sunday's 72, backing up a 51 not out in the semi-final against Clyde, should build some confidence as the Bulls fight for a place in the regular-season top-four.

Kooweerup refused to take pace off the ball early, and suffered, and it wasn't until off-spinner Steven Dillon (2/18 off 4) was introduced that they began to fight their way back into the contest.

Kooweerup fought back hard, with the Bulls taking only a slight edge into the second innings of the match.

The Bulls struck a key blow early however, with Chris Bright (0) being bowled by Travis Campbell (2/18 off 4) for a second-ball globe in the first over of the Demons' run-chase.

Luke McMaster (49) threatened, as did Mitch Davey (20) and Gamini Kumara (15) but the Demons were always behind the eight-ball.

Off-spinner Travis Wheller (2/13 off 4) had

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Cardinia claimed back-to-back CCCA Kookaburra Cup titles with a convincing victory over Kooweerup. 318594 Pictures: DAVID NAGEL



Alex Nooy returned to form with a bang on Sunday, making 72 to earn man-of-the-match honours in the Kookaburra Cup grand final. 318594

the ball on a string, as did veteran opener Dean Henwood (2/24 off 4) as the Bulls cruised their way to a well-deserved 37-run victory.

Stand-in skipper Nathan Volpe thoroughly enjoyed the victory, but quickly turned his attention to the regular season.

"We pride ourselves on our twenty twenties, it's a game we really adapt well to, and we got an excellent start, we just need to transition this into our Saturday cricket now," Volpe said after the match.

"It's great to go back-to-back in this format, but the focus now turns to Saturday."

Volpe was effusive in his praise of Nooy, who claimed grand final man-of-the-match honours for the second consecutive season.

He made 57 not out in a successful run-

chase against Tooradin last year.

"He's a dead-set star, he works his butt off, he's the heart and soul of the club, and you can always rely on him," Volpe said.

"He's had a pretty average season by his standards, but we always back him in to deliver on the big stage.

"We pride ourselves on getting off to a good start with the bat, making the most of those overs with the field in, and he and Morteza maximised those overs and that set us up."

With 161 on the board, Volpe was confident the Bulls could defend.

"With the ball, we do it week in week out, we work really, really hard on that at training and that's the thing we hang our hats on," he said.

"It's all about executing with the ball.

"We've got a bloke like Dean Henwood, who likes to let us all know he's getting old and wily; this format is a young man's game and for him to come out and bowl the way he does has been outstanding...he's led from the front this season.

"The spinners bowled beautifully as well, it's all about building dot balls and pressure and the rest takes care of itself."

In the 11am District Division final, a sparkling 76 off just 36 balls from Satnam Singh guided Cranbourne Meadows (1/108) to a nine-wicket victory over Lang Lang (6/105).

Singh crunched five fours and seven incredible sixes - with 62 of his runs coming in boundaries - to earn man-of-the-match honours.

# Rollicking Rebel smashes shell-shocked Swampies for six

By David Nagel

A powerhouse innings from marquee-player Satnam Singh has propelled Cranbourne Meadows to the inaugural Casey Cardinia Cricket Association (CCCA) District Division T20 title at Pakenham on Sunday.

Singh, who plays his regular-season cricket for Mitcham in the Box Hill Reporter league, smashed 76 off 36 pulsating balls to lead the Rebels (1/108) to a comfortable run-chase victory over Lang Lang (6/105).

The Rebels set up their victory with the ball, restricting the Swamp Tigers to just over five runs per over, with Pargat Singh (2/14 off 2) taking bowling honours and Rajeev Dhankar (1/18 off 4), Amreek Mann (1/20 off 4) and Mandhiraj Singh (1/23 off 4) keeping things tight and contained.

Shamil Samarasinghe (34 off 35) top scored for the Tigers, with Alex Giacco (18 not out off 22) and Theekshana Hettiarachchi (17 off 17) doing their best to lift their team to a winning score.

But any hopes of a Lang Lang victory were quickly squashed, with Satnam Singh crunching five fours and seven incredible sixes - with 62 of his runs coming in boundaries.

Rohit Sharma (23 off 22) and Amarpreet Singh (4 not out off 6) had the best seats in the house as the Rebels cruised to victory with nine wickets and 55 balls in hand.

The Rebels were defeated by Lang Lang in round one of the competition, before bouncing back hard against NNG/Maryknoll and

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Cranbourne Meadows celebrate their big win in the CCCA District Division T20 Final at Pakenham on Sunday. 318594 Pictures: DAVID NAGEL



Man of the Match Satnam Singh smashed 76 off just 36 balls for Cranbourne Meadows. 318594

Devon Meadows to qualify for the semi-finals.

The Rebels proved too good for Upper Beaconsfield on Tuesday night prior to the final, before Sunday's crushing win.

Satnam Singh has made one century and four half centuries playing for Mitcham,

making 531 runs at the impressive average of 53.10 this season.

Sunday's final between the Rebels and Swamp Tigers kicked off at 11am, and was the precursor to the elite-level CCCA Premier Division final between Cardinia (7/161) and Kooweerup (7/124).

The Bulls, led brilliantly by man of the match Alex Nooy (72) and some discipline bowling performances from Travis Wheller (2/13 off 4), Travis Campbell (2/18 off 4) and Dean Henwood (2/24 off 4) proved too good for the Demons, making it back-to-back Kookaburra Cup titles.



Michael Vandort top-scored with 63 for the Cougars against the Bullants. 317880



Carlisle Park skipper Anurudda 'Teddy' Fonseka was a happy man after the Vikings dominant victory over the Lions. 317881

# Merinda Park rolled for 23

By David Nagel

## MERINDA PARK (23) v KOOWEERUP (195)

There's too much still on the line for Merinda Park skipper Andrew Martin to start ranting and raving...but the Cobras were left shell-shocked and embarrassed after being bowled out for just 23 by Kooweerup (195) at Donnelly Reserve on Saturday.

Not for the first time in his stellar career Martin was the top scorer of the first eight batters in the scorebook, but his miserly total of three runs gives an indication of what took place on the weekend.

Four ducks, two ones, a two and a three, they're the numbers that conspired to see the Cobras collapse to 8/10 against an amped-up Demons' attack.

Thank god for Sony Bhullar (9) and Josh Phillips (7) who combined for an 11-run partnership for the ninth wicket – six runs better than any other union on the day.

Demons duo Luke McMaster 6/12 off 11) and Jess Mathers (3/11 off 10.5) bowled superbly, ending the Cobras one last chance of playing finals with a clinical dissection of the highest order.

Holding hopes of playing finals less than a month ago, the Cobras are now in a dog-fight with Clyde to avoid relegation.

Since Christmas the Cobras have made 106 (Cardinia), 103 (Tooradin) and now 23 in descending order....surely this one is rock-bottom!

"We came back from Christmas with a sniff of playing finals but we've been taught a cricket lesson from three of the top four teams," Martin explained.

"We're doing the work on a Tuesday and Thursday, and I can rant a rave and carry on like a pork chop all I want, but the guys are doing the work but just not getting the rewards at the minute.

"I don't know if it's a mental thing that we need to get over, or we're coming up against teams that are primed for finals cricket and we're not there yet.

"But we've got no choice but to stay positive and try to bounce back as soon as possible, starting this week against Clyde."

This was the perfect recipe for a memorable day of cricket; with the Cobras battling to find form while McMaster and Mathers, two of the best quickies in the league, were at their bustling and brilliant best.

"What we came up against on Saturday was something I haven't seen in 10 to 15 years of playing senior cricket, probably the best opening spell from both ends that I've ever seen," Martin said.

"They've got so many options, and it just happened that Luke had a day out and Jess provided the perfect foil.

"Some of those balls, they were incredible and it felt like everyone had one with their name on it.

"A lot of our younger boys haven't played a lot of red-ball cricket yet, and I told them after the game that we'll back them in as long as they keep putting the work in."

The Cobras now sit in seventh position on the ladder, just one game clear of Clyde, who travels to Donnelly this Saturday.

The door is finally shut on finals, but the battle for relegation now begins.



## CASEY CARDINIA CRICKET ASSOCIATION PREMIER DIVISION REVIEW - ROUND 12



Jonty Bennie was the hero for Officer on Saturday, claiming four of the last five wickets to fall in a huge win over Clyde. 317880

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"It's probably the weirdest season I've been a part of because every time you think your finals ambitions are over, the door stays open for some reason," Martin explained.

"Obviously we haven't that taken the opportunity to make it, but even last week with Cardy not making 120, the door was open again.

"I don't think I've played in a season where we don't actually know who is going to go down yet so late in the season.

"There are probably six teams that could still figure in finals, and potentially two or three that could get relegated.

"There's still a lot for our club to play for."

The Cobras have a one game and small percentage gap that will dissipate if they lose to the Cougars.

"There's a tiny little bit of a buffer, but you don't want to leave these things to chance...if we win this week we're safe, and that's the bottom line," Martin said.

"They (Clyde) have proven they've got the capabilities to get it done, but we can only control what we can control and our destiny is still in our hands at this stage.

"It would be nice to lock it way this week and move on and look forward to next year."

Kooweerup host Carlisle Park in round 13, who had an emphatic victory over Pakenham. **CARLISLE PARK (6/344) v PAKENHAM (81)** This was the nightmare scenario that Pakenham (81) had avoided all season.

The Lions glittering top order finally failed against Carlisle Park (6/344) on Saturday, exposing an under-prepared mid-to-lower-order that simply needs time at the crease if the Lions are to be any chance of winning their first premiership in four years.

Only fighting knocks from Jason Williams (28) and Rob Elston (23), who shared a 42-run-

stand for the fourth wicket, stopped this one from getting ugly.

Jack Anning (0), Dale Tormey (1) and Chris Smith (4) were back in the sheds in an instant as the Lions caved in against the opening pair of Senal De Silva and Ben Perry.

De Silva claimed four wickets on the day, with Perry taking two and Kasun Balasuriya three, as the Lions managed to survive just 33 overs at the crease.

It's hardly the ideal preparation for this week's blockbuster one-versus-two clash against Tooradin at Toomuc Reserve.

While the Lions struggled on Saturday in clearly their worst performance of the season, the Vikings are building momentum that could lead them to the biggest stage in March.

The Vikings face a huge essay against Kooweerup at Denhams Road in round 13, but win that and they will enter a final-round shootout with fourth-placed Cardinia with a wagon-full of confidence.

And, in the mood they're in, they could prove a dangerous foe to confront in the first week of finals.

Names like Karunanayake, Perry and Fonseka are proving talking points around the league with the Vikings sitting second only to Tooradin in the runs-scored column this season.

Kooweerup look set for a third-placed finish, so it would be great to see the Vikings prevail over the next fortnight and set up that mouth-watering last-round clash.

### CLYDE (219) v OFFICER (238)

It is not 100-percent safe but Officer (238) took a giant step towards survival in the CCCA Premier Division on Saturday with a hard-fought victory over Clyde (219).

Promoted from District Division last year,

the Bullants made no secret of their number-one mission this season...that was simply to survive.

They're now two games clear of bottom place with two games remaining in the season, and still harbouring hopes of playing finals cricket.

Skipper Ash Smith would have jumped at that opportunity at the start of the season!

The Cougars were always in the run-chase on the weekend with Michael Vandort (63), Daniel Lever (21) and skipper Brett Reid (57) building a solid platform for success.

But the Bullants refused to buckle, with Jonty Bennie (4/59 off 17.4) and Daniel Irvine (2/48 off 17) putting their hands up when fight was needed most.

Bennie and Irvine combined for the last five wickets to fall, with the Cougars seemingly on their way to victory at 5/174.

Bennie claimed two crucial breakthroughs, then handed over to Irvine, before bagging the last two wickets to fall to start some joyous celebrations.

Cooper Pursell (2/55 off 18) battled bravely for the Bullants up front, with his regular partner in crime Aidan Pipicelli, missing the game through injury.

The Bullants host Cardinia this week in a game they must win to keep their finals hopes alive.

Clyde heads to Merinda Park for an equally important contest at Donnelly Reserve.

### CARDINIA (83) v TOORADIN (121)

The game between Cardinia and Tooradin was played over the Australia Day weekend with Tooradin defending its modest day-one total thanks to a special performance for Russell Lehman.

Lehman took a hat-trick on his way to figures of 8/34 from 18 overs.

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PREMIER

ROUND 12 - TWO DAY
Saturday 28 January and 4 February, 2023
DAY TWO

Table with 2 columns: Player Name and Runs. Includes MERINDA PARK V KOOWEERUP, 1ST INNINGS - KOOWEERUP, and 2ND INNINGS - KOOWEERUP.



Senal De Silva took four wickets for Carlisle Park against Pakenham on Saturday. 317881

197 (J Janssen) 204 (N Miles) 219 (K Avard).
Bowling: C Pursell 17-4-2-51, L Boyle 8-4-1-15, N McLennan 1-0-0-4, K Hawkins 14-5-1-21, J Bennie 17.4-3-4-59, D Irvine 17-3-2-48, A Smith 4-0-0-18.

Officer won by 19 runs

DISTRICT

UPPER BEACONSFIELD V DEVON MEADOWS

Table with 2 columns: Player Name and Runs. Includes 1ST INNINGS - UPPER BEACONSFIELD and 2ND INNINGS - UPPER BEACONSFIELD.

Bowling: C Podd 6-1-1-14, L Light 6-0-2-18, R Worsteling 9-1-1-18, A Churchill 19-3-2-47, E Wood 4-0-0-12, L Carroll 12-0-2-28, N Worsteling 1-0-0-8.

1ST INNINGS - DEVON MEADOWS (Resumed 0/54 - Halton 27, Light 21)

Table with 2 columns: Player Name and Runs. Includes W Halton c IL Jayasekara b W Haines, L Light not out, T Delaney not out, Extras (nb 4, w 3, b 1, lb 3), Total (49 overs), FOW: 110 (W Halton).

Bowling: C McDonald 6-1-0-17, T Astle 5-0-0-12, T Joyce 3-0-0-14, W Haines 4-0-0-10, A Claxton 2-2-0-0.

Devon Meadows won by nine wickets

GEMSBROOK V EMERALD

Table with 2 columns: Player Name and Runs. Includes 1ST INNINGS - GEMSBROOK, D McPherson c O Dempsey b S Stapleton, J Everett run out (O Dempsey, A Eranda), M Candy b S Stapleton, J Hawkins c O Dempsey b O Thorne, B Burmeister c C Marsh b S Stapleton, C Williams c, b O Thorne, D Welsh c M Nell b O Thorne, P Laws c, b O Thorne, M Candy c, b O Thorne, B Burmeister b S Stapleton, D Power not out, Extras (nb 3, w 0, b 0, lb 1), Total (24.2 overs), FOW: 9 (J Everett) 14 (M Candy) 21 (D McPherson) 21 (J Hawkins) 23 (B Burmeister) 42 (D Welsh) 52 (P Laws) 52 (M Candy) 58 (CS Williams) 58 (B Burmeister).

Bowling: S Stapleton 10.2-1-4-22, B Tucker 6-1-0-19, O Thorne 8-2-5-16.

1ST INNINGS - EMERALD

Table with 2 columns: Player Name and Runs. Includes M Hoban b CS Williams, E Crosher lbw b M Candy, J Robinson c B Burmeister b CS Williams, A Eranda lbw b CS Williams, O Thorne not out, M Nell c D Power b D Welsh, O Dempsey not out, Extras (nb 4, w 4, b 2, lb 2), Total (35 overs), FOW: 14 (E Crosher) 17 (MH Hoban) 35 (A Eranda) 42 (J Robinson) 91 (M Nell).

Bowling: M Candy 11-4-1-34, C Williams 10-0-3-18, J Everett 2-0-0-18, J Hawkins 6-0-0-26, D Welsh 3-0-1-17, B Burmeister 2-0-0-16, M Candy 1-0-0-8.

2ND INNINGS - GEMSBROOK (Resumed 2/18 - Power 0, Burmeister 1)

Table with 2 columns: Player Name and Runs. Includes D McPherson c, b H Closter, M Candy c O Dempsey b S Stapleton, D Power c A Eranda b H Closter, B Burmeister run out, J Hawkins run out, B Burmeister b C Marsh, J Everett lbw b C Marsh, D Welsh c, b H Closter, P Laws b H Closter, C Williams not out, M Candy c & b H Closter, Extras (nb 4, w 0, b 5, lb 0), Total (32.3 overs), FOW: 9 (M Candy) 17 (D McPherson) 21 (D Power) 71 (J Hawkins) 33 (B Burmeister) 46 (B Burmeister) 51 (D Welsh) 64 (J Everett) 70 (P Laws) 70 (M Candy).

Bowling: S Stapleton 9-2-1-21, C Marsh 10-1-2-21, E Crosher 2-1-0-1, H Closter 7.3-4-5-7, A Eranda 1-0-0-3, B Tucker 3-0-0-12.

Emerald won outright by an innings and 13 runs.

PAKENHAM UPPER TOOMUC V NNG/MARYKNOLL

Table with 2 columns: Player Name and Runs. Includes 1ST INNINGS - PAKENHAM UPPER TOOMUC, J Stevenage c, b N Mueller, T Bandara c, b JW Markland, A Prendergast lbw b W Taylor, N Kyval c, b ND Phillips, N Kariyawasam lbw b C Davis.

Table with 2 columns: Player Name and Runs. Includes P Kobbekaduwa b C Davis, K McLeod not out, M Wewalwala Hewage not out, Extras (nb 3, w 3, b 8, lb 0), Total (62 overs), FOW: 135 (T Bandara) 214 (J Stevenage) 218 (A Prendergast) 321 (NS Kariyawasam) 333 (N Kyval) 342 (P Kobbekaduwa).

1ST INNINGS - NNG/MARYKNOLL (Resumed at 2/48)

Table with 2 columns: Player Name and Runs. Includes M Ahmad c, b N Kyval, J Markland c, b N Kyval, G Interlandi b M Wewalwala Hewage, N Phillips b N Kyval, T Medwin b N Kyval, R Jackson lbw b N Kyval, C Davis c, b M McLeod, D Cameron not out, N Mueller c, b B McLeod, W Taylor c, b NS Kariyawasam, J Downes b P Rathnayaka, Extras (nb 8, w 0, b 1, lb 1), Total (42.5 overs), FOW: 8 (M Ahmad) 34 (GW Interlandi) 58 (ND Phillips) 67 (T Medwin) 78 (JW Markland) 79 (R Jackson) 82 (C Davis) 82 (N Mueller) 102 (W Taylor) 105 (J Downes).

Bowling: B McLeod 15-2-2-44, N Kyval 14-4-5-25, N Kariyawasam 4-0-0-13, M Wewalwala Hewage 5-2-2-14, P Rathnayaka 4.5-0-1-12.

2ND INNINGS - NNG/MARYKNOLL (Follow on)

Table with 2 columns: Player Name and Runs. Includes M Ahmad c, b PM Rathnayaka, J Markland b M McLeod, G Interlandi c, b MC Wewalwala Hewage, N Phillips not out, D Cameron not out, Extras (nb 4, w 0, b 2, lb 3), Total (29 overs), FOW: 15 (JW Markland) 28 (M Ahmad) 91 (GW Interlandi).

Bowling: B McLeod 10-0-1-20, N Kyval 3-2-0-2, M Wewalwala Hewage 3-1-1-13, P Rathnayaka 7-1-1-17, N Kariyawasam 4-1-0-16, S Manivannan 2-0-0-25.

PUT won by 253 runs

CRANBOURNE MEADOWS V LANG LANG

Table with 2 columns: Player Name and Runs. Includes 1ST INNINGS - LANG LANG, N McLean c R Sharma b J Singh, J Pius c K Tiwana b G Singh, R Dassanayake c J Dhalial b B Singh, T Hettiarachchi lbw b J Singh, A Giacco c & b J Singh, O Ariyadasa c H Singh b B Singh, A Jenkins not out, K Giacco b P Singh, J Pawsey c R Sharma b J Singh, S McLean c J Dhalial b K Handa, T Kerner not out, Extras (nb 2, w 4, b 2, lb 1), Total (80 overs), FOW: 10 (JA Pius) 34 (NS McLean) 38 (TD Hettiarachchi) 54 (A Giacco) 64 (RS Dassanayake) 75 (O Ariyadasa) 81 (K Giacco) 100 (J Pawsey) 158 (SF McLean).

Bowling: G Singh 6-2-1-10, J Singh 27-2-4-81, P Singh 12-3-1-28, B Singh 6-2-2-11, M Singh 13-6-0-11, J Dhalial 6-0-0-17, K Handa 9-1-1-26, K Tiwana 1-0-0-1.

Day-Two abandoned due to dangerous pitch conditions.

Match Drawn.

A GRADE

Table with 2 columns: Player Name and Runs. Includes Officer 261 (P Quinn 61, WM Duke 47, M Payne 33, S Marum 26, B Carlyle 25, TM Walton 2/40, SL Herath Mudiyansele 2/41, J Avard 2/49, W Round 2/59) def Clyde 91 (DJ Walton 26, A Sharma 3/18, S White 3/21, L James 2/17) and 3/88 (SL Herath Mudiyansele 47\*). Koo Wee Rup 4/123(dec) (PJ Bright 60\*, C Miller 49, RJ Strang 2/24) and 0/57 (PJ Bright 31\*, S Johnson 26\*) def Merinda Park 88 (B Huyskens 25, B Harrison 3/21, T Cairns 3/23, Z Banks 2/16, J Anderson 2/25) and 88 (A Jenkin 26, AL Mills 3/15, M Davey 3/26, J Anderson 2/25). Tooradin 147 (LW Simpson 44, CM Shipp 33, L Adams 25, J Browne 6/47, M Welsh 2/50) def by Cardinia 243 (M Welsh 159, P Nolen 31, D Quinn 4/51, L Adams 3/56, L Townsend 2/40). Pakenham 6/89 def Carlisle Park Vikings CC 88 (D Miller 31, C Newnham 3/7, J Melbourne 3/38, G Patel 2/3).

B GRADE

Table with 2 columns: Player Name and Runs. Includes Clyde 122 (S Williams 32, A Sidhu 4/31, A Savage 3/20, A Mann 2/30) def by Cranbourne Meadows 9/227(dec) (A Singh 78, A Sidhu 56, K Narinder 50). Devon Meadows 5/351 (L O'Beirne 111\*, CF Cleaf 78, N Kleinig 66, W Loudon 62, EM Hollings 2/6)5 def Upper Beaconsfield 92 (S Kneen 34, EM Hollings 28\*, T Rowe 5/10, N Kleinig 2/11, JJ McVicar 2/31) and 5/86 (S Kneen 25, C Coupar 2/3, CF Cleaf 2/18). Emerald 1/66(dec) (NJ Closter 52\*) and 2/81 (JA Raukola 38, D Roche 34\*) def Pakenham Upper Toomuc 64 (A Prendergast 35, A Flint 8/12) and 71 (D Cocks 3/6, N Karman 3/11, A Flint 2/22). Tooradin - Bye.

C GRADE

Table with 2 columns: Player Name and Runs. Includes Cardinia 125 (L Crisera 5/20, J Dryden 2/26) def Officer 115 (S McDavitt 34, T Browne 2/8). Pakenham 125 (A Ponweera 57, N De Silva 6/31, G Easton 2/19)def Lang Lang 81 (R Harvie 26, K Van Beek 5/20, Z Downes 3/27). NNG/Maryknoll 124 (J Scott 4/16, R Worsteling 4/28) def by Devon Meadows 4/133(dec) (S Fisher 59, B Jackson 3/20).

D GRADE

Table with 2 columns: Player Name and Runs. Includes Officer 8/280(dec) (B Henderson 143, M Lucas 30, S Wijesekara 28, A Winter 3/29, R Hogenbirk 2/14, C Remy 2/42) def Cardinia 8/136 (C Remy 47, R Hogenbirk 27, S Wijesekara 4/35, S Pursell 2/30, J Beddows 2/55) and 1/60. Pakenham 3/96(dec) (T Millar 28\*, JC Patel 3/41) def Clyde 94 (S Nathan 32, T Sharp 4/16, D Auld 4/21) and 2/81 (C Dodsworth 36\*, S Faiz 30\*). Emerald 165 (A Kapahne 66, I Crosher 43, G Gilmore 3/19, M Monckton 2/7, K Dore-Wilson 2/15, N Booth 2/23) def by Kooweerup Cricket Club 3/170 (L Glassborow 61, C Edgington 34, B Wilson 31).

E GRADE

Table with 2 columns: Player Name and Runs. Includes Officer 120 (D Green 26, M Southall 3/16, J Betteridge 3/17, C De Silva 3/22) def by Pakenham Upper Toomuc 7/138 (M Southall 42, M Allott 3/4, T Purcell 2/14, E Rossi 2/25). Tooradin 297 (CW Harris 79, DJ Freeman 41, C Dicks 37, D Jago 36, CJ Eastburn 5/39, D Gibbs 2/65) def NNG/Maryknoll 184 (S Medhi 48, D Gibbs 36, Q Ali 33, L Hill 30, M Dicks 3/28, J Bodley 2/18). Pakenham 296 (S Davis 71, R Little 54, D Jones 49, G Sewell 36\*, B Blazevic 3/41, R Denmead 3/57, T Dean 2/55) def Lang Lang 10/75 (B Rowe 28, R Perkins 3/20, G Sewell 2/8, D Jones 2/17, J Hutchinson 2/25) and 7/136 (L Halden 25).

F GRADE

Table with 2 columns: Player Name and Runs. Includes Koo Wee Rup 135 (T Joarder 37, E Bari 31, L Brown 4/11, A Brown 3/23, P Zauner 2/27) def by Devon Meadows 3/303 (P O'Brien 102, J Brzezowski 102, P Zauner 47\*, T Joarder 2/55).

CCGA - Premier Stats

Table with 3 columns: Player Name, Total runs, Total wkts. Includes BATTERS (Luke McMaster 459, Shalika Karunanayake 429, Dale Tormey 425, Anurudda Fonseka 424, Ben Perry 405) and BOWLER (Jason Williams 25, Brad Butler 24, Josh Lownds 23, Travis Wheller 20, Senal De Silva 20).

CCGA Ladders

Table with 5 columns: TEAM, W, L, D, %, PTS. Includes PREMIER (Tooradin 126, Pakenham 114, Kooweerup 90, Cardinia 54, Officer 42, Merinda Park 42, Clyde 30) and DISTRICT (Devon Meadows 122, Upper Beaconsfield 114, Lang Lang 84, Cranbourne Meadows 78, Emerald 74, NNG/Maryknoll 74, Pakenham Upper Toomuc 42, Gembrook 12).

Table with 5 columns: TEAM, W, L, D, %, PTS. Includes A GRADE (Tooradin 122, Officer 102, Cardinia 102, Clyde 90, Kooweerup 74, Pakenham 42, Merinda Park 42, Carlisle Park 18) and B GRADE (Devon Meadows 128, Emerald 110, Cranbourne Meadows 98, Clyde 84, Tooradin 78, Upper Beaconsfield 60, Pakenham Upper Toomuc 48).

Table with 5 columns: TEAM, W, L, D, %, PTS. Includes C GRADE (NNG/Maryknoll 98, Officer 90, Pakenham 84, Cardinia 84, Devon Meadows 66, Lang Lang 30) and D GRADE (Officer 110, Pakenham 102, Emerald 86, Kooweerup 86, Cardinia 54, Clyde 42).

Table with 5 columns: TEAM, W, L, D, %, PTS. Includes E GRADE (Tooradin 108, Pakenham 108, NNG/Maryknoll 90, Pakenham Upper Toomuc 72, Officer 60, Lang Lang 66) and F GRADE (Devon Meadows 126, Kooweerup 96, Merinda Park 90, Upper Beaconsfield 60, Pakenham 60).

Table with 5 columns: TEAM, W, L, D, %, PTS. Includes ONE-DAY (Devon Meadows 126, Carlisle Park 90, Emerald 84, NNG/Maryknoll 72, Cranbourne Meadows 72, Tooradin 72, Merinda Park 72).

CCGA Fixture

PREMIER Round 13 - Saturday 11 and 18 February, 2023

Table with 2 columns: Match and Location. Includes Pakenham v Tooradin, Kooweerup v Carlisle Park, Officer v Cardinia, Merinda Park v Clyde.

CCGA - Saturday Stars

BATTERS

Table with 2 columns: Player Name and Runs. Includes Matt Welsh (Cardinia A Grade 159), Blake Henderson (Officer D Grade 143), Ben Perry (Carlisle Park Premier 121), Shalika Karunanayake (Carlisle Park Premier 111), Lachlan O'Beirne (Devon Meadows B Grade 111\*), Lucas Light (Devon Meadows District 105\*), Leigh Smith (Merinda Park F Grade 104), Jason Brzezowski (Devon Meadows F Grade 102), Peter O'Brien (Devon Meadows F Grade 102), James Stevenage (Pakenham Upper Toomuc District 91).

BOWLERS

Table with 2 columns: Player Name and Runs. Includes Anthony Flint (Emerald B Grade 8/12), Luke McMaster (Kooweerup Premier 6/12), Nisal De Silva (Lang Lang C Grade 6/31), Josh Browne (Cardinia A Grade 6/47), Thanuja Senarathna (Clyde Premier 6/51), Harrison Closter (Emerald District 5/7), Thomas Rowe (Devon Meadows B Grade 5/10), Owen Thorne (Emerald District 5/16), Luke Crisera (Officer C Grade 5/20), Kaleb Van Beek (Pakenham C Grade 5/20), Nicholas Kyval (Pakenham Upper Toomuc District 5/25), Callum Eastburn (NNG/Maryknoll E Grade 5/39).

# Turf 1 weekend washout

By Marcus Uhe

The scourge of the weather gods returned to haunt local cricket once again, with not a single ball bowled in DDCA Turf 1 on Saturday due to rain and playing conditions.

In a season already significantly altered due to rain, after administrators put a line through two-day cricket early in the campaign as a result of losing multiple fixtures, it was hardly the result that clubs in the bottom half of the ladder would have been seeking, as they look to avoid relegation.

North Dandenong's visit to Springvale South to face the Bloods, and Narre South's clash with Buckley Ridges, were both scrapped just after 9am on Saturday morning.

Hallam Kalora Park and St Mary's' fixture at Hallam Rec Reserve was the next domino to fall, after both sides were asked to report to grounds.

Berwick and Parkmore Pirates, meanwhile, were forced to wait until just before 2pm before being told by field umpires that no cricket would be played.

There was hope that they could get on the field later in the day, but wet patches around the centre-wicket area ruled-out the prospects of a contest, due to safety reasons.

In a bizarre twist of fate that only a sport like cricket could produce, players from both sides departed Arch Brown Reserve in emerging sunshine, with no rain having fallen for the best part of an hour before the decision was made.

In the premier half of the ladder, the battle for a critical top-two spot between Springvale South, Buckley Ridges and Hallam Kalora Park will remain on a knife's-edge for another week.

For Springvale South, it means its unbeaten season continues, having won eight games and drawn thrice, with weather also intervening on those drawn fixtures.

North Dandenong will be frustrated, too, as a victory could have furthered the two-win gap between themselves in fourth and Narre South and St Mary's, tied for fifth on points.

The Maroons have 33 premiership points, 12 ahead of the Lions and St Mary's on 21.

## THE FORECAST

A number of critical fixtures in the remaining three weeks will go a long way to deciding the



## DANDENONG DISTRICT CRICKET ASSOCIATION TURF 1 - THE SEASON AHEAD



Not a ball was bowled in DDCA Turf 1 cricket on Saturday due to wet weather. 318285

Picture: MARCUS UHE

make-up of the top four.

Springvale South, Buckley Ridges and Hallam Kalora Park's seasons to date have confirmed their positions in finals action.

All that's left to establish is who finishes where.

Springvale South could finish as low as third, but one more win, potentially against Buckley Ridges in Saturday's blockbuster, will guarantee a top-two finish and the critical double-chance.

With just three points separating the Hawks and Buckley Ridges, their seasons could come down to their round 14 match-up at Park Oval to determine who finishes second.

Hallam's run home is slightly easier than Buckley's with fixtures against Parkmore and St Mary's not presenting as much danger.

Buckley Ridges, meanwhile, will face great finals-testers in Springvale South and St Mary's before the round 14 showdown with the Hawks.

North Dandenong could steal third place, should they win all three of their remaining contests against Narre South, Hallam and Berwick, and Hallam drop all three, but with only hosting rights on the line and no double chance, the difference between third and fourth will be negligible.

They will, however, need to stave-off the Li-

ons of Narre South, the Bears of Berwick, and St Mary's, who will all feel that they are right in the mix for fourth spot.

St Mary's and Narre South need to make up 12 points on North Dandenong, requiring the Maroons losing twice, and hope that either side drop a fixture in the remaining three, for one to separate themselves from the other.

Narre South have the opportunity to close the gap on Saturday when they tackle North Dandenong at Lois Twohig, before they meet St Mary's in round 14, with fourth place potentially on the line.

For Brad James' Berwick, they require North Dandenong to drop all three of their remaining games, gain 15 points (two wins one draw), and hope St Mary's and Narre South win no more than two games each.

A washout or tie in the last week between those two would be extremely beneficial for the Bears, who could seal the deal themselves by defeating North Dandenong in round 14 if all goes to plan.

While needing a lot to go right for them, yes Lloyd Christmas, I'm telling you there's a chance.

However, their percentage keeps the door slightly ajar, should sides tie on points, currently healthier than the sides in fifth and sixth.

Saturday's washout, meanwhile, means Parkmore have been eliminated from finals contention.

Sitting in last position on 15 points, even if Gavin Lehman's side win their last three against Hallam Kalora Park, Narre South and Springvale South and gain significant percentage, remaining fixtures for other sides games run in direct conflict to their requirements.

To tie for fourth spot on points with North Dandenong, they would require Berwick, Narre South, North Dandenong and St Mary's to lose their final fixtures. But North Dandenong face both Berwick and Narre South in coming weeks, and St Mary's tackle Berwick and Narre South, meaning they will pick-up points.

Last year's Turf 2 Premiers are not consigned to relegation, however, and will fight to the end to remain in the top flight, with only six points separating them and the fifth-placed team.

**TURF 1 - LADDER:** Springvale South 57, Buckley Ridges 51, Hallam Kalora Park 48, North Dandenong 33, Narre South 21, St Mary's 21, Berwick 18, Parkmore 15.

## REMAINING FIXTURES

(Critical games in capitals)

### ROUND 12 - February 11

Parkmore v Hallam Kalora Park

NORTH DANDENONG V NARRE SOUTH

BUCKLEY RIDGES V SPRINGVALE SOUTH

St Mary's v Berwick

### ROUND 13 - February 18

Narre South v Parkmore

HALLAM KALORA PARK V NORTH DANDENONG

Berwick v Springvale South

St Mary's v Buckley Ridges

### ROUND 14 - February 25

NARRE SOUTH V ST MARY'S

North Dandenong v Berwick

BUCKLEY RIDGES V HALLAM KALORA PARK

Springvale South v Parkmore

# Brilliant Bears bounce Buckley to claim T20 decider

By Jonty Ralphsmith

Berwick are premiers!

In a season that has yielded just two First XI wins so far, the Bears went undefeated through their five T20 games on the way to lifting the trophy.

The Bears eased past Turf 3 clubs Silverton and Lynbrook in the round-robin stage, before another straightforward victory over Springvale in the quarterfinals.

It was much trickier in the semi final and final, both played at Shepley Oval on Sunday, but they stood up in the pressure moments.

Matt Chasemore was the hero in the final against powerhouse Buckley Ridges with 55 off 35 in an innings where all his teammates went at just better than a run a ball.

After putting 5/161 on the board, Berwick looked home when it consigned Buckley's top-order to 6/66.

But a calm Matthew Goodwright found the middle of the blade easily late in the innings, delivering 45 crucial runs to have Buckley needing 20 off the final over with two wickets in hand for a comeback win.

It was again on the experienced Chasemore to stand up with his medium pacers after conceding 25 runs in his first three overs.

He bowled to his field which saw Goodwright hole out on the first ball of the over, effectively ending Berwick's hopes, before a run-out three balls later put a decisive full stop on the contest.

Playing North Dandenong in the semi earlier, Berwick looked scratchy at 6/79 in the 14th over before a quickfire Lachlan Brown cameo helped the club post 9/141.

The total required Berwick to take consistent wickets and that's what it delivered, inflicting a collapse of 7/43 to have the Ma-



## DANDENONG DISTRICT CRICKET ASSOCIATION DDCA REVIEW - T20 FINALS



Berwick's Matt Chasemore was important with bat and ball in the final. 317208

roons 8/98 after a reasonable start from North Dandenong.

But it got down to the final over as Alamar Raza pierced the field and guided the chase expertly in a knock of 31 which contained four boundaries to keep the game in the balance.

Bowling the final over, Berwick's Harkinwal Singh held his nerve defending nine runs, conceding singles off the first three balls of the over before a nervy Raza ran himself out, feeling the scoreboard pinch.

Buckley Ridges' semi was much easier, DJ Watson making light work of Doveton's 3/152

on the small Wilson Oval.

The skipper pulled Stuart Johnson for four on the first ball of the 11th over to bring up triple figures as his team eased to victory.

The unbeaten 100 came off just 34 balls and contained 10 maximums, play briefly halted on several occasions as he targeted the straight boundary, repeatedly sending the ball to the banks of Dandenong Creek.

At one stage, the scorebook read 0/68, with Watson having scored 65 of the runs as partner Mahela Udawatte was starved of the strike.

But Udawatte eventually got into the ac-



Buckley Ridges' DJ Watson targeted the straight boundary en-route to a quickfire century. 317208 Pictures: JONTY RALPHSMITH

tion too, clobbering seven sixes in a knock of 54 off 22 balls, including an over where he took Doves' skipper Nanga Wilson's left-arm spinners for 28.

The Doves got away to a promising start, the opening pair of Mitch Daley and Simon Mackie putting on 52, but they didn't connect with as many as they would have hoped, nor did they rotate the strike frequently enough.

After a mid-innings stutter, marquee player Dale Tormey launched some lusty blows late but the total always looked well under-par even with Doveton's unorthodox bowling lineup.

While it was a disappointing end for Doveton, the Turf 2 club beat Parkmore and Springvale South in an impressive run to the semis, just three seasons after the Doves were languishing in Turf 4.



# New tricks for Tyler

By Jonty Ralphsmith

As a team last season, Beaconsfield made four half-centuries.

The club had just two batters in the top 30 run-scorers – Ashan Madushanka and Michael Vandort – who scored 476 runs between them.

Already this season, recruit Tyler Clark has scored more than that pair combined with 504 runs from nine hits to lead the Turf 2 competition run-scorers in Dandenong District Cricket Association (DDCA) Turf 2.

He has also raised his bat for 50 more than the entire First XI last season, doing it five times, on one of those occasions bringing up triple figures.

He also has three 40s, as well as three handy contributions in the Tigers' T20s as Beaconsfield captain Mark Cooper has seen growth in his stroke play, having spent two seasons with him at Kooweerup.

"He was a good technical batter when I first met him but didn't have many expansive parts to his game so could get tied down for a period of time," Cooper said, noting the progression in his leg-side game in particular.

"Working through those times has been a part of our journey for a couple of years.

"It's been a bit of a change (at Beaconsfield).

"When we played together at Kooweerup, I was more the aggressor, and he would take a backseat role.

"He's picked up his game on turf really well and he's doing the scoring and I'm playing the secondary part now.

"The ability to know each other's game has been a big part of the partnership."

The slow and often turning Perc Allison Reserve wicket meant collapses were commonplace for and against a Beaconsfield side that finished seventh last season.

Clark has shown the way to play at Perc, grafting through some tricky periods this season: don't let bowlers get on top, move around so you're not bogged down, and frustrate by rotating the strike.

"Sitting back on the ball and waiting for it, rather than playing through it is important," Clark said of playing at Perc Allison.

"You just have to keep wickets in hand, bat time and give the team the opportunity to post a reasonable total and it especially helps if you do bat first."

That was on display on the weekend against Doveton, his 40 being worth much more in the context of the game given the weather prior to the contest.

He was steady early, which provided a platform for Michael Dunstan to up the ante late.



Tyler Clark has added expansive parts to his game, according to skipper Mark Cooper. 311012 Picture: JONTY RALPHSMITH

Generally, Clark is a player who seems to get from zero to 20 playing risk-averse cricket, as he assesses the wicket and shows the way to bat on it, laying a foundation for his team.

"You're looking to be proactive," Clark said, playing just his second full season of turf cricket.

"Even if I'm not scoring freely I want to be moving around my crease and forcing the bowler to change his lengths even if I'm not scoring at a run a ball.

"You need to be creating opportunities for yourself so that has been a difference from years gone by and if that means sometimes you employ different techniques to access different areas of the ground, you do that.

"It's key to starting the innings well particularly in a one dayer."

That mindset which has seen Clark take responsibility in a young lineup, has set up Beaconsfield to average 182 batting first this season compared to 135 last season.

He's been assisted by a left-hand, right-hand opening combination, which throws bowlers' lines, creating more scoring opportunities.

Importantly, though, Clark and Cooper have capitalised, averaging 68 for the first wicket.

The quality of that pair at the top of the order, though is something of a poisoned chalice for Beaconsfield.

It has protected the middle order from much

pressure throughout the season, which is why Clark believes the weekend's outing against Doveton was the most complete performance.

After he set the innings up, the middle-order showed their capabilities, Riley Clark, Jesse Busacca, Ashan Madushanka and Dunstan all chipping in with late cameos.

One player who hasn't got into the season so far but could prove handy should Cooper and Clark both fall early at the business end is Lachie Ramage, a technically correct batter and steady builder of an innings.

While there has been some mixing up of the batting order, there is continuity in the make up of the First XI, and the reserves are on top of their ladder, Brendan Johnson and Brad Miles among the batting depth.

Their bowling stocks are also well suited to the Perc Allison wicket, with Cooper's and Madushanka's spin throughout the season nabbing 17 wickets each.

Callan Tout and Jake Cutting are also bowling well upfront, while Jack Burchill has shown he is more than capable of chipping in with his mediums. Beacy sit half a game clear on top, well clear of second-placed Heinz Southern Districts on percentage, runs scored, wickets taken and runs conceded.

The new, experienced heads have carried the load, but there's increasing week-on-week promise from the blooming youngsters, propelling the club to premiership favouritism.



Cameron Dinger and Narre Warren's clash with Cranbourne this week has huge ramifications on both teams' seasons. 317209 Picture: STAR NEWS

## Turf 2: Let's look ahead

By Jonty Ralphsmith

Two massive games headline this weekend's action in the Dandenong District Cricket Association (DDCA) Turf 2 competition.

Narre Warren's clash with Cranbourne will have an enormous say in which of the two clubs gets the final spot in the top four, while Beaconsfield face Heinz Southern Districts (HSD) in what will likely prove to be a showdown for top spot.

Five teams remain realistically in the hunt for finals with three home and away fixtures remaining.

Cranbourne currently sits outside the four, but has gained momentum since Christmas, particularly in the Eagles most recent outing against Parkfield when Mick and Peter Sweeney found form in a big partnership together.

With Narre currently a game clear of Cranbourne inside the top four, a loss would just about end the Eagles' finals hopes.

A win, however, would put destiny in Cranbourne's hands given the club's superior percentage to Narre.

Cranbourne's two games thereafter are against Doveton and Beaconsfield, two teams Mick Sweeney's men lost to before Christmas but need to beat this time to assure a finals position.

The clash against the Tigers is a likely semi-finals precursor if Cranbourne and Beaconsfield win this weekend.

Narre has a tricky last couple of games, too, playing Parkfield then Heinz Southern Districts, and at least one of those would need to be won, even if Narre gets up this weekend.

Lyndale, sitting in third position, isn't totally secured a finals spot, still needing a win from one if its last three fixtures: against Keysborough, HSD and Doveton.

None of the three teams out of the finals hunt are clear of relegation, leaving plenty to play for at the other end of the table.

Keysborough is a game off Parkfield and Doveton and the team relegated will largely hinge on two games.

Doveton face Parkfield this weekend with the winner keeping themselves safe of relegation.

If Doveton win this weekend, the final-round game between Keysborough and Parkfield would likely be a playoff to avoid relegation.

If Parkfield win this weekend, but lose to Keysborough in the final round, Doveton would possibly fall to eighth spot.

Further tightening matters, the three teams are relatively close on percentage; therefore, while Keysborough is unlikely to beat Lyndale or Beaconsfield in the next two weeks, making a fist of the contest could prove important.

# Tigers triumph and clear out at the top

By Jonty Ralphsmith

Beaconsfield comfortably accounted for Doveton in the only match of the Dandenong District Cricket Association Turf 2 competition on Saturday.

Run-scoring machine Tyler Clark got the Tigers off to a steady start, before falling for 40 which created a small opening for the Doves, which had the hosts 4/95 and 5/115.

But the ladder-leaders' middle-order depth shone through, Michael Dunstan suppressing Doveton's momentum when he came to the crease.

He stuck fat when Beaconsfield looked to be in trouble, established a partnership with Lachie Ramage, and then capitalised in the final few overs, finishing with 36 off 42 which guided Beaconsfield to 7/172.

It was a score which proved far too strong on a muddy outfield and sticky wicket, with Doveton struggling for rhythm throughout its batting innings.

Coach Mitch Daley, returning from a calf injury, was dismissed cheaply by Callan Tout, who dismissed Ricky Johnson not long thereafter.

Kaine Bundy and Trent Rolfs both got starts but couldn't go on and play a match-winning hand as Tout, Ashan Madushanka, Jake Cutting and skipper Mark Cooper finished with two wickets each.

Rain saw the following clashes washed out: Lyndale v Cranbourne, Parkfield v HSD, Narre



Michael Dunstan played an important late-innings hand for Beaconsfield. 317204 Picture: JONTY RALPHSMITH

Warren v Keysborough.

It means the Tigers have drawn half a game clear of second placed HSD and Doveton is

not completely safe from relegation given Parkfield and Keysborough both got points for their draws.

# Springy pull off surprise

By Jonty Ralphsmith

Springvale pulled off a massive upset in one of the two matches played in the Dandenong District Cricket Association Turf 3 competition.

The visitors batted first and put 8/208 on the board against Coomoora and the Roos' highly-regarded batting lineup fell 27 runs short.

Radomir Badzoka got Springvale away to a flyer, smashing 22 off the second over which set an ominous platform.

"To be fair, the bowler (Matthew Suppree) did give me some nice short balls to pull with just two out (outside the ring), I don't think he got one where he wanted so I decided to just go for it," said Badzoka.

"It did look a bowler friendly wicket with covers on since Thursday, so we wanted to come out with intent and put the pressure back on them.

"That was the game plan knowing if we got off to a good start in bowler-friendly conditions, it would hold us in good stead."

Pasindu Madushan played a much steadier 65, upping the ante at times, while forming partnerships with Nuwan Mendis (39), Nasrat Malikzada (17), Lalanka Dhanasekara Mudiyanse (19) and Zubair Osmani (14) who all chipped in.

Those partnerships proved important for Springvale, which has suffered a mini collapse in each of the last two weeks.

"Pasindu just stuck around working it into the gaps and finding ones and twos for a lot of his innings, then when it got to the latter stages he hit some sixes and fours," Badzoka said.

Early wickets put the hosts on the back foot from the get-go but skipper Liam Hard and lower-order player Tim Wighton helped the Roos get 116 off the last 20, underlining the depth of the batting, even if the result went against them.

Right-arm opening bowler Sachintha Rajapakse got Springvale away to a strong start defending the big score, before Nuwan Mendis was economical through the middle and picked up a couple of wickets.

Meanwhile, Nuwan Kulasekara did a number on Silverton at Greaves Reserve.



## DANDENONG DISTRICT CRICKET ASSOCIATION TURF 3 REVIEW - ROUND 11



Nuwan Kulasekara destroyed Silverton's top-order on Saturday. 318466

Picture: ALLAN HUGHES

After Shaun Weir (45 off 54) and Nathan Power (61 off 78) guided Dandenong West to 5/157 in a rain-shortened 30-over match, it was time for Kulasekara to have some fun.

The former Sri Lankan international was twice on a hat-trick in his five-over spell which included four maidens and yielded 5/3.

"The wicket was a little bit tacky and he just bowled a really nice length, he showed his class," skipper Anthony Brannan said.

"It felt like every ball was going to hit the stumps or challenging the batters so they were trying to play at most things and not being able to leave the ball.

"One of his wickets, the batters left it and it cannoned into the top of off-stump.

"It wasn't batters swinging across the line, it was genuine good fast bowling where he beat them all ends up and showed his class."

Silverton was 6/15 by the time Kulasekara bowled his final over, with fellow bowlers Shiraz Qudrat, Adam Reid and Noman Khan claiming the other five between them.

After being 9/25, a 13-run tenth-wicket partnership got Silverton to 38 before Qudrat bowled number 10 and top-scorer Darshana Edirisinghe for 12 to finish the innings.

Brannan was complimentary of Power's in-

tent and busy innings to set up the match.

"Nathan was probably a little bit unlucky, the innings was worth 80 or 90, he hit the ball to the boundary a lot but the outfield was really slow and there was a massive wind making it near on impossible to hit boundaries to one end," he said.

The results see Springvale draw level on points with second-placed Coomoora, loosening the Roos' grip on a top-four position, while Silverton has fallen half a game outside the four.

Hampton Park's clash with Fountain Gate and Lynbrook's with Berwick Springs were both washed out.

# Finals on the horizon...just where do the contenders sit?

By Jonty Ralphsmith

With just three rounds remaining...just where do the finals aspirants in Turf 3 sit?

Just one game separates second-placed Coomoora and sixth-placed Silverton in the Dandenong District Cricket Association (DDCA) Turf 3 competition.

### Here is the situation for each club:

- **Dandenong West:** Undefeated on top of the Turf 3 table, Dandy West is flying and assured top spot.
- **Coomoora:** Having dropped two of its last three, Coomoora, widely seen for much of the season as the best batting side and prime challengers to Dandy West, is now no certainty to make the four. The Roos should take care of Berwick Springs in round 13, but in between that face Silverton and Fountain Gate. Winning one of those will almost certainly be enough given the strong percentage, but they lost to Silverton the first time around and the pressure will be on if the round 14 clash becomes a 'win and you're in' game against Fountain Gate.
- **Springvale:** Having won four of their last five, including the last two over Coomoora and Lynbrook after nearly defending 108 against Silverton, Springvale is suddenly the form team of the competition outside of Dandy West. This weekend's assignment against Dandenong West will be tough and will set them back, before a clash with Fountain Gate will be decisive in determining the final seedings. A win would just about guarantee finals provided they beat Hampton Park the following week, while a loss would mean they would likely be out given a poor percentage.
- **Lynbrook:** The clash with Fountain Gate this week will carry much more than six



## DANDENONG DISTRICT CRICKET ASSOCIATION TURF 3 - THE SEASON AHEAD



Davi Premi and his Fountain Gate teammates have a huge three weeks coming up. 309948

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points. A loss would make finals tremendously difficult, given the next game is against Dandenong West, while a win would mean they could afford a hiccup against the ladder-leaders provided they beat Silverton in the final round of the

home-and-away season.

- **Fountain Gate:** So much hinges on Fountain Gate's results for the whole competition. Are probably outsiders to make finals given the teams it has left to face: Lynbrook, Springvale and Coomoora. Fountain Gate

will need to ride the pressure and win two games. The silver-lining is that each win they have will set back one of their top-four rivals. Destiny is in Fountain Gate's hands. A win over Springvale and one other should be enough to make finals.

- **Silverton:** Silverton's poor percentage means it probably needs to win out to be a chance. But despite sitting a game and percentage out, the fact many of the top five still have games against each other, means, should the club be good enough to win out, a finals berth would almost certainly be waiting. Has Coomoora at home this week, before Hampton Park and Lynbrook.
- **Berwick Springs:** Out of finals contention, Berwick Springs has been a bit stronger since Christmas, but its most important game is this week against Hampton Park. A win this weekend would virtually certainly keep them safe; a loss would see the Redbacks overtake them on percentage, putting Berwick Springs potentially in the firing line for relegation. Also has clashes with Coomoora and Dandenong West left.
- **Hampton Park:** Will be able to put themselves on even points with Berwick Springs with a win this weekend. But the two teams' percentages are so tight, that, unless it is a big win, the team relegated will likely depend on who is more soundly beaten in the last two weeks – provided neither Berwick Springs nor the Redbacks pull off an upset. James Kellett's men still have Silverton on the tricky Robert Booth Reserve and Springvale after this weekend.

# Hawks the hunters

By Marcus Uhe

The standard has been set for Ben Wise's Rowville Hawks.

Having shook a long-standing finals-winning drought last season on their way to a breakthrough grand final appearance, Wise now sees playing in September as the minimum of what his young side can deliver.

But they aren't looking back; The time for reflection is over, and 2023 is a new year.

"Obviously after the disappointment of last year with the way that we finished, it can go one of two ways; blokes can either use it as motivation to come back bigger and stronger and with a lot of our exit meetings, that was the message that we gave them and they've come back in really good nick," Wise said.

"There's been a lot of personal bests and guys have got bigger and stronger, and with another preseason under their belt for these young guys, they're only going to get better."

While their rapid ascension to runners-up last year put the competition on notice, Wise himself wasn't all-that surprised, having sampled what they could deliver in a shortened 2021 season.

And with a large majority of his squad still in their early-to-mid 20s, there's an expectation that the progression that got them to those heights in 2022, will continue to drive them onwards and upwards.

"My squad's really young, and for those guys to really improve their strength, their body, their speed, their knowledge and get their fitness base higher, if they all collectively do 20 per cent individually then I think, as a group, we'll get much stronger within anyway, so I think that's where the biggest growth is going to come from," Wise said.

"Externally we may have over-achieved, but internally I had the belief that we had the talent there to compete at the top and we had the right formulas to compete with the good sides, and we had a lot of talent that people knew nothing about.

"Before my time we made finals and hadn't been able to win one, so to get that monkey off the back and for the boys to be able to see what they can do, I think they're only scratching the surface, some of these young guys, and I think it lit the flame."

In order to keep that momentum rolling, Wise is investing in continuity.

The coaching group is remaining largely the same, albeit with adjustments in roles.

In James Gwilt, Wise has his "right hand man" by his side once again, but Andy Scott moves from forwards coach to the midfield, and Matt Davey replaces Alex Frawley's role



Rowville Hawks are looking to go one-better this year than their runner-up finish in 2022. 29296

Picture: ROB CAREW

as a player-coach.

The playing group, meanwhile, will be bolstered by the addition of some bigger bodies in the guts.

Jackson McDonald will return to the nest to join forces with his brother Lachlan, while Matthew Martini has made the jump from East Burwood, having made an immediate impact in senior footy, with the Rams, named on the ball in the Eastern Football League's Division Two team of the year.

Lachlan Stapleton, meanwhile, will bring his experience from the VFL with Box Hill and Williamstown.

"Getting (Stapleton) 100 per cent fit is going to be vital for us," Wise explained.

"He's been carrying groin problems for the last couple of years and chasing his tail a little bit, but he's been able to build his body up again to 100 per cent and I'm really looking forward to seeing what he can do this year."

Walking into a group that fell short on the final day of the year, led by Anthony Brolic, Ali Zijai and Curtis Blakemore, the motivation is spoken for.

And on Saturday 15 April, they'll come face-to-face with the side that burst the bubble of their golden year; Noble Park.

"That's why you play footy, isn't it? You want to play against the best and credit to them, they've been a really strong successful side ever since they came into the competition," Wise said.

"[We'll] accept the challenge of whatever's put in front of [us] but we're still hunting, we didn't win it so we're still the hunter.

"Sides will probably respect us a little bit more, which we set out to get last year, but we're definitely still the hunter; Noble Park are the ones that are going to have to be worried about and I'm sure that the five or six other sides that finished in the finals or close, are going to be pushing to have a crack as well."



The JA Memorial Cup was a success for the Yabbies on the weekend.

## Yabbies pay fitting tribute

Sunday was a day of mixed emotions for the members and guests of Pakenham Upper Toomuc Cricket Club.

The JA Cup started by Chris Gunton and the committee in 2015 was a Memorial Day to celebrate the lives of those the club have loved and lost, but these days have always been tainted with an air of grief, mixed with the joy and memories.

This year Bob Senior and Clive Fielder were remembered, two Yabbies who will be missed.

Bob supported his son and players as a spectator, and dedicated his time and machinery when it was required.

Clive was a player, president, secretary, junior coach, and more, as a dedicated family man who touched all lives with his humour, passion and love of the club and everyone in it.

Three generations played cricket together, Dave Downes played a cameo role in gully with his daughter Victoria, and grandsons Harvey and Finn Senior.

Brett Carey opened the batting with his son Tyson, both failing, and Jai and Riley Allcock played together as brothers in arms once again.

On the faces of spectators was laughter and joy on an otherwise dreary day.

What more could Clive have wanted other than to witness it in person?

His son Kenny and grandson Harrison stood proud in the field whilst Bob "Snake" Phillips ran in the bowl.

The only one missing was Ron Milnes, who was doctoring the score book to bowl 10 overs from one end.

Well done to all who worked tirelessly to bring it together and make it such a success.

# Pakenham Little Aths stars create history at Albert Park

By David Nagel

Two rising stars from Pakenham Little Athletics have created history by being part of the first Region team to win a gold medal at the Little Athletics Victoria State Relay Championships on Saturday.

Lily Wouters and Shae Langley from Pakenham joined forces with Aleasha Read and Maddy Boyd from Traralgon to form the Gippsland Country Region Team, after both Little Athletics centres only had two girls each in the Under-16 age group.

It was the first time the event had been held for three years, with 3000 athletes converging on Lakeside Stadium in Albert Park for one the highlight meets on the calendar.

Little Athletics Victoria is made of approximately 100 centres, divided into seven regions – four metro and three country – and the competition was hot with many teams putting in hours and weeks of training in preparation.

Relay teams must qualify through their Region Event to make it to State finals so only the best teams are at the championships.

Gippsland Country President Steve Woolf said the girls were up against it just to qualify for the finals.

"These girls first met on the day of Region (event) in December with no training and won the 4 x 100, 4 x 200 and Swedish Medley Events qualifying them for state," Woolf said.



Lily Wouters, Shae Langley, Aleasha Read and Maddy Boyd were all smiles after winning the Swedish Medley Event at the Little Athletics State Relay Championships. 318526

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"On Saturday the girls turned up to Lakeside Stadium to take on the State Championships, again with no training due to locations

and holidays, but with smiles and a positive attitude."

Lilly, Shae, Maddy and Aleasha first tackled

the 4 x 200 event and powered home to claim a silver medal, the first region team to achieve such a feat.

But the girls weren't done with yet.

They finished fifth in the 4 x 100, before all eyes turned to their pet event, the Swedish Medley, where they were confident of being on the podium.

Woolf takes up the story.

"Shae led the team off with a strong 100 metres, passing the baton to Aleasha for the 300-metre leg, and she sat on the shoulder of the leader before powering away over the last 80 metres.

"Aleasha handed the baton to Lily for the 200-metre leg with the lead.

"Lily ran the best 200 metres of her life and passed the baton to Maddison for the 400-metre leg.

"Maddison just powered away from the field and the girls won the race by nearly 10 seconds, which equates to about 80 metres."

Woolf said the girls had achieved something special.

"To put this into perspective, no Region Team has ever won silver at State Relays, let alone gold, so the girls have created history."

Pakenham Little Athletics had many more participants on the day, with everyone doing their centre proud.

For more photos, turn to page 27 of this week's Berwick-Pakenham Gazette.

# Panther Lig t years ahead

By Marcus Uhe

Lucas Lig t's fourth hundred of the CCCA District season has powered Devon Meadows to the top of the table in a statement win over Upper Beaconsfield on Saturday.

Lig t was unbeaten on 105, his second hundred in the space of three games, as the Panthers reached the target of 153 having lost only one wicket on their way to a total of 174.

The resounding victory moves them into prime position with just two fixtures remaining in the competition.

After taking 2/18 with the ball last week, Lig t's innings made for one of the better all-round performances in the 2022-23 season, taking his season tally to 728 runs at an average of 72.8, and 15 wickets at 15, while his fourth triple-figure score of the season is a new club record for the Panthers.

Maroons captain William Haines was the only bowler to make a breakthrough, dismissing Will Halton for 44.

Pakenham Upper Toomuc completed a thumping win over NNG/Maryknoll by 253 runs in what was the largest margin in runs this season in a District cricket clash.

The Yabbies rolled the Marygoons for 108 on the back of Nicholas Kyval's 5/25 from 14 overs, and enforced the follow-on, where NNG/Maryknoll could only muster 3/98 in their second innings.

James Markland and Nathan Phillips top scored in the first and second innings, respectively, with 39 and 40.

Their loss sees them drop out of the top four but they remain in finals contention, only four points back from Cranbourne Meadows.

The second day of their fixture with Lang Lang at Lawson Poole Reserve did not proceed, due to the condition of the playing surface.

Emerald made light work of Gembrook to ensure that their winless season continues.

**CASEY CARDINIA CRICKET ASSOCIATION DISTRICT REVIEW - ROUND 12**



Cranbourne Meadows cricketers pack up for the day after the second day of their game against Lang Lang didn't eventuate. 317883  
Picture: STEWART CHAMBERS

Batting a second time, the Brookers fell 13 runs short of making Emerald bat again, having declared at 5-141 and dismissing Gembrook for 70 in their second innings to win outright.

Only three batters in Brett Burmeister, Jeremy Everett and Pat Laws, reached double figures for Gembrook, with Harrison Closter

turning in remarkable figures of 5-7 from 7.3 overs, including four maidens, to be the chief destroyer for the Bombers.

The top two sides, in Devon Meadows and Upper Beaconsfield, have all-but secured a top-two finish, barring them losing and outright victories to Lang Lang and Cranbourne Meadows in the remaining two weeks.

Lang Lang's grip on third is just half a game ahead of Cranbourne Meadows in fourth, while NNG/Maryknoll have fallen from fourth to sixth, due to Emerald's big win against Gembrook.

Just 10 points separate third from sixth, making for an exciting conclusion to the season.

## F Grade hundreds the highlight in lower grade action

By Jonty Ralphsmith and Marcus Uhe

Competition for finals spots is heating up with only two weeks remaining in CCCA Cricket, as the synthetic wickets meant play was largely undisturbed by the weather conditions that beset turf cricket.

**A GRADE**

Wins to Cardinia and Officer have separated themselves from Clyde in the top four of the CCCA A Grade ladder.

A six-wicket haul for Cardinia spearhead Josh Browne steered the Bulls to a convincing 96-run upset victory over Tooradin at Tooradin Rec Reserve.

Browne grabbed 6-47 and bowled 14 maidens on Saturday as they dismissed Tooradin for 147.

Officer, meanwhile, was far too strong for Clyde, whose totals of 91 and 3/88 fell short of the Bullants' 261.

Abhi Sharma and Shane White both took three wickets for Officer in Clyde's first innings, who were dismissed in the 44th over.

Kooweerup, meanwhile, completed an outright victory over Merinda Park, who were bowled out twice for 88, and Pakenham easily accounted for Carlisle Park's total of 88, reaching the total six wickets down.

Despite their loss, Tooradin remain 20 points clear at the top of the ladder, with Officer, Cardinia and Clyde in second, third and fourth, respectively.

**B GRADE**

Cranbourne Meadows' annihilation of Clyde demonstrated the class gap between the top three and the rest of the competition, as the fourth-placed team was bowled out for just 122.

Opening bowler Agyapal Sidhu's 4/31 off 20.1 led the bowling effort for the Rebels before Sidhu, Amarpreet Singh and Kumar Narinder all made half-centuries as Cranbourne Meadows used Saturday as centre-wicket practice.

It was a similar margin in Devon Meadows' routing of Upper Beaconsfield, Thomas Rowe picking up 5/10 off 8.2 before a scintil-

**CASEY CARDINIA CRICKET ASSOCIATION LOWER GRADES REVIEW - ROUND 12**



Panther Lachlan O'Beirne scored 111 in B Grade on Saturday. 317877  
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lating batting display.

Devon Meadows went at more than six runs an over as William Loudon (62 off 69), Nathan Kleinig (66 off 87), Lachlan O'Beirne (111 not out off 91) and Chris Cleef (78 off 47) made a mockery of the bowling lineup.

Upper Beaconsfield's batters were then able to survive 41 overs, losing only five wickets to avoid the outright loss.

Meanwhile, Emerald won outright against Pakenham Upper Toomuc, having been set-up last week by an eight-wicket haul to Anthony Flint.

Emerald then declared at 1/66, Pakenham Upper Toomuc managing only 71 the second time around, with the wickets shared around, Flint getting two of them to finish with 10 for the match.

Emerald chased down the target with eight wickets in the shed.

**C GRADE**

The top two sides in CCCA C Grade in NNG/Maryknoll and Officer were both upset on Saturday on a surprise set of fixtures.

Devon Meadows was the only side to

taste success in a run chase, reining in NNG/Maryknoll's score of 124 in the 38th over.

Shane Fisher's run-a-ball 59 anchored the chase for the Panthers, who achieved the total four wickets down.

Pakenham and Cardinia both defended their totals of 125, against Lang Lang and Officer, respectively.

Kaleb Van Beek's 5-20 was the standout performance for the Lions, who dismissed Lang Lang in the 39th over for 81.

Officer, meanwhile, fell just 10 runs short of Cardinia at Rythdale Recreation Reserve, capitulating from 3-71 to be bowled-out for 115 in the 71st over.

NNG/Maryknoll remain eight points clear at the top of the table, ahead of Officer, Pakenham and Cardinia, respectively.

**D GRADE**

Luke Grassborow led Kooweerup to a strong win over Emerald on Saturday.

Needing 166 to win, Glassborow was part of an 88-run opening partnership that gave Kooweerup the ascendancy, before anchoring a 56-run partnership with skipper Brent Wilson.

He finished with a steady 61 that guided the run-chase and seven-wicket victory.

Cardinia, meanwhile, was well and truly outclassed by Officer, falling 144 runs short chasing 281 for victory before being made to follow on and surviving for 23 overs.

Pakenham, too, was far too good for Clyde, chasing down the target of 95 with seven wickets in hand before unsuccessfully searching for an outright win.

**E GRADE**

A 69-run fifth-wicket partnership guided Pakenham Upper Toomuc to victory over Officer.

Chasing 121, Pakenham Upper Toomuc was struggling at 4/42, before Matthew

Southall (42) and Mark Allott (34) came together for a partnership that got them within 10 runs of victory and proved enough.

Chasing Tooradin's mammoth score of 297, Nar Nar Goon/Maryknoll made a decent fist of the run-chase but still fell 113 runs short.

Liam Hill, David Gibbs, Qasim Ali and Shamraiz Medhi each reached 30, though none were able to crack the half-century in the Gulls' win.

Lang Lang, meanwhile, just held off Pakenham searching for an outright, after being bowled out for 75 chasing 299 in the first innings.

Lucas Halden's stonewalling 25 off 109 was a key factor behind the Swamp Tigers keeping Pakenham at bay.

Halden was dismissed late in the day, by which time there was insufficient time for Pakenham to take the remaining wickets.

**F GRADE**

It was a century 36 years in the making for Devon Meadows' Peter O'Brien, who finally reached the magical three-figure milestone in the Panthers' F Grade win over Kooweerup.

He was the second centurion of the innings, following Jason Brzezowski's 102 at the top of the order.

Kooweerup could only post 135 themselves, dismissed in the 60th over.

Merinda Park's Leigh Smith also joined the 100 club, making 104 against Upper Beaconsfield at Heatherbrae Recreation Reserve.

The Maroons were dismissed for 96 in 55 overs.

Devon Meadows are sitting pretty at the top of the table, with Kooweerup, Merinda Park, Upper Beaconsfield and Pakenham all in the chasing pack.

Upper Beaconsfield and Pakenham are tied for points in fourth, only separated by percentage for the last finals place.

# Swannies red-ball reaction

By Marcus Uhe

After a memorable run to last year's Premier Cricket grand final playing exclusively one-day cricket, it would be easy to pigeon-hole Casey-South Melbourne as white ball specialists.

But the return of two-day cricket in recent weeks has proven fruitful for the Swans, plucking two wins in contrasting circumstances to keep them right in the hunt for a spot in the finals.

Having successfully chased 336 against Melbourne in round 12, Will Carr's side made it back-to-back victories on Saturday, rolling Northcote for 199 to claim a 53-run victory.

For Carr, he said the versatility in his squad is the key.

"We've got a squad that's pretty adaptable, flexible, a good mix of experienced and younger players, and the principals of the game are pretty similar," Carr said.

"One of the strengths of our squad is the adaptability and flexibility of our side, and I think they're certainly enjoying the red ball.

"Because we haven't played red ball cricket for so long, it's hard to know if it (was) going to suit us or not.

"We felt last year that the white ball suited our squad, but as the last two games have probably proven, we're not too bad with the red ball either."

The Swans were dealt a crucial blow during the week, losing captain Michael Wallace to injury after he was struck in the jaw at training, and likely to miss the remainder of the home-and-away season.

With the playing conditions forcing their hand from a strategic perspective, coercing them into a declaration having lost eight overs and an hour of play on the second day, Jackson Fry and Nathan Lambden set to work on the "dead" wicket at Bill Lawry Oval with a typically tight opening spell.

After seven overs the home side had crawled



Brett Forsyth was the hero for Dandenong on Saturday with a defiant 97. 317884 Picture: ROB CAREW

to just 2/3, forcing scoreboard pressure and allowing the spin tandem of Ruwantha Kellapotha and Luke Shelton to attack in the middle overs.

Between them, they bowled 47 of the Swans' 78.4 overs, with the Kellapotha (30-10-4-53) returning excellent figures after his time in the Big Bash with the Melbourne Renegades.

Shelton, for his part, bagged 3/44 from his 17 overs.

"We probably would have liked to bat on a little bit for a few overs and lifted the total a bit more, but losing eight overs and trying to get 10 wickets, we felt that our best opportunity was to bowl as many balls as we possibly could in the day," Carr said.

"Their spinners were most effective for them as well, which gave us a little bit of in-sight.

"We expected that the spinners would do a lot of work on that wicket because it was pretty

dead and slow.

"(Kellapotha) he was outstanding on Saturday and well-supported by the other bowlers in Shelton Lambden and Fry.

"He's just a quality player and a handful for any batter if he keeps bowling like that, that's for sure."

Despite sitting 10th on the ladder, the parity across the competition means they are just five points back from Richmond in fourth.

And with two two-day fixtures remaining, Carr said there's confidence in the group that they can mix it with the competition's best.

"The feeling's good, we feel that if we play well enough we can beat anyone, if we play well enough for long enough," Carr said.

"It's a good challenge for us again this week with Footscray, the destiny's in our own hands, so to speak.

"If we can get maximum points or maximise the opportunity this week, we'll be

one step closer.

"But we can't really control the outcome too much, we'll just play the way we play and feel that if we play somewhere near our best, it'll give ourselves the best opportunity."

Over at Shepley Oval, a fighting innings from Brett Forsyth has continued Dandenong's revival under Glenn Marinic in Premier Cricket, holding on for a draw against Melbourne University.

The visitors declared on their day one total of 7-345, setting the Panthers 346 to win on a rain-shortened day, and got off to a perfect start, removing opener Tom Donnell in the first over for a duck, and number three Sahan Perera not long after for five, to have the home side on the back foot at 2-6.

Watching the chaos unfold at the other end, however, was Forsyth, who built partnerships with Josh Slater, Max Marinic and Angus Newman to restore stability to the Panthers' innings, reaching a half-century in the 41st over.

Spin from both ends for the Students, including former Australian representative Fawad Ahmed, kept the pressure on the Panthers and made scoring tough as the sun emerged in the afternoon.

But as the century approached, Forsyth began to free his arms.

Two boundaries off Ahmed in one over took him into the 80s, and another two into the nineties, with the milestone in sight.

It would be Ahmed who had the last laugh, however, after the opening batter was bowled, having shouldered-arms on 97.

With the big wicket out of the way, the floodgates threatened to open for Melbourne University, with Angus Newman dismissed not long after Forsyth for just two.

It was up to Matthew Wilson, who finished 47 not out, and Ben Allison, to see-out the remaining overs and secure the draw with four wickets in hand and 142 runs in arrears.



From left, proud Panthers Lucas Ligt, Lachie O'Beirne, Jason Brzezowski and Peter O'Brien made centuries for Devon Meadows in round 12. 318416 Picture: SUPPLIED

## Tons of fun for in-form prowling Panthers

By David Nagel

A huge season for the Devon Meadows Cricket Club got even bigger on Saturday with a multitude of milestones leaving statisticians scratching their heads.

The Panthers had a great weekend as a club, with all five teams claiming victory in their respective competitions in the Casey Cardinia Cricket Association (CCCA).

It's the second time the Panthers have completed the clean-sweep this season, with four of their five teams – District, B Grade, F Grade and One-Day – all sitting comfortably at the top of the ladder.

Those lofty ladder positions have been born from a remarkable run of individual success, with eight Panther's players having made spectacular centuries this season.

Four players made tons on the weekend.

District opener Lucas Ligt had already made his way to triple figures on three occasions this season, but drove home a fourth with 105 not out against Upper Beaconsfield.

Ligt has scores of 148 (Gembrook), 119 not out (Pakenham Upper Toomuc) and 111 not out (Cranbourne Meadows) with his club-record fourth century of the season taking his tally to 642 runs at the 'Bradmanesque' average of 91.71.

In B Grade, Lachie O'Beirne (111 not out) celebrated two career firsts, just 17 overs apart.

O'Beirne was thrilled to bring up his first-ever half century in the 34th over of the Panthers innings against Upper Beaconsfield, and then was doubly delighted to reach triple figures in the 51st over.

And the Panthers century-making spree continued in F Grade in round 12 as well.

Jason Brzezowski (102) chalked up his third

century for the club on day one of the match against Kooweerup last week, while veteran Peter O'Brien entered day two on 67 not out, just 33 runs away from his maiden century.

After 36 years of playing cricket at Devon Meadows, life member O'Brien finally made it to triple figures (102) for his first taste of the best feeling in cricket.

Peter's brother Darren holds the club record for runs and centuries at Devon Meadows and gave his brother a simple message.

"About time."

Individual career milestones were also prominent for the Panthers in round 12, with Peter Zauner scoring his 5000th run for the club, Luke Howard his 3000th and Shane Fisher chalking up run number 1000.

The fun doesn't stop there for Devon Meadows, with Lee Thomas and Rob Worsteling lining up for their 150th games this week.

## Western Park prove too good

By Jonty Ralphsmith

### WARRAGUL DISTRICT CRICKET ASSOCIATION

Western Park proved far too strong for Longwarry, winning by 81 runs after making 235 last week.

Longwarry was never able to manage a meaningful partnership, Isaac Carney top-scoring with 47 before some late-order hitting from Matthew Aslett made the run-chase more respectable.

Catani chased down its target of 103 against Neerim District with five wickets in hand inside 28 overs.

Drouin, meanwhile, was far too strong for Yarragon, winning by nine wickets before using the hit out as centre-wicket practice.

The second day of Hallora's clash with Ellinbank was washed out.

### VICTORIA SUB-DISTRICT CRICKET ASSOCIATION

The second day of Endeavour Hills' clash with Noble Park was washed out with Endeavour Hills chasing 259 to win.



Western Park was a class above Longwarry. 187117 Picture: STEWART CHAMBERS



Umpires Trevor Hobson and Wenura Alahakoon head off the ground with a handful of stumps on Saturday. 317881 Picture: STEWART CHAMBERS



The Buckley Ridges gazebo was setup with plenty of Buckley supporters down to watch.



Spare balls are always a must on the small confines of Wilson Oval. Picture: JONTY RALPHSMITH

# Presidents hold the cards



From what we're hearing on the rumour mill, Presidents from some CCCA clubs have called a Presidents Meeting to discuss some issues that have risen throughout the course of the 2022/23 cricket season. But some of the presidents may be putting romance above their cricket clubs, because the February 14 date that has been put forward by the league is not convenient for some club leaders because it falls on Valentine's Day! C'mon team, it's a Tuesday, put the romance on hold until later in the week!

**Let's hope CRICKET has learned a valuable lesson from its FOOTBALL counterparts as some local leagues begin the transition from MY CRICKET to the PLAYHQ platform. Football leagues and clubs had a hell of a time adjusting to the new management platform, with some blaming a lack of transported information to PLAYHQ for the Player Points debacle that swept through AFL GIPPSLAND last year. MY CRICKET has its deficiencies, but let's hope the history of competitions isn't lost during the transition process to PLAYHQ. If not managed properly, we can see this being one almighty mess.**

Props to PARKFIELD president David Swierzbiolek and SPRINGVALE DISTRICTS president Sean Francis for their work in increasing sport participation in the Greater Dandenong region. Swierzbiolek has been a key figure in fostering a family-friendly culture and increasing female cricket participation, and Francis has increased the number of people around the Dees from both a footy and netball perspective. Their work saw the pair named joint-sportspeople of the year in that municipality. Head to the Dandenong Journal to find out more.

**The Casey Cardinia Cricket Association (CCCA) has copped a bad rap in recent times, mainly for the failure of the league to field a Country Week team this year. But let's give credit where credit is due, the CCCA's rejigged T20 season was a huge success, with the split of Premier and District Division teams giving a nice new feel to the competition. CARDINIA and CRANBOURNE MEADOWS won their respective divisions at Pakenham on Sunday...but the other big winner is PAKENHAM player Jack Anning, who put a power of thought into making the Kookaburra Cup a success. Being an administrator is tough, but Anning is showing all the right signs of being a very good one in the future.**

While on the Anning family, the humour of PAKENHAM president Phil Anning couldn't be dampened as host at the Kookaburra Cup on Sunday. Despite 'Mitsu' still hurting, after his Lions were rolled for just 81 by CARLISLE PARK on Saturday...he could still find a bright side. "If we played MERINDA PARK, we would have won by 58 runs." Anning's line was certainly said tongue in cheek, and not meant anyway disrespectful to the Cobras, who were bowled out for just 23 by KOOWEERUP in Premier Division on Saturday.



It was a great day for a flowing mullet as Officer's wicket keeper Nicholas Whitelaw cuts a dashing figure on Saturday. 317880 Picture: STEWART CHAMBERS

**Something you don't see every day: a Glenn Bundy medium-pacer kept low on the second-last ball of the 37th over in BEACONSFIELD's batting innings against DOVETON. It went through everyone and everything except 'keeper Ricky Johnson's helmet, which was sitting a couple of metres behind him. Lachie Ramage and Michael Dunstan scampered through for a bye but it appeared the strange occurrence alluded the umpires, for five penalty runs weren't added to the total. Lucky it proved insignificant in a big Tigers win!**

Even with a broken left-hand, CARDINIA skipper Jake Prosser was trying his best to have an impact during the Kookaburra Cup grand final between the Bulls and KOOWEERUP on Saturday. Prosser was walking the boundary rope like an expectant parent, nervous but excited, as he quietly gave guidance to his players. Kooweerup skipper Michael Giles was all over it, pointing out Prosser's influence to the umpires at a drink break. We don't think he was breaking any rules, but it was just funny to see how engrossed Prosser was in the game.

**The CCCA had a special guest present the Kookaburra Cup to CARDINIA on Sunday, with Dandenong local and Victorian player Hayleigh Brennan representing Kookaburra, the naming rights sponsor of the tournament. But in welcoming Brennan, CCCA President Rob Hansen said Brennan had played with the Melbourne Renegades. Her team is in Melbourne Rob, but it's the MELBOURNE STARS, not the Renegades. Brennan shook her head and smiled...no long-term damage done with the major sponsor!**

It may have been beaten outright, but you have to admire the consistency of the MERINDA PARK A Grade team against KOOWEERUP in round 12. After being bowled out for 88, the Cobras were put back in after Paul Bright (61) and

Cody Miller (49) declared the Demons' innings at 4/123. Yep, you guessed it, the Cobras were rolled for 88 again, with the Dees claiming outright victory by 10 wickets a short time later.

**There may be another sneaky controversy developing in the CCCA, with a player from one club questioning the integrity of CARDINIA's D Grade victory over EMERALD in round 11. The Bulls certainly shared the ball around that day, bowling 10 bowlers, with one spell allegedly coming from a player listed as 12th man. The CCCA has been made aware of it, and it might be nothing, but it will be interesting to see what transpires over the next week or so.**

It was good to see some members of the DANDENONG WEST Cricket Club get down to watch both of BERWICK's t20 games at Shepley Oval on Sunday when the Bears won the premiership. Those from Dandy West were there to see one of their own, leggie Riley Sives, go at it for the Bears. They would've walked away pretty pleased with Sives' performance, too. He claimed 1/13 off three in the grand final after 1/20 off four in the semi.

**On DANDY WEST, if you're not a regular reader of the Turf 3 report, you wouldn't realise how dominant Nuwan Kulasekara has been in the competition - but you can certainly imagine a former international player rocking up to Dandenong District cricket and taking the mickey. He took it to another level on the weekend, claiming 5/3 off his five overs, four of which were maidens. Spare a thought for Silverton turning up having to face someone of that calibre! He was twice on a hattrick and consigned Silverton to 6/15 after nine overs. A nod to the man's character, though, he bowled only the five overs to share the fun around as Dandenong West bowled Silverton out for 38.**

UPPER BEACONSFIELD will be ruining their bowling performance in CCCA F Grade, sending down a whopping 64 extras against MERINDA PARK - 27 wides, 17 no-balls, 10 wides and 10 leg-byes. Opening bowler Lucas Shipway had what could be described as a mixed bag with the ball, returning tidy figures of 14-2-2-46, but also sent down 12 wides and three no-balls.

**Frisbee was the past time of choice for the BERWICK boys as they played the waiting game in DDCA Turf 1 at Arch Brown Reserve. Brad James looked the most capable with the flying disc, while some of his chargers tried their hand with some of the equipment used to transport the covers. PARKMORE, meanwhile, stayed cosy in their changerooms while the umpires held the fate of the game in their hands.**

The TOORADIN community will gather at the sports club on Tuesday 14 February for the first ever Ben Proctor Memorial T20 game between the cricket club and football club. Those who knew Ben are encouraged to share a drink, a laugh and a memory on Tuesday, with all proceeds from the event to go towards Beyond-Blue. A link to make further donations will be added to the cricket club's Facebook page.

**Some footy news. Overlooked DANDENONG STINGRAYS prospect Mitch Szybkowski, a product of Beaconsfield, was let go by Essendon last week. The 'Rays 2022 captain had been training with the Bombers in the hope of winning a supplemental selection period (SSP) list spot, but was unsuccessful in his quest. Since being let go, there's whispers that he's going to be given some time to impress with Melbourne's AFL team before the opportunity to win a list spot closes on 15 February. If he's unsuccessful, he's expected to sign on with VFL club Frankston, which has seen four players drafted since November 2021.**

Speaking of the 'Rays, their competition has had a name change. The under-18s pathways competition, which has for several seasons been sponsored by NAB, will now be called the Coates Talent League, with the boys and girls seasons to run concurrently for the first time ever in 2023.

**Some news out of DOVETON: playing-coach Michael Cardamone will go up to Palmerston and play a late-season NTFL match. The DOVES hope it is the beginning of a sustained relationship between the clubs with the Magpies able to supply players to the Doves throughout the season. Another player is expected to make the trip up to the Territory with Cardamone. Could we see Palmerston's Eddie Betts, Travis Varcoe or Neville Jetta line up in Doves colours in the future?**

In West Gippsland, rumours of a move from NAR NAR GOON are incorrect for star forward Dermott Yawney, who will remain at Spencer Street this season. Rumours of Yawney moving to TARWIN for a big dollar deal have proved incorrect. Congratulations to TOORADIN-DALMORE young gun James Trezise, who recently signed with RICHMOND in the VFL. The exciting left-footer is enjoying his time at Punt Road, rubbing shoulders with Dustin Martin and the like in Match-Sim. And, if rumours are correct (hopefully more accurate than the Yawney talk) the reigning champs in the WGFNC might be about to announce a huge signing. We'll follow it up and let you all know shortly.

# Sunday joy for Pakenham

**PAKENHAM BOWLS**

In the second double header of their home and away season, Pakenham One (Div 1) played Mitcham away on Saturday and St Kilda at home on Sunday.

The outcome of both games was two rinks up, one drawn and one down yet one resulted in a win and the other a loss.

The early signs from Saturday's round 14 game at Mitcham were not promising— after twenty ends Pakenham was down on all four rinks and behind 10 shots to 34.

However, as they became accustomed to the conditions, the Lions began to fire and by the half-way mark had three rinks in front, although at 44 to 45 they were still just behind.

The locals then pulled away again and by the start of the business ends had opened up a 71 to 56 lead with two rinks in front and one level.

However the Lions came home strong, out-scoring Mitcham by two to one over the last twenty ends to finish with two rinks up and one all square – nevertheless, at 84 to 85 they fell agonizingly short by just one shot.

Best rink with 22 shots to 16 was Glenn “Google” Bainbridge (S), Neil “Big Dev” Devlin (3), Ned Courtin (2) and David Saint (L).

Sunday's round 15 game was vastly different.

The Lions started well on their home deck to have three rinks up and a lead of 23 to 10 after the completion of twenty ends.

They still had their noses in front on three of the four rinks at the half way mark and the lead had grown to 18.

During the middle stages of the game there was a marked shift in the contest, as three Pakenham rinks went on a scoring blitz.

Dylan Morrison's rink outscored their opponents by 11 shots to one, John Parker's team won seven ends in a row and Google's crew picked up eleven ends straight!

On both Saturday and Sunday the Ones finished the day with two up and one drawn and on both days Dylan Morrison's rink fought out an 18 all draw.

However on Sunday there was a huge difference in the final outcome, the Lions finishing with a comprehensive 112 to 67 win.

Best rink, with 16 of 21 ends and a score of 35 to 10 was John Parker (S), Brad Martin (3), Max Mannik (2) and Gian “The Doctor” Pianezzola (L).

It is not known whether the Ones have regained sixth spot on the ladder as the results of the Parkdale/Brunswick game had not yet been posted.

Their scheduled round 16 opponent is Brunswick.

Ladder-leader Pakenham Two was home to Upwey Tecoma (fourth) for the penultimate round of the season.

With two rinks dominant and a third not far behind, the locals had established a lead of 30 shots to nine by the completion of the first twenty ends which they extended to 59 to 23 by the half way mark.

That trend continued with the Lions out-scoring the Tigers, leading 98 to 36 with twenty ends to play and then finished off with three rinks up and a final score of 125 shots to 53.

Best rink with an incredible 40 shots to three was “Stormin” Norm Box (S), Brian Norton (3), Ash Graham (2) and Jan Moore (L).

The Twos have a mortgage on the top rung of the ladder and are guaranteed a home final.

Their last home and away game will be at Mulgrave Country Club (second).

Pakenham Three went down the highway to Narre Warren for what was an important hit out for both clubs.

The Lions didn't take time to settle and by the completion of the first twenty ends had established a 20 to 11 lead with all four rinks in front.

By the half way mark that lead had grown to 48 to 30 although one rink had dropped behind.

By the time the game entered its final quarter, Pakenham had marginally extended its lead to 20 shots and had three up and one level.

The Lions then put the foot down to finish with a final score of 92 to 57 and four winning rinks.

Two rinks won by 12 shots each, both with 13 ends but the better on percentage was Rick

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The jack is in the ditch but who has shot? Pakenham's Geoff Van Vugt and the Saint's Jayson Brewer can't decide. 318403

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A very healthy scoreboard shows six ends to go, with Max Mannik continuing to deliver.



Two winning skips, John Parker (foreground) and Glenn “Google” Bainbridge roll down the winners for Pakenham.

Burns (S), Derek Spraggon (3), Ray Leggett (2) and Wayne Oosthuizen (L).

With finals just around the corner this was an important win for the Threes.

Under the rejigged Sectional Finals arrangements, and with first and second now set in concrete, they are guaranteed a home semi in the first round and Narre will be their opponent.

They will play Willow Lodge at home in round 14.

Pakenham Four has done it again – chalked up a win, that is.

As a further example of what might have been, had they been able to field a full side all season, the Fours racked up a good win at home against Berwick on Saturday.

Their game built slowly and after twenty ends they had two up, one level and a modest lead of 20 shots to 12.

From that point forward, things went a little pear shaped and by the half way mark they had only one rink (well) in front while the others were down and they had lost the lead by two shots.

After the break the Lions seemed to find another gear and by the start of the business ends had regained the lead (by four shots) although at that stage they only had one up and one level.

From that stage they pushed hard to the end, to finish with two up, one level and an overall score of 89 to 72.

Best rink with an impressive 34 to five was Adrian “A-Train” Wheelan (S), Kevin Holley (3), Helen Wright (2) and Derek Fenn (L).

Reg “Wombat” Mattingly's rink staged a great fight back from 11-15 down to win by 28 to 23 while Gail Bowman's rink clawed their

way back from 2-13 down to salvage a 17-all draw.

The Fours will finish the season in sixth spot, regardless of the outcome of their final game at Carrum.

**MIDWEEK**

Pakenham One (Div 2) made a faltering start to their round 12 home game against Carrum and it was only the 13-0 score on “Google's” rink which gave them the lead after the first fifteen ends.

They quickly regrouped however, and by the half way mark had two rinks up and a lead of 37 to 23.

After the break they continued to apply the pressure and with fifteen ends to go had all three up and a lead of 21 shots overall.

From that point they coasted to a 70 to 40 win with all three rinks successful.

Best rink with 31 to 10 was Glen “Google” Bainbridge (S), Ned Curtin (3) “Stormin” Norm Box (2) and David Saint (L).

The Ones are still top of the ladder but are only two points ahead of Parkdale.

Their round 13 opponent is Berwick (sixth) away.

Pakenham Two experienced an unexpected loss at Cranbourne.

They started conservatively and after the first fifteen ends had two rinks up but led overall by just one shot, which increased to two shots at half way.

However the second half of the game belonged to Cranbourne.

With one of Pakenham's rinks suffering a mini melt-down the locals surged to a 55 to 46 lead by about the three quarter mark and then went on to win by 67 to 55.

Pakenham's only winning rink with 21 to 16

was Lindsay Stevenson (S), Bill Bosch (3), Ash Graham (2) and Derek Fenn (L).

As a result of the loss, the Twos have relinquished top spot to Narre Warren but are only two points behind.

At this stage it would appear that Pakenham and Narre are likely to meet in the Sectional Semi-Final. The Twos must therefore get back into the winners circle to ensure that the semi is played at Pakenham.

They are at home to Berwick (seventh) next round.

Pakenham Three continued their incredible season last Tuesday with a big win at home against Burden Park.

The Lions jumped the Dragons from the outset to lead by 23 shots to nine after fifteen ends and then 49 to 21, with three up, by the half way mark.

Although one of the Lions rinks then dropped slightly behind, the other two continued to forge ahead and by the beginning of the business ends had taken the score to 72 to 33.

There was no easing of the pressure in the run home and Pakenham eventually won by 92 shots to 41.

Best rink with 41 shots to 11 was Vince Bevilacqua (S), Eric Peterson (3), Roy Harvie (2) and Jan Stevenson (L).

The Threes are now 62 points clear of Burden Park on top of the ladder and are guaranteed a home semi-final.

They are away at Noble Park (sixth) in the penultimate round and have the bye in round 14.

**HI-LO**

The round 13 winner was Helen Wright with number one.

-Des Leigh

# Battle begins for Berwick

## BERWICK BOWLS

■ **Berwick 1 (Saturday) def by Heathmont 1 58-88. Ladder: 5th**

With a big weekend ahead of them the ones hosted Heathmont at home.

Sitting in the four marginally at the start of the weekend, and playing the top-two sides in the last double header of the season, the ones needed a big game on Saturday. They started well with most rinks level pegging up to about the 40th end but very quickly the margin started to widen and eventually the game became out of reach for the top side by about the 65th end. Josh McQueen managed the only rink win against Darren Mays with the other three rinks going down. Whittlesea managed to get over Bacchus Marsh at Bacchus Marsh which was a great result for them and pushed the Berwick side out of the four on Saturday night.

■ **Berwick 1 (Sunday) def by Flem/Ken 1 56-90. Ladder: 5th**

Out of the four and up against the top team at home with both their fly-ins playing was a big ask. There was one substitution in for the day and one no-show didn't get the day off to a great start! Similarly to Saturday, the ones got off to a great start and at the 35th end were only seven shots down on the big board. Very quickly though, in what seemed to be 10 minutes of bowls, the ladder leaders were showing their class across all rinks and the score had blown out by 20 shots. Under pressure and needing a near miracle to change the result, all four rinks were finding out how good Flemington were. Some great bowls on show from both sides but Flemington was just way too consistent and solid across all rinks.

The ones find themselves now having to win all three of their remaining games and just maybe, if they can do that, they will probably rely on Whittlesea losing to Flemington in the last round to scrape in.

Their destiny is in their own hands now... lose any of the remaining three and they're probably done for the season and won't see finals.

■ **Berwick 2 def Coatesville 96-89. Ladder: 1st**

This one probably got a little closer than the two's would have liked. Two rink wins and two rink losses saw the game reasonably close and the seconds just got over the line. They'll need to stay on their toes with the last round this weekend playing Moorabbin at home. A loss could see them host them again next weekend in round one of finals so it's important for a big win across all rinks to ensure they go in to week one of finals with a big psychological advantage. The rinks of Tony French and Dennis Griffin got the two's over the line with Manifold down by 11 and Azzopardi down by 8. They probably won't be able to cover that come finals time so smart bowls is a must for the twos this week to ensure any rink losses are kept to a bare minimum. They'll get over the opposition this week we think and be primed for finals week one.

■ **Berwick 3 def by Narre Warren 48-105. Ladder: 8th**

The threes (development side) got a big lesson from second-placed Narre Warren 1 this week. Narre Warren are pushing to make Division 1 next season and showed they are a big possibility of getting there after showing their dominance this week. The players in our threes are developing and gaining a very fast tracked opportunity in experiencing a level of bowls that they probably aren't ready for. But with every week they are learning, gaining great experience, learning to read and set up heads and shot selection which is something they'd not gain if they were still in the lower sides. With one week to go, many of the threes - who've only won two games for the season - are happy and enjoying the opportunity at Division 2 level. They'll be much better for the experience next season.

■ **Berwick 4 def Noble Park 91-69. Ladder: 3rd**

This was a good win by the fours over Noble Park with three rinks up and taking 16 points for the day. Mulgrave CC took three rinks wins and a draw which means the fours drop to third spot but with Pakenham 2 on top of the ladder hosting Mulgrave CC this week, a good win by the fours may see them jump back to second spot if they can get a big win over Hampton Park. It means they'll go to Pakky in week one of finals if they finish second, but after their recent win over the ladder leaders it's all looking pretty good for the fours at the moment. They



It was an up and down weekend for Jeff Janetzki and the Berwick Bowling Club as finals loom large on the horizon. 303393

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are doing it very well the fours, keeping rink losses to a minimum and winning big on other rinks, so with minimal changes and consistency on their side they're looking pretty good with one week to go.

■ **Berwick 5 def by Burden Park 2 70-79. Ladder: 4th**

This one was a heartbreaking loss for the fives against sixth-placed Burden Park 2. It was a see-sawing battle all day and came down to the last two ends but it does see the fives now drop to fourth place and in real danger of missing finals if they can't manage a win this week away against bottom side Mulgrave CC 5. The fours sit on 115 points with both Burden Park 2 and Keysborough 3 both only four points behind on 111. We'd expect to see the fives win well against Mulgrave but with some pressure now to win, a spot in the four on the line, anything is possible and the fives need a big day out on Saturday.

■ **Berwick 6 def by Pakenham 4 72-89. Ladder: 2nd**

The sixes have kept their second-chance alive for finals despite the loss to sixth-placed Pakenham on the weekend. BUT.....with Cranbourne 4 sitting only 11 points behind them in third, the game between the two is a must win for both sides this week. The winner will

take second spot and the double chance in to finals so for the sixes it's their opportunity to get some consistency in their game and some confidence going in to week one of the finals. Tom McDermott's rink (the club's best performed skip on Bowlslink) had a narrow loss, Bruce Shearer drew, Avril Steere had a rare big loss and Tony Wynen had a big 17-shot win. I've been asked to apologise for some of my comments on the sixes last week by a concerned member of the sixes so I'll eat humble pie and say sorry for being too honest and will be more diplomatic in regards to this side going forward. Concentrate on the win this week sixes and the big double chance up for grabs.

■ **Berwick 7 def by Mulgrave CC 52-62. Ladder: 2nd**

The sevens have lost their top spot after a very narrow 10-shot loss to fifth-placed Mulgrave CC. In what was touted as a win for the sevens down at Mulgrave, top spot now goes to Churchill Waverley Golf. The sevens are only two points behind and play fourth-placed Vermont Sth at home. The ladder leaders play third-placed Keysborough so the only change can be for the sevens that they finish on top or second. It's been a big season for the sevens so a big win this week will see them raring to go for finals.

■ **Berwick 8 def Clayton 5 65-47. Ladder: 5th**

They're coming hard the eights! They continue to keep the finals dream alive with another win over fourth-placed Clayton. They just don't give in this side and continue to put their best foot forward every week. With a draw and a two-shot loss on two of the rinks it was the rink of Alex Bigdelis, Reg Rowswell, Janet Pearson and Barry Richards - with a 20-shot win - that got the eights up with a huge win. A tough ask to get themselves in to finals by beating top side Brighton at Brighton this week but I'm going to tip the upset as they never say never the eights. Go get em!

■ **Summary**

Well, all in all not a great weekend for the Wickers with only three wins from nine.

There is only one week to go for sides' two to eight before finals and three weeks for Division 1.

At this stage we're looking at a great representation in finals again for the second year running and it's so important at this stage of the season for sides to communicate well, encourage each other and get out on the greens together as a side for practice sessions.

Exciting weeks ahead!

-John Rich



# Garfield focus in on finals

## GARFIELD BOWLS

Garfield's bowling sides were back in full swing and in great form this week winning all matches in impressive style.

Garfield's third-placed Div 3 Midweek side played host to second-placed Drouin in a match to set up the finals.

Garfield showed them how it's done with a convincing 90 shots to 41 win.

The team of Lexi Taylor, Gerry Wakefield, Richard Ross and skip Helene Newton struggled at the beginning and was down by seven shots after five ends.

But then they got going and winning the next eight ends in a row jumped to an 11-shot lead before their opponents scored again. From there on, they cruised to a 31 shots to 13 win.

Gwen Fabris's team, consisting of Luke Monckton, Cheryl Breteler and Damian Brick played a tooth-and nail game with their opposition, who lead by only small amounts in the first half of the game.

Then a five-shot score by the Garfielders, on the fifteenth end, broke the game open and they went on to win by 19 shots to 17.

Jan Johnson, Malcolm Newham, Bob Lampport and skip Maureen Lampport could do nothing wrong all day, and with four ends on which they scored five shots or more, they breezed away from their opponents to win by 40 shots to 11.

While the side remains in third place on the ladder, they have signaled their intention to be a force in the finals.

On Saturday, Garfield's Div 5 side went to the far end of the Division to play against fourth-placed Traralgon.

With second place on the ladder at stake, the Garfielders brought home the win by 69 shots to 57.

The team of Shirley Corcoran, Cheryl Bre-



Joe Lenders was all smiles after playing his part in a comfortable Garfield victory over Newborough. 266412

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teler, Brian Fox and skip Damian Brick lost the first two ends, and three of the last four, but in between they were unassailable, winning easily by 25 shots to 14.

Gordon Moxey's team, consisting of Lois King, Margaret Hyam and Helene Newton, was fighting hand-to-hand with its opponents for the first eight ends and were up by one shot

at that point.

Then the Traralgon team scored six shots on the next end to break away; but not to be denied the Garfielders came back and led by four shots after 15 ends.

Then it happened again – another six and they found themselves behind again.

By the 20th end, they had fought back to be just one shot behind, but the last end went to their opposition and they lost by 23 shots to 27.

Wes Goodman, Henry Breteler, Lexi Taylor and skip Gwen Fabris were in a very tight game for the first half, with the scores tied at 9-each at the 12th end.

After that they steamed home to win by 21 shots to 16.

This good win keeps Garfield in second place on the ladder, with one more game before the finals.

The Div 3 side played host to sixth-placed Newborough and came away winning three rinks and the match by 94 shots to 59.

Tom Cleary's team, consisting of Frank Prins, Len Preece and Joe Lenders, were in front all day and, despite a bit of a snooze in the second half, won by 21 shots to 13.

The team of Graeme Burton, Bob Lampport, Richard Ross and skip Shane Oliver, had a day out, winning easily by 30 shots to 11.

The team of Les Pumphrey, Gary Payne, Steve Bassed and skip Nick Henwood, won the first five ends, to be up 8-0.

The rest of the game was relatively even and the Garfield team won by 23 shots to 14.

Alan Wilson, Alan White, Gary Helmore and skip Stephen Whyte were just a little bit behind for most of the day, but some big ends brought them back into it each time.

After 20 ends they were 20 shots all, with all to play for on the last end.

The home boys held two shots at the changeover, and there was hope in the air, but the opposition skip drew to within a foot of the jack to steal victory from the jaws of defeat, and the Garfielders went down by 20 shots to 21.

Garfield remains well out on top of the ladder.

-Damian Brick

## Hoodies get cool reception

By David Nagel

The new kid on the block got a rude introduction to life in the South West Gippsland Dart League (SWGDL) with one of the competition heavyweights standing their ground with authority.

Just Social was in no mood for niceties when it took on competition new-comer 'The Hoodies' in round two action.

The Hoodies had a bye in round one, and then faced the toughest of initiations against a perennial finalist who always seem to hit the target.

Just Social was in terrific form on the night, winning 14-1 and giving The Hoodies a taste of the level they need to aspire to.

Just Social is undefeated after two rounds, sitting second behind Warriors and level on points with Snipers who have also triumphed in the opening two rounds of the season.

Warriors backed up their 14-1 victory over FORE in round one with another clinical display, thumping Rebels 11-4.

Anthony Lawler from Warriors provided one of the highlights of the night, grabbing the highest peg with a classy 88 finish.

Snipers had a tougher time of things, prevailing 9-6 against PakyOne, with Dean Gibbs extending his lead in the tons thrown category, while 26ERS won by the same 9-6 margin against the Bullseyes.

The final game of round two was a thriller, with Gembrook winning by the narrowest of margins against the Mud Rats.

The 8-7 victory saw Gembrook move to sixth place on the ladder, with Mud Rats sliding to ninth.

**LADDER – ROUND 2:** Warriors 8, Just Social 8, Snipers 8, Rebels 4, PakyOne 4, Gembrook 4, 26ERS 4, Bullseyes 0, Mud Rats 0, FORE 0, The Hoodies 0.



The sharp-shooters were on fire in round two of the South West Gippsland Dart League. 291032

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Winners at Kooweerup were John Nicholson, Frank d'Unienville and Bill Williams. 318280

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## Nicholson's knock-out blow

South West Gippsland Mid-Week bowlers descended upon the Kooweerup Bowls Club last week with 27 players looking to put their name in lights as members of the winning team.

Despite plenty of smiles around the green, and everyone having fun, the weather was always going to be a challenge for the bowlers.

It started off fairly cool on 14 degrees, with a few gusts of wind, but soon warmed up and the wind built up to what became a great day for bowls.

Many great bowls were played, but there could only be one winner and that title belonged to John Nicholson (S), Frank d'Unienville (3) and Bill Williams (L) who scored 36 points to take out the victory.

Runners up on 34 points were Tony Heppleston (S), Robyn Dahl (3) and George Crynes (L), while the Best One Game winners, on 23 points, were Vern Elliott (S), Sue Stansfield (3) and Tony Morris (L).

Many thanks to George behind the bar, David who set up the greens and David, Luke and Laurie for tidying up after everyone had left for the day.



Best One Game winners, from left, Vern Elliott, Sue Stansfield and Tony Morris.

Also thank you once again to Peter, Pauline and John for all their work getting the game together and the teams sorted and out to the greens.

This week we will be at Lang Lang to once again challenge for the week's best teams.

We look forward to seeing everyone there at 10am for a 10.30am start.

# Bester a star on the rise

## DEEP CREEK GOLF

The February Monthly Medal went up for grabs at Deep Creek Golf Club on Saturday and one of the exciting young talents at the club took home the big prize on offer.

Coming off a B Grade win just two weeks earlier, Lyriq Bester (20) overcame showers of rain and some tough competition to take home the Monthly Medal.

Bester, a junior student of Teaching Pro Mark Shaw, shot 89 off the stick to card a nett 69 for a four-shot victory over Levi Sua (11) on nett 73.

Down the lines went to Michael Banger, Graeme Durran and another emerging junior at the club in Blaze Bester, who all carded nett 77.

Nearest the pins went to 2nd: Mick Boyd (3.89m) and 16th: Colin MacLean (3.26m).

Wednesday's stableford competition saw a strong field take to the course and it was Chris McConnell (17) who handled the conditions best to score 40 points to win both A Grade and the best score for the day.

A former champion cricketer with Koowereup, McConnell manoeuvred his ball beautifully around the course to score a three-shot win in A Grade over Darren Grayson.

Carol Beard was also in fine form, scoring 37 points for a one-shot B Grade victory over Tom Reid.

Other players to enjoy their mid-week round of golf were Levi Sua with 36 points, David Calderbank, Bob Naismith, Royce Thompson and Roger Parker with 35, and Terry Bull, William Carmichael, Frank Leontini, Ron Seamer and Kel Trickey, who all scored 34 points to claim a ball down the line.

The SuperComp Back 9 winner was Carol Beard with 21 points, while nearest the pins went to 2nd Hole: Barry Williams (3.45m) and 16th Hole: Michael Banger (5.10m).

Thursday saw the ladies battle it out for the 2022 Medal of Medallist, with Julie Cheng winning the coveted prize with a fine round of 73 nett in the Stroke format.

Cheng, playing off her 30 handicap, also claimed the February Monthly Medal and became the Silver Spoon Qualifier for round one.

Cheng had a single shot up her sleeve, with Shirley McGrath and Kay Jones signing cards of nett 74, with Leah Barker four shots back in fourth place.

Nearest the pins went to 2nd: Leanne Barkar (2.86m) and 16th: Julie Cheng (1.30m).

The 9-Hole Competition winner was Nola Kerslake (53) with 10 points.

And Andrew Hale (16) had the best of Sunday's stableford event, scoring 38 points for a three-shot advantage over Matthew Hogan, Bobby Edwards and Shaun Hegarty.

Heath Barclay, Steely Mateariki and Dean Jones were next best with 34 points.

## GARFIELD GOLF

There was plenty of rain to end the week which continued through Saturday morning; however it didn't affect the field size for the day's event which was the February Monthly Medal.

Jackson Bennett took out the medal from the 117 starters with a B Grade winning score of net 65 to defeat D Grade winner Michael Spencer by one shot.

Best in for the A Grade field was an informant Sam Collins with a round of net 70 defeating yet another in form player in Gus Engley by two shots, with Engley finishing second via a count back.

Jai Coleclough won the C Grade event with a final score of net 71, two shots clear of Kelvin Rhodes in the runners up stall.

A final score of net 75 back to a count back was required to get a ball down the line.

With wet conditions and full length tees there were only a total of five birdies scored for the day on the par threes.

This week's huge highlight was provided by a new name in Daniel Exposito whom dominated Mondays stableford event with a huge B Grade winning score of 46 points...playing off his soon to be reduced handicap of 29.

Monday's event continues to grow in field size with this week seeing a total of 46 players taking part. Craig Cousin was the other star on Monday as he played to a single figure round of 43 points to take out the A Grade event by four shots over Trevor Male.

A final score of 35 points or better back to



Nicole Ellen in full swing at Lang Lang Golf Club. 318314

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a count back was required to get a ball down the line. Thursday's conditions were on the cool and breezy side with many tees off the full length making scoring harder than usual indicated by the final scores.

Best on for the day, and breaking a 12-month drought with a B Grade win, was Terry Webster with a score of 41 points, two shots clear of Tony Mafodda who scored 39 points to take care of second place.

James Dimtsas is golfer playing very consistently, this time winning A Grade with a less than handicap total of 35 points to defeat Greg Needham whom obtained second on a count back from Jim Accettura with a score of 34 points.

Stephen Eddy won the C Grade event with a score of 38 points, one shot in advance of Garfield's triple winning D Grade champ in Barrie Cousin.

A final score of 35 points or better was good enough to get a ball down the line.

Geoff Clingin scored two nearest the pins on the 8th and 9th holes whilst just a total of eight birdies on the par threes were scored for the day.

Our veterans recently travelled up to Morwell for their next tour event for a game of single stableford which, once again, attracted an excellent size field of 96 patrons and was played on a course in excellent order.

A well-received meal was served at the completion of play to wrap up the day.

Best in for the locals was John Blair and John Roberts with scores of 33 points.

All players are reminded that regardless of outcomes that your signed card is handed in to our delegate John Scale on completion of your round.

Two events coming up for your interest are Leongatha, (Recently rated in Australia's top 60 courses) on 13 February and also Berwick-Montuna on 20 February.

Names to John Scale please by the Wednesday before each event.

## RESULTS

### ■ Gippsland Veterans/Morwell/Single Stableford/ Field of 96

A Grade: Oscar Preto (Traralgon) 36, second Ron Grimstead- Jones (Yallourn) 35.

B Grade: Rob Tewaterik (Morwell) 43, second Gary Walsh (Morwell) 38.

C Grade: Paul Jordan (Mon-Chill) 44, second Graeme Steel (Deep Creek) 37.

### ■ Sunday/Single Stableford/Field of 29

A Grade: Martin Atkins (12) 41, second Peter McNeish (7) 39, third David Manning (10) 38 C/B.

B Grade: Wade Calderwood (29) 43, second Jahvis Mateariki (31) 39, third Garry Cashen (25) 38.

Down the lines went to Rick Falcone and Keith Edwards with 38 points.

### ■ Monday/Single Stableford/Field of 46

A Grade: Craig Cousin (13) 43, second Trevor Male (10) 39, third Trevor Franklin (12) 38.

B Grade: Daniel Exposito (29) 46, second Nigel Goldsworthy (30) 41, third John Gay (22) 41.

Down the lines went to John Cragg 38, Ash Graham 36, Les Reynolds 35 and Kyle McRae 35 C/B.

### ■ Tuesday/Ladies/Single Stableford

Winner: Di Norton (31) 37, runner up Gail Franklin (30) 35.

Best Second Shots: 4th Karli Van Der Horst, 16th Jill Gay.

Nearest the pins: 8th Olga Pearson, 9th and 11th Jill Gay, 14th Gail Franklin.

### ■ Thursday/Single Stableford/Field of 72

A Grade: James Dimtsas (12) 35, second Greg Needham (14) 34 C/B, third Jim Accettura (13) 34.

B Grade: Terry Webster (17) 41, second Tony Mafodda (17) 39 C/B, third Rob Coates (15) 39.

C Grade: Stephen Eddy (36) 38, second Barrie Cousin (30) 37, third Nigel Goldsworthy (29) 36 C/B.

Down the lines went to Peter King 38, Peter Fedorenko 37, Nick Gaal 36, Trevor Burnie 35, Choon Cheng 35 and Mal Beniston 35.

Nearest the pins went to 4th Craig Cousin, 8th and 9th Geoff Clingin, 11th Trevor Burnie, 14th Mark Cousin and 16th Darren Stanton.

### ■ Saturday/Monthly Medal/Field of 117

Monthly Medal Winner: Jackson Bennett (17) 65

A Grade: Sam Collins (11) 70, second Gus Engley (4) 72 C/B, third Phil Williams (9) 72.

B Grade: Jackson Bennett (17) 65, second Paul Blasius (17) 70, third Peter Marquis (17) 72.

C Grade: Jai Coleclough (18) 71, Kelvin Rhodes (20) 73, third Brendan Pola (20) 74.

D Grade: Michael Spencer (24) 66, second John Milkins (25) 73, third Michael Anthony (26) 74.

Down the lines went to Brett Dwyer 73, Ray Pund 73, Geoff Turner 73, Elton Shipway 73, Craig Hunter 73, Craig Metcalf 74, Clint Williams 74, Dean Shannon 74, John Blair 75 and Hayden Newnham 75 C/B.

Nearest the pins went to 4th Michael Spencer, 8th Rob Norris, 9th Jim Accettura, 11th Ian Nicholson, 14th John Blair and 16th Tim Sallai.

Closest Second Shots: A Grade - Gus Engley. B Grade - Paul Blasius.

### ■ Saturday/Ladies/Monthly Medal

Winner: Georgi Lowndes (18) 77 C/B. Nearest the pins: 4th and 16th; Leesa Matthews.

## LANG LANG GOLF

February has kicked off in full swing at Lang Lang Golf Club with a huge weekend of golf getting things started.

The Monthly Medal, as usual, attracted a large field on Saturday, although the weather was not fantastic and golfers did have to contend with some showers and wet conditions.

But the weather did little to dampen the enthusiasm of the large field of players and there were some really good scores considering the conditions.

Congratulations to Frank De Pasquale on taking out the medal honours.

The Annual Mixed Foursomes Board Event took place on Sunday under better conditions. Congratulations to Wayne Kennedy and Jennifer Sullivan, winners by one point over runners up Colin and Rena Casey.

## RESULTS

### ■ Tuesday Par Competition

A Grade: The winner was Rod Cameron with two points by countback to runner up Steve Fuller.

B Grade: The winner was Chris Kelsall with three points from runner up Russell Swan with 2 points.

Ball rundown to 0 points.

Nearest the pins went to 5th Noel Boyd, 9th Chris Tuckwell, 12th Noel Zunneberg and 15th Rod Cameron.

### ■ Wednesday Ladies Stableford

Winner Betty Robertson with 40 points, on countback to runner up Lee Andrews.

### ■ Thursday Stableford

A Grade: Winner James Hendrick with 41 points, runner up Roger Parker (Deep Creek GC) with 39 points.

B Grade: Winner Peter McGrath with 40 points, runner up Toby Goldring with 39 points.

Ball rundown to 36 points.

Nearest the pins went to 5th Shaun Mays, 9th Matt Thompson, 12th William Stringer and 15th John Oates.

### ■ Saturday Monthly Medal - Stroke

The A Grade and Medal winner was Frank De Pasquale with a brilliant score of nett 67.

The runner up was Rod Cameron scoring nett 69 by countback to third placegetter Stephen Rawlings.

B Grade: The winner was Kaine Wedlock with nett 70 by countback to runner up Jeff Robinson. Third in was George Morozoff with nett 73.

C Grade: Winner Doran Tyler with nett 68, runner up Ricky Appleyard with nett 70 and third was Fia Tootoo with nett 73.

Ball rundown to nett 75.

Our next Social night will be on Friday 17 March, be sure to book in early to make sure you don't miss out.

We look forward to seeing all of our members, guests and visitors over the coming weeks and watching them enjoying the facilities at Lang Lang.

Happy Golfing.

-Jodie Mays

# Minor leakage under roof

**CARDINIA WATERS BOWLS**

**Midweek Report**

Both Cardinia Waters midweek sides played Dandenong Club last Tuesday.

Side one was away, and enjoyed a pleasant day under the roof at Dandenong, and after the heat earlier this year the comfort level for the players was appreciated.

Cardinia Waters came very close to upsetting Dandenong, who are firmly entrenched in the four. After Dandenong got an early break Cardinia Waters came right back into the game, and were just one shot behind the home side at lunch.

The Tiger Turf surface was a pleasure to play on, and some excellent bowling was displayed from both sides, however Dandenong hung on to win by just two shots after the 63 ends were played.

Not to be denied Cardinia Waters won on two of the three rinks albeit by just one shot on each.

Ever-reliable Bill Hite's rink gave all in a great winning effort.

Bill had Stephen Hale, Dennis Patmore and Robert Mitchell in the team.

The other winning rink was skipped by Bryan Stevens, accompanied by John Moore, Del Dance and Ian Kennedy.

Next week Cardinia Waters side one get to play away again, this time at Keysborough.

This should be a ding-dong encounter as Keysborough are just above Cardinia Waters on the ladder by two points.

A win will give either team some breathing space.

Side two weren't quite up to the visiting Dandenong team, and were beaten by eight shots.

The bright side of the game was the win of Stuart Tokely's rink which won by a most convincing score line of 25-17.

Stuart played with Peter Mitchell, Therese Mitchell and Terry Nye.

A mighty six on the second last end was the



Jill Naylor puts a nice bowl down in her mid-week game for Cardinia Waters. 318436

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Enjoying the indoor bowling at Dandenong Club is Cardinia Waters skip Bryan Stevens.

catalyst of this rink's victory.

Side two can only dream about finals as it will take a miracle for them to get above the fifth place they hold now.

Fifteen points separate them from Dandenong, but Cardinia Waters have a bye in the last round which won't help their cause.

Next week's game is at home to Cranbourne, followed by the bye.

**Saturday Pennant**

Cold, wet and windy conditions fronted the Cardinia Waters side on Saturday when they faced Mulgrave Country Club at home.

After hot and humid Saturdays lately, it was rain coats and jumpers for this week.

Mulgrave jumped out from the blocks and early in the game had a good lead over the home side.

At the afternoon tea bell Mulgrave led the Villagers by a commanding 32 shots.

True grit prevailed late in the afternoon for Cardinia Waters and a strong fight back saw them get within fifteen shots of the visitors after 84 ends.

Leading the way was Bryan Steven's rink that ran their opposition out to a 24-24 draw.

Bryan played with Marion Stevens, Del Dance and Ian Kennedy.

Two of the other three rinks got within three and four shots of the strong Mulgrave side.

Their strong revival probably wasn't enough

for Cardinia Waters to make the four.

With one game left before the finals they languish in fifth spot, and next week play an away game against fourth-placed Upwey Tecoma.

They need to gather all eighteen points available in this game, and some percentage, to expect to appear in the finals.

One really interesting game next week will be Pakenham v Mulgrave Country Club.

This game is first playing second and these two teams are so evenly matched, it may come down to home ground advantage.

So I'm tipping the Mulgrave side, by a small margin.

-John Moore

## Menzel and Pollard reign supreme in Drouin Match Play

**DROUIN GOLF CLUB**

A start was attempted on Saturday to get the Drouin Club Championships underway but inclement weather put a halt on proceedings.

The decision was made to abandon all competitions for the day and this year's Club Championships, Master Medallist and Monthly Medal will all be played this coming Saturday.

Wednesday's competition was Stableford.

The top four scores for the day, all over 40 points, came in B Grade, and it was Con Norris who prevailed, scoring 42 points.

A Grade was a close contest with a count back needed to separate the top two.

Phil Thomson shot even par on the back-nine to win with a total of 39 points.

Down the lines went to Luke Portelli 41, Keith Crew 41, Phillippe Alleaume 41, John Gardiner 39, Brett English 39, Roger Crow 39 and Joel Miller 38.

Nearest the pins went to 10th Peter Britchford and 14th Mick Whitford.

**DROUIN LADIES**

The Drouin Ladies golf season for 2023 officially kicked off on Tuesday with an individual stableford event.

A Grade winner was Judy Dixon (18)

with 36 points on a countback from Wendy Hitchins (22) also on 36 points.

B Grade winner was Chris Knight (44) with 40 points on a countback from Robyn Carville (41) also on 36 points.

Down the line balls went to Helen Moon 36, Sue Hatfield 36 and Lorna Hoskins with 35 points.

Nearest the pins went to 5th Lorna Hoskins, 8th Vanessa Campbell, 10th Jeanette Phillips and 14th Wendy Hitchins.

The winner of the nine-hole competition was Chris Knight (44) with 22 points.

On Saturday, the inclement conditions meant the Quarterly Medal event for Ladies was postponed.

The Summer Match play finals were also held on Tuesday between Leanne Pollard and Anne Neilson in A Grade and Meagan Ford and Susie Menzel in B Grade.

Leanne was the A Grade Match Play champion and Susie took out the B Grade title, both in tight matches, played in great spirits.

Today is a 4BBB event, kindly sponsored by Gifts and Glamour, in conjunction with the Royal Women's Hospital fundraiser.

Next week is the Drouin/Garfield Challenge being held at Garfield.

Please be there at 8.30am for a 9am start...please sign up at the club.



Summer Match play winners at Drouin Golf Club from left, Susie Menzel (B Grade) and Leanne Pollard (A Grade). 3181316  
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