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Great change of pace

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RACE DAY: Patrons of the Coonawarra Vignerons Peter Balnaves, Bruce Redman, Greg Clayfield, Wendy Hollick, Doug Balnaves, Doug Bowen and Dan Redman at the Coonawarra Vignerons Cup last year

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MONBULLA HALL FOR SALE

AUCTION Saturday, 3rd February, 10am, on site 68 Heywards Lane, Monbulla

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Museum closure ire

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FOR the first time Wattle Range Council made the decision to close all three of its visitor information centres (VIC) on Boxing Day and New Year's Day.

Traditionally the centres in Penola, Beachport and Millicent are closed annually on Christmas Day and Good Friday.

This year the extra two public holiday dates were added.

Impacted by the closure was the Millicent Museum whose entrance is through the Millicent VIC with president of the museum, Barry Long, saying it was a disappointing decision.

"We are disappointed we weren't informed earlier of the decision and that it's the first time since the place was built that it's been closed on those days.

"It's disappointing for the community, the museum and tourism."

WRC chief executive officer Ben Gower said the decision was made around October but only announced in the lead up to Christmas.

"We did have a few challenges early on getting staff to man those public holidays because a lot are casual.

"In the end we had enough to man them, but I think the decision had already been made to close.

"They are public holidays, I'm sure the community will understand."

Recipe book brings a little harmony

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ANOTHER year of friendship and cultural harmony in Naracoorte was celebrated with the launch of a new and unique recipe book.

The result of a collaboration between the Circle of Volunteers and migrant women, the book shares favourite recipes from around the world.

The enthusiastic volunteer group, which operates under the Community Care Network, works to support the integration and education of migrants settling in and around Naracoorte.

The launch of the book "Many Countries, One Community – recipes that make us Naracoorte," was funded by a Community Chest grant from Council, and was one of the 2023 highlights for the group.

The eight participants profiled in this first edition include past and recent migrants from seven different cultures.

Their favourite recipes are accompanied by personal stories, told in their own voices.

Project coordinator Rhett McDonald writes in the introduction, "This is the beginning of what we hope will be the development of a resource for Naracoorte and the surrounding community which promotes cultural understanding and cohesion.

"The aim of each story is to show respect for how important food and cooking is in participants' lives, and how it connects them to culture, family and precious memories," he said.

Community Care Network chair Erika Vickery proudly launched the book recently, acknowledging that the seed for this concept was planted over 10 years ago in the early days of TAFE English classes.

Past TAFE teacher Marie Davis said it came from a desire to share the recipes with the wider community.

"Having tasted samples of the delicious, spicy food that students would generously share, I thought what a gift it would be for the wider community to be able to share these recipes," she said.

Copies of the book are now available for purchase at Mini Jumbuk and Pearl Continental, with proceeds going to the creation of future editions.

NEW RECIPES: The collaborative recipe book Many Countries, One Community – recipes that make us Naracoorte has been launched.

Lucindale Police Station

Station to reopen

IN November 2023 the Commissioner of Police announced the temporary closure of the Lucindale Police Station following the tragic death of Brevet Sergeant Jason Doig.

Commencing Monday, January 8, partial front station services will resume at the Lucindale Police Station with the front counter open from 1pm to 4pm every Monday for community members offering regular front station services.

Police response will remain as normal by contacting police on 131 444 or triple zero (000) in an emergency.

Police would like to thank the local community for their ongoing support and understanding during this time.

Man dies in crash at Mingbool

POLICE are investigating a fatal crash at Mingbool over the weekend.

Emergency services were called to Peweena Road, Mingbool, just north of Mount Gambier about 9.45pm on Saturday, January 6, after a Mazda ute left the road and crashed into a tree.

Sadly, the driver and sole occupant, a 21-year-old Mount Gambier man, died at the scene.

Major Crash Investigators flew to the scene to assist in the investigation.

Peweena Road, between Kentish and Kirby Roads was closed for several hours while emergency services were at the scene, but all roads are now open.

The young man is the 2nd Life Lost on SA roads this year compared to three at the same time last year.

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Big Wynn for Coonawarra

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She said Wynn's wines were a medium-bodied wine which was not a "big, rch wine" with a number of versions in peoples cellars.

"Ours are medium-bodies with moderate alcohol," Ms Hodder said.

"Usually around 13 per cent, not heavier and because of the style it is a wine that can be drunk with any different types of food.

"It does not need a big leg of beef or anything to go with it, it can be because people want to have a glass of wine."

She said medium-bodied wines were "special yet unpretentious" wines which people typically did put in the cellar.

BIG WYNN: Wynns of Coonawarra secured two placements in the top 50 Most Collected Wines of 2023. Picture: SUPPLIED

"We are able to make that because of the lovely vineyards that we have here," Ms Hodder said.

"We are also doing our best to embrace climate change but we are a cooler region than many and we have lovely natural resources, good soil and good water if we protect it."

She said if people were careful and continued to "do things in a better way" the Coonawarra region would have a "very rosy" future.

Coming into summer, Ms Hodder said the region has had great rain which would set up the soil and prevent it from being too dry.

"We have had a good set on the vines so it is looking good and we follow weather forecasts very closely," she said.

"So long as we do not take anything for granted with how it is looking now, next year is going to be a good one."

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Bordertown park takes lead

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A potential dog park is one step closer to being built in Bordertown, with the Tatiara District Council voting to undertake community consultation on the matter.

Rotary Club of Bordertown president Jeff Wiese approached council in June 2023 calling for a dog park in the region and suggesting Gateway Park as a preferred location.

Speaking with SA Today at the time, Mr Wiese said the concept of a dog park for Bordertown was not new and he was keen to see the project established.

"A high percentage of travellers take their dogs with them, and they tend to work out where they are going to stop by dog parks, and I think that if we had one, a lot of people would pull in while on the road," he said.

"It was proposed to council four years ago, but it didn't go anywhere, so I thought I'd look at a difference space in town that is still close to the main shops and cafes."

The Rotary club has since formed a Dog Park Committee and developed a proposal for the site.

At the December 2023 council meeting councillors voted to begin community consultation for the proposal.

The proposal said Gateway Park was "relatively under-utilised" and was accessible with good amenities, making it the preferred location.

Council's director infrastructure and operations Aaron Hillier agreed the Gateway Park site was well located and would help draw people into Bordertown.

"It is very close to the highway so people will drive in and use it and there are some economic benefits there for local businesses," he said.

There are two sections in the proposed park- one for large dogs and the other for small- both with perimeter fencing, water fountains, and seating as well as already established picnic area at the site.

The committee outlined an estimated cost of $52,288, with the Rotary club planning to fund majority of the project.

However, the proposal did outline that Rotary hoped the council would take on ongoing maintenance for new infrastructure like fencing, plumbing, dog bags, seating and rubbish bins, which Mr Hillier estimated would be around $1500 a year.

It is expected consultation will begin early 2024.

CONSULTATION: Gateway Park west is the preferred site for a potential dog park in Bordertown. Picture: SOPHIE CONLON

Sixty years of Lions' support in community

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IT is almost 60 years since the Lions Club Millicent became a chartered branch of the organisation and plans are underway to mark the occasion later this year.

Saturday May 11 is the 60th anniversary date and a celebratory lunch for over 100 invited guests will be held at the Somerset Hotel.

President of the Lions Club Millicent Dave Taylor said members of the committee are getting the menu set and organising for invites to be sent out.

"We are going back through the history now and we really miss Peter Lane (dec)," he said.

"He was our historian, organiser and everything else."

The annual Lions Christmas raffle is one fundraiser the club has continued for 60 years.

This year's raffle raised $3,400 which will be used to fund general community work undertaken by the Lions Club locally.

On Christmas Eve, Lions members joined Toy Kingdom owner Bill Davis in his store as he drew the winning tickets.

"There are so many tickets in here I reckon it's fantastic for the community to support Lions" he said.

Mr Davis, has been a supporter of the raffle for the last 36 years and noted other sponsors had been supporting the raffle just as long as he has.

For many years the businessman donated toys for the giant Christmas stocking raffle but since Covid he now supports the fundraiser with vouchers instead.

Mr Taylor said Covid stopped the stocking because it was too hard to move it around for display purposes and sell tickets.

"Someone suggested we just do vouchers and the winners can choose what they need," he said.

Millicent woman Helen Redford was the first name drawn and has won $1,000 in local vouchers.

Second, third and fourth prizes were won by J. Hales, Kerryn Guyett and John H.

The raffle prizes totalled $2,250 in vouchers from local businesses.

IT'S A WINNER: Toy Kingdom's Bill Davis drew this year's winning tickets watched on by Lion's members Dave Taylor, Keith Field, Brenton McMillan and Richard North.

Wild storms hit the region

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DAUNTING WEATHER: Storms rolled in across the south East over the weekend. Picture: JANEY SOTERIOU

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As rain continued throughout the Limestone Coast over the weekend, SES and Country Fire Service (CFS) volunteers attended reports of fallen trees and flooding.

According to the Bureau of Meteorology, the highest rainfall recorded for Mount Gambier/Berrin over the weekend was 36.2mm recorded on Sunday.

Coonawarra recorded 14.6mm on the same day while Keith recorded 23mm and Keith West recorded 16.6mm.

Naracoorte reached 12.8mm on Sunday with Padthaway reaching 32.4mm while Robe and Cape Jaffa recorded less than 3mm.

SES District Officer Brad Flew said volunteers were on the road for a number of hours over the weekend with support from the CFS.

"Over the weekend we saw a number of thunderstorms roll across the whole South East district," Mr Flew said.

"It was all the way from the Riverland down to Mount Gambier which saw some heavier downpours and some localised flooding and water backing up from the rain.

"Luckily the water went very quickly but we did see some impact across the entire region including the airport."

He said there were a number of fallen trees in Bordertown associated with a thunderstorm which also travelled to Mount Gambier/Berrin.

Mr Flew said while the response from the community was great, so was the response from volunteers with callouts "well spread".

"Callouts were reasonably well spread, it was a widespread event with no major reports of significant impacts or large scale clean ups required," he said.

"We had sandbags available for the public outside the scouts hall for members of the public to collect as required.

"It was great to see some people taking initiative and being prepared and the sandbags were placed there for the community to be able to access if needed and use it for preparedness activities."

He said if there was rain coming in and community members knew there would be issues, having the sandbags readily available was a "good opportunity".

Mr Flew said the forecasting was difficult to predict but volunteers were encouraging residents to be prepared for more storms.

"We are asking the community not to be complacent at this stage and keep alert and their properties maintained ready for any potential thunderstorms or rain events which may come through," Mr Flew said.

"People should have a good look around their property and drains and people may not realise there are ground drains around their property which may help with water whether it is in the front yard or backyard."

He also encouraged residents to check their gutters and reminded them not to park under trees during storms.

George Street break ins cause for alarm

BUSINESSES have been urged by police to assess their security after four George Street businesses were recently targeted by thieves.

Multiple businesses were broken into or a break in was attempted.

Millicent's Mad Penguin restaurant delayed their opening time on Saturday due to discovering the premises had been broken into overnight and an amount of cash was stolen.

A police spokesperson said the break-in occurred sometime between 9.30pm Friday January 5 and 8.20am Saturday January 6.

The incident was reported to police on Saturday morning when the break in was discovered.

Damage has been caused to three other businesses in George Street during attempted break ins.

Those businesses include a salon where a break in was attempted between Saturday December 23 and Saturday January 6 and a restaurant sometime between 5am Saturday January 6 and 9am Sunday January 7.

An attempted break in at a fourth local business took place between 5pm Friday January 5 and 10am Sunday January 7.

Entry was not gained to these three premises.

Police are investigating all four incidents and suspect they may be linked.

Anyone with information that may assist is asked to contact Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000 or report on line at www.crimestopperssa.com.au – you can remain anonymous.

SECURITY WARNING: Mad Penguin was one of four George Street businesses to report a recent break in or attempted break in.

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Coonawarra Cup on again

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OFF AND RACING: Coonawarra Vignerons events and marketing officer Heidi Guyett and chief executive Hugh Koch are keen for the Coonawarra Cup. **Picture: FILE**

IT'S time to don your best clothes and head to the races, with one of the Coonawarra highlights of the year, the Coonawarra Vignerons Cup, on tomorrow.

The event, which attracts hundreds of people to the Penola Racecourse each year will be as big as always with an eight race line-up, fashions in the marquee and of course, local wines.

Coonawarra Vignerons events and marketing officer Heidi Guyett said it was going to be a great day.

"Our marquee event is obviously the platinum marquee trackside event of the day with premium hospitality and we're expecting to host over 500 guests on Thursday in the wonderfully air conditioned marquee," she said.

"We've got a forecast for 29 degrees, a perfect summer day to enjoy a race day in wine country.

"Of course, the big highlight of the day in the marquee is the compilation of all the activities as well as the Coonawarra wine bar, obviously fashions in the marquee."

The wine auction will once again offer up an opportunity to own some of Coonawarra's top drops.

"We have eight Imperials, one of which dates back to 2002, so back vintage wine," Mrs Guyett said.

"We have what was awarded the world's best Cabernet this year at the International Wine challenge, the 2021 Riddoch Pastoralist Cabernet Sauvignon, that has been bottled in a Magnum format as well for this auction, so that's a real draw card as well and there's certainly a bottle that will be well sought after."

There will be plenty of chances for some bets, with an eight race program on the cards.

Ms Guyett said the marquee had been very popular this year, with tickets selling fast.

"This year, as far as what the Penola Racing Club is offering, our marquee is the single marquee which can be booked into by the public with the absence of the dining room catering," she said.

"So for those that are still looking for a seated event, ours is the one to book and we have limited tickets remaining as far as our capacity for this year."

There are still tickets for the marquee for those looking to spend the day in style, but they are limited so get in quick.

General admission is open to all, and Mrs Guyett encouraged everyone to come along.

"It will be a great summer's day out, racing starts just before 1pm" she said.

"Marquee guests will be on the track at 9.30, ready for a sparkling breakfast, which of course a huge highlight.

"There's not many race days where people are on course and already getting into the festive spirit from the morning.

"So there'll be a lot of activity on course, and a great vibe in here hopefully with that wonderful weather."

For more information, or to book marquee tickets, visit coonawarra.org

Creating spaces for all kinds

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Wattle Range council manager libraries and cultural services Janice Nitschke said once the longstanding project is complete a revamp of the library floor space will be underway.

There are plans to eventually enclose the former children's library, between the history room and the gallery, with glass sliding doors creating a multifaceted space.

This room would be open to a variety of uses and could be closed or open depending on need.

Ms Nitschke said the library is a community hub and at times can get noisy for some users making this a room ideal for younger members who regularly join together for Switch gaming competitions.

"You're forever saying quiet and it's because they are excited.

"Then we've got some of the elderly or people who just want to come in and borrow some books, have a sit and read or just have a space, and they've got this noise happening.

"But the Switch competition is important because that group of kids that love the Switch and IT are integrating and intermingling with other kids, they are not just staying on their own.

"We've also got Dungeons and Dragons who come here every Saturday morning and they need some space, rather than being in the council chambers.

"We've got a great gallery program for the next 18 months and lots of our artists have free workshops.

"This would afford us the opportunity to have a space where we could have a workshop and we might be able to have a two day workshop.

"Even if the doors are closed you will still see people in there doing things.

"When people come into a library they want to know they can do what they know a library does, but they want to know what else you do.

"Libraries are about communities, they are not just about books.

During the closure returns can still be made via the overnight chute located at the front of the building.

Once re-opened the office, gallery, old children's library and history room will remain closed for further maintenance including painting.

YOUR SAY

Limestone Coast Today values your opinion.

If you have a view or wish to comment on any community issue we would like to hear from you.

EDITORIAL

WHAT a start to 2024.

Nothing proves how unpredictable weather can be like the past month in the South East.

I don't know about everyone else, but I certainly didn't have flooding, destructive winds, and torrential rain on my checklist for summer!

Most of us were prepared for bushfires and heat, I'm not sure how many were prepared for floods in December.

It does show us however to always be prepared for anything and not to get complacent.

A massive thank you to the State Emergency Services and the Country Fire Service volunteers for all their great work last weekend, distributing sandbags and assisting people where needed.

On a sadder note, my thoughts go out to the family and friends of the young man killed at Mingbool over the weekend.

It is never easy to lose a loved one, and to lose someone at such a young age, and in such a tragic way is heart-breaking.

I urge everyone to support his family in this difficult time.

I hope 2024 improves for everyone.

As always, I would love to hear your thoughts, so please continue to send in your letters and story leads.

Lis Champion
Regional editor

Silly season award

TO the editor,

I know that Christmas time can be classed as the silly season, but surely Naracoorte Lucindale Council must win the gold Logie!

In the week leading up to Christmas I witnessed a full road building crew rebuild the 100 metres of Schinckel road that runs east of Cedar Avenue.

This occupied a full complete crew for four full days on a road that goes to nowhere.

There are no houses or any infrastructure on it and what has it cost the ratepayers $25k/day?

You only need to travel another 200 metres east from the end of this road to come to Memorial Drive which is a through road, but it is impassable even to 4WD vehicles most of the time!

I know this is outside of the town boundary and probably the works manager and other officials don't know where it is, but I am sure with GPS technology you could locate this, and heaven forbid do something constructive!

Since the new year it is becoming obvious that grass spraying [and the kerbs and gutters] and it would appear that it is quite haphazardly done.

It appears plenty of kerb sides that have been well maintained have been poisoned as well.

I don't know whose idea this is but it will certainly encourage many unwanted species such as wireweed, fathen nightshade and who knows what else to grow.

What an ugly blotch on the town's landscape!

I vote we give the silly season award to Naracoorte Lucindale council.

John Randell,
Naracoorte

Feline bad

DEAR Editor,

It appears that the cat laws mean nothing to some residents.

I am continually chasing them off my garden, and at night they invade my back yard, fouling my back garden.

My dog has often vomited cat faeces found by him in the backyard in the morning and if I catch the culprits they will be turned over for destruction.

If you like and value your cats, keep them inside or in a purpose-built cattery.

I personally like cats and find their movements quite lithe and interesting to watch indoors.

Also if you value our native wildlife, keep your cats away from them and neck bells do not work.

Michael Davey,
Mount Gambier

TOE TAPPING FUN: Entertaining the dinner crowd are these musicians whose band name is unknown.

Swinging band - with no name

THE Millicent Museum is hoping to complete the names in this band photo and name the band.

Three of the musicians have been identified as Sid Aberle playing the piano, Fred Bateman with the saxophone and Barry Pedler on the drums.

If you can identify the remaining band member or know the band's name please contact SEFHG researcher Colleen Hammat via the South East Family History Group.

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Christmas appeal aids many

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MORE than 400 individuals received assistance from this year's Christmas Hamper Appeal organised by the Millicent Combined Churches.

By the end of December, more than 250 hampers had been distributed with more than 200 children among those benefitting.

Around 40 hampers remain which are being handed out to families and individuals in need throughout January.

Community pastor and president of the Millicent Combined Churches, Shaun Mulick, said they were distributed to mostly families but also a lot of individuals like the disabled or elderly.

"Also, this year we tried to address the working poor, these are families where both mum and dad work," he said.

"With inflation, rates, mortgage, electricity and everything else they struggle to do more than just the basics.

"The appeal was able to make sure that they had presents for underneath the Christmas tree and free up some valuable resources for the family budget.

"By taking some of the pressure off they can afford petrol to travel and maybe take the kids to the beach."

Mr Mulick said ongoing discussions with support agencies, community members and other churches has recognised the need to continue the support throughout the year.

"With the breakfast programs in the schools and the free meals that have come through Millicent Shares a Plate and IGA Millicent, we're kind of filling gaps together.

"But I think the next stage is creating a wider net because there's probably enough need in Millicent for at least 30 to 40 families a week to get assistance."

Mr Mulick's goal is to create a community pantry by the middle of the year as he believes less than 20 per cent of those who meet the criteria for Foodbank support in Millicent are able to access it in Mount Gambier.

Lack of transport and rising fuel costs are adding to the difficulty in accessing the resource.

Mr Mulick said between the local churches they would have enough volunteers to man a community pantry and an effectively run pantry would cover the costs.

Some items would be offered free and other items would be low cost and affordable for those who need assistance.

A community pantry would coordinate with Foodbank to have regular donations of fruit and vegetables.

"It's not competition for local supermarkets," Mr Mulick said.

"By taking the pressure off on some of the staples it frees up the family budget to get things like ice creams or the big tray of lasagna.

"People then spend money that they wouldn't have otherwise been able to spend.

"Over a long period of time, it can completely change the entire social and economic stability of an area as well.

"There are studies done that show community pantries can create more of a thriving economy that isn't just a closed loop as small towns tend to get."

Mr Mulick said finding a suitable location for a community pantry is proving a challenge but one that is being explored.

COMMUNITY SUPPORT: Volunteers helping to sort and deliver hampers during the 2023 Christmas appeal.

DREAM BIG: Community pastor, Shaun Mulick, has a goal to create an ongoing community pantry for those needing assistance.

APPEAL HELPS: Over 200 hampers were handed out in the days before Christmas to take the pressure off families at that time of year.

EVENTS

JANUARY

- All Month: Bompas of Beachport, 3 to 9pm daily, Railway Terrace, Beachport
- January 13: Sandcastle competition, front beach, Robe
- January 13 - January 14: Inflatable Obstacle Course, Nangwarry Pool
- January 14: Cape Jaffa Seafood & Wine Fest, 11am to 6pm, Norfolk Rise Winery
- January 14: Thugi Summer Markets, from 10am, Cave Garden/ Thugi, Mount Gambier/ Berrin
- January 15: Come & Experience Sheep Shearing Demo, 10am to 12noon, Millicent Showgrounds
- January 15: RockFish Painting Workshop, 10 to 11am, Robe Library
- January 15: DIY Succulent Gardens, Port MacDonnell Community Complex
- January 16: Come & Learn Lake Leake Kayaks & Indigenous Seasons Walk with Uncle Doug. from 10am, Lake Leake
- January 16: Kids Yoga, 11 to 11.45am, Robe Institute
- January 17: DIY scratch art, 10.30am, Keith Community Library
- January 17: Creative writing workshop, Robe Library
- January 18: Colour Run & BBQ, 10.30, Millicent Lions Park
- January 18: DIY calico pencil case, Port MacDonnell Community Complex
- January 18: Robe Gourmet Bus Tour, 9am, Robe Visitor Information Centre
- January 18: Kids Yoga, 11 to 11.45am, Robe Institute
- January 19: Colour Run & BBQ, 10.30, Coonawarra Memorial Park
- January 19: DIY bookmarks or paper planes, 2pm, Keith Community Library
- January 19: Beachport Golf Club Junior Coaching Clinics, 9 to 10.30am, Beachport Golf Course
- January 19: Koonara Wines Summer Fiesta, 4.30pm-10pm, Cave Gardens/Thugi
- January 20: Penola and District Rodeo Community, 5pm, McCorquindale Park
- January 20: Kingston SE Soldiers Memorial Hospital Auxiliary Markets, Town Hall
- January 20 - January 21: Lions Club Surf Fishing Competition
- January 20 - January 21: Sew Happy Quilters Exhibition, 10am to 4pm, Senior Citizens Building, Kingston SE
- January 20 - January 21: Inflatable Obstacle Course, 1 to 4pm, Penola Pool
- January 21: Beachport Golf Club Junior Coaching Clinics, 9 to 10.30am, Beachport Golf Course
- January 21: Summer Cup, Mount Gambier Racing Club
- January 21: Fun in the Sun at the greyhounds, from 11am, Mount Gambier Greyhound Racing Club
- January 22: Learn Propagation Day & BBQ Lunch, 10am, Cape Buffon Drive, Southend
- January 22: Australia Day craft, Port MacDonnell Community Complex
- January 23: Come & Craft @ Millicent, from 11am, Millicent Visitor Information Centre
- January 23: Story Corner, 10.30am, Robe Library
- January 23: DIY mythical creature sticker mosaics, 10.30am, Keith Community Library
- January 24: Explore Giant Kites and Make a Kite with Sallie, from 10am, Southend Beach, off Leake Street
- January 24: Flower pressing and leaf art workshop, Robe Library
- January 25: DIY school bag tags, Port MacDonnell Community Complex
- January 25: Robe Gourmet Bus Tour, 9am, Robe Visitor Information Centre
- January 26: Courtyard Market, from 10am to 2pm, Old Courthouse, Bay Road,
- January 26: Australia Day Awards, from 8am, Centennial Park, Beachport
- January 26: Australia Day Awards, from 8am, Kalangadoo Institute
- January 26: Australia Day Awards, from 8am, Jubilee Park, Millicent
- January 26: Australia Day Awards, from 8am, War Memorial Park, Penola
- January 26: Tantanoola Progress Association Australia Day Celebrations, Tantanoola Railway Parklands
- January 26: Australia Day Celebrations, from 8am, Robe Institute Lawns
- January 26: Australia Day Breakfast, from 7am, Kingston SE
- January 26: Australia Day Awards and Breakfast, from 7am, Cave Gardens/ Thugi, Mount Gambier/ Berrin
- January 27: Hottest 100 Party in the Park by Sons of Odin, from 12pm, Cave Gardens/ Thugi, Mount Gambier/ Berrin

FEBRUARY

- February 10-11: Twin Peaks Hill Climb, Surfers Way / Finger Point, Port MacDonnell
- February 10: Taste the Limestone Coast Festival, 12 to 8pm, Naracoorte Town Square
- February 11: Lake City Rodders Show and Shine and Swap Meet, from 7am, Malseed Park, Mount Gambier/ Berrin
- February 17: Naracoorte Fringe Street Party, from 12pm, Naracoorte Town Square
- February 17 - February 18: Robe Boat Show, Robe Foreshore
- February 24: SE Cake Designers Cake Topper Workshop, 9am to 4pm, Mount Gambier Showgrounds

MARCH

- March 1 - March 3: Penola Coonawarra Acoustic Music Gathering, McCorquindale Park
- March 2: Beachport Crayfish Festival, 10am-10pm, Centennial Park
- March 2: Key 2 Kindness Charity Ball, 6.30pm, The Commodore, Mount Gambier/ Berrin
- March 15 - March 16: South East Field Days, Yakka Park, Lucondale
- March 30: Beachport Market Day

APRIL

- April 6: Murder at the Museum, 5.30pm, Millicent Museum
- If you have an event you would like included in our events list please email details to editorial@tbwtoday.com.au with the subject line Events List.

REGULAR EVENTS

WATTLE RANGE

EVERY MONDAY:

- Senior Citizens, Millicent RSL
- Yoga at Beachport
- Ukulele classes at Penola RSL
- National Karate Academies, Penola Primary School Hall
- Millicent Choral Society practice, High School music room
- Penola Lions Bus to Mount Gambier
- Leggo's Boxing Training, Penola Basketball Stadium
- Table Tennis Club - Millicent Squash Club
- Millicent Art and Craft Group

LAST MONDAY:

- Penola Lego Club
- EVERY TUESDAY:
- Red Cross Community Shuttle from Millicent to Mount Gambier
- Yoga at Millicent, Community Learning Centre
- Dance to Keep Fit, Beachport
- Millicent Men's Shed
- Melody's Performing Arts classes, Rymill Hall, Penola
- Millicent Art and Craft Group scrapbooking and pottery

1ST TUESDAY:

- Wattle Range Council meeting, Millicent Council Chambers

3RD TUESDAY:

- Millicent Local History, Library
- Millicent Probus Club
- Penola Probus Club

LAST TUESDAY:

- Millicent Cancer Support Group meeting

EVERY WEDNESDAY:

- Penola Bowling Club Night Bowls
- St Mary's Op Shop, Penola
- Millicent Art & Craft Group, Pottery
- Penola Men's Shed
- Social Bowls, Penola
- Ladies only Burlesque classes, Nangwarry
- Social tennis, Penola
- Fun exercise classes, Millicent Uniting Church
- Leggo's Boxing Training, Penola Basketball Stadium
- Cards at Beachport Cinema
- Crafty Kids @ the Penola Community Library
- Lions Club of Wattle Range Lioness Bookshop, 47 George Street, Millicent
- Millicent Art and Craft Group pottery

EVERY THURSDAY:

- St Mary's Op Shop, Penola
- Seniors Online, Millicent Library
- Craft at Beachport Cinema
- Millicent Men's Shed
- Ladies only Burlesque classes, Nangwarry
- Red Cross shuttle from Millicent to Mount Gambier
- Beachport Ukulele Group
- Indoor Social Bowls, Millicent Uniting Church
- Family connections program, Penola
- Craft at Beachport Cinema
- Beachport Twilight Golf and Twilight Bowls
- Millicent Art and Craft Group fibre crafts

1ST THURSDAY:

- Wattle Range Suicide Prevention Network Meetings, Millicent

1ST and 3RD THURSDAY:

- Book Club, Millicent Library

2ND and 4TH THURSDAY:

- Scribblers Writing workshop, Millicent Library

4TH THURSDAY:

- South East Family History Group meeting

EVERY FRIDAY:

- Lego Club, Millicent Public Library
- Lions Club of Wattle Range Lioness Bookshop, 47 George Street, Millicent
- St Mary's Op-Shop, Penola
- Seniors Online, Millicent Library
- Penola Bowls women's competition
- Millicent RSL Open
- Fun exercise classes, Millicent Uniting Church
- Dance classes, Penola
- Bar open Coonawarra Community Club
- Millicent Art and Craft Group fibre crafts

1ST FRIDAY:

- Penola Community Library Book Club, Penola Community Library

2ND FRIDAY:

- Penola Bowling Club Friday Night Teas

4TH FRIDAY

- Beachport Film Society showing

LAST FRIDAY:

- Coonawarra Hall tea night

EVERY SATURDAY:

- Kalangadoo Farmers Market
- St Mary's Op Shop, Penola
- Millicent Art and Craft Group pottery
- Penola Bowls Club men's competition
- Penola Croquet Club
- Aqua aerobics, Penola pool
- Lions Club of Wattle Range Lioness Bookshop @ 47 George Street, Millicent

EVERY SUNDAY:

- Beachport Ladies Golf Day
- Millicent Men's Shed
- Millicent Art and Craft Group pottery

2ND SUNDAY:

- Penola Hospital garden working bee

3RD SUNDAY:

- Beachport Hotel family fun day and jam session

NARACOORTE LUCINDALE

EVERY MONDAY:

- Naracoorte Singers

1ST MONDAY:

- Lions Club of Naracoorte

2ND MONDAY:

- Naracoorte Mill Quilters
- Rotary Club of Naracoorte

3RD MONDAY:

- Naracoorte Men's Probus
- Lions Club of Naracoorte

4TH MONDAY:

- Naracoorte Ladies Probus
- Rotary Club of Naracoorte

EVERY TUESDAY:

- Naracoorte Highland Pipe Band
- Naracoorte District Men's Shed

1ST TUESDAY:

- Naracoorte Suicide Prevention Network
- Naracoorte Anglers Club
- Knitting Group

4TH TUESDAY:

- Naracoorte Embroiderers Guild

3RD TUESDAY:

- Knitting Group

LAST TUESDAY:

- Naracoorte Spinners and Weavers

EVERY WEDNESDAY:

- Naracoorte District Men's Shed
- Naracoorte Community Walking Group

2ND WEDNESDAY:

- Naracoorte Business Association
- Captured Images Naracoorte Photography Club

4TH WEDNESDAY

- Naracoorte Men's Cancer Support Group

EVERY THURSDAY:

- Naracoorte District Men's Shed
- Alcoholics Anonymous Naracoorte
- Ukulele Club

3RD THURSDAY:

- Naracoorte SA 4WD Club INC

EVERY FRIDAY:

- Walk the Limestone Coast- Friday Walks with Barefoot and Nourished- Nature Walking for Wellbeing: -Canasta
- Acey Squares (Square Dancing)

EVERY SATURDAY:

- Naracoorte Lake Parkrun

2ND SATURDAY:

- Naracoorte Historic Vehicle Club Market Day

SECOND SUNDAY:

- Limestone Coast Remote Car Club

TATIARA

FIRST MONDAY:

- Bordertown Ladies Probus
- Keith Table Tennis (From Easter until end of August)

2ND MONDAY:

- Bordertown Mens probus

4TH MONDAY:

- Mundulla on the Move

EVERY TUESDAY:

- Keith Playgroup

2ND TUESDAY:

- Keith & District Hospital Auxiliary

3RD TUESDAY:

- Bordertown CWA

EVERY WEDNESDAY

- -Bordertown RSL social drinks, 5-7pm
- Canasta
- Bordertown Table Tennis Association (from about May until September)

4TH WEDNESDAY:

- Wirrega WAB

2ND WEDNESDAY

- Tatiara RFDS branch Keith meeting

1ST THURSDAY:

- Embroiderers Guild of SA
- Keith Floral Art and Garden Club
- Tatiara Palette Painters

2ND Thursday:

- Keith Art Group
- Tatiara RFDS branch Bordertown meeting

ELECTRIC CAR: Caterina Santos, Sandra Young, John Drew , Kate Fife, Ben Gower, Michael Bleby, Dennis Muhovics, Emma Clay, Kate Holberton, Sandra Melrose (front) with the electric car.

Electric car 'lemon' stays

WATTLE Range Council chief executive will keep his electric car after discussions around the vehicle late last year.

At the November council meeting, Councillor Dale Price raised concerns about the electric vehicle, which was purchased in November 2022 and arrived in August 2023.

At the time, he described the car as a "lemon" and councillors voted that the CEO investigate the viability and financial cost of disposal of his current Electric Vehicle for a more suitable Hybrid Vehicle and report back to Council with those figures.

A report by Mr Gower at the November meeting said that the car's range between charges was limited, and that he had experienced "range anxiety" but he also said he was overall happy with the car and its performance.

At the December meeting, Mr Gower said he intended to keep the vehicle, saying the reasons behind purchasing the vehicle were sound, and that the council made the conscious decision to buy the electric vehicle to push the envelope."

Äll the purposes behind buying that car hit the sweet spot," he said,

"I don't think I could live with myself having been part of the decision to buy the car, having to hand back the car and purchase a new one.

"I don't think it sends the right message to our ratepayers."

Councillor Price agreed, but suggested the car could be utilised by someone else who travels less than Mr Gower.

High school fund up

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AFTER receiving a few hefty community donations the Bordertown High School Equipment Fund grew to $381,258 in 2023.

Fund chairman Trevor Butler said the Wolseley Community and Recreation Club and Brandt Bordertown had both donated $5000 through the year.

In his chairman's report Mr Butler the entity of the fund was changed to a Pty Ltd Company, with the creation of BHSEF Pty Ltd.

"A huge thank you to Kirstie and Nick for the massive amount of work they have done to bring this to fruition," he said.

"I also extend my thanks to all other members of the Fund for their time and input throughout the year."

Through the year the fund contributed $6,350 to Bordertown High School to purchase a new couch and assist with refitting a class room with new desks.

Mr Butler said this brought total contributions since establishment in 1989 to $167,136.

"With continued positive returns we look forward to continuing to contribute to the educational needs of the students of the Bordertown High School," he said.

DONATION: Brandt Bordertown branch manager Duncan Ross, BHS Equipment Fund chairman Trevor Butler, BHS principal Alicia Keatley and Brandt Australia Western Region vice president Brad Fisher. **Picture: SUPPLIED**

Social

Racing day fun in the sun

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PEOPLE flocked to the Glenburnie Racecourse for the Mount Gambier Racing Club's Family Fun Day last week.

The January 3 event saw family and friends come together for a day full of racing excitement.

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1: AT THE RACES: Jeddah Boscheinen and Abbey Dunn

2: GET TOGETHER: Robert Pratt, Jake Dempsey, Noel Bull, Tracey Bull, Sue Pratt, Van Dempsey and Laura Dempsey

3: OUT AND ABOUT: Travis, Louie, Trevor and Kathy Younghusband

4: FAMILY TIME: Craig, Parker and Lys Schmitt

5: SUNS OUT: Nerida Fartch and Julie Richardson

6: RACE DAY: Leah with her oma Tricia McDiarmid

7: FUN DAY: Casper and Daisy Kinder with Lara McCallum.

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Steps towards better future

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WORTHY CAUSE: Brodie with sister, Hazel who has been a huge support. Picture: MELANIE RILEY

BRODIE was 4-years-old when a conversation in Murray Bridge changed his perspective of the world around him.

On a family holiday, Brodie said this was the first time meeting a homeless person, and they gave him food and water.

"It was such a small thing for us, but for him it was a very big thing and he started to cry," Brodie said.

Now, at 8-years-old, the interaction has stayed with him and has now prompted Brodie to raise money for homelessness services in Mount Gambier/Berrin.

After a conversation between his parents in the car, Brodie told his mum, Tammie, that he wanted to do something to help.

She said Brodie will often ask if there is something they can do to help someone if he sees them struggling and had no idea the compassion had stemmed from their Murray Bridge experience.

"I actually didn't realise how much of an impact that conversation had made on him," Tammie said.

"We did not know where it had stemmed from until he had said something."

"We have never shied him away from homelessness, it's something that is unfortunately a crisis, and it is getting worse, so we've never shied that topic away from him."

Brodie was certain he wanted to raise money and Tammie said he had the full support of his parents.

Brodie said that everyone deserves "warm places, safe places to live, and food" and hoped the money raised can help.

Not knowing where to start, they approached the ac.care Community Centre and told them what Brodie's plans were.

The organisation has an initiative where people can commit to an acTIVE.care challenge to help raise funds for the organisation to support those experiencing homelessness.

The challenge can be walking, running, going to the gym, anything active and challenging.

With the help of ac.care, Tammie and Brodie were able to set up an acTIVE.care challenge link for Brodie's walking challenge.

Tammie said the process to sign Brodie up for his running challenge was a simple registration and had amazing support from the team at ac.care.

"They were fantastic, they jumped on board straight away," she said.

For the month of January, Brodie will aim to run two to three kilometres a day around a block close to their house, and wants to complete at least 60 kms over the whole month.

Tammie said while this is the starting running goal, she believes he can push himself further and they may increase the distance total.

"I think he can go a little bit further, we think he can do it," she said.

The initial monetary goal was $200, and it was soon increased to $2000, after there was a massive amount of community support with the goal already exceeding triple the amount overnight.

Now, Brodie's target has since increased again to $4000 and with more than $3000 now raised, it is looking like a promising achievement.

Brodie has already shown resilience throughout his challenge, and has proved his commitment to the cause.

"He fell over on day three, and grazed his hips," Tammie said.

"He was incredible, he got straight back up and he pushed through it."

Brodie's inspiration comes from Nedd Brockmann, a 24 year old electrician from Forbes that was confronted with homelessness after moving to Sydney and seeing how prevalent it was.

His goal was to run across Australia to raise money to support people living rough, and he wanted to do it faster than any Australian ever has.

Brockmann managed to achieve this after running almost 100km a day for 46 and a half days and raised more than 2 million dollars for the cause.

The family were surprised to receive a video message of support from Brockmann, after hearing of Brodie's achievements in raising his funds.

The video message features Brockmann on a walk, commending Brodie for his massive achievements.

"You inspire me, thank you," Brockmann said.

"Keep showing up. There are going to be some days that are going to be very hard, but you have to remember why you started."

Tammie said Brodie took a little bit to process that he had received the message, but once he did he was very excited jumping around the house.

Brodie said he felt "very excited and happy" and is now even more motivated to continue to work to reach his target.

Tammie said Brodie does not realise how much of a big impact he is making, and has explained what the funds can do to support people experiencing homelessness to him, for perspective.

Donations of $50 can feed a family for a few days, $100 can provide a tent and $200 can cover the cost of a swag.

Tammie said she is incredibly proud of Brodie, and amazed by the community support he has received.

"I am so proud of him. I am proud of his achievements but also seeing him push himself to limits I did not even think he had," she said.

Along with countless donations, he has received kind words of encouragement and even t-shirts with inspirational sayings for him to wear while running.

"The generosity of Mount Gambier has really pushed it, it has just been amazing," she said.

"Brodie has to do the hard work, but it's bigger than just him."

Brodie is happy about the money raised so far, and wanted to thank the community for their kindness and donations.

"Thank you for the support, and thank you for all the kindness," he said.

People can make an online donation by visiting https://www.accare.org.au/activecare or by making a cash donation.

There are money tins for cash donations set up at Lennons on Lake Terrace, Bay Blue Espresso Bar and Grantville Court Fish Shop.

NEW MEMBERS: The Keith Floral Art Group is hoping to get more members in 2024.

Talent on show

KEITH FLORAL ART GROUP

THE Keith Floral Art Group have recently displayed their talents at an exhibition.

The exhibition focused on Tatami Designed arrangements and wreaths which were joined and enhanced by tying collected sticks that were incorporated into each design.

President Jo White and secretary Marie Egel said they were keen to welcome anyone interested in learning about various methods of floral arrangement.

They have a small friendly group ready to welcome new friends.

The group meets on the first Thursday of the month at the Keith Showgrounds at 9.30am.

For more information call Marie Egel on 0439895350.

ON DISPLAY: The recent exhibition showcased the groups talent. **Picture: SUPPLIED**

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Help shape the future of your community.
Nominate to run for your local council.

WATTLE RANGE COUNCIL will be holding a supplementary election in March 2024 to fill the position of Councillor for Corcoran Ward.

Nominations for this position open Thursday, 11 January 2024.

Find out how to nominate @ www.ecsa.sa.gov.au

2024 Supplementary Election of Councillor for Corcoran Ward – Nominations Open.

Nominations are invited for the following position:

Wattle Range Council: 1 vacancy - Corcoran Ward

Nominations open on Thursday, 11 January 2024 and close at 12 noon Thursday, 25 January 2024.

Candidates must submit a profile of not more than 1000 characters with their nomination and may also provide a photograph, predominantly head and shoulders, taken within the previous 12 months.

More information about nominating, including the candidate handbook that outlines the criteria and requirements for nominating, can be accessed at **ecsa.sa.gov.au** or by phoning **1300 655 232**.

Nominate online at: ecsa.sa.gov.au

Briefing Session for intending candidates:
ECSA is holding an online briefing session for intending candidates at 6 pm on Thursday, 11 January 2024. Register online at **ecsa.sa.gov.au**

An in-person briefing session will be held by Wattle Range Council CEO Ben Gower at **2 pm on Thursday, 11 January 2024**, in the Council Chamber, Civic Centre, George Street, Millicent.

Intending candidates wishing to attend the in-person session are asked to register in advance by contacting Wattle Range Council on **(08) 8733 0900** or by email to **council@wattlerange.sa.gov.au.**

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LIGHTS UP: Carl Futcher's home is decorated every year in December but this is the first year he has entered the Christmas Lights Spectacular competition.

Light display wins for veteran decorator

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FOR the last 20 years Carl Futcher has been decorating the outside of his Commercial Street home in Millicent for Christmas.

This year was the first time Mr Futcher had entered his house in the annual Christmas Lights Spectacular competition and was chosen as the winning display receiving $1,000 for his efforts.

Sitting across from his home on Christmas Eve with friends watching visitors to the street has become an annual event for Mr Futcher, although the unseasonably cold weather this year called for blankets and beanies.

Mr Futcher said it felt "awesome" to win the competition and he thought it had attracted more cars to the area than previous years.

"I aim to have it decorated by the first of December but there were a few more things added after that."

His initiative has encouraged nearby neighbours to join in which has made the street a must see visit each December.

The annual competition is held by South East Property Sales with sponsorship from several local businesses boosting the prize money on offer.

This year 19 homes from the Wattle Range Council area were entered in the competition.

Other winning displays were 34 Bonshor Street in second place and 11 Park Terrace in third.

Last year's winning home at 157 Mount Gambier Road won the community choice popular vote and 160 Mount Gambier Road received a prize for most improved.

Hits and giggles at Millicent Squash Club

SOCIAL table tennis returns to the Millicent Squash Club next Monday, January 15.

Anyone with an interest in table tennis is welcome to join and play individually or to team up with someone.

The initiative has been going for over 12 months now and has proved a popular outing for up to 20 people at a time.

With three tables available all age groups and skill levels are accomodated including players wanting a serious game or those just wanting to have fun.

Starting at 10am until noon each Monday the social outing is a gold coin donation to participate.

One of the initiatives organisers, Simone Berry, said

"It doesn't matter if you're a first timer or an old timer, everyone is welcome to come out and have a hit of the ball.

"Have a cuppa and catch up with some old and possibly new friends."

GOING BATTY: Organisers are welcoming the community to join them in social games of table tennis each Monday.

FAMILY VISIT: Visiting from Costa Rica was Marie Los Pizarro who was at Beachport's market with her granddaughter and daughter, Lua Neilson and Feresh Pizarro.

BEACHPORT FUN: Holidaying in Beachport were Lexy Wade from Horsham and Emily Robertson from Renmark.

SPIRAL SPUDS: Bendigo residents Jackie and Adam Wolters with their children Thomas and Lacey enjoying their twisty chips for lunch.

Seaside market has the goods

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TRADERS enjoyed fine weather for Saturday's Beachport Market day with the rain holding off until the 1pm closing time.

Hundreds of tourists and locals attended the popular event with a variety of stall holders reporting a successful day of trading.

Over 50 stalls lined both sides of Railway Terrace with several food stalls setup in the carpark and on the foreshore kept busy throughout the morning.

Entertainment during the day was provided by the Jason and Christy Wallace duo.

The free Jetty to Jetty walk or run also went ahead with 25 participants tackling the 18km Southend to Beachport course.

Leaving Southend from 7am the route follows the beach and ends at Beachport in time for market day.

Organiser of Jetty to Jetty, Brad Tilley, said said Owen Williams was first to finish in 1 hour and five minutes.

LIGHT UP: Melissa Mineff with her handcrafted soy wax candles was one of over 50 market vendors trading in a variety of goods.

WORLD TRAVELLERS: Visiting Beachport were Kelly Dunloy from New York and Hamish Seears from Portugal with Con Fitzgerald and Trevor, Carolyn, Kate and Lottie Rayson.

BARGAIN HUNTING: Val and Lorraine Hunt spent Saturday morning exploring the variety of market stalls.

HOLIDAY BREAK: Mount Gambier residents Karin and John Block have been staying in Beachport but were preparing to head home soon.

MARKET DAY: Enjoying the fine weather and the range of stalls was Sandi Spink and Heather Walker.

EXPLORING THE COAST: Interstate visitors, Anna and Max Marascelli from Melbourne, enjoying the best of Beachport.

Museum entry free

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DURING the month of January Wattle Range Council (WRC) residents have the opportunity to visit the Millicent National Trust Museum at no charge.

To be eligible for the offer locals need to accompany at least one paying visitor to the site.

The WRC initiative is part of a drive to promote local businesses who have an offer to share with tourists and locals alike.

Millicent Visitor Information Centre (MVIC) customer service and tourism officer Darrell Looker suggested the idea to the museum.

"We started with the museum because a lot of people who do come in are local and have been through before.

"They bring their visitors in and sometimes they will sit and wait because they don't want to pay the entry fee again.

"It is also surprising how many people that live in Millicent have never been through the museum."

ALL ABOARD: Ben, Josh and Sam Brooker from Melbourne explored the museum's T-class narrow gauge locomotive during the holidays.

The museum has been a popular destination with tourists over the holidays and plenty of locals are taking advantage of the free entry.

"Most who have come in have never been through and thought they would take the opportunity to visit and bring friends along when they saw the offer" Mr Looker said.

The museum is open daily and entry is through the MVIC.

Suspicious fire at Furner

POLICE are investigating a suspicious fire at Furner.

Around 10pm on Wednesday, January 3, emergency services responded to the report of a fire on Wallis Road.

A fire was located in a pile of stumps resulting from forestry operations and was quickly extinguished.

Police want to speak to the owner of a white 2010 model Toyota Hilux which was seen in the area at the time.

Anyone with information relating to this incident is requested to contact Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000, or online at www.crimestopperssa.com.au

Lighthouse bird-proof as major works end

MAJOR capital works has been completed at the Cape Northumberland Lighthouse near Port MacDonnell.

The Australian Maritime Safety Authority (AMSA) completed the $2m injection into the lighthouse in response to unique circumstances. According to the AMSA, local birds - which were attracted by the high salt content of the stone work - excavated and consumed parts of the historic structure leading to the refurbishment. The works included a refurbishment of the stone structure and replacement of the decayed limestone, a repaint of all internal and external surfaces of the lighthouse and ancillary building as well as a refurbishment of the balcony, lantern room and an electrical system upgrade.

McElligotts VIC was the primary contractor for the restoration works with AMSA executive director of the response division Mark Morrow highlighting the significance of the lighthouse to the local community.

"At South Australia's southern-most point, Cape Northumberland Lighthouse forms an iconic part of the Port MacDonnell coastline," Mr Morrow said. "This stunning piece of South Australian history is now bird-proof and ready to be enjoyed by future generations. AMSA would like to thank McElligotts VIC Pty Ltd for their hard work restoring Cape Northumberland Lighthouse, in time for Christmas."

Mr Morrow also expressed confidence in the effectiveness of the newly applied paint coatings to deter future bird-related damage, ensuring the longevity of the historical landmark. He also emphasised the AMSA's commitment to maintaining the safety of Australia's aids to navigation network through in-house technical expertise and specialist contractors.

"Australia's aids to navigation network has stood for over a century, evolving and expanding with the economic development of Australia and in response to advances in technological innovation, and growth in maritime trade and activity," he said.

"AMSA has been the custodian of this network for the last 33 years, safeguarding the lives of seafarers and our precious seas and coastlines."

Works on Cape Northumberland Lighthouse began in February 2023 and were completed before the end of the year.

Quiz Time

1. What word means the study and practice of making maps?
2. Who famously sang "Folsom Prison Blues"?
3. What type of camel has two humps?
4. Coho, Chinook, and Sockeye are types of what animal?
5. What Greek god was considered to be the same as the Roman god Jupiter?
6. What is the largest city in Arizona?
7. What do the letters ROYGBIV represent?
8. What common food product do vampires dislike?
9. A spoonful of sugar helps the what go down?
10. What did Sir Edmund Hillary become the first person to do?
11. What Norse god is Wednesday named after?
12. What type of flag signals the end of an auto race?
13. What child actress of the 1930s later became a U.S. ambassador to Ghana and Czechosl ovakia?
14. What political party did Tony Blair lead?
15. What Italian city was once led by a doge?
16. Who made Pinocchio?
17. Veins return blood to the heart. What vessels transport blood away from the heart?
18. What type of animal brays?
19. Who invented dynamite?
20. What gave Samson his strength?

BONUS QUESTION:
The Khyber Pass is approximately how many miles long? Answer in next week's Quiz.

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Stars take up the challenge

SEVEN Limestone Coast locals will take up the challenge and dance the night away to raise money for Stand Like Stone.

The 2024 Swinging With the Stars event will see tradies, teachers and community leaders all raising money for their chosen sub fund within the charity.

Each participant will be busy fundraising in the lead up to the June event, where one will be named the 2024 Swinging with the Stars Champion.

Chris Williams is the owner and operator of Chris Williams Painting, a life member of South Gambier Football Club and will be raising funds for the Mental Health and Wellbeing Sub Fund.

Livestock Agent at Elders Lucindale Nathan McCarthy will be raising funds for the Stand Like Stone Foundation General Sub Fund.

Also raising money for the general sub fund will be Tyler Michielan who is an electrician at Godrik Construction and Electrical and an International soccer player.

Cory O'Connor is a teacher at Penola High School and will be raising funds for the Penola Coonawarra Wellbeing Sub Fund.

Robe registered nurse Bec Hurst will be raising funds for the Poppy Crozier Memorial Scholarship Sub Fund.

Ella Boston, a Naracoorte-based 2023 school graduate and SSO at Naracoorte High School, will raise funds for the Naracoorte and Districts Sub Fund.

Raising funds for the Grant High School Student Scholarship Sub Fund will be Grant High School teacher and Mount Gambier Theatre Group member Shekinah Horsburgh.

Finally, Kezia Feast, a teacher at both Allendale East Area School and Glenburnie Primary School, will raise funds for the Steven Noble Memorial Sub Fund.

FUNDRAISER: In 2023 the Swinging with the Stars event raised just over $110,000 for the Stand Like Stone Foundation. Picture: FILE

FLYING HIGH: A colourful kite display will be on show in Southend later this month. Picture: SUPPLIED

Look out for colourful skies in Southend

THE Southend skies will come alive with colour later this month, with a kite flying display being held at the Yacht Club Beach.

Hosted by the Wattle Range Council as part of the Wattle Range Giant Kite Festival, the Adelaide Kite Flyers Association (AKFA) will present a kite flying display.

The event is family-friendly, free and is open to kite flyers of all ages and experience levels.

The display will include sea themed kites of all shapes, sizes and designs, and the AKFA will showcase the sea kite designs, many standing over 30 feet high.

Manager community development, Wattle Range Council Caroline Hill said kite flying is a fun activity for all ages, and a great excuse to get outdoors.

"We're thrilled to partner with AKFA to bring this event to our community and highlight the natural beauty of Southend Beach as the perfect backdrop for such an uplifting display," she said.

Visitors to the event bring their own kites to fly or there will be the option to build and decorate a kite on-site at one of the festival's craft activities.

Kite flying lessons and demonstrations will also be offered, to help first-timers discover the joy of kite flying.

The AKDA secretary Justine said there will be opportunities for great photos throughout the day.

"The Wattle Range Giant Kite Festival is shaping up to be an unforgettable event and our ground display will have cars that people can stand in for photos," she said.

"We can't wait to fill the skies with colour and see the smiles on people's faces as they stop to look up in wonder".

The Wattle Range Giant Kite Festival will take place at Yacht Club Beach, Leake Street Beach Access, Southend on Wednesday, 24 January 2024 from 10.00 a.m. to 2.00 p.m.

Entry to the festival is free.

Emergency source

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BORDERTOWN'S Recreation Lake could be used as a water source for Black Hawk helicopters in the event of a bushfire this season.

The November 2023 Tatiara District Council meeting saw councillor Miles Hannemann ask if the lake would be suitable for a helicopter to collect water from in the event of a bushfire.

Since then, council chief executive Anne Champness has confirmed the lake meets requirements and has made contact with the CFS ensuring they are aware of the lake.

"While the lake will be recorded as a water source which is accessible, the response of aerial resources to rural fires is the decision of the Air Attack Supervisor and a risk assessment will be taken on the day as to its suitability," she said.

"As stated before, the Black Hawk is primarily for response within the Primary Response Zone, but may be requested by the Air Attack Supervisor, if conditions are suitable for its release."

FIRE SEASON: Bordertown's Recreation Lake could be used to refill a Black Hawk in the event of a bushfire. Picture: SOPHIE CONLON

Smoke clears on vape ban

NEW smoking and vaping bans will soon come into effect in South Australia under the South Australian Tobacco and E-Cigarette Products Act 1997.

Near beach jetties and patrol flags, schools, kids' sporting events and shopping centre entrances will be amongst the locations it will no longer be permitted.

The aim of the additional bans are to better protect the community from the harms of passive smoke and vape inhalation.

These laws coincide with national reforms to limit vaping, which started with a ban on the importation of disposable vapes, regardless of nicotine content, that came into effect from January 1.

Penalties will apply for those caught smoking or vaping in a range of new prohibited outdoor public spaces with the new laws that will come into effect from March 1.

There will be on-the-spot fines applicable for those in breach of the new laws of $105 and prosecution penalties of $750.

The newly banned spaces are:

- On beaches between and within 50 metres of patrol flags and within five metres of jetties
- At and within 10 metres of schools and childcare settings
- At and within 10 metres of non-residential building entrances, such as entrances to shopping centres, government and commercial buildings
- At public hospitals and health facilities, private hospitals and within 10 metres of their boundaries
- Within outdoor public swimming facilities
- At major event venues declared under the Major Events Act 2013 and
- At and within 10 metres of playing and viewing areas during organised under-18 years sporting events

Currently, while some individual site policies might restrict smoking at some of these areas, they are not bound by law and might not cover vaping.

Legislating the bans will allow fines to be applied for non-compliance.

There have been additional proposals discussed including outlawing cigarette vending machines and to increase penalties for selling tobacco and vapes to minors, with legislation now to be drafted.

RESTRICTED: New laws to restrict cigarette smoke and vape in outdoor zones ahead. Picture: FILE

The proposition from the SA Government to double penalties for the sale or supply of tobacco and vape products to children has been put forward for the future, which would increase fines from $1200 to $2400.

The maximum prosecution penalty for a first offence would rise from $20,000 to $40,000 for a business and $5000 to $10,000 for an individual.

Minister for Health and Wellbeing Chris Picton encouraged people to consider quitting smoking and vaping following the new restrictions.

"Smoking is our biggest preventable killer and cause of disease and the rise of vaping among young people is really concerning," he said.

"We need to do more to stop the devastating effects, particularly on children.

"Our public spaces should be safe for everyone, including families, to enjoy."

Chief public health officer Nicola Spurrier said community consultation and feedback showed growing concern about the health impacts of smoking, including passive smoking.

"These new measures support a smoke-free South Australia and role model best behaviour for the next generation," she said.

For support on their quitting journey, people are encouraged to use the resources available through the Be Smoke free website: besmokefree.com.au or call the Quitline on 13 78 48.

Decreased violence in high schools positive

THE ban on mobile phone use in public high schools has had a positive impact and has recently showed it has helped reduce violent incidents in schools.

In South Australia, the ban requires students to switch any personal devices with the capability to connect to the internet off or onto flight mode and put them away for the duration of the school day, including break times in pouches or lockers.

The policy does not apply to school-owned technologies or learning devices brought under Bring Your Own Device programs.

The latest data showed there has been an average of a 29 per cent decrease in Terms 3 and 4 of 2023 compared to a similar period in 2022.

In terms 3 and 4 of the 2022 school year before the ban came into effect, data showed there were 319 incidents, compared to 228 for the same timeframe in 2023, after the ban.

The data was based on 131 schools and included onsite violence involving punching and kicking between secondary students.

The ban was implemented to improve learning environments for children and to reduce distraction in the classroom and the bullying that occurs through social media.

It has since made a positive impact, with anecdotal evidence that has shown students are more active and involved in physical activity and extracurricular clubs.

A shift in the schoolyard culture has occurred, and students are now seen playing together and chatting, rather than with their heads down looking at their phones.

Minister for education, training and skills Blair Boyer said this was the right policy to implement to tackle distraction and cyber bullying in schools.

DECREASED VIOLENCE: The phone ban policy has proved to be a positive move. Picture: FILE

"Bullying can be 24/7 for young people today, and there is no doubt in my mind that it plays an enormous part in the deteriorating mental health of students," he said.

He felt positive the government is on the right track following their ban, due to the recent data available.

"Incidents of violence and students using mobile phones to engage in bullying behaviour have significantly reduced, which is incredibly heartening because I want students to feel engaged and connected at school," he said.

"It's so important to their future success.

"This ban is about better academic outcomes for students free from distraction, improved social skills development, and reduced cyber bullying."

GLOWING SHROOMS: The addition of ultraviolet lights shows a different side to the colourful mural on Davenport Street.

Mushroom mural lights up the town

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MILLICENT'S large scale mushroom mural recently underwent a transformation with the addition of ultraviolet lights.

Completed in April last year, by Melbourne based artists Mike Makatron and Conrad Bizjak, the artists trialled the use of fluorescent paint to complete the mural.

Although some of the fluorescent paint has worn away since the mural was completed, purple and green highlights shine brightly under the lights.

The 26 metre long mural can be viewed from Davenport Street and is at the rear of Ignition Fitness gym.

Business owners Adam Wiese and Roxanne Wallis collaborated with the Imagine Millicent Arts Group (IMAG) to seek funding and choose the mural design.

Discussions are underway between the collaborators to celebrate the mural and the addition of the lights.

It is hoped a cocktail party style event, similar to the fundraiser held at the site in 2022, will take place within the next few months

The ultraviolet lights were installed by Lonergan and Muhovics and switch on on automatically when the sun goes down.

At this stage the lights remain on all night.

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DANCING UP A STORM: This trio is having a great time, but who are they, and what's the event?

MYSTERY EQUESTRIANS: Do you know these riders and their ponies?

Help to solve pix mysteries

THROUGHOUT 2023, we continued our series of unidentified photos from the Mount Gambier History Group.

While there were a lot of identifications, some have remined a mystery.

Here are some that were not identified.

If you know who any of the people in the photos are, please contact the group on mountgambierhistorygroup@gmail.com or by calling the group's secretary Jeanette Aslin - 0435 408 580.

FLYING HIGH: Who is this child holding the kite?

PARTY: Who are these mystery partiers and what was the occasion?

MYSTERY WOMAN: Who is this women in the lovely crochet outfit?

SCUPLTURE MYSTERY: Who are the men with the large sculpture and what are they doing?

SMILES: Who are these young kids and what is the occasion?

GOING BATTY: The history group is looking for the name of these two gentlemen.

STRETCH: Who are these people having a stretch?

WHO ARE YOU: One of these men is believed to be Gerald Sheehan, but who is the other one?

WHO IS SHE? Who is this mystery woman at the computer?

WHO?: Who are these four people?

STUDY HUB: Tatiara District Staff and councillors, along with former mayor, at the Bordertown Community Centre, which could soon be home to a Tatiara Regional Study Hub. **Picture: FILE**

Uni hub hope

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A university study hub could be on the cards for Bordertown, with the Tatiara District Council (TDC) partnering with a nearby council to lodge a federal government grant application.

Working with the Rural City of Murray Bridge (RCMB), TDC hopes to create a Tatiara Regional Study Hub under the already established Murray River Regional Study Hub (MRRSH) framework.

TDC chief executive Anne Champness said the project had been a little while in the making.

"Working with the Rural City of Murray Bridge I think will really help us in the funding application, because we are not re-inventing the wheel, we are actually tucking into an organisation that is already established," she said.

Any student at any university could take advantage of the study hub, which if established would include study spaces, break-out areas, computer facilities and internet access, as well as study and student support.

The Bordertown Community Centre was chosen as the preferred site for the hub and, if approved, the grant would allow for any additional fit out requirements, signage, and day to day operations of the hub like electricity, cleaning and internet.

It is expected the capital works for the project would cost $143,256, with TDC required to contribute $50,000.

TDC would also deliver in-kind support of around $130,000 to cover some staffing, rent and insurance.

Ms Champness said this would fit in with the overall grant budget the program considered.

The existing MRRSH program manager would oversee the activation of the new Tatiara site, supported by a team leader, site coordinator and student advisor who will be based at the Tatiara site and employed by TDC.

Dairy experts are coming to Australia

LEADING experts of the dairy infrastructure industry are coming to Australia in February from across the globe.

Four international speakers will be featured at the event, including Michael Heinrich from GEA Farm Technologies in Europe, Alain Houle from the Valmetal Group in the United States and US experts Dr Mike Wolf of VES-Artex and Karl Burgi from SaveCows.

Dairy Australia National Feeding and Farm Systems lead Karen Romano said the event was an opportunity for farmers to learn to avoid making "costly mistakes".

"Dairy Australia recognises the importance of helping our farmers make informed decisions before investing in feedpad and contained housing infrastructure," Ms Romano said.

"Having the opportunity to draw on the expertise of a panel of international experts, who have an intimate understanding of how this sort of infrastructure has been successfully built and managed in Europe and America is a unique opportunity that can help our farmers avoid making costly mistakes."

Attendees at Raising the Roof 2024 will also hear first-hand from a number of Australian dairy farmers who have already successfully transitioned their farm systems.

The event will also feature virtual and in-person farm visits showcasing the latest innovative thinking in a range of intensive farm systems.

Raising the Roof 2024 will run from Tuesday 27 February to Thursday 29 February in New South Wales' Hunter Valley.

EXPERTS: Leading experts of the dairy infrastructure industry are coming to Australia in February from across the globe. **Picture: AAP IMAGE/TRACEY NEARMY**

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Stepping up to the elite level

JEFF HUDDLESTONE

TWO Mount Gambier dancers have been accepted by an elite dancing and performing arts school in Queensland.

Josh Shepherd and Mia Bellinger, both 18, are currently students at the local MJ Dance Studio in Percy Street.

They'll soon be moving to the Gold Coast to learn at the prestigious Dynamite Studio.

This year, the two will study full time for Certificate 1V in dance, with the option of the diploma of professional dance, elite performance next year.

It will enable them to continue their training and undertake professional studies to qualify them for their future careers.

Mr Shepherd has been with MJ Dance Studio for four years, but has been honing his craft for 12 years.

He has competed in national championships and placed highly with other dance troupes and is currently developing his Hip hop style.

He appreciates other dance styles, such as ballet , jazz and Broadway, and has passed exams in contemporary level eight, but has a clear favourite.

"Still Hip hop, I love it," he said.

Mr Shepherd welcomes the chance to train with Dynamite Studio this year.

"You get training in every aspect, including singing and dancing and ending up with a certificate or diploma," he said.

"Hopefully I'll get more jobs and build my career up through it."

Mia Bellinger, from Glencoe, has been dancing at the local studio for 15 years, starting as a three-year-old.

She is now one of the teachers among a small team of instructors in the main genres.

"I love contemporary dance but also like doing jazz and my ballet," Ms Bellinger said.

"It's so important that we become well rounded dancers That's what will get me employed at the end of the day," she said.

After their training, both want to audition for cruise ship contracts.

Former MJ students have worked on cruise ships and the local studio collaborates with Dynamite studio, which is renowned for facilitating those particular jobs.

Mr Shepherd said he'll definitely explore that possibility.

"There are so many jobs in the dancing world and I'm wanting to do everything," he said.

Ms Bellinger said getting a cruise ship gig would be amazing.

"You get to travel and dance and get paid for it. I can't think of anything much better than that," she said.

"You just have to keep auditioning and hopefully one day it happens."

MJ Dance Studio was established 35 years ago by founder and director, Maria Slape, and since then many hundreds of students have passed through the doors, and there have been some career success stories.

For example, Cristina D' Agostino is in Greece and has the role of Cha Cha in Grease and Ewen Doig played Joseph in Joseph and the Technicolor Dream Coat.

TOP OF THE CLASS: Josh Shepherd and Mia Bellinger have both been accepted into the prestigious Dynamite Studio.

Others have worked on cruise ships and some run their own dance studios.

"The list just goes on. I've been very blessed to have had so many kids with successful careers," Ms Slape said.

Ms Slape starts young dancers' journeys early, around age four or five and nurtures them for future development and direction at seven or eight.

It's a good track record for a dance studio in Mount Gambier, comparatively isolated from the major cities.

"Coming from the country is harder. The ones who leave Mount Gambier have to be really hungry for the dance," she said.

"I believe we have a beautiful culture at the studio."

She said technique comes first, followed by work ethic, resilience and a certain amount of talent.

In taking on her dance students, Ms Slape looks for what she calls that special "it" quality.

"You can't describe it - its just that special quality that sets you apart from anyone else," she said.

Mr Shepherd and Ms Bellinger are grateful for the experience, training and support they've received from MJ Dance Studio and Ms Slape likes what she sees.

They both have "it".

"Josh has a lovely Hip hop style. He wanted to progress and be good at other styles. He's got lots of lovely qualities to make a career."

"Mia is an extremely hard working young lady with a beautiful technique.

"Her work ethic is incredible and she has everything she needs to be successful," Ms Slape said.

Ms Slape said they'll do well in the course at Dynamite studio and cruise shipping is where the jobs are at the moment.

"They're really good kids. Now they just have to have a bit of luck," she said.

"With Josh leaving, we desperately need more boys at the studio."

Be mindful of cyclists

WITH South Australia's premier bike race about to begin, everyone is urged to be safe around cyclists.

RAA is calling for respect and patience from all road users, as the Tour Down Under sees thousands of cyclists take to roads around South Australia from 12–21 January.

Last year eight cyclists died on South Australian roads, making 2023 the worst year for cyclist fatalities since 1995 according to the Department for Infrastructure and Transport, prompting the plea for drivers and riders alike to look after each other on the road.

Of the eight fatalities in 2023, at least four involved single cyclists coming off their bike, highlighting the need for cyclists to also take care and ride to the conditions.

RAA senior manager safety and infrastructure Charles Mountain said cyclists were some of our most vulnerable road users.

"Last year was a horrific year for cyclist death on SA roads – with more losing their lives than in any other year since 1995," he said.

"With the Tour Down Under starting this week, all road users should be mindful and expect to see more cyclists out and about, especially in popular cycling areas like the Adelaide Hills.

"South Australia will be on show over the next 10 days so this will be an opportunity for us to show how well we can share our roads safely."

Recent RAA research also shows safety is a real concern for SA cyclists – 94 per cent of riders reported having had a near miss with a vehicle, and 76 per cent have been victims of road rage.

The biggest cycling race in the southern hemisphere returns from this weekend and will see thousands of cyclists on their bikes for both the competition, as well as several group recreational rides and events.

STAY SAFE: Both cyclists and drivers are reminded to be aware of the rules around cyclists on the road.

Mr Mountain urged cyclists and drivers to familiarise themselves with the relevant road rules to ensure they have respectful and safe interactions on the road.

"For drivers, remember the minimum passing distance of one metre when passing cyclists on roads where the speed limit is 60km/h or less," Mr Mountain said.

"If you need to pass a cyclist or group of cyclists on higher speed roads then you need to allow at least 1.5 metres when passing.

"While it is permissible to cross both single and double white lines when passing, you can only do so if there is no oncoming traffic – otherwise wait until the road is clear.

"Cyclists are permitted to ride two abreast on roads where no bicycle lane is provided, and where a bicycle lane is available, they should ensure they use it."

Social

Reliving all the fun of 2023

THERE were many events across the Limestone Coast in 2023 and the team at SA Today did their best to get to them all.

From market days to fundraisers and special interest events, there was plenty to do for everyone in the region.

Take a look back at some of the biggest and best events from across the region last year.

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3: COMING TOGETHER: Trevor, Yvonne and Vicky Jane Sims with Isabel Badenoch at the Mount Gambier Cancer Support Group's fundraising concert in June.

4: COMMUNITY: Jo Klitschner and Marley Marshall at the Connect FM Market Day in September.

5: DRAG SHOW: Michelle Pietersma and Shauna Wood enjoyed Le Haus of Butt's Valentine's themed show, Drag-Amorè Glamorè.

6: FRUND RAISER: Maga, Emily, Abby and Ruby Steele at the 2023 Mother's Day Classic in May.

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MY GREATEST DISHES
SBS Food, Thursday, 7.30pm

We hear of defining moments that make a person, but in this new series, premiering tonight, it's all about four dishes that sparked famous chefs' food-loving journey. Across the 20 episodes highlighting culinary artists from around the world, will there be a poetic turn of words about the cosmic effect of Vegemite? Sadly not, but avocado and toast does get a shoo-in, along with late Aussie export Bill Granger, known as the king of brunch. Intimate and spiritually flavoursome, it kicks off with *Great British Bake Off* judge Prue Leith (pictured), who rhapsodises about her mother's passionfruit cream.

JONATHAN ROSS' MYTHS AND LEGENDS
SBS, Monday, 7.30pm

Comedian Jonathan Ross (pictured) has landed a travel show with a difference: the eccentric inquisitor is on the spooky trail of incredible tales that have gathered dust throughout the centuries. Polished with atmospheric, beautiful scenery of nature and Ross's at-times un-hostlike attire, this is a magical travelogue that's poetic and fun. This week, Wales and the charms of *Staged*'s Michael Sheen are on show, with Ross learning how the dragon became the Welsh emblem.

FARGO
SBS, Wednesday, 9.30pm

A high-octane, head-splattering turn from *Ted Lasso*'s Juno Temple (pictured) as housewife Dot – who knows her shotguns from her machine guns – has propelled this mysterious season. The arresting mix of characters, including Jon Hamm as an outlaw sheriff, and Jennifer Jason Leigh as a pouty, well-heeled mother-in-law to be reckoned with, is the bread and butter of Noah Hawley's eccentric murder-stained thriller. In tonight's season finale, Dot prepares biscuits amid her fight for survival.

PICK OF THE WEEK

TOTAL CONTROL
ABC TV, Sunday, 8.30pm

It's the final showdown for this scintillating political thriller set in the halls and shadows of Parliament House. Aussie acting royalty Deborah Mailman and Rachel Griffiths return with six hard-hitting, moving episodes. Buckle up for the gripping power play set two years after gutsy outsider Alex Irving (Mailman) manoeuvred her way into the ranks of political heavyweights and anointed Paul Murphy (Wayne Blair) as Australia's first Aboriginal Prime Minister. Now, after devastating bushfires, a pandemic and economic challenges, the government is up against it and ousted PM Rachel Anderson (Griffiths) is waiting for her moment to pounce. Brilliantly written, this closing season ups the ante.

Thursday, January 11

ABC TV (2)
6.00 Searching For Superhuman. (PGd, R) **7.00** News Breakfast. **9.30** ABC News Mornings. **10.00** Monsters Or Medicine? (PGm, R) **10.55** Antiques Roadshow. (R) **12.00** ABC News At Noon. **1.00** Vera. (Mav, R)
2.30 Back Roads. (R)
3.00 The Cook And The Chef. (R)
3.25 Tenable. (R)
4.10 Antiques Roadshow. (R)
5.10 Love Your Garden.

6.00 Back Roads: Nyngan, NSW. (R)
6.25 Hard Quiz. (PG, R)
7.00 ABC News. A look at the top stories of the day.
7.30 7.30. Presented by David Speers.
8.00 Grand Designs Transformations. (PG) Follows two home transformations.
9.00 Martin Clunes: Islands Of The Pacific. (PG) Part 2 of 3. English actor Martin Clunes explores the Philippines.
9.50 Fake Or Fortune? Gerome. (R) Part 2 of 4.
10.50 Finding Alice. (Ml, R)
11.35 Keeping Faith. (Mal, R)
12.40 Love Your Garden. (R)
1.25 Tenable. (R) **2.10** Rage. (MA15+adhlnsv)
4.40 The Durrells. (PG, R) **5.30** 7.30. (R)

SBS (3)
6.00 DW English News. **6.30** Al Jazeera News. **7.00** BBC News At Six. **7.30** France 24 English News. **8.00** DD India News Hour. **9.00** Peer To Peer. (R) **10.30** Tennis. Kooyong Classic. Day 2. From Kooyong Stadium, Melbourne.
4.30 ABC World News Tonight With David Muir.
5.00 Motor Racing. Dakar Rally. Stage 5. Highlights.

6.00 Mastermind Australia. (R)
6.30 SBS World News.
7.30 Julia Bradbury's Irish Journey: West. (PGa) Part 2 of 4.
8.30 The Real Crown: Inside The House Of Windsor: Threats. (PG, R) Part 2 of 5. When the Falklands War breaks out, Queen Elizabeth II sends her son Prince Andrew into battle.
9.25 Culprits. (Premiere, MA15+) A family man's life is thrown into chaos.
10.25 SBS World News Late.
10.55 A Class Apart. (Madls)
11.45 Pandore. (MA15+av, R)
4.25 Bamay. (R) **5.00** NHK World English News Morning. **5.30** ANC Philippines The World Tonight.

SEVEN (7, 6)
6.00 Sunrise. **9.00** The Morning Show Summer Series. (PG) **11.30** Seven Morning News. **12.00 MOVIE:** Darrow And Darrow: In The Key Of Murder. (2018, PGav, R) Kimberly Williams-Paisley, Tom Cavanagh, Wendie Malick. **2.00** Border Security: International. (PG, R) **2.30** Surf Patrol. (R)
3.00 The Chase. (R)
4.00 Seven News At 4.
5.00 The Chase Australia.

6.00 Seven News.
7.00 Home And Away. (PG) Justin pines for Leah.
7.35 Cricket. Big Bash League. Game 33. Hobart Hurricanes v Adelaide Strikers.
10.30 MOVIE: Super Troopers 2. (2018, MA15+lns, R) State troopers set up a new station. Jay Chandrasekhar, Kevin Heffernan.
12.40 Black-ish. (PGals, R) Dre is invited to join a private social club.
1.10 My Impossible House: 200-Year-Old Barn. (PG, R)
2.00 Home Shopping. (R)
4.00 NBC Today.
5.00 Seven Early News.
5.30 Sunrise.

NINE (9, 8)
6.00 Today.
9.00 Today Extra Summer. (PG)
11.30 9News Morning.
12.00 MOVIE: How To Find Forever. (2022, PGa, R) Erin Agostino.
2.00 Pointless. (PG, R)
3.00 Tipping Point. (PG, R)
4.00 Millionaire Hot Seat. (R) Hosted by Eddie McGuire.
5.00 9News Afternoon.

6.00 9News.
7.00 A Current Affair.
7.30 A Night With Novak And Friends. From Road Laver Arena, Melbourne.
10.00 McEnroe. (Mal, R) Takes a look at John McEnroe, a controversial and gifted former tennis player.
12.00 Tipping Point. (PG, R) Hosted by Ben Shephard.
1.00 Pointless. (PG, R)
2.00 The Garden Gurus. (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 9News Early.
5.30 Today.

TEN (10, 5)
6am Morning Programs. **8.00** Farm To Fork. (R) **8.30** Judge Judy. (PG, R) **9.00** Bold. (PGa, R) **9.30** Neighbours. (PGa, R) **10.00** The Yes Experiment. (R) **10.30** Luxury Escapes. (R) **11.00** Food Trail: South Africa. (R) **11.30** My Market Kitchen. (R) **12.00** 10 News First: Midday. **1.00** Dr Phil. (PGal, R) **2.00** Jamie Cooks The Mediterranean. (R) **3.00** Ent. Tonight. **3.30** Farm To Fork. **4.00** Neighbours. (PGa) **4.30** Bold. (PGa) **5.00** News.

6.30 The Project. A look at the day's news.
7.30 The Dog House Australia. (PGa, R) Celebrities, including Denise Scott, Mark Wales and Mark Philippoussis, search for a pet pooch.
9.00 On The Line: The Richard Williams Story. (Mal) Richard Williams, the father and former coach of Venus and Serena Williams, retraces his family's journey.
11.00 Blue Bloods. (Ma, R) Eddie's captain takes an interest in her.
12.00 The Project. (R)
1.00 The Late Show With Stephen Colbert. (PG)
2.00 Home Shopping. (R)
4.30 CBS Mornings.

ABC TV PLUS (22) **6am** Children's Programs. **5.45pm** Hey Duggee. **5.55** Octonauts. **6.10** Pfffirates. **6.20** Bluey. **6.30** Ben And Holly. **6.40** Andy's Prehistoric Adv. **6.55** Shaun The Sheep. **7.05** Star Wars: Young Jedi Adventures. **7.20** Bluey. **7.30** Spicks And Specks. **8.00** Would I Lie To You? **8.30** Hard Quiz. **9.00** Gruen. **9.40** Penn & Teller: Fool Us. **10.20** Whose Line Is It Anyway? **10.45** Bliss. **11.05** Would I Lie To You? **11.40** Black Mirror. **12.35am** Louis Theroux's LA Stories. **1.35** ABC News Update. **1.40** Close. **5.00** Clangers. **5.10** Kiddets. **5.25** The Wonder Gang. **5.35** Numberblocks. **5.40** Late Programs.

SBS VICELAND (31) **6am** WorldWatch. **8.40** CBC The National. **9.30** BBC News At Six. **10.00** Front Up. **Noon** The Kimberley Cruise: The Full Journey. **2.30** Munchies Guide To Las Vegas. **3.20** BBC News At Ten. **3.50** ABC World News Tonight With David Muir. **4.15** PBS News. **5.15** Counter Space. **5.45** The Joy Of Painting With Bob Ross. **6.15** The Fast History Of. **6.40** Jeopardy! **7.30** 8 Out Of 10 Cats Does Countdown. **8.30** Beyond Oak Island. **10.10** Guns That Changed The Game. **12.10am** Dark Side Of Comedy. **1.05** F*ck, That's Delicious. **1.35** Dark Side Of The Ring. **2.25** NHK World English News. **5.00** Al Jazeera Newshour.

7MATE (74, 60) **6am** The Fishing Show. **7.00** On The Fly. **7.30** Creek To Coast. **8.00** A Football Life. **9.00** America's Game: The Super Bowl Champions. **10.00** American Pickers. **11.00** Pawn Stars. **Noon** Highway Patrol. **1.00** The Force: Behind The Line. **2.00** Aussie Lobster Men. **3.00** Billy The Exterminator. **3.30** Counting Cars. **4.30** Storage Wars. **5.00** American Restoration. **5.30** American Pickers. **6.30** Cricket. Big Bash League. Game 33. Hobart Hurricanes v Adelaide Strikers. **7.35** Family Guy. **8.30** American Dad! **9.00 MOVIE:** National Lampoon's Vacation. (1983, M) **11.10** Late Programs.

9GEM (92, 81) **6am** Gideon's Way. **7.00** Creflo Dollar Ministries. **7.30** Skippy The Bush Kangaroo. **8.00** TV Shop: Home Shopping. **10.30** My Favorite Martian. **11.00** Tennis. Adelaide International. Day 4. Quarter-finals. **5.30pm** Tennis. Adelaide International. Night 4. Quarter-finals. **10.00** Poirot. **12.10am** Snapped. **1.10 MOVIE:** Please Turn Over. (1959, PG) **3.00** Thunderbirds. **3.30** My Favorite Martian. **4.00** Seaway. **5.00** Animal Tales.

10 BOLD (12, 51) **6am** Home Shopping. **8.00** Soccer. A-League Men. Round 11. Brisbane Roar v Sydney FC. Highlights. **8.30** Diagnosis Murder. **9.30** Jake And The Fatman. **10.30** JAG. **12.30pm** Star Trek: Voyager. **2.30** Jake And The Fatman. **3.30** Diagnosis Murder. **5.30** JAG. **7.30** Bull. **8.30** NCIS. **9.30** NCIS: New Orleans. **10.30** Asian Cup Preview Show. **11.00** Evil. **11.55** 48 Hours. **12.50am** Home Shopping. **2.20** Diagnosis Murder. **4.10** JAG.

NITV (34) **6am** Morning Programs. **10.00** Kenya Wildlife Diaries. **10.50** Kutcha's Carpool Koorioke. **11.00** How It Feels To Be Free. **12.05pm** Pacific Lockdown: Sea Of Resilience. **1.05** Going Places. **2.00** Bamay. **2.30** The Cook Up. **3.00** Motown Magic. **3.25** The World According To Grandpa. **3.35** The Magic Canoe. **4.00** Toi Time. **4.30** Spartakus And The Sun Beneath The Sea. **5.00** Our Stories. **5.30** Taste Of The Territory. **6.00** NITV News: Summer Yarns. **6.10** Bamay. **6.40** Kenya Wildlife Diaries. **7.30** Going Places With Ernie Dingo. **8.30** Not Even. **9.00 MOVIE:** The Piano. (1993, MA15+) **11.10** Late Programs.

SBS WORLD MOVIES (32) **6am** Emu Runner. (2018, PG) **7.50** Bright Star. (2009) **10.00** Beneath Hill 60. (2010, M) **12.15pm** A Little Chaos. (2014, M) **2.25** Widows' Peak. (1994, PG) **4.20** Menashe. (2017, PG, Yiddish) **5.50** The Grey Fox. (1982, PG) **7.30** Rumble In The Bronx. (1995, M, Cantonese) **9.10** Stockholm. (2018) **10.55** True Story. (2015, M) **12.50am** Brief Encounter. (1974, M) **2.50** Lansky. (2021) **5.00** The Grey Fox. (1982, PG)

7TWO (72, 62) **6am** Home Shopping. **6.30** Escape To The Country. **7.30** A Moveable Feast. **8.00** Million Dollar Minute. **9.00** Harry's Practice. **9.30** NBC Today. **Noon** Better Homes And Gardens. **1.00** Escape To The Country. **2.00** South Aussie With Cosi. **2.30** My Greek Odyssey. **3.30** Harry's Practice. **4.00** RSPCA Animal Rescue. **4.30** Better Homes And Gardens. **5.30** Escape To The Country. **6.30** Bargain Hunt. **7.30** Father Brown. **8.30** Murdoch Mysteries. **11.30** Father Brown. **12.30am** Bargain Hunt. **1.30** Animal Rescue. **2.00** Cities Of The Underworld. **3.00** Better Homes. **4.00** Million Dollar Minute. **5.00** Late Programs.

9GO! (93, 82) **6am** Children's Programs. **11.00 MOVIE:** Pokémon: Lucario And The Mystery Of Mew. (2005) **1pm** Bewitched. **1.30** Raymond. **2.30** Full House. **3.00** Seinfeld. **4.00** Family Ties. **4.30** The Addams Family. **5.00** Bewitched. **5.30** I Dream Of Jeannie. **6.00** Raymond. **7.00** The Nanny. **7.30** Seinfeld. **8.30 MOVIE:** The Mummy Returns. (2001, M) **11.00** Seinfeld. **Midnight** Under The Dome. **1.00** Love After Lockup. (Return) **2.00** I Dream Of Jeannie. **2.30** Full House. **3.00** Bakugan. **3.30** Beyblade Burst Surge. **4.00** Transformers: Cyberverse. **4.30** Ninjago: Dragons Rising. **5.00** Pokémon Journeys. **5.30** Yu-Gi-Oh! Sevens.

10 PEACH (11, 52) **6am** The Late Show With Stephen Colbert. **7.00** The Neighborhood. **8.00** Becker. **9.00** Rules Of Engagement. **10.00** Frasier. **11.00** The Neighborhood. **Noon** The Middle. **1.00** Becker. **2.00** The Big Bang Theory. **2.30** Rules Of Engagement. **3.30** The Neighborhood. **4.30** Becker. **5.30** Frasier. **6.30** Neighbours. **7.00** The Big Bang Theory. **8.30** Two And A Half Men. **11.00** Frasier. **Midnight** Home Shopping. **1.30** The Late Show With Stephen Colbert. **2.30** Two And A Half Men. **3.30** The Bold And The Beautiful. **4.30** Home Shopping.

CONSUMER ADVICE (P) Pre-school **(C)** Children **(PG)** Parental Guidance Recommended **(M)** Mature Audiences **(MA15+)** Mature Audiences Only **(R)** Repeat **(a)** Adult themes **(d)** Drug references **(h)** Horror **(s)** Sex references **(l)** Language **(m)** Medical procedures **(n)** Nudity **(v)** Violence.

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Friday, January 12

ABC TV (2)
6.00 Searching For Superhuman. (Final, PG, R) **7.00** News Breakfast. **9.30** ABC News Mornings. **10.00** The Chemical World. (PG, R) **11.00** Fake Or Fortune? (R) **12.00** ABC News At Noon. **1.00** Vera. (Mav, R)
2.30 Silent Witness. (PGa, R)
3.30 Tenable. (R)
4.15 Antiques Roadshow. (R)
5.15 Love Your Garden.

6.00 Back Roads: The Greengrocer, Queensland. (R) Presented by Heather Ewart.
6.30 Hard Quiz. (PG, R) Presented by Tom Gleeson.
7.00 ABC News. A look at the top stories of the day.
7.30 Monty Don's American Gardens. (R) Part 2 of 3.
8.30 Midsomer Murders. (Mav, R) Part 1 of 4. Barnaby investigates when a survivalist is found murdered in his bombproof shelter.
10.00 Australia's Open. (Ml, R) Part 1 of 2.
10.55 Life. (Final, Ml, R) Hannah's wedding day arrives.
11.55 Love Your Garden. (R)
12.40 Tenable. (R)
1.30 Wakefield. (Mls, R)
2.30 Rage. (MA15+adhlnsv)

SBS (3)
6.00 DW English News. **6.30** Al Jazeera News. **7.00** BBC News At Six. **7.30** France 24 English News. **8.00** DD India News Hour. **9.00** Peer To Peer. (R) **10.30** Tennis. Kooyong Classic. Day 3.
4.30 ABC World News Tonight With David Muir.
5.00 Motor Racing. Dakar Rally. Stage 6. Highlights.

6.00 Mastermind Australia. (R)
6.30 SBS World News.
7.30 The Scottish Island That Won The Lottery. (PG) Follows islanders who won the lottery.
8.25 The Mayfair Hotel Megabuild. (R) Part 2 of 3. It is just over halfway through the seven-year renovation project and work continues.
9.35 Sex: A Bonkers History: The Ancients. (Premiere) Explores the link between sex and civilisation.
10.35 SBS World News Late.
11.05 L'Opera. (Mlns)
12.10 Sisi. (MA15+s)
3.05 Nine Perfect Strangers. (Mdlsv, R) **3.55** Going Places With Ernie Dingo. (PG, R) **4.55** Destination Flavour: Singapore Bitesize. (R) **5.00** NHK World English News Morning. **5.30** ANC Philippines The World Tonight.

SEVEN (7, 6)
6.00 Sunrise. **9.00** The Morning Show Summer Series. (PG) **11.30** Seven Morning News. **12.00 MOVIE:** Darrow And Darrow: Body Of Evidence. (2018, PGav, R) Kimberly Williams-Paisley, Tom Cavanagh, Wendie Malick. **2.00** South Aussie With Cosi. (PG, R) **2.30** Surf Patrol. (R) **3.00** The Chase. (R)
4.00 Seven News At 4.
5.00 The Chase Australia. (R)

6.00 Seven News.
7.00 Cricket. Big Bash League. Game 34. Sydney Sixers v Sydney Thunder. From the SCG.
10.30 MOVIE: Victor Frankenstein. (2015, Mah, R) A former circus hunchback goes to work for a medical student seeking to create life, only to have a woman, the hostility of their peers and the machinations of a wealthy sponsor come between them. Daniel Radcliffe, James McAvoy, Jessica Brown Findlay.
12.45 Cycling. Santos Tour Down Under. Women's. Stage 1. Highlights.
2.00 Home Shopping. (R)
4.00 Million Dollar Minute. (R) Three contestants go head to head in a test of brain power for the chance to win $1 million.
5.00 NBC Today. News and current affairs.

NINE (9, 8)
6.00 Today.
9.00 Today Extra Summer. (PG)
11.30 9News Morning.
12.00 MOVIE: Waiting For The Light. (1990, PGal, R)
2.00 Pointless. (PG, R)
3.00 Tipping Point. (PG, R)
4.00 Millionaire Hot Seat. (R)
5.00 9News Afternoon.

6.00 9News.
7.00 A Current Affair.
7.30 For The Love Of Pets. (PGm) A ball of fluff needs a serious groom.
8.30 MOVIE: My Sister's Keeper. (2009, Mal, R) A young girl decides to sue her parents for medical emancipation to avoid donating a kidney to her dying sibling. Cameron Diaz, Abigail Breslin, Alec Baldwin.
10.45 MOVIE: Gifted. (2017, Ml, R) A man is drawn into a custody battle. Chris Evans.
12.40 Tipping Point. (PG, R)
1.35 Pointless. (PG, R)
2.30 Destination WA. (R)
3.00 TV Shop: Home Shopping. (R)
4.00 Cross Court. (R)
4.30 Global Shop. (R)
5.00 TV Shop: Home Shopping. (R) **5.30** Skippy The Bush Kangaroo. (R)

TEN (10, 5)
6am Morning Programs. **9.00** Bold. (PGa, R) **9.30** Neighbours. (PGa, R) **10.00** The Yes Experiment. (al, R) **10.30** Luxury Escapes. (PG, R) **11.00** Food Trail: South Africa. (Final, R) **11.30** My Market Kitchen. (R) **12.00** 10 News First: Midday. **1.00** Dr Phil. (PGal, R) **2.00** Jamie Oliver: Cooking For Less. (R) **3.00** Ent. Tonight. **3.30** Judge Judy. (PG, R) **4.00** Farm To Fork. **4.30** Bold. (PGa) **5.00** News.

6.30 The Project. A look at the day's news.
7.30 The Graham Norton Show. Guests include Dominic West.
8.30 Dogs Behaving (Very) Badly Australia. (PGs, R) Dog trainer Graeme Hall tries to help a dog with a barking problem, before solving the mystery behind a pooch's fear of shiny floors, and providing assistance to a pet which has an embarrassing habit.
9.30 Fire Country. (PGav, R) Seeking redemption and a reduced prison sentence, a convict joins a regional firefighting program.
10.30 So Help Me Todd. (PGa, R) A private eye goes to work for his mother.
11.30 The Project. (R)
12.30 The Late Show With Stephen Colbert. (PG)
1.30 Home Shopping. (R)

ABC TV PLUS (22)
6am Children's Programs. **7.05pm** Gardening Australia Junior. **7.20** Bluey. **7.30** Spicks And Specks. **8.00** Would I Lie To You? **8.30 MOVIE:** Whiplash. (2014, MA15+) **10.15** The Story Of Film: A New Generation. **11.35** Would I Lie To You? **12.10am** QI. **12.40** Killing Eve. **1.25** Back. **1.50** George Clarke's Amazing Spaces. **3.25** ABC News Update. **3.30** Close. **5.00** Clangers. **5.10** Kiddets. **5.25** Late Programs.

SBS VICELAND (31)
6am WorldWatch. **10.00** Front Up. **12.05pm** The Kimberley Cruise: The Full Journey. **2.50** VICE Sports. **3.20** WorldWatch. **5.15** Counter Space. **5.45** Joy Of Painting. **6.15** The Fast History Of. **6.40** Jeopardy! **7.30** 8 Out Of 10 Cats. **8.30** Hoarders. **9.25** Sex Actually With Alice Levine. **10.20** Planet Sex With Cara Delevingne. **11.10** Miniseries: The Sister. **12.05am** Late Programs.

7MATE (74, 60)
6am Morning Programs. **11.00** Cycling. Santos Tour Down Under. Women's. Stage 1. **2.30pm** Pawn Stars. **3.00** Timbersports. **3.30** Counting Cars. **4.30** Storage Wars. **5.00** American Restoration. **5.30** American Pickers. **6.30** Cricket. Big Bash League. Game 34. Sydney Sixers v Sydney Thunder. **7.00** Pawn Stars. **7.30 MOVIE:** Spider-Man 2. (2004, M) **10.10 MOVIE:** Dracula Untold. (2014, M) **12.10am** Late Programs.

9GEM (92, 81)
6am Gideon's Way. **7.00** Creflo Dollar Ministries. **7.30** Skippy The Bush Kangaroo. **8.00** TV Shop: Home Shopping. **10.30** Pointless. **11.30** My Favorite Martian. **Noon** Tennis. Adelaide International. Day 5. Semi-finals. **6.00** M*A*S*H. **6.30** Tennis. Adelaide International. Night 5. Semi-finals. **10.30 MOVIE:** Ronin. (1998, M) **1am MOVIE:** Bad Boys. (1983, MA15+) **3.00** Late Programs.

10 BOLD (12, 51)
6am Home Shopping. **8.00** Soccer. A-League Men. Round 11. Western United v Melbourne City. Highlights. **8.30** Diagnosis Murder. **9.30** Jake And The Fatman. **10.30** JAG. **12.30pm** Star Trek: Voyager. **2.30** Jake And The Fatman. **3.30** Diagnosis Murder. **5.30** JAG. **7.30** Bull. **8.30** NCIS. **9.25** NCIS: Hawai'i. **10.20** NCIS: Los Angeles. **11.15** JAG. **12.15am** Home Shopping. **2.15** Diagnosis Murder. **4.05** JAG.

NITV (34)
6am Morning Programs. **2.15pm** Kutcha's Carpool Koorioke. **2.30** The Cook Up. **3.00** Jarjums. **3.25** The World According To Grandpa. **3.35** The Magic Canoe. **4.00** Toi Time. **4.30** Spartakus And The Sun Beneath The Sea. **5.00** Our Stories. **5.30** Taste Of The Territory. **6.00** NITV News: Summer Yarns. **6.10** Bamay. **6.40** Kenya Wildlife Diaries. **7.30** Enchanted Kingdom. **9.10 MOVIE:** Meet Dave. (2008) **10.50** Late Programs.

SBS WORLD MOVIES (32)
6am The Grey Fox. Continued. (1982, PG) **6.40** A Monster In Paris. (2011, French) **8.20** The Falcons. (2018, PG, Icelandic) **10.15** Wild Target. (2010, M) **12.05pm** In My Country. (2004, M) **2.00** Babette's Feast. (1987, PG, Danish) **4.00** Emu Runner. (2018, PG) **5.50** Remember Me: The Mahalia Jackson Story. (2021, PG) **7.30** The Power Of One. (1992, M) **9.50** The Big Short. (2015, M) **12.15am** Late Programs.

7TWO (72, 62)
6am Morning Programs. **9.00** Harry's Practice. **9.30** NBC Today. **Noon** Better Homes. **1.00** Escape To The Country. **2.00** A Moveable Feast. **2.30** Weekender. **3.00** Animal SOS Australia. **3.30** Harry's Practice. **4.00** Better Homes. **5.00** Escape To The Country. **6.00** Bargain Hunt. **7.00** Better Homes And Gardens Summer. **8.30** Escape To The Country. **10.30** Escape To The Perfect Town. **11.30** Late Programs.

9GO! (93, 82)
6am Children's Programs. **11.00 MOVIE:** Pokémon Ranger And The Temple Of The Sea. (2006) **1pm** Bewitched. **1.30** Raymond. **2.30** Full House. **3.00** Seinfeld. **4.00** Family Ties. **4.30** The Addams Family. **5.00** Bewitched. **5.30** Children's Programs. **5.40 MOVIE:** Uptown Girls. (2003, PG) **7.30 MOVIE:** Crazy, Stupid, Love. (2011, M) **9.50 MOVIE:** Horrible Bosses. (2011, MA15+) **11.50** Late Programs.

10 PEACH (11, 52)
6am The Late Show With Stephen Colbert. **7.00** The Neighborhood. **8.00** Becker. **9.00** The Big Bang Theory. **10.00** Frasier. **11.00** The Neighborhood. **Noon** NBL Slam. **12.30** Becker. **1.30** The Middle. **2.30** Ghosts. **4.30** Becker. **5.30** Frasier. **6.30** The Big Bang Theory. **8.30** Two And A Half Men. **11.00** Frasier. **Midnight** Shopping. **1.30** Stephen Colbert. **2.30** Late Programs.

Saturday, January 13

ABC TV (2)
6.00 Rage. (PG) **7.00** Weekend Breakfast. **9.00** Rage. (PG) **12.00** ABC News At Noon. **12.30** Keeping Faith. (Mal, R) **1.30** Darby And Joan. (PGa, R) **2.15 MOVIE:** Hook. (1991, PG, R) Robin Williams, Dustin Hoffman, Julia Roberts. **4.30** Grand Designs Transformations. (PG, R)
5.30 The Search For The Palace Letters. (PG, R)

6.30 Back Roads: Brunswick Heads, NSW. (PG, R) Heather Ewart visits Brunswick Heads, NSW.
7.00 ABC News. A look at the top stories of the day.
7.30 Darby And Joan. (PG) When Jack helps recover some stolen guns, he and Joan learn there is more to the robbery than it first appeared.
8.20 Vera. (Ma, R) Part 4 of 4. The body of a missing teen is discovered buried on the moors by surveyors.
9.50 The Capture. (Mlv, R) Carey closes in on the truth, but it takes her into deeper danger than ever before.
10.50 Parkinson In Australia. (PG, R) Presented by Michael Parkinson.
11.50 Rage. (MA15+adhlnsv)

SBS (3)
6.00 WorldWatch. **9.05** The World From Above. (R) **10.05** Love Your Garden. (PG, R) **11.00** Rick Steves' Europe. (R) **12.00** WorldWatch. **12.30** Surf Life Saving. Iron Series Maroubra. Round 3. **2.30** WorldWatch. **3.00** Destination Flavour China Bitesize. (R) **3.05** Portillo's Greatest Railway Journeys. (PG, R) **4.00** WorldWatch. **5.00** Motor Racing. Dakar Rally. Stage 6 Continued. Highlights.

6.00 Grand Tours Of Scotland's Rivers. (PG)
6.30 SBS World News.
7.30 Secrets Of Britain's Historic Houses & Gardens. (PGadw)
8.40 Spain's Atlantic Train. Charts a journey by train.
9.30 World's Most Scenic Railway Journeys: Nice, France. (R) Narrated by Bill Nighy.
10.25 Secrets Of The Royal Palaces. (PG, R) **11.15** Miniseries: Bonnie And Clyde. (MA15+asv, R) **1.40 MOVIE:** Fight Club. (1999, MA15+ansv, R) Edward Norton, Brad Pitt. **4.05** Going Places With Ernie Dingo. (PG, R) **4.35** Bamay. (R) **5.00** NHK World English News Morning. **5.15** France 24 Feature. **5.30** ANC Philippines The World Tonight.

SEVEN (7, 6)
6.00 NBC Today. **7.00** Weekend Sunrise. **10.00** The Morning Show Summer Series. (PG) **11.00** Surf Patrol. (s, R)
11.30 Horse Racing. Gold Coast Magic Millions Raceday, January Cup Day and VRC Standish Handicap Race Day.
5.00 Seven News Adelaide.
5.30 Border Security: Australia's Front Line. (PG, R)

6.00 Seven News.
7.00 Border Patrol. (PG) Follows New Zealand border officials.
7.30 MOVIE: Grown Ups 2. (2013, PGlnsv, R) A man moves back to his home town. Adam Sandler, Kevin James.
9.30 MOVIE: True Lies. (1994, Mlsv, R) A secret agent's wife is caught up in his latest mission as he battles a terrorist group. Arnold Schwarzenegger, Jamie Lee Curtis.
12.30 Cycling. Santos Tour Down Under. Women's. Stage 2. Highlights.
1.30 12 Monkeys. (MA15+av, R)
2.30 Home Shopping. (R)
4.00 Get Clever. (R)
5.00 My Greek Odyssey. (PG, R)

NINE (9, 8)
6.00 Hello SA. (PG, R) **6.30** A Current Affair. (R) **7.00** Weekend Today. **10.00** Today Extra Summer. (PG) **12.00** Destination WA. (R) **12.30** Mr Mayor. (PGs, R) **1.00** Bondi Vet. (PGm, R) **2.00** Taronga: Who's Who In The Zoo. (PGam, R) **3.00 MOVIE:** H Is For Happiness. (2019, PGal) Richard Roxburgh. **5.00** 9News First At Five. **5.30** Country House Hunters Australia.

6.00 9News Saturday.
7.00 A Current Affair.
7.30 The Garden Hustle. (PG) A plant influencer shares their big ideas.
8.30 MOVIE: Muriel's Wedding. (1994, Mls, R) A young woman, who dreams of marriage, leaves her small town to find romance in the big city. Toni Collette, Bill Hunter.
10.40 MOVIE: Crazy, Stupid, Love. (2011, Mls, R) Steve Carell.
12.50 9Honey: He Said She Said. (PGa, R) **1.00** World's Greatest Cities. (PGa, R) **2.00** The Incredible Journey Presents. (PGa) **2.30** Country House Hunters Australia. (R) **3.00** TV Shop: Home Shopping. (R) **4.30** Global Shop. (R) **5.00** TV Shop: Home Shopping. (R) **5.30** Helping Hands Summer Series. (PG)

TEN (10, 5)
6am Morning Programs. **10.30** Taste Of Aust. (R) **11.00** The Chef's Garden. (PGl, R) **11.30** All 4 Adventure. (PGl, R) **12.30** The Yes Experiment. **1.00** GCBC. (R) **1.30** Exploring Off The Grid. (R) **2.00** Healthy Homes. (R) **2.30** Luca's Key Ingredient. (R) **3.00** Roads Less Travelled. (R) **3.30** Everyday Gourmet. (PG, R) **4.00** My Market Kitchen. **4.30** Farm To Fork. (R) **5.00** News.

6.00 Jamie Oliver: Cooking For Less. (R) Jamie Oliver whips up budget recipes, including a sticky barbecue chicken with potato wedges.
7.00 MOVIE: Kate & Leopold. (2001, PGhls, R) A New York City advertising executive meets a man who has been mysteriously transported from the 19th century, but is mistaken for an actor who refuses to break character. Meg Ryan, Hugh Jackman, Liev Schreiber.
9.30 Soccer. AFC Asian Cup. Group stage. Australia v India. From Ahmad bin Ali Stadium, Al Rayyan, Qatar.
12.30 Home Shopping. (R)
4.30 Authentic. (PG) Religious program.
5.00 Hour Of Power. Religious program.

ABC TV PLUS (22)
6am Children's Programs. **7.05pm** Karma's World. **7.20** Bluey. **7.30** Spicks And Specks. **8.00** QI. **8.30** Melbourne Comedy Festival Allstars Supershow. **10.35** Whose Line Is It Anyway? **11.20** Brian Johnson's A Life On The Road. **12.05am** State Of The Union. **12.30** MythBusters. **1.20** Portlandia. **2.05** Black Mirror. **3.00** ABC News Update. **3.05** Close. **5.00** Clangers. **5.10** Kiddets. **5.25** Late Programs.

SBS VICELAND (31)
6am WorldWatch. **10.00** Front Up. **Noon** The Kimberley Cruise: The Full Journey. **2.30** The Tailings. **2.45** WorldWatch. **4.45** Asia's Next Top Model. **5.45** Australia In Colour. **6.40** The Toys That Built The World. **7.30** Building The Ultimate. **8.30** Icons Unearthed: James Bond. (Premiere) **10.20** Letterkenny. **11.20** Fear The Walking Dead. **1.10am** The X-Files. **3.00** NHK World English News. **5.00** Al Jazeera.

7MATE (74, 60)
6am Morning Programs. **9.00** America's Game. **10.00** American Pickers. **11.00** Cycling. Santos Tour Down Under. Women's. Stage 2. **3pm** Motor Racing. Night Thunder. USA Boxing Day. Highlights. **4.00** Supercar Customiser: Yianni. **5.00** Storage Wars: NY. **5.30** Storage Wars. **6.00** Pawn Stars. **7.00** Storage Wars. **7.30** Air Crash Investigations: The Accident Files. **8.30** Disasters At Sea. **9.30** Mighty Trains. **11.30** Late Programs.

9GEM (92, 81)
6am Thunderbirds. **6.30** Adventures In Rainbow Country. **7.00** Leading The Way. **7.30** Gideon's Way. **8.30** Tomorrow's World. **9.00** Turning Point With Dr David Jeremiah. **9.30** TV Shop: Home Shopping. **10.00** Helping Hands. **10.30** My Favorite Martian. **11.00** To Be Advised. **2pm** Tennis. Adelaide International. Day 6. Finals. **5.30** Tennis. Adelaide International. Night 6. Finals. **8.30** To Be Advised. **2am** Late Programs.

10 BOLD (12, 51)
6am Home Shopping. **9.00** Exploring Off The Grid. **9.30** Diagnosis Murder. **10.30** All 4 Adventure. **11.30** Diagnosis Murder. **12.30pm** Luxury Escapes. **1.00** Jake And The Fatman. **2.00** Reel Action. **3.00** JAG. **4.00** Soccer. A-League Men. Round 12. Central Coast Mariners v Melbourne Victory. **7.00** Soccer. A-League Men. Round 12. Adelaide United v Sydney FC. **9.30** NCIS: Los Angeles. **11.30** Late Programs.

NITV (34)
6am Morning Programs. **2.15pm** Kutcha's Carpool Koorioke. **2.25 MOVIE:** Emu Runner. (2018, PG) **4.00** Bamay. **4.30** Private Elvis. **5.45** Kutcha's Carpool Koorioke. **5.50** NITV News: Summer Yarns. **6.00** The Last Land: Gespe'gewa'gi. **6.30** The Barber. **7.00** Family Rules. **7.30** Great Australian Walks With Julia Zemiro. **8.30** Joan Armatrading: Live At The Asylum Chapel. **10.30** Late Programs.

SBS WORLD MOVIES (32)
6am Remember Me: The Mahalia Jackson Story. (2021, PG) **7.40** Babette's Feast. (1987, PG, Danish) **9.40** It's All About Karma. (2017, PG, Italian) **11.20** Stockholm. (2018) **1.10pm** Infinite Storm. (2022, M) **3.00** The Grey Fox. (1982, PG) **4.40** Asterix And Obelix: Mission Cleopatra. (2002, PG, French) **6.35** Mr. Holmes. (2015, PG) **8.30** Operation Mincemeat. (2021, M) **10.50** Late Programs.

7TWO (72, 62)
6am Morning Programs. **11.30** Better Homes And Gardens Summer. **1pm** Escape To The Perfect Town. **2.00** Escape To The Country. **5.00** Horse Racing. Gold Coast Magic Millions Raceday, January Cup Day and VRC Standish Handicap Race Day. **6.00** Extreme Animal Transport. **6.30** The Yorkshire Vet In Autumn. **7.30** The Yorkshire Vet. **8.30** Escape To The Country. **10.30** The Yorkshire Vet. **11.30** Late Programs.

9GO! (93, 82)
6am Children's Programs. **1.40pm MOVIE:** Maya The Bee 3: The Golden Orb. (2021) **3.20 MOVIE:** The Black Stallion Returns. (1983) **5.20 MOVIE:** Step Up. (2006, PG) **7.30 MOVIE:** Knight And Day. (2010, M) **9.45 MOVIE:** Horrible Bosses 2. (2014, MA15+) **Midnight** Medium. **2.00** FIA World Endurance Championship: End Of Season Review. **3.00** Teen Titans Go! **3.30** Beyblade Burst Surge. **4.00** Late Programs.

10 PEACH (11, 52)
6am The Late Show With Stephen Colbert. **7.00** NBL Slam. **7.30** Becker. **8.30** Frasier. **9.00** Neighbours. **11.00** Farm To Fork. **11.30** Frasier. **Noon** Ghosts. **2.00 MOVIE:** Missing Link. (2019, PG) **4.00** Becker. **5.00** The Middle. **6.00** The Big Bang Theory. **10.30** Friends. **Midnight** Home Shopping. **1.30** The Late Show With Stephen Colbert. **2.30** South Park. **3.30** Just For Laughs Montreal. **4.30** Home Shopping.

Sunday, January 14

ABC TV (2)

6am Morning Programs. **10.30** You Can't Ask That. (PG, R) **11.00** Compass. (PG, R) **11.30** Praise. (R) **12.00** News. **12.30** Landline Summer. (R) **1.00** New Leash On Life. (R) **1.30** Gardening Aust. (R) **2.30** Dream Gardens. (PG, R) **3.00** Nigella Bites. (R) **3.25** Cook And The Chef. (R) **3.55** Martin Clunes: Islands Of The Pacific. (PG, R) **4.40** Extraordinary Escapes. (PG, R) **5.30** The ABC Of. (PG, R)

6.00 Grand Designs Transformations. (PG, R) Follows two home transformations.
7.00 ABC News. A look at the top stories of the day.
7.30 Muster Dogs. (PG) Part 1 of 5.
8.30 Total Control. (Return, MA15+l) It has been two years since Alex Irving anointed Paul Murphy as Australia's first Aboriginal PM.
9.30 Miniseries: Best Interests. (Mdl) Part 1 of 4. A family is furious when their daughter's doctor decides to withdraw treatment.
10.30 Mystery Road. (Mdlv, R)
11.25 Harrow. (Mav, R)
12.20 The Trial Of Christine Keeler. (Malsv, R)
1.20 Rage Vault. (MA15+adhlnsv)
4.10 The Durrells. (PG, R) **5.00** Pilgrimage: The Road To Rome. (PG, R)

SBS (3)

6.00 Morning Programs. **10.05** Love Your Garden. (PG, R) **11.00** Rick Steves' Europe. (R) **12.00** WorldWatch. **12.30** Surf Life Saving. Iron Series Maroubra. Round 4. **2.30** PBS Washington Week With The Atlantic. **2.55** Nippers. (R) **3.00** Cycling. National Road C'nships. Women's Elite Road Race. **4.00** Cycling. National Road C'ships. Men's Elite Road Race. **5.00** Dakar Rally. Stages 1 to 6.

6.00 Grand Tours Of Scotland's Rivers: River North Esk.
6.30 SBS World News.
7.30 Asia's Ancient Civilisations: Japan's Vibrant Ryukyu Kingdom. (PG) Part 3 of 4.
9.20 Tutankhamun: Secrets Of The Toxic Tomb. (PG, R) Part 2 of 2. Ella Al-Shamahi continues to delve deeper into the mystery of the Pharaoh's Curse.
10.15 Race For The Sky: Power Struggle Above The Clouds. (PGa, R) Part 2 of 2.
11.15 Hemingway: A Writer (1899-1929) (Ma, R)
1.15 24 Hours In Police Custody. (MA15+l, R) **3.05** Child Genius Australia. (R) **4.05** Going Places With Ernie Dingo. (R) **4.35** Bamay. (R) **5.00** NHK World English News Morning. **5.15** France 24 Feature. **5.30** Al Jazeera News.

SEVEN (7, 6)

6.00 NBC Today. **7.00** Weekend Sunrise. **10.00** The Morning Show Summer Series. (PG) **11.00** Cycling. Santos Tour Down Under. Women's. Stage 3.
2.30 Border Patrol. (PG, R)
3.00 The Chase. (R)
4.00 Better Homes And Gardens. (R)
5.00 Seven News Adelaide.
5.30 South Aussie With Cosi. (PG)

6.00 Seven News.
7.00 Cricket. Big Bash League. Game 37. Sydney Thunder v Adelaide Strikers.
10.30 7NEWS Spotlight. An investigation into a religious cult recruiting, brainwashing and grooming Australian girls.
11.30 The Force: Behind The Line. (PG, R) Police pull over a suspicious car.
12.00 Cycling. Santos Tour Down Under. Women's. Stage 3. Highlights.
1.00 Bates Motel. (Mav, R) Norma finds herself in a position of power.
2.00 Home Shopping. (R)
3.30 Million Dollar Minute. (R) Hosted by Simon Reeve.
4.00 NBC Today. News and current affairs.
5.00 Seven Early News.
5.30 Sunrise.

NINE (9, 8)

6.00 A Current Affair. (R)
6.30 Weekend Today. News, current affairs and sports.
9.30 Australian Open Tennis Pre-Show. Hosted by Tony Jones.
10.30 Tennis. Australian Open. Day 1.
3.30 Tennis. Australian Open. Afternoon 1. From Melbourne Park. Hosted by Roz Kelly.

6.00 9News Sunday.
7.00 Tennis. Australian Open. Night 1.
10.30 Tennis. Australian Open. Late-night 1.
11.30 New Amsterdam. (Mamv, R) Reynolds receives a dramatic offer.
12.30 Family Law. (Mas, R) Abby sets out to get justice for a widow.
1.30 #TextMeWhenYouGetHome: Kenia Monge. (MA15+av, R) Investigates cases of women harmed while out alone.
2.30 Destination Australia: Far North Queensland. (R) Presented by Scherri-Lee Biggs.
3.00 TV Shop: Home Shopping. (R)
4.00 Believer's Voice Of Victory. (PGa) Religious program.
4.30 9News Early.
5.00 Today.

TEN (10, 5)

6am Morning Programs. **9.00** Taste Of Aust. (R) **9.30** My Market Kitchen. (R) **10.00** Charming China. (R) **10.30** Farm To Fork. (R) **11.00** What's Up Down Under. (PGa, R) **12.00** 4x4 Adventures. (R) **1.00** Hungry. (R) **1.30** Destination Dessert. (R) **2.00** Cook With Luke. (R) **2.30** My Market Kitchen. (R) **3.00** GCBC. (R) **3.30** Farm To Fork. (R) **4.00** All 4 Adventure. (PGl) **5.00** News.

6.00 Bondi Rescue. (PG, R) Chappo goes to rescue a father and daughter.
6.30 The Sunday Project. (Return) Joins panellists for a look at the day's news, events and hot topics.
7.30 MOVIE: Top Gun: Maverick. (2022, Mlv) An aviator trains a detachment of Top Gun graduates for a mission while confronting the ghosts of his past. Tom Cruise, Miles Teller, Jennifer Connelly.
10.05 MOVIE: Mission: Impossible – Rogue Nation. (2015, Mv, R) A secret agent and his team must eradicate a rogue organisation that is committed to destroying them. Tom Cruise, Rebecca Ferguson.
12.40 The Sunday Project. (R) A look at the day's news.
1.30 Home Shopping. (R)
4.30 CBS Mornings.

ABC TV PLUS (22)

6am Children's Programs. **7.05pm** Karma's World. **7.20** Bluey. **7.30** Spicks And Specks. **8.00** QI. **8.30** Louis Theroux: A Place For Paedophiles. **9.30** You Can't Ask That. **9.50** Interview With The Vampire. **10.55** Doc Martin. **11.45** Penn & Teller: Fool Us. **12.25am** Miniseries: The Hollow Crown. **2.20** ABC News Update. **2.25** Close. **5.00** Clangers. **5.10** Kiddets. **5.25** The Wonder Gang. **5.35** Late Programs.

SBS VICELAND (31)

6am WorldWatch. **9.30** Small Business Secrets. **10.00** Front Up. **Noon** Patriot Brains. **12.55** Speedweek. **2.55** Jungletown. **3.45** PBS Washington Week With The Atlantic. **4.15** WorldWatch. **4.45** Every Family Has A Secret. **5.50** Alone Sweden. **6.40** The Buildings That Fought Hitler. **7.35** Abandoned Engineering. **8.30** Billy Connolly: Great American Trail. **9.25** Cracking The Code. **10.25** Late Programs.

7MATE (74, 60)

6am The Fishing Show. **7.00** On The Fly. **7.30** Sound FX: Best Of. **8.00** NFL. NFL. Wildcard. Game 1. **11.30** NFL. NFL. Wildcard. Game 2. **3pm** Creek To Coast. **3.30** Storage Wars. **4.00** Pawn Stars. **5.00** Storage Wars: New York. **6.00** Border Security: Int. **6.30** Cricket. Big Bash League. Game 37. Sydney Thunder v Adelaide Strikers. **7.00** Border Security. **8.30 MOVIE:** The Patriot. (2000, MA15+) **11.45** Late Programs.

9GEM (92, 81)

6am Skippy The Bush Kangaroo. **6.30** Amazing Facts Presents. **7.00** Leading The Way. **7.30** In Touch Ministries. **8.00** Beyond Today. **8.30** The Incredible Journey Presents. **9.00** Turning Point With Dr David Jeremiah. **9.30** Australian Open Tennis Pre-Show. **10.30** Tennis. Australian Open. Day 1. **5.30pm** Tennis. Australian Open. Night 1. **10.30** Madam Secretary. **11.30** Late Programs.

10 BOLD (12, 51)

6am Home Shopping. **7.30** Key Of David. **8.00** The Offroad Adventure Show. **9.00** All 4 Adventure. **10.00** Escape Fishing With ET. **11.00** Dr Phil. **Noon** A Million Little Things. **1.00** On The Fly. **1.30** Taste Of Australia: BBQ. **2.00** iFish. **2.30** Reel Action. **3.00** JAG. **4.00** Soccer. A-League Women. Unite Round. Western United v Sydney FC. **6.30** Bondi Rescue. **7.00** JAG. **8.00** NCIS. **10.50** NCIS: LA. **11.45** Late Programs.

NITV (34)

6am Morning Programs. **2pm** VICE Sports. **3.00** Marion Jones: Press Pause. **4.00** Kutcha's Carpool Koorioke. **4.10** Going Places. **5.10** Bamay. **5.40** Kutcha's Carpool Koorioke. **5.50** NITV News: Summer Yarns. **6.00** Moko. **6.30** Yellowstone. **7.40** Ray Charles At Salle Pleyel. **8.30 MOVIE:** 20 Feet From Stardom. (2013, M) **10.05 MOVIE:** American History X. (1998, MA15+) **12.10am** Late Programs.

SBS WORLD MOVIES (32)

6am Morning Programs. **10.15** The Power Of One. (1992, M) **12.35pm** In The Line Of Fire. (1993, M) **3.00** Remember Me: The Mahalia Jackson Story. (2021, PG) **4.40** It's All About Karma. (2017, PG, Italian) **6.20** Steel Magnolias. (1989, PG) **8.30** Mothering Sunday. (2021, MA15+) **10.30** Under The Tree. (2017, MA15+, Icelandic) **12.10am** Late Programs.

7TWO (72, 62)

6am Morning Programs. **11.30** Better Homes. **12.30pm** Animal SOS Australia. **1.00** Carol Drinkwater's Secret Provence. **2.00** South Aussie With Cosi. **2.30** Extreme Animal Transport. **3.00** The Yorkshire Vet In Autumn. **4.00** The Yorkshire Vet. **5.00** I Escaped To The Country. **6.00** Escape To The Country. **7.00** Vicar Of Dibley. **8.30** Call The Midwife. **10.30** Extreme Railways. **11.30** Late Programs.

9GO! (93, 82)

6am Children's Programs. **1.30pm** Rich House, Poor House. **2.30 MOVIE:** Problem Child. (1990, PG) **4.05 MOVIE:** Mr Mom. (1983, PG) **6.00** Tennis. Austn Open. Afternoon 1. **7.00 MOVIE:** Jurassic Park. (1993, PG) **9.30 MOVIE:** The Lost World: Jurassic Park. (1997, PG) **Midnight** Medium. **2.00** Rich House, Poor House. **3.00** Teen Titans Go! **3.30** Beyblade Burst QuadStrike. **4.00** Late Programs.

10 PEACH (11, 52)

6am The Middle. **9.00 MOVIE:** Fireheart. (2022, PG) **11.00** Friends. **Noon** The Neighborhood. **1.30** Basketball. NBL. Round 15. Brisbane Bullets v Illawarra Hawks. **3.30** Basketball. NBL. Round 15. Sydney Kings v New Zealand Breakers. **5.30** The Neighborhood. **6.00** The Big Bang Theory. **8.30** Two And A Half Men. **9.30** South Park. **11.00** Friends. **Midnight** Shopping. **1.30** Just For Laughs Montreal. **2.30** Bold. **4.30** Shopping.

Monday, January 15

ABC TV (2)

6.00 News Breakfast. **9.00** ABC News Mornings. **10.00** Movin' To The Country. (R) **11.00** Antiques Roadshow. (R) **12.00** ABC News At Noon. **1.00** Vera. (Ma, R)
2.30 Back Roads. (R)
3.00 The Cook And The Chef. (R)
3.25 Tenable. (R)
4.15 Antiques Roadshow. (R)
5.15 Love Your Garden.

6.00 Back Roads. (R)
6.30 Hard Quiz. (PG, R)
7.00 ABC News.
7.30 7.30.
8.00 Revenge: Our Dad The Nazi Killer. (Ma) Part 1 of 2.
9.00 You Can't Ask That: Former Cult Members. (Mal, R) Former cult members share their stories.
9.35 Louis Theroux: Transgender Kids. (Man, R) Louis Theroux meets transgender kids.
10.35 ABC Late News.
10.50 War On Waste. (PG, R)
11.55 Changing Ends. (PG, R) **12.15** Love Your Garden. (R) **1.05** Tenable. (R) **1.50** Rage. (MA15+adhlnsv) **4.40** The Durrells. (PG, R) **5.30** 7.30. (R)

SBS (3)

6.00 WorldWatch. **9.15** World's Most Secret Homes. (PG, R) **10.10** Paddington Station 24/7. (R) **11.00** Vienna: Empire, Dynasty And Dream. (PGa, R) **12.10** WorldWatch. **2.00** Destination Flavour China Bitesize. (R) **2.05** Tony Robinson: WWII By Drone. (Mav, R) **3.00** Mastermind Aust. (R) **3.30** The Cook Up. (R) **4.00** The Supervet. **5.00** Motor Racing. Dakar Rally. Stage 7. Highlights.

6.00 Mastermind Australia. (R)
6.30 SBS World News.
7.30 Jonathan Ross' Myths And Legends: Wales. (PGa) Part 2 of 4.
8.25 Isle Of Wight: Jewel Of The South. The locals put their best foot forward for the final of the island-wide talent competition.
9.20 The Secret Life Of Lighthouses: Muckle Flugga. (PG, R) Part 2 of 3.
10.15 SBS World News Late.
10.45 Blanca. (MA15+a)
11.45 Reyka. (MA15+av, R)
3.40 Going Places With Ernie Dingo. (R) **4.40** Bamay. (R) **5.00** NHK World English News Morning. **5.30** ANC Philippines The World Tonight.

SEVEN (7, 6)

6.00 Sunrise. **9.00** The Morning Show Summer Series. (PG) **11.30** Seven Morning News. **12.00 MOVIE:** You're Bacon Me Crazy. (2020, PGa) Natalie Hall, Michael Rady, Michael Karl Richards. **2.00** Border Security: International. (PG, R) **2.30** Surf Patrol. (R)
3.00 The Chase. (R)
4.00 Seven News At 4.
5.00 The Chase Australia.

6.00 Seven News.
7.00 Home And Away. (PGa)
7.35 Cricket. Big Bash League. Game 38. Melbourne Stars v Hobart Hurricanes. From the MCG.
10.30 Motorway Patrol. (PGal) A motorist is running out of petrol.
11.00 Highway Cops. (Ma) A dog lives up to its name.
11.30 Autopsy USA: Jeffrey Epstein. (MA15+a, R) A look at the death of Jeffrey Epstein.
12.30 Bates Motel. (Mav, R) Emma and Dylan bond.
2.30 Home Shopping. (R)
4.00 NBC Today.
5.00 Seven Early News.
5.30 Sunrise.

NINE (9, 8)

6.00 Today. The latest in news and current affairs.
9.30 Australian Open Tennis Pre-Show. Reviews, previews, interviews, highlights and opinions from the Australian Open at Melbourne Park.
10.30 Tennis. Australian Open. Day 2.
3.30 Tennis. Australian Open. Afternoon 2. From Melbourne Park. Hosted by Roz Kelly.

6.00 9News.
7.00 Tennis. Australian Open. Night 2.
10.30 Tennis. Australian Open. Late-night 2.
11.30 New Amsterdam. (Mam, R) Bloom, Iggy and Reynolds rally around Max.
12.30 Family Law. (Ma, R) Abby and Daniel represent a trans teen.
1.30 #TextMeWhenYouGetHome: April Millsap. (M, R) Looks at the disappearance of April Millsap.
2.30 Global Shop. (R) Home shopping.
3.00 TV Shop: Home Shopping. (R)
4.00 Believer's Voice Of Victory. (PGa) Religious program.
4.30 9News Early.
5.00 Today.

TEN (10, 5)

6am Morning Programs. **8.30** GCBC. (R) **9.00** Judge Judy. (PG, R) **9.30** Bold. (PGa, R) **10.00** The Yes Experiment. (R) **10.30** Luxury Escapes. (R) **11.00** Food Trail: South Africa. (R) **11.30** My Market Kitchen. (R) **12.00** 10 News First: Midday. **1.00** Dr Phil. (PGls, R) **2.00** Jamie Oliver: Cooking For Less. (R) **3.00** Ent. Tonight. **3.30** Farm To Fork. **4.00** Neighbours. (PGa) **4.30** Bold. (PGa) **5.00** News.

6.30 The Project. A look at the day's news.
7.30 Gladiators. (Premiere, PGv) Everyday Aussie challengers take on the gladiators in a series of iconic events, as well as brand-new challenges.
8.55 FBI: Most Wanted. (Mav, R) The team pursues the suspects responsible for an explosion at an Ohio energy plant and are led to a crypto company with enemies looking to take it down. Remy and his sister close a chapter in their lives.
10.55 The Project. (R) A look at the day's news.
11.55 The Late Show With Stephen Colbert. (PG) Hosted by Stephen Colbert.
1.00 Home Shopping. (R)
4.30 CBS Mornings.

ABC TV PLUS (22)

6am Children's Programs. **7.20pm** Bluey. **7.30** Spicks And Specks. **8.00** Would I Lie To You? **8.30** MythBusters. **9.20** George Clarke's Amazing Spaces. **10.55** Louis Theroux's LA Stories. (Final) **11.55** Would I Lie To You? **12.30am** QI. **1.00** Whose Line Is It Anyway? **1.45** Brian Johnson's A Life On The Road. (Final) **2.30** The Story Of Film: A New Generation. **3.50** Late Programs.

SBS VICELAND (31)

6am WorldWatch. **9.30** Small Business Secrets. **10.00** Front Up. **12.05pm** The Kimberley Cruise: The Full Journey. **2.15** Planet A. **3.05** Most Expensivest. **3.35** WorldWatch. **5.45** Joy Of Painting. **6.15** The Fast History Of. **6.40** Jeopardy! **7.35** 8 Out Of 10 Cats Does Countdown. **8.30** Taskmaster. **9.25** Two Weeks To Live. **10.25** Scrubs. **11.25** Hoarders. **12.20am** Late Programs.

7MATE (74, 60)

6am Morning Programs. **8.00** NFL. NFL. Wildcard. Game 4. **11.30** NFL. NFL. Wildcard. Game 5. **3pm** Armchair Experts: NFL Edition. **4.00** Storage Wars: New York. **4.30** Storage Wars. **5.00** American Restoration. **5.30** American Pickers. **6.30** Cricket. Big Bash League. Game 38. Melbourne Stars v Hobart Hurricanes. **7.35** Outback Opal Hunters. **8.30** Aussie Salvage Squad. **10.30** Ax Men. **11.30** Late Programs.

9GEM (92, 81)

6am Gideon's Way. **7.00** Creflo Dollar Ministries. **7.30** Skippy The Bush Kangaroo. **8.00** TV Shop: Home Shopping. **9.30** Australian Open Tennis Pre-Show. **10.30** Tennis. Australian Open. Day 2. **5.30pm** Tennis. Australian Open. Night 2. **10.30** Death In Paradise. **11.30** Madam Secretary. **12.30am** Manifest. **1.30** Edgar Wallace Mysteries. **2.50** Explore. **3.00** Skippy. **3.30** Seaway. **4.30** Late Programs.

10 BOLD (12, 51)

6am Home Shopping. **8.00** Luxury Escapes. **8.30** All 4 Adventure. **9.30** Reel Action. **10.30** JAG. **12.30pm** Star Trek: Voyager. **2.30** Jake And The Fatman. **3.30** Diagnosis Murder. **5.30** JAG. **7.30** Bull. **8.30** NCIS. **10.20** NCIS: Los Angeles. **12.15am** Home Shopping. **2.15** Diagnosis Murder. **4.05** JAG.

NITV (34)

6am Morning Programs. **1.35pm** Bamay. **2.30** The Cook Up. **3.00** Jarjums. **4.00** Toi Time. **4.30** Spartakus And The Sun Beneath The Sea. **5.00** Our Stories. **5.30** Stories From The Land. **6.00** Bamay. **6.30** News. **6.40** Volcanic Odysseys. **7.30** Who Do You Think You Are? **8.30** Living Black. **9.00 MOVIE:** Backroads. (1977, MA15+) **10.00 MOVIE:** Jason's Lyric. (1994) **12.10am** Late Programs.

SBS WORLD MOVIES (32)

6am Steel Magnolias. (1989, PG) **8.10** The 400 Blows. (1959, PG, French) **10.00** Motherhood. (2018, M) **11.35** Operation Mincemeat. (2021, M) **2pm** Mr. Holmes. (2015, PG) **3.55** Asterix: The Mansions Of The Gods. (2014, PG, French) **5.30** Sunflower. (1970, M, Italian) **7.30** Those Happy Years. (2013, M) **9.30** Gotti. (2018, MA15+) **11.35** The Best Offer. (2013, M) **2am** Late Programs.

7TWO (72, 62)

6am Morning Programs. **9.00** Animal SOS Australia. **9.30** NBC Today. **10.30** Better Homes And Gardens Summer. **Noon** Better Homes. **1.00** I Escaped To The Country. **2.00** Weekender. **2.30** Cities Of The Underworld. **3.30** Last Chance Learners. **4.00** Animal Rescue. **4.30** Better Homes. **5.30** Escape To The Country. **6.30** Bargain Hunt. **7.30** Doc Martin. **8.30** Endeavour. **10.30** Fortitude. **11.30** Late Programs.

9GO! (93, 82)

6am Children's Programs. **11.00 MOVIE:** Pokémon: The Rise Of Darkrai. (2007) **12.45pm** Children's Programs. **1.00** Rich House, Poor House. **2.00** Bewitched. **2.30** Full House. **3.00** Kenan. **4.00** Family Ties. **4.30** The Addams Family. **5.00** Bewitched. **5.30** I Dream Of Jeannie. **6.00** Austn Open. Afternoon 2. **7.00** The Nanny. **7.30** Seinfeld. **8.30 MOVIE:** Assault On Precinct 13. (2005, MA15+) **10.35** Late Programs.

10 PEACH (11, 52)

6am The Big Bang Theory. **10.30** Friends. **1pm** Two And A Half Men. **1.30** Ghosts. **3.30** The King Of Queens. **4.30** Becker. **5.30** Frasier. **6.30** Neighbours. **7.00** The Big Bang Theory. **8.30** Two And A Half Men. **10.00** Rules Of Engagement. **11.00** Frasier. **Midnight** Home Shopping. **1.30** South Park. **2.30** Rules Of Engagement. **3.30** The Bold And The Beautiful. **4.30** Home Shopping.

Tuesday, January 16

ABC TV (2)
6.00 News Breakfast. **9.00** ABC News Mornings. **10.00** Ask The Doctor. (PG, R) **10.30** Barrie Cassidy's One Plus One. (R) **11.00** Antiques Roadshow. (R) **12.00** ABC News At Noon. **1.00** Call The Midwife. (PGa, R) **2.00** Julia Zemiro's Home Delivery. (PG, R) **2.30** Back Roads. (R) **3.00** The Cook And The Chef. (R) **3.25** Tenable. (R) **4.10** Antiques Roadshow. (R) **5.10** Love Your Garden.

6.00 Back Roads. (R)
6.30 Hard Quiz. (PG, R)
7.00 ABC News.
7.30 7.30.
8.00 Back Roads: Naracoorte, South Australia. Amanda Shalala journeys to Naracoorte.
8.30 McCartney 3, 2, 1: These Things Bring You Together. (Premiere, PG) Paul McCartney chats with Rick Rubin.
9.35 Knowing The Score. (PG, R) A look at conductor Simone Young.
10.35 ABC Late News.
10.50 Revenge: Our Dad The Nazi Killer. (Ma, R)
11.55 Baby Surgeons. (Ma, R) **12.40** Love Your Garden. (R) **1.30** Tenable. (R) **2.15** Rage. (MA15+adhlnsv) **4.40** The Durrells. (PG, R) **5.30** 7.30. (R)

SBS (3)
6.00 WorldWatch. **9.05** World's Most Secret Homes. (R) **10.00** Paddington Station 24/7. (PG, R) **10.50** Vienna: Empire, Dynasty And Dream. (PGas, R) **12.00** WorldWatch. **2.10** Tony Robinson: WWII By Drone. (Ma, R) **3.00** Mastermind Aust. (R) **3.30** Destination Flavour China Bitesize. (R) **3.35** The Cook Up. (R) **4.05** The Supervet. (PGa) **5.00** Motor Racing. Dakar Rally. Stage 8. Highlights.

6.00 Mastermind Australia. (R)
6.30 SBS World News.
7.30 Who Do You Think You Are? Barry Humphries. (PGa, R) Barry Humphries explores his roots.
8.35 Michael Palin In North Korea. (R) Part 2 of 2. Michael Palin concludes his exploration of North Korea with a visit to the Korean Demilitarized Zone.
9.25 Brian Cox: How The Other Half Live. (Ml, R) Part 2 of 2.
10.20 SBS World News Late.
10.50 Das Boot. (MA15+a)
11.50 Furia. (MA15+av, R)
3.20 Going Places With Ernie Dingo. (PG, R) **4.20** Bamay. (R) **4.45** Destination Flavour: Singapore Bitesize. (R) **5.00** NHK World English News Morning. **5.30** ANC Philippines The World Tonight.

SEVEN (7, 6)
6.00 Sunrise.
9.00 The Morning Show Summer Series. (PG)
11.30 Seven Morning News.
12.00 To Be Advised.
3.30 Motorbike Cops. (PGl, R)
4.00 Seven News At 4.
5.00 The Chase Australia. Hosted by Larry Emdur.

6.00 Seven News.
7.00 Home And Away. (PGa)
7.35 Cricket. Big Bash League. Game 39. Perth Scorchers v Sydney Sixers. From Optus Stadium, Perth.
11.00 Ambulance: Code Red. (Mad, R) Follows the work of an ambulance service, giving an insight into the life and death incidents they face.
12.00 Cycling. Santos Tour Down Under. Men's. Stage 1. Highlights.
1.00 Harry's Practice. (R) Dr Harry Cooper and Dr Katrina Warren present information about animals and pet care.
1.30 Travel Oz. (R) Presented by Greg Grainger.
2.00 Home Shopping. (R)
4.00 NBC Today. News and current affairs.
5.00 Seven Early News.
5.30 Sunrise. News, sport and weather.

NINE (9, 8)
6.00 Today. The latest in news and current affairs.
9.30 Australian Open Tennis Pre-Show. Reviews, previews, interviews, highlights and opinions from the Australian Open at Melbourne Park.
10.30 Tennis. Australian Open. Day 3.
3.30 Tennis. Australian Open. Afternoon 3. From Melbourne Park. Hosted by Roz Kelly.

6.00 9News.
7.00 Tennis. Australian Open. Night 3.
10.30 Tennis. Australian Open. Late-night 3.
11.30 New Amsterdam. (Mam, R) Iggy tries online dating.
12.30 Family Law. (Ma, R) A divorcée needs help.
1.30 #TextMeWhenYouGetHome: Hannah Anderson. (Mav, R) A look at the case of Hannah Anderson.
2.30 Destination Australia: Lord Howe Island. (PG, R) Presented by Trevor Cochrane and Diana Hills.
3.00 TV Shop: Home Shopping. (R)
4.00 Believer's Voice Of Victory. (PGa) Religious program.
4.30 9News Early.
5.00 Today.

TEN (10, 5)
6am Morning Programs. **8.30** Judge Judy. (PG, R) **9.00** Bold. (PGa, R) **9.30** Neighbours. (PGa, R) **10.00** The Yes Experiment. (PGa, R) **10.30** Luxury Escapes. (R) **11.00** Food Trail: South Africa. (R) **11.30** My Market Kitchen. (R) **12.00** 10 News First: Midday. **1.00** Dr Phil. (PGal, R) **2.00** To Be Advised. **3.30** Farm To Fork. **4.00** Neighbours. (PGa) **4.30** Bold. (PGa) **5.00** News.

6.30 The Project. The hosts and guest panellists take a look at the day's news, events and hot topics.
7.30 Gladiators. (PGv) Four firefighters take on the gladiators in a series of knockout events for a spot in the quarter-finals.
8.50 NCIS. (Mv, R) The NCIS team digs deep to investigate a US Navy lieutenant who is accused of trying to murder her husband but has no memory of the attack. Kasie navigates a potential medical scare.
9.50 NCIS: Los Angeles. (Mv, R) Sam's friend Tom Olsen finds himself being hunted down by enemies from his past.
10.50 The Project. (R) A look at the day's news.
11.50 The Late Show With Stephen Colbert. (PG) Hosted by Stephen Colbert.
1.00 Home Shopping. (R)
4.30 CBS Mornings.

ABC TV PLUS (22)
6am Children's Programs. **7.05pm** Star Wars: Young Jedi Adventures. **7.20** Bluey. **7.30** Spicks And Specks. **8.00** Would I Lie To You? **8.30** Bliss. **9.00** Rosehaven. **9.30** Portlandia. **10.15** State Of The Union. **10.40** Back. **11.05** Would I Lie To You? **11.35 MOVIE:** Whiplash. (2014, MA15+) **1.20am** ABC News Update. **1.25** Close. **5.00** Clangers. **5.10** Kiddets. **5.25** Late Programs.

SBS VICELAND (31)
6am WorldWatch. **10.00** Front Up. **12.05pm** The Kimberley Cruise: The Full Journey. **3.20** WorldWatch. **5.15** Counter Space. **5.45** Joy Of Painting. **6.15** The Fast History Of. **6.40** Jeopardy! **7.35** 8 Out Of 10 Cats Does Countdown. **8.30** Dark Side Of The 2000s. **9.25** Stone Cold Takes On America. (Premiere) **10.15** Hudson & Rex. **11.55** Box 21. **12.50am** Future Man. **1.25** Hate Thy Neighbour. **2.20** Late Programs.

7MATE (74, 60)
6am Morning Programs. **11.00** Sound FX: Best Of. **11.30** NFL. NFL. Wildcard. Game 6. **3pm** Billy The Exterminator. **3.30** Counting Cars. **4.35** Storage Wars. **5.05** American Restoration. **5.35** American Pickers. **6.35** Pawn Stars. **7.05** Cricket. Big Bash League. Game 39. Perth Scorchers v Sydney Sixers. **7.35** Outback Truckers. **9.30** Heavy Tow Truckers Down Under. **10.30** Ice Road Truckers. **11.30** Late Programs.

9GEM (92, 81)
6am Gideon's Way. **7.00** Creflo Dollar Ministries. **7.30** Skippy The Bush Kangaroo. **8.00** TV Shop: Home Shopping. **9.30** Australian Open Tennis Pre-Show. **10.30** Tennis. Australian Open. Day 3. **5.30pm** Tennis. Australian Open. Night 3. **10.30** Agatha Christie's Marple. **12.30am** Madam Secretary. **1.30** Manifest. **2.30** Gideon's Way. **3.30** Seaway. **4.30** My Favorite Martian. **5.00** Animal Tales.

10 BOLD (12, 51)
6am Home Shopping. **8.00** Luxury Escapes. **8.30** Diagnosis Murder. **9.30** Jake And The Fatman. **10.30** JAG. **12.30pm** Star Trek: Voyager. **2.30** Jake And The Fatman. **3.30** Diagnosis Murder. **5.30** JAG. **7.30** Bull. **9.25** FBI: International. **10.20** SEAL Team. **11.15** 48 Hours. **12.15am** Home Shopping. **2.15** Diagnosis Murder. **4.05** JAG.

NITV (34)
6am Morning Programs. **1.30pm** Going Places. **2.30** The Cook Up. **3.00** Motown Magic. **3.25** The World According To Grandpa. **3.35** The Magic Canoe. **4.00** Toi Time. **4.30** Spartakus And The Sun Beneath The Sea. **5.00** Our Stories. **5.30** Stories From The Land. **6.00** Bamay. **6.30** News. **6.40** Volcanic Odysseys. **7.30** Larapinta. **8.30 MOVIE:** Gurrumul. (2017, MA15+) **10.15** To The Ends Of The Earth. **11.40** Late Programs.

SBS WORLD MOVIES (32)
6am The Movie Show. **6.30** Hit The Road. (2021, PG, Farsi) **8.20** Amanda. (2018, PG, French) **10.20** Rumble In The Bronx. (1995, M, Cantonese) **Noon** The Best Offer. (2013, M) **2.25** Steel Magnolias. (1989, PG) **4.35** The Kid. (1921, PG) **5.40** Toast. (2010, PG) **7.30** Madre. (2019, M, French) **9.55** Papillon. (1973, MA15+) **12.40am** Sophie's Choice. (1982, MA15+) **3.25** Late Programs.

7TWO (72, 62)
6am Morning Programs. **10.30** Animal Rescue. **11.00** Cycling. Santos Tour Down Under. Men's. Stage 1. **Noon** Better Homes. **1.00** Escape To The Country. **2.00** Creek To Coast. **2.30** Cities Of The Underworld. **3.30** Harry's Practice. **4.00** Animal Rescue. **4.30** Better Homes. **5.30** Escape To The Country. **6.30** Bargain Hunt. **7.30** Rosemary & Thyme. **8.30** A Touch Of Frost. **10.50** Late Programs.

9GO! (93, 82)
6am Children's Programs. **Noon** Motor Racing. Formula E. Mexico City ePrix. H'lights. **1.00** Surfing Australia TV. **1.30** The Nanny. **2.00** Bewitched. **2.30** Full House. **3.00** Seinfeld. **4.00** Family Ties. **4.30** The Addams Family. **5.00** Bewitched. **5.30** I Dream Of Jeannie. **6.00** Tennis. Austn Open. Afternoon 3. **7.00** The Nanny. **7.30** Seinfeld. **8.30 MOVIE:** Toy Soldiers. (1991, M) **10.45** Seinfeld. **11.45** Late Programs.

10 PEACH (11, 52)
6am Stephen Colbert. **7.00** King Of Queens. **8.00** Basketball. NBL. Round 15. Brisbane Bullets v Illawarra Hawks. Replay. **10.00** Frasier. **11.00** Big Bang. **11.30** King Of Queens. **12.30pm** Becker. **1.30** Big Bang. **2.30** Rules Of Engagement. **3.30** King Of Queens. **4.30** Becker. **5.30** Frasier. **6.30** Neighbours. **7.00** The Big Bang Theory. **8.30** Two And A Half Men. **10.00** Rules Of Engagement. **11.00** Late Programs.

Wednesday, January 17

ABC TV (2)
6.00 News Breakfast. **9.00** ABC News Mornings. **10.00** First Weapons. (PG, R) **11.00** Antiques Roadshow. (R) **12.00** ABC News At Noon. **1.00** Miniseries: Come Home. (Malsv, R) **1.55** Julia Zemiro's Home Delivery. (PG, R) **2.25** Back Roads. (PG, R) **2.55** The Cook And The Chef. (R) **3.25** Tenable. (R)
4.10 Antiques Roadshow. (R)
5.10 Love Your Garden.

6.00 Back Roads. (R)
6.30 Hard Quiz. (PG, R)
7.00 ABC News.
7.30 7.30. Presented by Laura Tingle.
8.00 Hard Quiz. (PG, R) Presented by Tom Gleeson.
8.30 Spicks And Specks. (PG, R) Music game show, featuring Hamish Blake, Vanessa Amorosi, Courtney Act and Aaron Wyatt.
9.35 Changing Ends. (PG) Alan turns birdwatcher in pursuit of a pelican.
9.55 Miniseries: Best Interests. (Mdl, R)
10.55 ABC Late News.
11.15 Love Your Garden. (R)
12.00 Tenable. (R) **12.50** Rage. (MA15+adhlnsv) **4.40** The Durrells. (PG, R) **5.30** 7.30. (R)

SBS (3)
6.00 WorldWatch. **9.05** World's Most Secret Homes. (R) **10.00** Paddington Station 24/7. (PGa, R) **10.50** Vienna: Empire, Dynasty And Dream. (PGas, R) **12.00** WorldWatch. **2.00** Destination Flavour China Bitesize. (R) **2.05** Tony Robinson: WWII By Drone. (Mav, R) **3.00** Mastermind Aust. (R) **3.35** The Cook Up. (R) **4.05** The Supervet. (PGa) **5.00** Motor Racing. Dakar Rally. Stage 9. Highlights.

6.00 Mastermind Australia. (R)
6.30 SBS World News.
7.30 Dinosaur With Stephen Fry: When Dinosaurs Ruled The Earth. (PGa, R) Part 2 of 4.
8.25 The Elon Musk Show. (PGa, R) Part 2 of 3. Elon Musk works to revolutionise the car market and take mankind to Mars.
9.30 Fargo. (Final, MA15+) Lorraine pays a visit.
10.25 SBS World News Late.
10.55 All Those Things We Never Said. (Premiere, Ml)
12.10 Vienna Blood. (Ma, R) **3.50** Going Places With Ernie Dingo. (PG, R) **4.50** Destination Flavour: Singapore Bitesize. (PG, R) **5.00** NHK World English News Morning. **5.30** ANC Philippines The World Tonight.

SEVEN (7, 6)
6.00 Sunrise. **9.00** Test Cricket: Pre-Game Show. **10.00** Cricket. First Test. Australia v West Indies. Day 1. Morning session. **12.00** Test Cricket: The Lunch Break. **12.40** Cricket. First Test. Australia v West Indies. Day 1. Afternoon session. **2.40** Test Cricket: Tea Break. **3.00** Cricket. First Test. Australia v West Indies. Day 1. Late afternoon session. **5.30** The Chase Australia. (R)

6.00 Seven News.
7.00 Home And Away. (PGa)
7.35 Cricket. Big Bash League. Game 40. Sydney Thunder v Melbourne Renegades. From Sydney Showgrounds Stadium.
10.30 MOVIE: The New Mutants. (2020, Mhlv, R) A group of young mutants is held for psychiatric monitoring in an isolated hospital. Anya Taylor-Joy, Blu Hunt, Maisie Williams.
12.30 Cycling. Santos Tour Down Under. Men's. Stage 2. Highlights.
1.30 Travel Oz. (PG, R) Hosted by Greg Grainger.
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6.00 9News.
7.00 Tennis. Australian Open. Night 4.
10.30 Tennis. Australian Open. Late-night 4.
11.30 New Amsterdam. (Mam, R) There is an explosion at a wedding ceremony.
12.30 Family Law. (Ma, R) The lawyers represent a mail-order bride.
1.30 Black Widow: The Killing Of David Jackson: Part 1. (Mav, R) Part 1 of 2.
2.30 Global Shop. (R) Home shopping.
3.00 TV Shop: Home Shopping. (R)
4.00 Believer's Voice Of Victory. (PGa) Religious program.
4.30 9News Early.
5.00 Today.

TEN (10, 5)
6am Morning Programs. **8.30** Judge Judy. (PG, R) **9.00** Bold. (PGa, R) **9.30** Neighbours. (PGa, R) **10.00** The Yes Experiment. (R) **10.30** GCBC. (R) **11.00** Food Trail: South Africa. (R) **11.30** My Market Kitchen. (R) **12.00** 10 News First: Midday. **1.00** Dr Phil. (PGa, R) **2.00** To Be Advised. **3.20** Ent. Tonight. **3.30** Farm To Fork. **4.00** Neighbours. (PGa) **4.30** Bold. (PGa) **5.00** News.

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7.30 Gladiators. (PGv) In the third heat, four new contenders take on the gladiators for a spot in the quarter-finals.
8.55 FBI: International. (Return, Mv) The team investigates when an American police detective is murdered in Paris while looking into a US company suspected of selling illegal weapons in France and the Middle East.
10.55 The Project. (R) A look at the day's news.
11.55 The Late Show With Stephen Colbert. (PG) Hosted by Stephen Colbert.
1.00 Home Shopping. (R)
4.30 CBS Mornings.

ABC TV PLUS (22)
6am Children's Programs. **7.05pm** Star Wars: Young Jedi Adventures. **7.20** Bluey. **7.30** Spicks And Specks. **8.00** Would I Lie To You? **8.30** Doc Martin. **9.20** Interview With The Vampire. **10.05** Killing Eve. **10.50** Would I Lie To You? **11.20** Louis Theroux: A Place For Paedophiles. **12.20am** Whose Line Is It Anyway? **12.45** Miniseries: The Hollow Crown. **2.40** ABC News Update. **2.45** Close. **5.00** Late Programs.

SBS VICELAND (31)
6am WorldWatch. **10.00** Front Up. **12.10pm** The Kimberley Cruise: The Full Journey. **2.30** States Of Undress. **3.20** WorldWatch. **5.15** Counter Space. **5.45** Joy Of Painting. **6.15** The Fast History Of. **6.40** Jeopardy! **7.35** 8 Out Of 10 Cats Does Countdown. **8.30 MOVIE:** Reservoir Dogs. (1992, MA15+) **10.25 MOVIE:** Dark City. (1998, M) **12.15am** The Bad Kids. **2.40** NHK World English News. **5.00** Al Jazeera.

7MATE (74, 60)
6am Morning Programs. **10.00** American Pickers. **11.00** Cycling. Santos Tour Down Under. Men's. Stage 2. **3.30pm** Counting Cars. **4.30** Storage Wars. **5.00** American Restoration. **5.30** American Pickers. **6.30** Cricket. Big Bash League. Game 40. Sydney Thunder v Melbourne Renegades. **7.35** Highway Patrol. **8.30** The Force: Behind The Line. **9.30** Beach Cops. **10.30** Surveillance Oz. **11.00** Late Programs.

9GEM (92, 81)
6am Danger Man. **7.00** Creflo Dollar Ministries. **7.30** Skippy The Bush Kangaroo. **8.00** TV Shop: Home Shopping. **9.30** Australian Open Tennis Pre-Show. **10.30** Tennis. Australian Open. Day 4. **5.30pm** Tennis. Australian Open. Night 4. **10.30** Midsomer Murders. **12.40am** Madam Secretary. **1.40** Manifest. **2.35** Golf. 2023 Cathedral Invitational. Highlights. **3.30** Seaway. **4.30** My Favorite Martian. **5.00** Animal Tales.

10 BOLD (12, 51)
6am Home Shopping. **8.00** Luxury Escapes. **8.30** Diagnosis Murder. **9.30** Jake And The Fatman. **10.30** JAG. **12.30pm** Star Trek: Voyager. **2.30** Jake And The Fatman. **3.30** Diagnosis Murder. **5.30** JAG. **7.30** Bull. **8.30** NCIS. **9.25** Hawaii Five-0. **10.20** NCIS: Hawai'i. **11.15** Diagnosis Murder. **12.15am** Home Shopping. **2.15** Diagnosis Murder. **4.05** JAG.

NITV (34)
6am Morning Programs. **1.30pm** Going Places. **2.30** The Cook Up. **3.00** Motown Magic. **3.25** The World According To Grandpa. **3.35** The Magic Canoe. **4.00** Toi Time. **4.30** Spartakus And The Sun Beneath The Sea. **5.00** Our Stories. **5.30** Living Black. **6.00** Bamay. **6.30** News. **6.40** Volcanic Odysseys. **7.30** How It Feels To Be Free. **8.35 MOVIE:** Quest. (2017, M) **10.25** Bruce Lee: Martial Arts Master. **11.25** Late Programs.

SBS WORLD MOVIES (32)
6am The 400 Blows. Continued. (1959, PG, French) **6.55** Toast. (2010, PG) **8.45** Asterix: The Mansions Of The Gods. (2014, PG, French) **10.20** Those Happy Years. (2013, M) **12.20pm** Sunflower. (1970, M, Italian) **2.20** The Umbrellas Of Cherbourg. (1964, PG, French) **4.05** Hit The Road. (2021, PG, Farsi) **5.50** Paris Can Wait. (2016, PG) **7.30** The Big Chill. (1983, M) **9.30** Joe Bell. (2020, M) **11.15** Late Programs.

7TWO (72, 62)
6am Morning Programs. **7.30** Room For Improvement. **8.00** Million Dollar Minute. **9.00** Harry's Practice. **9.30** NBC Today. **Noon** Better Homes. **1.00** Escape To The Country. **2.00** To Be Advised. **2.30** Cities Of The Underworld. **3.30** Harry's Practice. **4.00** Animal Rescue. **4.30** Better Homes. **5.30** Escape To The Country. **6.30** Bargain Hunt. **7.30** Heartbeat. **8.45** Lewis. **10.45** Late Programs.

9GO! (93, 82)
6am Children's Programs. **Noon MOVIE:** Pokémon: Giratina And The Sky Warrior. (2008) **2.00** Bewitched. **2.30** Full House. **3.00** Seinfeld. **4.00** Family Ties. **4.30** The Addams Family. **5.00** Bewitched. **5.30** I Dream Of Jeannie. **6.00** Tennis. Austn Open. Afternoon 4. **7.00** The Nanny. **7.30** Seinfeld. **8.30 MOVIE:** Lord Of War. (2005, MA15+) **11.00** Seinfeld. **Midnight** Under The Dome. **1.00** Late Programs.

10 PEACH (11, 52)
6am The Late Show With Stephen Colbert. **7.00** The King Of Queens. **8.00** Becker. **9.00** Frasier. **10.00** The Middle. **11.00** NBL Slam. **11.30** The King Of Queens. **12.30pm** Becker. **1.30** The Big Bang Theory. **2.30** Rules Of Engagement. **3.30** The Neighborhood. **4.30** Becker. **5.30** Frasier. **6.30** Neighbours. **7.00** The Big Bang Theory. **8.30** Two And A Half Men. **10.00** Rules Of Engagement. **11.00** Late Programs.

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GIANT CROSSWORD

No. 131

ACROSS

1 Risk (6)
4 Used to store food at very low temperatures (7)
7 Lizards able to change colour (10)
11 Loan (6)
12 Mobile home (7)
13 Stringed instrument (5)
14 Little lake (4)
15 Crush (6)
18 Monstrous (10)
19 Cab (4)
20 Nerve cell (6)
21 Male pig (4)
22 Donut-shaped bread (5)
24 Woodwind instrument (8)
27 Decorative inlaid work (6)
28 Xerophyte (6)
31 Unpolished (5)
34 Ignominious failure (6)
35 Devotional song (5)
37 Abbreviation (7)
38 Car framework (7)
41 Fibre used in sacking (4)
42 Crust that forms over a wound (4)
43 Aboriginal spear-throwing device (7)
44 Improve (7)
45 Burp (5)
47 Government department (6)
48 Submit (5)
50 Rural (6)
52 Poems (6)
53 Word blindness (8)
55 Fruit (5)
58 Tome (4)
59 Muslim place of worship (6)
61 Employer (4)
63 Unbelievable (10)
64 Bawdy (6)
66 Extinct bird (4)
67 Grinding tooth (5)
68 Plant of the genus Nicotiana (7)
69 A spice (6)
70 Play run-throughs (10)
71 Openess (7)
72 Bivalve mollusc (6)

DOWN

2 Single-celled freshwater organism (6)
3 Rough (8)
4 Concentrate attention (5)
5 Inspector (8)
6 Jogger (6)
7 Pupal casing (6)
8 Mosquito-borne disease (7)
9 Expressions used in place of something offensive (10)
10 Enjoying inflicting pain (8)
16 Miss (5)
17 Scary genre (6)
23 Mountain danger (9)
25 Related to sense of smell (9)
26 Overstate (9)
29 Pulsate (5)
30 Tendon (5)
31 Short performance (5)
32 Perception (9)
33 Proof of identity (9)
36 Leaving rubbish lying around (9)
39 Calamari (5)
40 Sweeten (5)
41 Hard-wearing pants (5)
46 Unwieldy (10)
49 Flexible (6)
51 Mass (5)
52 Prompt (8)
54 Enough (8)
56 Highly heat-resistant, fibrous silicate mineral (8)
57 Gravely reprehensible (7)
59 Units of measurement (6)
60 Change over (6)
62 Sternutation (6)
65 Tusk material (5)

ANSWERS:

EDGEWORD

No. 131

pm. ORIGINAL PUZZLE

Place each of the tiles of letters into the blank jigsaw below to create four six-letter words going across and down.

There may be more than one solution

ANSWERS: IMPEDE, IMPURE, DEFAME, RESUME

DROP DOWN

No. 128

Starting with the seven-letter word, drop a letter and form a six-letter word. Continue in this manner until you reach the single letter at the bottom. You can rearrange the letters in each step, if necessary.

There may be more than one possible answer.

ANSWERS: GARAGED, DAGGER, GRADE, DEAR, ERA, RE, E

HOW WELL DO YOU KNOW...

Chris Pratt

1. What is the name of Chris Pratt's Guardians of the Galaxy character?
A. Peter Quill
B. Groot
C. Rocket
D. Drax the Destroyer

2 Which cult comedy series afforded Pratt his breakout role?
A. *Arrested Development*
B. *Community*
C. *Parks and Recreation*
D. *Schitt's Creek*

3. Which animated movie character does he lend his voice to?
A. Maui (*Moana*)
B. Olaf (*Frozen*)
C. Gene (*The Emoji Movie*)
D. Emmet (*The Lego Movie*)

4. Which action movie legend's daughter did Pratt marry in 2019?
A. Arnold Schwarzenegger
B. Sylvester Stallone
C. Bruce Willis
D. Steven Seagal

5. Which Aussie actress stars opposite Pratt in the Amazon Prime Video sci-fi movie *The Tomorrow War*?
A. Rose Byrne
B. Yvonne Strahovski
C. Margot Robbie
D. Mia Wasikowska

ANSWERS: 1A, 2C, 3D, 4A (Katherine), 5B

CROSSMATH

No. 0131

	+		×		=	48
+		÷		×		
	−		+		=	11
×		×		−		
	−		+		=	5
=		=		=		
59		10		53		

Insert each number from 1 to 9 in the shaded squares to solve all the horizontal and vertical equations.

Multiplication and division are performed before addition and subtraction.

3	+	5	×	9	=	48
+		÷		×		
7	−	2	+	6	=	11
×		×		−		
8	−	4	+	1	=	5
=		=		=		
59		10		53		

WORD TRIANGLE

No. 127

The starting letter could be in any segment, and all subsequent letters are able to be connected following a path through the gaps in the walls. You may only enter each of the segments once, and all letters must be used.

HINT: The answer is a movie title.

ANSWER: A PASSAGE TO INDIA

4x4

No. 127

1	2	3	4
5			
6			
7			

ACROSS

1 Wealthy (4)
5 Region (4)
6 Male member of a religious order (4)
7 Poker stake (4)

DOWN

1 Avatar of Vishnu (4)
2 Metal (4)
3 Monetary unit (4)
4 Large-headed fish (4)

ACROSS: 1. Rich, **5.** Area, **6.** Monk, **7.** Ante.
DOWN: 1. Rama, **2.** Iron, **3.** Cent, **4.** Hake.

Motoring

HONDA CR-V VTI LX AWD

BY CHRIS RILEY, MARQUE MOTORING

IT'S been a little over 12 months since we drove the previous Honda CR-V.

Introduced to Australia in 1997, CR-V has grown to become Honda's most successful model globally.

Released in July last year the sixth-generation of the five- and seven-seat SUV, like its predecessors, is targeted at families.

This time around the styling is more sophisticated and some might say sporty, with particular attention to the interior.

As Japanese car makers fight to stave off the onslaught of increasingly better Chinese competitors, Honda was one of the first companies to take the high ground.

It cut costs, discarded dealers and moved to a fixed price, 'haggle-free' sales system that saw product lines rationalised and the emergence of a more premium line up, but with a price tag to match.

What else could it do?

Sales are down eight per cent year on year, but this figure does not reflect the higher profit margins that the new structure must be generating.

CR-V is the company's best-seller here, with 8123 sales last year, but this year's sales are down more than three per cent - despite the introduction of an all-new model.

Time will tell.

STYLING

Repositioning of the front roof pillars and relocation of the side mirrors to the doors, have achieved a sportier, raked look and better forward visibility.

There's six colours and seven variants from which to choose: VTi X, VTi X7, VTi L, VTi L7, VTI L AWD, VTi LX AWD and e:HEV RS.

The latter is a petrol-electric, self-charging hybrid.

Prices start from $44,500 driveaway for the five-seat 1.5-litre VTi X with an auto.

The VTi X7 (same model with seven seats) is priced from $46,800.

Our test vehicle the VTi LX AWD is priced from $57,000 driveaway.

Sitting one step above and at the top-of-the-line hybrid e:HEV RS is $59,900 – or another $2900.

At 4694mm, it's 59mm longer than before, with a 40mm longer wheelbase that provides 15mm more rear legroom.

Entry-level VTi X comes with 17-inch wheels, premium fabric seats, two-zone climate control with rear air vents, powered driver seat, smart keyless entry with push button start and walk-away automatic door locking.

There's also a power-operated tailgate, adaptive LED headlights, auto lights (but not wipers), front and rear park sensors, 9.0-inch touchscreen infotainment, eight-speaker audio and wireless phone charging.

VTi-L adds 18-inch alloys, leather trim, 'i-two zone climate control', heated front seats, driver-seat memory, powered front passenger seat, leather-wrapped steering wheel and gear shifter, auto dimming rear view mirror, and auto rain-sensing wipers.

LX jumps to 19-inch alloys, a panoramic sunroof and 12-speaker Bose audio.

CR-V comes with a 5-year unlimited kilometre warranty, plus 5-year roadside assistance.

Uber drivers take note however because the warranty reverts to 5 years and 140,000km if the car is used for a commercial purpose (which includes rideshare).

Service intervals are 12 months or 10,000km, with the first five visits capped at $199.

Variants with satellite navigation receive five years of complimentary over the air map updates.

INFOTAINMENT

Infotainment consists of a 9.0-inch colour touchscreen, eight-speaker audio, active noise control, Bluetooth, AM/FM/DAB+ digital radio, wireless Apple CarPlay and wired Android Auto, wireless smartphone charging pad plus connection to the Honda Connect app.

VTi-L adds satellite navigation and a Smart KeyCard.

There's USB-A and -C ports in front, along with a 12 volt/180W outlet, with another two USB-C ports in the back and a 12-volt outlet in the luggage area.

ROAD TEST: CR-V... middle of the road (and that's where it wants to be).

ENGINES / TRANSMISSIONS

The 1.5-litre turbocharged four carries over.

While it produces exactly the same amount of power and torque, we're told it has been significantly revised.

Full power of 140kW arrives at 6000 rpm, 500 rpm later in the rev range, while maximum torque of 240Nm is generated 300rpm earlier – between 1700 and 5000rpm.

In comparison the hybrid with two electric motors delivers 135kW and 335Nm, the latter figure the more significant as it is produced from get-go - between 0 and 2000rpm.

Transmission is via a CVT continuously variable unit with seven steps or gears that are controlled by change paddles.

In the hybrid these paddles have been repurposed to control the level of regenerative braking.

SAFETY

CR-V is yet to be rated by ANCAP for safety.

An improved Honda Sensing safety system features a total of 11 airbags, with a new front camera and radar system.

Honda's Advanced Compatibility Engineering (ACE) body structure has been updated to distribute crash energy more evenly throughout the front, side, and rear of the vehicle.

There's also forward collision warning, autonomous emergency braking (AEB), lane departure and lane keep assist, traffic jam assist, road departure mitigation, adaptive cruise control, low-speed braking control, traffic sign recognition and high beam support.

VTi-L and above add blind spot monitoring and rear cross traffic alert with e:HEV RS also getting LED active cornering lights and adaptive driving beam.

However, there's no head-up display or 360-degree camera.

DRIVING

Most of the improvements appear to be in the styling area, both inside and out.

Honda interiors have always been functional but cheap and the CR-V is a definite step forward in this regard, although it still falls short of premium.

The previous model looked pretty good.

This one looks slicker and more mainstream, with its black honeycomb grille and slitted LED headlights.

The tail lights remain recognisably the same.

Inside, the instrument binnacle is the same general shape as before, but the rest of the dash has been redesigned with a freestanding touchscreen and long thin air vent that spans the breadth of the cabin - a la Civic.

In this grade, the instrument panel is fully digital, but retains the look and feel of an analogue unit, with twin circular dials for tacho and speed.

You can't change the appearance, at least not easily.

Our LX AWD uses a claimed 7.7L/100km of standard unleaded, while they reckon the top-of-the-line hybrid e:HEV RS is good for 5.5L/100km (not exactly a game changer).

The turbo produces 176g/100km of CO_2, while the hybrid is rated at 125g/100km (worth consideration).

VTEC variable valve timing and lift control have been added to the exhaust side of the twin-cam head to improve fuel efficiency.

That said it still uses more fuel and produces more carbon than the equivalent model that we tested 12 months ago which was good for 7.4L/100km.

Improving acceleration is a high-efficiency, high-response turbocharger and low pressure loss turbocharger piping.

Engine noise has also been significantly reduced with a new high-rigidity crankshaft, oil pan, and a new intake cover.

Further noise reduction comes from noise-absorbing engine mounts and a new muffler shape.

In order to reduce belt noise, the thickness of the transmission casing has been increased, with added ribs to increase case rigidity and suppress vibration.

For the sixth generation the Real Time AWD system is quieter and features an improved control module with increased processor speed, improving handling performance as well as traction management in slippery conditions.

Ride quality is where it should be for the target buyer of this car and that is middle of the road.

You could argue it is a little soft, with too much body roll when you punt it - but remember this is a vehicle designed for comfort rather than being driven hard.

INFOTAINMENT: Infotainment consists of a 9.0-inch colour touchscreen, eight-speaker audio, active noise control, Bluetooth, AM/FM/DAB+ digital radio, wireless Apple CarPlay and wired Android Auto, wireless smartphone charging pad plus connection to the Honda Connect app.

The steering is light and reflects this approach nor do the brakes require much effort.

In keeping with its AWD status, this model gets a 10mm lift in ground clearance to a creditable 208mm which means you can safely tackle rougher dirt roads.

CR-V features up to three driving modes: Normal, Econ which reduces throttle and transmission sensitivity as well as air conditioning output to help preserve fuel efficiency, and Sport mode that enhances throttle response and engine sound.

Alas, the e:HEV is the only grade that gets Sport mode.

Gotta love marketing.

But dropping the transmission into the 'S' position acts as a de facto sport mode, keeping engine revs to around the 3000 mark where the car performs best.

Significant improvements to the CR-V's structural stiffness, including a redesigned front sub-frame, benefit its ride quality, handling, and collision safety protection.

The interior has been optimised to make the cabin and cargo feel more spacious in both five- and seven- seat variants, with the second row able to slide, providing more legroom if required.

As well as 15mm more legroom, the rear seat now offers 16 different recline settings instead of two and is able to recline a further 10.5 degrees.

Honda claims the third row in seven-seat variants can comfortably accommodate 170cm tall occupants, with access via a single action lever on top of the second-row seat.

In terms of fuel consumption, we were getting 8.7L/100km after more than 440km of mixed driving.

SUMMING UP

Despite its immense practicality, new CR-V lacks the fun factor.

As soon as you start pushing hard, the wagon starts to feel underdone, revving for not much result.

The CVT also becomes noisy and starts to slur, and on one occasion failed to drop back after rapid deceleration – a little like throttle overrun.

For an extra three grand the hybrid could stack up.

On the other hand, it's quiet and reasonably comfortable and an excellent fit for families looking for a traditional wagon with value in mind.

RATINGS:

- Looks: 7.5
- Performance: 6
- Safety: 8
- Thirst: 7
- Practicality: 8
- Comfort: 7.5
- Tech: 7.5
- Value: 7.5
- Overall: 7.4

recipe

Banana & Prune Smoothie

Prep time: 5 mins
Cook time: 5 mins
Servings: 2

Ingredients

- 1 ripe large banana
- 500ml milk
- 1 tsp Prune Extract
- 1 tsp cinnamon or 1 tsp of vanilla extract

Method:

1. Place all ingredients into the blender and mix until ingredients are smooth.
2. You can add more milk if consistency is too thick.
3. You can add alternatives to your smoothie, Greek yoghurt, oat milk, almond milk, mixed berries and you can even add nuts.
4. Any of these ingredients are full of vitamins and minerals, potassium, protein and fibre.

Notes:

- Smoothies can last up to two days in the fridge for easy on the go substance! Smoothie are better served cold.

Recipe courtesy of Sunraysia

Glazed Prune Pork Chops

Cook time: 25 mins
Serves: 2-4

Ingredients

- 1/2 cup Prune Extract
- 1/4 cup soy sauce
- 1/4 cup of honey
- 1 tsp garlic powder
- 2 - 4 Pork chops

Method:

1. Combine all ingredients
2. Mix together well
3. Brush over pork
4. Refrigerate covered
5. Let sit for at an hour
6. Bake in oven for 25 mins
7. Can cook on stove top
8. Can also use an air fryer

Notes:

- You can use pork, lamb, beef or chicken for this dish. It's always best to let marinade absorb for at least an hour before cooking.
- Serve with a nice fresh salad

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2024 Yearly Horoscope Forecast

from astrologer

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ARIES

MARCH 21 - APRIL 20

LOVE & LUST

Attached Aries – the Lunar Eclipse (on March 25) stirs up hidden tensions, particularly if you've been putting work before the relationship. Then expect the sexual sparks to fly in May when fiery Mars lights up your sign. Single Rams – the best time to look for love is in February and March, when Venus and Mars stimulate your peer group/networking zone, and you could fall for a stylish Libran or an avant-garde Aquarian. But avoid joining a dating site, going on a first date, proposing, or getting married between August 15-28, when Mercury reverses through your romance zone.

LOOT & LUCK

Lady Luck is calling! An unexpected opportunity or sudden windfall could turn your finances around, when Jupiter (planet of prosperity) links up with Uranus (planet of change) in your money zone on April 20-21. So make sure you are ready, willing and able to capitalise on any good fortune that comes along. Then Jupiter transits through Gemini (from May 26 until June 2025) when you could benefit from a sibling, a neighbour, or a fortuitous connection in your local community.

LIFESTYLE

Plan an exciting holiday or weekend escape for some time in early June when Jupiter and Pluto activate your local travel zone. But avoid initiating an ambitious project or going away on a big holiday between November 25 and December 16, when Mercury reverses through your overseas travel and adventure zones. With a Solar Eclipse in your sign, plus Pluto transiting through your career and goal-setting zones, 2024 is the year to reinvent yourself as you transform into the person you've always wanted to be.

FAMOUS ARIES

Lady Gaga, Russell Crowe, Reese Witherspoon.

NEW YEAR MOTTO

"I can be reborn as many times as I choose throughout my life." – Lady Gaga

TAURUS

APRIL 21 - MAY 21

LOVE & LUST

April 30 through until July 20 are the best months for love, when Venus and Mars transit through your sign. Attached Bulls – plan to pamper your partner, celebrate a major milestone or travel together in style. Singles – you'll be at your fascinating best and attract admirers like moths to a flame so it's the ideal time to go on a first date, fall in love, join an online dating site or update your current profile. But a relationship could experience communication problems between August 4-15, when Mercury reverses through your romance zone.

LOOT & LUCK

Finances and luck are linked from May 26 onwards, when Jupiter (planet of prosperity and good fortune) transits through your money zone. So expect a boost to your bank balance via a pay rise, bonus, gift or extra business coming your way. Any windfall won't last long if you don't manage it wisely though. November 25 until December 16 is not a good period to apply for a loan, begin a business partnership or sign a major contract, as Mercury reverses through your money-from-others zone. In uncertain economic times, concentrate on smart saving and sustainable living.

LIFESTYLE

For the first five months of 2024, Jupiter and Uranus are both transiting through Taurus, which gives you the courage to take a chance and try things you've never considered before. Jump out of your comfort zone … dare to explore and experiment! The best dates to be a brave Bull are April 20-21 (when Jupiter and Uranus activate your adventurous side) and May 23-24 (when Jupiter and Neptune boost your intuition and creativity).

FAMOUS TAUREANS

Lena Dunham, George Clooney, Cate Blanchett.

NEW YEAR MOTTO

"It's not brave to do something that doesn't scare you." – Lena Dunham

GEMINI

MAY 22 - JUNE 21

LOVE & LUST

Expect some interpersonal challenges, as two eclipses (and retrograde Mercury) stir up your romance and partnership zones. Attached Twins – romantic vibes are high between August 30 and September 22 when Venus visits your love zone. Singles – you may have to kiss a few frogs before you find your Prince (or Princess) Charming. But don't give up – each dating disappointment will lead you closer to your soulmate. Brush up on your communication skills between November 25 and December 16 when Mercury reverses through your relationship zone.

LOOT & LUCK

With prosperous Jupiter transiting through your sign (from May 26 onwards) and conscientious Saturn in your career zone (all year), make sure you have done all the hard work that's required so you can take advantage of good luck when it comes along. Your motto for 2024 is 'Preparation + Opportunity = Success.' The best period for financial growth and making business decisions is during the first two weeks of June when the Sun, Venus and Jupiter are all in Gemini, plus wealth planet Jupiter makes a positive link with resourceful Pluto. Smart Twins will strike while the iron is hot!

LIFESTYLE

Confidence and momentum are the buzzwords in 2024. With Jupiter jumping into your sign, May 26 onwards is the time to explore far horizons and express your ideas with flair, as you head into adventurous new territory mentally and physically. Travel, education and communication are all favoured as you show the world what you are really capable of. But pace yourself around August 19-20 and December 24-25 when restrictions and frustrations could temporarily slow you down.

FAMOUS GEMINIS

Angelina Jolie, Prince, Nicole Kidman.

NEW YEAR MOTTO

"Don'tsitstill,don'tevertrytobelessthanwhatyouare." – Angelina Jolie

CANCER

JUNE 22 - JULY 23

LOVE & LUST

Coupled Crabs – January and February are the most loved-up months of the year so plan something appropriately romantic – like a special gift, a candlelit dinner or a weekend escape. But expect extra stress on the partnership in March or April when the eclipses could stir up problems at home or work. Singles – Cupid's arrow is most likely to strike in January or February when Venus and Mars both transit through your relationship zone. So it's a good time to revamp your dating profile, brush up on your flirting technique and practise your seductive one-liners!

LOOT & LUCK

Pluto transits through one of your money zones for most of the year. Which is good news for financial matters involving investments, superannuation, taxes and joint ventures – as long as you are resourceful and adopt a patient, long-term strategy. But take extra care from August 15-28, when Mercury reverses through your cash zone. Clever Crabs will avoid signing important contracts and making big ticket purchases (like a house or car) during this period.

LIFESTYLE

Plan a weekend getaway or a longer holiday during the month of March – somewhere relaxing near a beautiful beach, lake or river would be perfect. With Saturn and Neptune activating your aspirations zone, plus lucky Jupiter and adventurous Uranus hooking up in your hopes-and-wishes zone, April 20-21 and May 23-24 are the best times to set solid goals, make creative plans, and work on manifesting your preferred future. Then spend the rest of the year making your dreams come true!

FAMOUS CANCERS

Margot Robbie, Nelson Mandela, Princess Diana.

NEW YEAR MOTTO

"Be fearless in pursuing your dreams, even if they seem impossible. I've got big, big dreams for the future." – Margot Robbie

LEO

JULY 24 - AUGUST 23

LOVE & LUST

With Pluto transiting through your relationship zone for most of the year, plus a Lunar Eclipse in your intimacy zone, it will be a dramatic year for affairs of the heart. Coupled Cats – don't let jealousy mar an otherwise promising partnership. 2024 is the year to transform your attitudes to love and long-term commitment. Singles – look for love with an amorous Aquarian or a sexy Sagittarian. But an established or burgeoning relationship could temporarily run off the rails between November 25 and December 16 when Mercury reverses through your romance zone.

LOOT & LUCK

When it comes to your career and/or life direction, expect a lucky surprise in the last two weeks of April, when Jupiter (planet of prosperity) hooks up with Uranus (planet of change). Clever Cats will turn a short-term opportunity into a long-term gain. Your other fortunate period is during the first week of June, when you could benefit financially from a friend or family member. But steer clear of spending sprees between August 4-15, when Mercury reverses through your money zone.

LIFESTYLE

2024 is the year to change jobs, if you're not happy, and pursue dreams that capitalise on your natural Leo talents. If you write down your goals and aspirations (and refer to them regularly) then there is a greater chance they will manifest. Many Lions will start a new course of study or embark on a holiday (or business trip) in April, when the Solar Eclipse activates your education and travel zones. But make sure you check your flights, itinerary and appointments extra carefully between April 1-25, when Mercury is retrograde.

FAMOUS LEOS

Jennifer Lopez, Chris Hemsworth, Helen Mirren.

NEW YEAR MOTTO

"You have something special and different to offer that nobody else can." – Jennifer Lopez

VIRGO

AUGUST 24 - SEPTEMBER 23

LOVE & LUST

May and June are the best months to travel somewhere special with your sweetheart. But the relationship could hit a rocky patch in August or December, especially if you work with your partner. Singles – the luckiest months to look for your soulmate are May and June, when Venus and Mars expand your romantic horizons, and you could hit the love jackpot. But have you got ridiculously unrealistic expectations that no mere mortal can possibly meet? Neptune and Saturn urge you to look for someone who is romantic, responsible – and fabulously flawed.

LOOT & LUCK

With three eclipses activating your money zone (in March, April, and October) expect some financial ups and downs in 2024. It could be a case of cash pouring in one month and then slim pickings the next. Things look particularly complicated in April, when Mercury reverses through your $$$ zone and your bank balance could go backwards. So make sure you plan and prepare for a feast and famine kind of year.

LIFESTYLE

There is a rare astrological aspect in 2024, when Jupiter and Uranus link up in your adventure zone. So it's a good year to expand your mind, explore foreign shores and experiment with innovative ways of doing things. Learn something new or travel somewhere you've always wanted to go! But try to stay put between November 25 and December 16, when Mercury reverses through your domestic zone and there'll be family members who need your help or things that need fixing around your home.

FAMOUS VIRGOS

Sophia Loren, Beyoncé Knowles, Prince Harry.

NEW YEAR MOTTO

"It's better to explore life and make mistakes than to play it safe. Mistakes are part of the dues one pays for a full life." – Sophia Loren

GLOBAL FORECAST FOR 2024

On January 21, Pluto (the slow-moving planet of powerful transformation) transits from the conservative, status quo, leader-focused sign of Capricorn into the progressive, inventive, group-focused sign of Aquarius. Then (apart from a brief stint back in Capricorn from September 1 until November 19) Pluto stays in Aquarius until 2044.

The last time Pluto transited through Aquarius was from 1778 until 1798, a period that included the colonisation of Australia, the Industrial Revolution, the French Revolution, and the (gradual) abolition of the slave trade. So, expect discoveries, innovations, rebellions and revolutions. There'll also be radical regeneration in areas involving science, space travel and sustainable technologies, plus increasing power/access/representation for previously under-represented groups in society.

On May 26, prosperity planet Jupiter transits into the sign of Gemini, where it stays for over a year. This heralds a positive period for people and businesses involved in communication, education, academic research, publishing and the media. And the luckiest days of 2024? June 2-3: when Jupiter and Pluto favour political reforms, professional advancement and financial gain.

What's ahead for you? Read the personal forecast for your zodiac sign below.

LIBRA

SEPTEMBER 24 - OCTOBER 23

LOVE & LUST

Mercury reverses through your partnership zone from April 1-25, so it's not a good time to join a singles' site, go on a first date, propose, get married, renew your wedding vows, or embark on a holiday with your sweetheart. Coupled Libra – passion and attraction are high in May, so plan a sexy getaway. If you're single, the best month to look for your soulmate is May, when proactive Mars visits your love zone. And don't be shy about promoting your positive qualities. If you don't love and respect yourself, why should anyone else?

LOOT & LUCK

A lucky opportunity or a financial boost could come your way around April 20-21, when Jupiter and Uranus hook up in your money-from-others zone. During the first week of June, you'll find friendship, luck, travel and business are all linked. So it's a good time to start (and promote) a promising venture, especially with a friend or business partner from another country or culture. When it comes to making a major decision at work, listen to your inner voice in September. It will point you in the right direction.

LIFESTYLE

Two eclipses light up your sign, so identity and image are important in 2024. The Lunar Eclipse (on March 25) highlights close relationships and passion projects. The Solar Eclipse (on October 2-3) is a fabulous time to refresh your image via a hot new hairstyle, a makeup makeover or a wardrobe revamp. You have a strong need to assert your independence but that must be blended with good communication skills, personally and professionally. Balance and compromise are the keys.

FAMOUS LIBRANS

Naomi Watts, Hugh Jackman, Kate Winslet.

NEW YEAR MOTTO

"You have to make peace with yourself. The key is to find the harmony in what you have." – Naomi Watts

SCORPIO

OCTOBER 24 - NOVEMBER 22

LOVE & LUST

There's a rare aspect on June 2-3, when Jupiter and Uranus hook up in your relationship zone. Coupled Scorpios – plan a romantic surprise with your sweetheart around this time. Singles – someone special could knock you off your feet. You could also fall in love while you (or they) are travelling, or with someone from another country or culture. The Lunar Eclipse (on September 17-18) brings a rocky romance to a dramatic head. The pressure's on to make a decision – will you stay, or will you go?

LOOT & LUCK

Finances and luck are linked from May 26 onwards, when Jupiter (planet of good fortune) transits through your money-from-others zone. So expect a boost to your bank balance via a pay rise, bonus, better job, superannuation payout or extra business coming your way. Any windfall won't last long if you don't manage it wisely though. And keep a close eye on incoming bills and your weekly budget between November 25 and December 16 when Mercury reverses through your money zone.

LIFESTYLE

Keep a close eye on your health and stress levels in April, when a Solar Eclipse (and retrograde Mercury) stir up your wellbeing zone. Prosperity planet Jupiter forms a fabulous (rare) aspect with your power planet Pluto on June 2-3. So keep your eyes open for lucky breaks and awesome opportunities around this time, especially involving travel, relatives or real estate. It will also give you a welcome confidence boost, as optimism is high and other people are drawn to you (romantically, platonically, and/or professionally) like moths to a flame.

FAMOUS SCORPIOS

Katy Perry, Ryan Gosling, Delta Goodrem.

NEW YEAR MOTTO

"If you present yourself with confidence, you can pull off pretty much anything." – Katy Perry

SAGITTARIUS

NOVEMBER 23 - DECEMBER 21

LOVE & LUST

Relationships will mostly be 'steady as she goes' in 2024, which could be an issue for some restless Sagittarians. If you're attached, do all you can to reinvigorate a stale partnership or fix a frustrating problem. If you allow complacency to set in, then it won't be long before you're heading out the door. Singles – you could experience a cosmic connection with an amorous Aries or a generous Gemini. April and May are the prime months to enjoy a weekend escape with your new lover when Venus and Mars fire up your mojo and your libido goes into overdrive.

LOOT & LUCK

Slow down at the New Year sales (especially between January 1-4) and be careful you don't make impulsive, expensive purchases that you later regret. Early June is fabulous for investments, superannuation and joint finances and, from May 26 until November 24, you could benefit financially through your partner. But August and December aren't good months to buy or sell real estate and investments, when penny-pinching Saturn could limit profits and maximise losses. Smart Sagittarians will do some research, be patient and wait for a more opportune time.

LIFESTYLE

The most exciting time of the year? Around April 20-21, when a big surprise comes along – especially involving travel, work, education or health. The most difficult time? Around August 19-20, when Saturn squares your ruling planet, Jupiter. Confidence and energy levels will be low, and you'll feel particularly vulnerable and sensitive to the criticism of others. So try to surround yourself with positive people who encourage your talents and support your dreams.

FAMOUS SAGITTARIANS

Taylor Swift, Brad Pitt, Miley Cyrus.

NEW YEAR MOTTO

"Never believe anyone who tells you that you don't deserve what you want." – Taylor Swift

CAPRICORN

DECEMBER 22 - JANUARY 20

LOVE & LUST

There's a rare conjunction of Jupiter and Uranus in your love zone, so expect some romantic volatility in 2024. Coupled Capricorn – a solid relationship will endure but a shaky one could experience a few bumps along the way, or even break up. Try to inject some adventure and excitement into the partnership to keep it fresh and interesting. Unhappily single? The best times to meet your soulmate are between January 23-February 16 and June 17-July 11, when Venus sends Cupid in your direction and you're at your charismatic best.

LOOT & LUCK

During the first two weeks of January, you're keen to hunt down some fabulous bargains at the New Year sales, in person and online. Your luckiest days of the year are June 2-3, when Jupiter and Pluto increase opportunities and boost financial, work and business acumen. So early June is a fortuitous time to talk business, make moves and do deals. But Lady Luck goes missing in August and December when prosperity planet Jupiter is at odds with your ruling planet Saturn. Over-confidence and inflated expectations could also trip you up during this time.

LIFESTYLE

Jupiter jumps into your work and wellbeing being zones on May 26, which is good news for health matters and job satisfaction for the rest of the year. Then Pluto makes its final transit through your sign from September 1 until November 19, which is a good time to detox, dig deep, dismantle the old and start rebuilding the new. The Solar Eclipse on October 2-3 could prompt you to start an ambitious professional project or head off in a transformative fresh direction.

FAMOUS CAPRICORNS

David Bowie, Dolly Parton, Timothee Chalamet.

NEW YEAR MOTTO

"Tomorrow belongs to those who can hear it coming." – David Bowie

AQUARIUS

JANUARY 21 - FEBRUARY 19

LOVE & LUST

The best time for lashings of romance is from February 16 until March 11, when love planet Venus visits your sign. If you've been putting up with bad behaviour from your partner, then things could come to a climax between August 4-28, when Mercury reverses through your relationship and intimacy zones. Singles – expect a fiery attraction with someone who works in tourism or education. Or with someone from a different country or culture. Someone adventurous who will transform your world.

LOOT & LUCK

Prosperity planet Jupiter jumps into your good fortune zone on May 26. So late May, June and July are lucky months to sell shares or real estate, enter a competition, buy a lottery ticket, win at the casino or launch a lucrative project. But avoid making important financial decisions (like applying for a loan or signing a contract) when Saturn stirs up your money zone in August and December. Friends and finances are also a dodgy mix during this time, so do your best to keep the two separate.

LIFESTYLE

The Solar Eclipses signal a fresh start involving family or local community (in April) and travel or education (in October). Do you want to embark on a dream holiday or live somewhere else? Is it time to upskill or study something new? Think about adjustments you can make and exciting options you can explore. It's a fabulous year to foster friendships and extend your peer group. You could also welcome a new baby or enjoy improved relations with a child, teenager or friend as you share mutual hobbies, sports and interests.

FAMOUS AQUARIANS

Oprah Winfrey, Harry Styles, Jennifer Aniston.

NEW YEAR MOTTO

"The biggest adventure you can take is to live the life of your dreams." – Oprah Winfrey

PISCES

FEBRUARY 20 - MARCH 20

LOVE & LUST

Singles – get circulating in your local community in March (especially March 12-19) because true love could be as close as the boy or girl next door! Attached Pisceans – March is the prime month for love, passion and lashings of romance. But retrograde Mercury rocks the relationship boat from August 4-15, and it will take a while to get things back on an even keel. So it's not a good time to join a singles' site, go on a first date, propose, move in together, get married, renew your wedding vows or escape on a romantic holiday.

LOOT & LUCK

Prosperity planet Jupiter transits into your domestic zone. So the period between May 26 and December 31 is a great time to redecorate, renovate, build an extension, sell property, buy a new home, relocate or start a home-based business. Good fortune could also come via a loved one, distant relative or family friend. However – with three eclipses and retrograde Mercury stirring up your money zones – 2024 is also a year when you'll learn some valuable lessons about being financially organised, responsible and frugal.

LIFESTYLE

Expansive Jupiter makes a fabulous aspect to Neptune (your ruling planet) on May 23-24, which favours vast imaginings, idyllic adventures and big, ambitious reveries. But remember Saturn is still sauntering through your sign, so try to get the balance right between realistic plans and gigantic dreams. You could face a crisis of confidence around August 19-20 when Saturn squares Jupiter, and there could be a challenge involving your health, your family or where you live. Avoid over-inflated expectations and taking on too much around this time.

FAMOUS PISCEANS

Albert Einstein, Rihanna, Drew Barrymore.

NEW YEAR MOTTO

"Imagination is everything. It is the preview of life's coming attractions." – Albert Einstein

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OZ CROSSWORD

No. 071

ACROSS

1 Universal healthcare system (8)
5 Writer on the reverse of the 10-dollar note, Dame Mary – (7)
9 Rule (3)
10 Star of *800 Words*, Erik – (7)
11 Sacred site in Central Australia (5)
12 *Fur* – (famous Beethoven composition) (5)
13 ABC show, – *In Time For Dinner* (4)
14 Nickname for Western Bulldogs captain (3,4)
15 Comedian, – Wilson (5)
16 Wading bird (4)
18 New Zealand comedian, – Brough (4)
20 Melbourne stadium, – Park (4)
22 Markus Zusak's novel, *The Book* – (5)
24 Nevil Shute novel, – – *Like Alice* (1,4)
25 Melbourne art museum (1,1,1)
27 Jazz/funk band from Melbourne, The – Empire (3)
28 Writer on the obverse of the 10-dollar note, Banjo – (8)
29 Beloved Arnott's biscuit, Tim – (3)
31 2018 Australian Local Hero award winner (5,3)
33 Self-isolaton (coll) (3)
36 Colin Hay's rock band, – at Work (3)
38 Bizet opera priestess (5)
39 Greens leader, Adam – (5)
40 *MasterChef* runner-up, Poh Ling – (4)
42 Fourth prime minister of Australia, George – (4)
43 Victorian public transport ticketing system (4)
44 Matildas player, – Carpenter (5)
45 Composer Vivaldi (7)
48 41st Victorian premier, John – (4)
49 Perth-born model, – Gale (5)
51 Aussie rugby league great, Wally – (5)
52 AFL legend, Ron – (7)
53 Type of beer (3)
54 2023 Collingwood premiership player, Brayden – (7)
55 Spec-fic mag (8)

DOWN

1 Campaign to support local business, Australian – (4)
2 Moustachioed cricket legend (5,4)
3 Actress of *Tar* and *Don't Look Up* (4,9)
4 AFLW player for North Melbourne (4,4)
5 2016 *The Bachelorette Australia* star, – Love (7)
6 Get up on (5)
7 Baz Luhrmann's 2001 musical film, *Moulin* – (5)
8 Children's series, *Round the* – (5)
9 Australian rules player for the Gold Coast Suns, Jack – (8)
15 NRL Dragons' CEO (4,4)
17 *Sunrise* weather presenter, – Mac (3)
19 Actor, – LaPaglia (7)
21 Conjecture (7)
22 Third Underbelly series (3,6,4)
23 North Queensland national park, – Island (8)
26 Dr Chris Brown stars in *Bondi* – (3)
30 Parental figure (3)
32 Former Greens leader, Richard – (2,6)
34 Rugby kick (5,4)
35 Sports presenter, – Williams (3)
37 Hector in the 2004 film *Troy* (4,4)
41 Sydney train station (7)
45 Australian rules player for North Melbourne, – Corr (5)
46 Coastal city in New South Wales (5)
47 Adelaide Crows chairman and former SA premier, John – (5)
50 Daily info (4)

ANSWERS:

09-01-24

WORDFIND

No. 071

Y	D	R	I	L	L	H	E	R	Y	T	E	F	A	S
R	E	R	A	L	A	R	M	K	A	O	P	I	H	A
E	S	M	W	N	E	G	Y	X	O	H	A	H	C	I
V	N	A	E	S	U	A	C	S	Y	M	C	A	R	N
O	R	S	S	A	L	A	D	D	E	R	S	R	O	A
C	U	L	E	N	F	O	R	C	E	M	E	N	T	M
E	B	A	V	C	R	A	T	L	I	T	F	E	E	O
R	N	C	O	I	N	E	O	C	I	E	A	S	G	R
N	S	I	L	T	M	R	Z	N	D	B	R	S	D	Y
K	S	M	G	L	T	B	G	A	S	H	E	S	A	P
C	E	E	E	N	O	I	S	O	L	P	X	E	B	A
U	C	H	O	O	E	V	W	E	M	B	E	R	S	E
R	C	C	T	S	T	A	E	H	E	S	U	O	D	L
T	A	S	E	R	B	A	R	R	I	C	A	D	E	O
R	Y	E	M	A	L	F	C	O	U	R	A	G	E	P

Can you find all the words listed in the grid below? The remaining letters will spell out a message.

ACCESS
ALARM
ARSON
ASHES
BADGE
BARRICADE
BLAZE
BOOTS
BURN
CAUSE
CHAR
CHEMICALS
CONTROL
COURAGE
CRAWL
CREW
DOUSE
DRILL
EMBERS
ENFORCE-MENT
ENGINE
ESCAPE
EXPLOSION
FLAME
GLOVES
HARNESS
HEAT
HELMET
HYDRANT
IGNITE
LADDER
OXYGEN
POLE
PYROMANIA
RECOVERY
SAFETY
SMOKE
TORCH
TRUCK

SECRET MESSAGE: Heroism, sacrifice and bravery

SUDOKU

No. 421

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

HOW TO PLAY: 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.

ANSWERS:

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

JUMBLE

No. 071

Can you unscramble the words below? The circled letters will create another word.

RMRAY
NVOEL
RBWLA
KSNUK
LINTF

ANSWERS: MARRY, BRAWL, FLINT, NOVEL, SKUNK, (FLAVOURS)

EIGHT AROUND

Can you work out what the missing letter is that spells an 8-letter word? It could read either clockwise or anti-clockwise.

No. 139

No. 140

ANSWERS: WOBBLING, BICYCLES

WORD STEP

No. 071

WORDY

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CULTS

Complete the list by changing one letter at a time to create a new word at each step.

There may be more than one possible answer.

ANSWER: WORDY, WORDS, CORDS, COLDS, COLTS, CULTS

WEATHER

FORECAST

Warnings
See www.bom.gov.au/australia/warnings
SOUTH AUSTRALIA:
Keith: Cloud clearing. 11/26
Tomorrow: Mostly sunny. 11/30
Bordertown: Partly cloudy. 12/26
Tomorrow: Mostly sunny. 12/29
Naracoorte: Partly cloudy. 12/25
Tomorrow: Mostly sunny. 11/29
Robe: Partly cloudy. 13/19
Tomorrow: Cloud clearing. 13/22
Coonawarra: Partly cloudy. 12/23
Tomorrow: Cloud clearing. 12/28
Mount Gambier: Partly cloudy. 11/23
Tomorrow: Cloud clearing. 11/26
State Forecast:
Mostly dry, apart from the chance of light showers about the southeast. Maximum temperatures below average about the agricultural area with south to southeasterly winds, tending above average over west with east to northeasterly winds.
Thursday. Dry apart from possible showers or storms in the far northeast corner. Maximum temperatures above average about the west with east to northeasterly winds and below average about the east with south to southeasterly winds.
Friday. Isolated showers and storms about the North East Pastoral district. Maximum temperatures, mostly above average though remaining below average about the northeast. Southeast to northeasterly winds.
Lower South East District:
Partly cloudy. Light winds becoming southwesterly 15 to 25 km/h in the morning then becoming light in the late evening.
Thursday. The chance of morning fog. Sunny afternoon. Light winds becoming south to southeasterly 15 to 25 km/h during the morning then becoming light during the evening.
VICTORIA:
State Forecast:
Warm across much of the State, mostly sunny in the north and partly cloudy south of the ranges. Mild in the southwest. Isolated showers on and south of the ranges, mainly in the east. The chance of thunderstorms in East Gippsland. Light to moderate easterly winds shifting southerly in the afternoon.
South West District:
Partly cloudy. Light winds becoming west to southwesterly 15 to 20 km/h in the morning then tending south to southwesterly 15 to 25 km/h in the evening.
Thursday. Partly cloudy. The chance of morning fog in the west. Winds southerly 15 to 20 km/h turning southeasterly 15 to 25 km/h during the morning.

WEDNESDAY 10AM

THURSDAY 10AM

Forecast Rain 24 hrs to 9am | 1024 hectoPascal (hPa) | trough | cold front | warm front

LIMESTONE COAST

COASTAL WATERS

Upper South East Coastal Waters:
Murray Mouth to Cape Jaffa
Winds: West to southwesterly about 10 knots increasing to 10 to 15 knots in the middle of the day then tending south to southwesterly in the late afternoon. Seas: Below 1 metre. Swell: Southwesterly 1.5 metres, increasing to 1.5 to 2 metres during the afternoon. Weather: Partly cloudy.
Tomorrow: Winds: South to southeasterly about 10 knots increasing to 15 to 20 knots during the day. Seas: Around 1 metre, increasing to 1 to 1.5 metres south of Salt Creek during the afternoon or evening. Swell: Southwesterly 2 to 2.5 metres. Weather: Cloud clearing.
Lower South East Coastal Waters:
Cape Jaffa to SA-Vic Border
Winds: Westerly 10 to 15 knots turning south to southwesterly below 10 knots in the evening. Seas: Below 1 metre. Swell: Southwesterly 1.5 to 2.5 metres. Weather: Partly cloudy.
Tomorrow: Winds: Variable below 10 knots becoming southeasterly 10 to 15 knots during the morning. Seas: Around 1 metre. Swell: Southwesterly 2 to 3 metres. Weather: Partly cloudy.
West Victoria Coastal Waters:
SA-Vic Border to Cape Otway
Winds: Variable below 10 knots becoming westerly 10 to 15 knots early in the morning then tending southwesterly in the late evening. Seas: Around 1 metre. 1st Swell: Southwesterly 1.5 to 2 metres, decreasing to 1.5 metres during the morning, then increasing to 1.5 to 2.5 metres around midday. 2nd Swell: East to southeasterly around 1 metre. Weather: Cloudy.
Tomorrow: Winds: Variable about 10 knots becoming southeasterly 10 to 15 knots during the afternoon then tending easterly during the evening. Seas: Below 1 metre. Swell: Southwesterly 2 to 3 metres. Weather: Partly cloudy.

CAPITAL CITIES

City	Condition	Max
Adelaide	Mostly sunny.	27
Brisbane	Shower or two.	31
Canberra	Partly cloudy.	30
Darwin	Showers. Possible storm.	31
Hobart	Partly cloudy.	25
Melbourne	Partly cloudy.	25
Perth	Sunny.	33
Sydney	Partly cloudy.	29

SUN & MOON

	Sunrise	Sunset	Moonrise	Moonset
Thursday	5:58am	8:30pm	4:59am	8:43pm
Friday	5:59am	8:30pm	6:11am	9:32pm
Saturday	6:00am	8:30pm	7:29am	10:12pm
Sunday	6:01am	8:30pm	8:46am	10:46pm
Monday	6:02am	8:29pm	10:01am	11:15pm
Tuesday	6:03am	8:29pm	11:13am	11:42pm

THE WORLD

World conditions yesterday

City	Weather	Max	Min
Athens	cloudy	10	4
Auckland	fine	27	17
Bangkok	fog	35	26
Beijing	fine	3	-8
Berlin	fine	-1	-8
Christchurch	fine	22	16
Denpasar	cloudy	34	27
Dublin	cloudy	4	3
Hong Kong	sunny	23	18
Honolulu	showers	26	21
Jakarta	cloudy	29	26
Johannesburg	rain	23	17
Kuala Lumpur	storms	33	25
London	sunny	5	0
Los Angeles	sunny	16	6
Madrid	rain	9	2
Moscow	snow	-10	-22
New Delhi	fog	17	7
New York	rain	11	9
Noumea	rain	31	25
Paris	sunny	0	-3
Auckland	fine	27	17
Port Vila	showers	30	24
Seoul	cloudy	6	-2
Singapore	storms	32	23
Suva	storms	31	25
Tel Aviv	showers	19	12
Tokyo	rain	10	3
Vancouver	showers	6	4
Wellington	fine	25	14

TIDES

Beachport
Today:
H: 12:51am 1.1m
L: 4:59pm 0.2m

Tomorrow:
H: 1:26am 1.1m
L: 5:47pm 0.2m

Friday:
H: 2:02am 1.2m
L: 6:30pm 0.1m

Saturday:
H: 2:35am 1.2m
L: 10:26am 0.4m
H: 1:09pm 0.4m
L: 7:10pm 0.1m
Sunday:
H: 3:04am 1.1m
L: 10:32am 0.4m
H: 1:45pm 0.5m
L: 7:48pm 0.1m
Monday:
H: 3:27am 1.0m
L: 10:31am 0.4m
H: 2:25pm 0.5m
L: 8:24pm 0.2m
Port Macdonnell
Today:
H: 2:14am 1.1m
L: 5:45pm 0.3m

Tomorrow:
H: 2:42am 1.2m
L: 12:15pm 0.4m
H: 1:02pm 0.4m
L: 6:37pm 0.3m
Friday:
H: 3:11am 1.3m
L: 12:31pm 0.4m
H: 1:43pm 0.4m
L: 7:21pm 0.2m
Saturday:
H: 3:42am 1.3m
L: 11:31am 0.5m
H: 2:10pm 0.5m
L: 8:02pm 0.2m
Sunday:
H: 4:12am 1.3m
L: 11:33am 0.5m
H: 2:41pm 0.6m
L: 8:41pm 0.2m
Monday:
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THE offering of 375 Ripley Road provides a great opportunity as an add-on parcel or a stand-alone enterprise with versatility the key ingredient for future development on the 129ha property.

Located north of Apsley near Benayeo, in the western part of the Wimmera region of Victoria and noted for the heavier grey/black loam over clay fertile soils, this predominantly all-arable property has been well managed.

The properties' flat grey/black loam over clay soil structure and buloke landscape is well suited to the diversification of cropping, hay production and grazing, as is prevalent throughout the Wimmera region. The property has a scattering of large red gums and buloke trees with pastures of balansa and trikala, fertilised by intermittent applications.

At the end of an all-weather track from Ripley Road, there is a 3-stand timber and iron shearing shed in good condition, which combines as a shearing facility, lunchroom and general storage. Included are three electric overhead shearing machines. Timber sheepyards with a three-way drafting system service the shearing shed. The property is serviced by 240 Volt mains power. The property has been carrying 650 ewes.

Stock water is provided by a bore-equipped submersible electric pump to troughs and yards located throughout the property. Stock water is supplemented by well-located dams.

The property is fenced into 7 main paddocks and three smaller holding paddocks. Fencing is of redgum posts with cyclone and barb wire and internal gates. Rainfall is approx.480mm annually on a long-term average basis.

The property is located 15 km north of Apsley Victoria, 48 km from Naracoorte SA and 112 km from the city of Horsham Victoria. The recreation reserve on the public lake of Bringalbert, a recognised water activity zone, is located 7 km away.

HOME **ESSENTIALS**

Address: 375 Ripley Park Road, APSLEY Price: For Sale by Expression of Interest – closing 2pm on 31st January 2024 Inspect: By appointment
Contact: Richard Harvie 0428 838 570 and Renea Virgo Boddington 0428 832 728, PPHS. RLA: 315655

PPHS
MUNGA FARM
715 Danby's Road, Frances SA
520 ha 1285 ac
FOR SALE
Expressions of Interest
Closing 2pm on 18th January 2024

• As new irrigation infrastructure with assured water supply
• Healthy and productive cropping and grazing property
• Diverse farming opportunity

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Renea Virgo Boddington 0428 832 728

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PPHS
375 Ripley Park Rd
Apsley Vic
129 ha 320 ac
FOR SALE
Expressions of Interest
Closing 2pm on 31st January 2024

• Excellent grazing and breeding property
• Opportunity for development
• Assured rainfall area

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Glitter effects in Diamond. Picture: DULUX AUSTRALIA

Gold effect in Gold Vintage. Stylist Liberty Interiors. Picture: DULUX AUSTRALIA

Suede effect in Fossil Beige. Picture: DULUX AUSTRALIA

Metal shimmer in Star Masquerade. Stylists: Bree Leech and Heather Nette King. Picture: DULUX AUSTRALIA AND MIKE BAKER

WALLS WITH A WOW FACTOR

CREATING a modern yet timeless feature wall that leaves a lasting impression in your home can be a daunting and unfamiliar task.

Whether the aim is to inject playful colour into a child's bedroom or add a touch of sophistication to a kitchen, a textured feature wall is guaranteed to bring the 'wow' factor into any living space.

Accent walls have long been an affordable way to give a space a facelift.

Dulux Colour Expert Andrea Lucena-Orr says when it comes to creating a feature wall, you must work it so it harmonises with your existing colour scheme, furniture, and accessories.

"Consider the kitchen, for example; Dulux Design Stainless Steel Effect used on cabinetry will complement an already industrial-looking space, whereas the Dulux Design Suede Effect is more suited to creating a luxurious and moody feel – perfect for a formal living or dining room.

"Other popular design trends we are seeing include concrete and metallic accents. Dulux Design Concrete Effect in Pale Elements in a casual living area or hallway entrance pairs beautifully with raw materials, such as timber, linen, wool, stone and leather; and Dulux Design Metallic Effect can be created as a contemporary backdrop for artwork."

Whatever space you're looking to enhance, it's important to consider how exposed the room is to natural light as this will affect the textural features and impact of the accent wall, says Andrea Lucena-Orr.

"If the Dulux Design Glitter Effect is your desirable effect, choose a room with an abundance of light – both natural and artificial – so you enjoy the most benefits from the luminescence," she says.

"To optimise a feature wall's impact on a space, colour consideration goes hand-in-hand with lighting. Like standard paint, always ensure you do a sample patch on large cardboard to see how it works alongside your fixtures, furniture and accessories before making the full commitment."

Stainless steel effect. Picture: DULUX AUSTRALIA

Concrete effect in Onyx Edge. Picture: DULUX AUSTRALIA

Glitter effects in Diamond. Picture: DULUX AUSTRALIA

Dulux stone effect in Dreamstone White. Stylists: Bree Leech and Heather Nette King. Picture: DULUX AUSTRALIA AND MIKE BAKER

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8 Woolundry Rd, Robe

Tranquil hideaway with stunning lake views

The home is packed full of character and charm, with superb styling really giving it a personality of its own. The open plan kitchen, living and dining area is the heart of the home providing stunning views. This area is comfortable all year round with slow combustion wood fire, and large sliding doors providing a sea breeze. The deck overlooks the large pet friendly yard and lake. The large main bedroom also provides lake views and features an ensuite and access to the outdoor entertaining area. The two other bedrooms are comfortable, one with featuring vintage wallpaper.

The allotment gently runs down to large detached room which could be used in multiple ways; second living area, kids games area, large bedroom or storage area to name a few.The allotment also provides direct access to Lake Fellmongery through a gate. 8 Woolundry Road has only been offered just three times; opportunities to secure low a maintenance holiday retreat in one of the quietest streets and sought after areas of Robe are rarely presented.

Contact Tom Pearce 0427 642 138 or Karly Honner 0438 339 729 for more information.

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For Sale

Inspect: 14th Jan 2024, 10am - 11am or By Appointment
Price: $725,000
Contact: Tom Pearce 0427 642 138
Karly Honner 0438 339 729

1 Jessie St, Penola

Tranquil Home on quiet Jessie St

Nestled amidst the picturesque landscapes of Penola with beautiful views of Coonawarra vineyards and surrounded by a beautiful established garden, 1 Jessie Street is a tranquil retreat on a large 1,040m².
This cherished property has been lovingly maintained by the same family for more than 40 years, offering the essence of a true home. Tucked away on the quiet Jessie Street, the home is situated at the peaceful northern end of Penola yet only a short drive to all of Penola's convenient amenities, Schools and Sporting Facilities. Through the front door of the home you'll step into the comfortable living area, complete with reverse cycle A/C and garden views through the large window. This area extends to the combined kitchen and dining area. The home also offers three spacious bedrooms, bathroom, separate toilet, laundry and linen cupboard. At the rear of the home the outdoor area is perfect for entertaining, overlooking the lush lawns and garden. The property also boasts a double bay shed and secure rear yard, ensuring safety and convenience.
Perfect for first-time home buyers, retiree, or investors, this abode is perfect as is, or holds limitless potential for the renovator. Contact Karly on 0438 339 729 or Mark 0428 372 124 today.

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For Sale

Inspect: By Appointment
Price: $295,000-$315,000
Contact: Karly Honner 0438 339 729
Mark De Garis 0428 372 124

128 Church St, Penola

Expansive Allotment, Huge Sheds, Recently Renovated

Welcome to 128 Church Street, a delightful residence nestled in the heart of Penola. This meticulously maintained property seamlessly combines contemporary comforts with timeless elegance, creating an ideal abode for those with discerning tastes. This three-bedroom plus office, timber-framed home has undergone recent renovations to infuse it with a modern ambiance. The open-plan kitchen, dining, and living area provide a spacious and inviting atmosphere. The new bathroom and laundry areas complement this modernization, all within a generous space of approximately 200m2. Step outside to discover an expansive entertaining area some 150m2 that opens to a sizable rear lawn, perfect for leisure and relaxation.
Situated on an extensive allotment spanning 3161 square meters, the property offers ample space for manoeuvring vehicles. The impressive shedding includes a 15m x 12m x 3m Galvanized shed and a lofty 15m x 9m x 4.5m Colourbond shed. A convenient Double Garage on the side of the house adds to the practicality of the property.
With rainwater plumbed to both the house and garden, and a bore and watering system servicing the lush greenery, the property is well-equipped for sustainable living.

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For Sale

Inspect: By appointment
Price: $500,000 - $540,000
Contact: Mark De Garis 0428 372 124

Farm

PROTECT YOUR LIVESTOCK: Livestock owners are reminded to ensure they provide adequate shelter for their livestock. Picture: FILE

Proper shelter is essential

LIVESTOCK owners are reminded to ensure they provide adequate shelter for their livestock if there are severe weather events forecast over the remainder of summer.

Agriculture Victoria principal veterinary officer Dr Dianne Phillips said recent localised severe weather has seen a higher number of deaths in vulnerable livestock in some areas of Victoria.

'Severe weather can include high winds, concentrated rainfall and/or hail and sudden temperature changes, which can impact livestock even in the warmer months of summer.'

Dr Phillips said vulnerable groups of livestock are those which are more prone to the effects of exposure and can include:

- recently shorn sheep
- livestock with newborns or recently weaned animals
- livestock with parasitism or other underlying diseases associated with weight loss, anaemia, or low protein levels.

"Farmers are encouraged to also ensure livestock are up to date with routine stock health management requirements, such as drenching and vaccination programs, and to conduct regular inspections, monitoring for and treatment of diseases," she said.

"This will help your animals stay healthy and be able to better adapt to changing conditions."

'Cold weather increases an animal's energy requirement to keep warm.

As a result, when storms are forecast, additional supplementary feed before the event should be considered.

"Adequate shelter can include paddock shelter belts (often retained vegetation and tree plantings), sheds or other buildings where stock can shelter on the side out of the wind, and undercover yards like those at a shearing shed.

"Isolated paddock trees can provide some shelter for livestock but can also act as a conductor for lightning strikes in a thunderstorm, which, in some circumstances, can lead to sudden death of livestock sheltering underneath the tree," said Dr Phillips.

If you need assistance with livestock losses associated with severe weather events, please contact your private vet or your local animal health team.

For emergency assistance, phone the Emergency Animal Disease (EAD) hotline on 1800 675 888.

Help grow new generation of farm workers

SOUTH-WEST Victorian farmers are being asked to open their gates to help train a new generation of farm workers.

South West TAFE Agriculture Teaching Education Manager Bec Toleman said students need access to animals and different types of farms to get the most out of their agricultural courses.

"We want to provide our students with the opportunity to observe, learn and participate in activities on farms to expand their knowledge," Ms Toleman said.

However, a dearth of options has led to an appeal to the industry for greater input.

"For the past few years, I've been using my own network of friends and contacts but we need to access animals and more farms for all of our ag courses," Mr Toleman said.

Ms Toleman said it was important that students see different types of farms, from family to corporate operations, organic, beef, sheep, dairy or produce.

Students need practical work and can help with on-farm jobs.

"We want our students to gain a wide variety of skills and an understanding of the different farming enterprises in the south-west region.

If anyone has animals coming up to drenching, vaccination, if any sheep, beef or dairy farms are doing anything new and innovative that can benefit students," she said.

"It could be doing multispecies pastures, installing new equipment or helping with some fencing, we can come out and use their property to teach the students and also help get the jobs done on the farm."

Last year students helped to drench more than 450 sheep on one property and also watched vets pregnancy testing animals.

"The more input we have from industry, the better it will be for trainees," Ms Toleman said.

"If we open our doors to the farms, the farms are going to see the benefits and start signing up trainees.

"We want practical activities, not just coming out and watching but being able to do things that will help students gain knowledge and experience. We're not asking farmers to do the training; our teachers will be there; we just need properties and jobs where our students can get experience."

Access to farms would be once or twice a year and our students would be fully supervised by our experienced trainers.

South West TAFE is seeking host farms anywhere in the south-west, particularly the Hamilton, Colac and Glenormiston areas.

Any farmer able to help can contact Ms Toleman on Rebecca.Toleman@swtafe.edu.au or 0466 506 728.

Farm

Youth Cattle Camp success

THE Western District Youth Camp has been revived for 2024 to introduce a new generation of young people to the world of dairy cattle.

The camp was held at the Noorat Showgrounds from January 3-5, the first since 2020, fully subscribed with 50 people aged 8-16 attending from South Australia and Victoria.

It was supported by major sponsor DemoDAIRY Foundation.

Organising committee member Lucy Collins said the new-look camp had returned with a broader emphasis.

"Historically the camp had a strong focus on teaching children to show cattle but this year's event has been expanded into a more inclusive opportunity for young people to be exposed to cattle handling, care and husbandry," Ms Collins said.

"It's much more than just showing and there is a strong focus on farming careers."

Traditionally there was a close affiliation with Holstein cattle but this year's event also includes Jerseys and other breeds.

Ms Collins said there was strong demand for the camp. "Unfortunately, we had to turn some people away, which is indicative of the appetite for learning about cattle and to have this type of experience with other young people," she said.

Most of the participants have some farming background but some are being introduced to agriculture for the first time.

"It's about connecting kids to other kids to share similar experiences and interests and also expose young people who haven't had the opportunity to experience the agricultural lifestyle," Ms Collins said.

The local organising committee included former participants in the camp.

"They have benefited from the camps in the past and have now volunteered to share their experiences as group leaders."

Ms Collins said the organising committee was grateful for the contribution from major sponsors Demo DAIRY Foundation.

"The DemoDAIRY Foundation support has been an essential part of reinvigorating the event," she said.

Visit the DemoDAIRY Foundation website https://www.demodairy.com.au or contact DDF secretary Ian Teese on 0427 358987 or itag@bigpond.com for more information on DDF.

The Western District Youth Camp was revived for 2024 after last being held in 2020.

Australian fisheries and aquaculture thrives

AQUACULTURE has had another successful year within the Australian seafood industry, according to the latest edition of ABARES Australian Fisheries and Aquaculture Statistics.

Acting ABARES executive director David Galeano said the gross value of fishery and aquaculture production (GVP) in 2021-22 increased by 8 per cent to $3.42 billion, with aquaculture exceeding the value of wild-catch.

"Over the last two decades we've seen aquaculture continue to grow, helping to boost overall fisheries production," Mr Galeano said.

"The share of aquaculture in total Australian fisheries and aquaculture GVP in 2021-22 was 56 per cent, driven largely by an increased value of salmonids.

"The total value of fishery and aquaculture products exports increased by 2 per cent to $1.28 billion in 2021-22, largely reflecting the increased export values of salmonids and abalone.

"In 2021-22, Australians consumed around 350,000 tonnes of seafood in 2021-22, equivalent to 13.8 kilograms per person.

"While consumption of seafood was less than chicken, pork and beef, it was above lamb and sheep meat consumption for the year.

"The value of fishery and aquaculture products imports increased by 2 per cent to $2.19 billion in 2021-22, driven mostly by an increase in the value of prawns."

Australian Fisheries and Aquaculture Statistics 2022 is supported by funding from the Fisheries Research and Development Corporation on behalf of the Australian Government and is available on the ABARES website at agriculture.gov.au/abares/research-topics/fisheries/fisheries-and-aquaculture-statistics

FISH: Australians love their seafood.

Picture: MIKE BERGMANN ON UNSPLASH

Plains Producer

Oct 18 2023

Balaklava bank robbery revelations

South Australian police believe they have made a major breakthrough in the "bicycle bandit" bank robberies that spanned a decade from 2004 to 2014, with the arrest of a 73-year-old O'Sullivan Beach man on Friday.

Former SA police officer and metropolitan firefighter Kym Parsons faced the Adelaide Magistrates court on Friday (October 13), where he was accused of 10 aggravated robberies and one attempted aggravated robbery, all using a firearm.

Mr Parson's lawyers told the court their client denied any involvement in the robberies, and should be released to undertake stage four throat and eye cancer treatment, as his condition was "palliative'.

Police allege significant evidence had already been found in his home, including a semiautomatic Chinese rifle that detectives believe was of similar make to the weapon shown in CCTV footage provided by several banks targeted during the decade long crime spree.

Throughout that period, 11 banks from Mannum to Willunga were all robbed by a lone gunman who, on five occasions, made his escape on bicycle, earning him the aforementioned nickname.

The Balaklava ANZ branch was the third to last establishment targeted by the "bandit" on June 27, 2008, an incident former teller of 25 years Brendan Read remembers "very clearly".

"I'd just finished talking to one of the two customers in the branch, and as I looked up there was someone by the doorway holding a gun and pulling a balaclava over their head," he said.

"My initial reaction was 'this isn't real', because it was like a scene out of a movie, it didn't feel like reality at all, but I shook out of that quickly once he started shouting instructions at us all."

Despite the employees and staff alike all becoming understandably compliant while the dangerous criminal brandished his firearm, Mr Read summoned the courage to question him.

"I asked something like 'what's going on here?', he then threw a green weave duffle bag onto the counter and said 'fill it up with your notes', so we basically emptied the cash draws into it."

After the agitated intruder then had a failed crack at the safe, he instructed the employees to get face down on the ground, before threatening a police officer who had responded to the alarm.

He then escaped - on foot this time, contrary to his nickname - toward his getaway car parked at the town hall, but not before cutting himself on a fence and leaving some crucial DNA behind.

Mr Read said the incident - which plunged local businesses and schools into lockdown and caused each road into town to be temporarily blocked off - affected him in the short term.

The "bicycle bandit" donning a balaclava and holding a semiautomatic rifle inside of an unknown bank. **PHOTO: SUPPLIED**

WHYALLA NEWS

Apr 4 2023

HYDROGEN REVOLUTION

The State Government has invested $593 million for Whyalla to be the home of the Hydrogen Jobs Plan and build the world's biggest electrolyser and hydrogen power station.

Premier Peter Malinauskas gave a passionate speech, on Tuesday, about the power the government has to assist the private sector in creating nation changing projects.

"We can contribute to an effort that sees this region, again, become the industrial heartland, not just of the state, not just of the country, but potentially the world when it comes to green metal fabrication and production," the Premier said.

"It's home of one of the world's, and certainly the nation's, best magnetite resources which also happens to be right next door to one of the best resources of coincident wind and solar that the world knows today."

Mayor Phill Stone welcomed the investment and said it was a positive step towards Whyalla's future.

"It also gives our community confidence that GFG Alliance is well advanced in transitioning away from the operations of the past, and moving towards a far cleaner, greener future, while still focusing on increased employment for our community," Mayor Stone said.

The Premier said there was a demand for labour of skilled and unskilled workers that was almost impossible to comprehend in the Spencer Gulf.

The government will be sharing funding between Whyalla and Port Augusta to assist with the growth in the region.

Port Augusta will receive a large sum of money for a new technical college to help create the skilled workers.

"We've got to start as a government fulfilling our responsibility to try to address that skills gap and invest in young people," the Premier said.

Liberty Steel, part of the GFG Alliance, announced it would be phasing out coal-based steelmaking in Whyalla, which will result in a major increase in production and jobs.

Executive Chairman, Sanjeev Gupta, said the workforce would increase from 3000 to 4000 and the future of the steelworks would be secured, taking employment and prosperity in Whyalla to new heights.

"Today marks the beginning of a new era placing Whyalla at the heart of a global revolution in the steel industry, moving it from being the most polluting of all industries to among the cleanest and greenest," Mr Gupta said.

Premier Peter Malinauskas, GFG Alliance executive chairman Sanjeev Gupt and Federal Minister for Industry and Science, Ed Husic. at the announcement. **PHOTO: RACHEL HAGAN.**

THE MURRAY VALLEY Standard

Reece McArdle's photography captured the levee as it held strong against incoming flood water. **PHOTO: REECE MCARDLE.**

Jan 16 2023

Friendships during flood crisis

Mypolonga, a small township away from the hustle and bustle of larger towns, is facing a once-in-a-generation flood event, with most of the township and neighbouring areas becoming inundated by flood waters as old agricultural levees breakdown across the region.

The new levee protecting the town from the river is an outstanding work of engineering and earthworks, and incorporates crown land located at the top of the hill, by the old water tower.

The Rural City of Murray Bridge acquired local, Ash Martin, to help build the almost two-metre high levee that snakes around Mypolonga.

"I was more than happy to help," Mr Martin said.

"As a local, we've been watching the river for a while.

We weren't confident that the agricultural levees closer to the river were going to hold, and if they breached, then there wasn't anything between the river and part of the town.

"To help with the build, and the reason we got it up so quickly, was because of a really good bunch of blokes to help get it done."

Ensuring stormwater pipes were plugged, and the rocky outer side of the levee would hold, Mr Martin said he was confident the levee would hold to protect the nearby houses and the school.

"I come here almost every day to check it," he said.

Another levee builder, Reece McArdle from Schwarz Excavations, quickly befriended Mr Martin, and has been sharing incredible photos of his own in social media groups as flood waters begin to rip open low lying agricultural levees.

"With myself operating the grader for them, a few truck companies jumped on board as well," Mr McArdle said.

"It took us eight days to complete it from box out to a finished height, at 530 metres or so long and another day to tidy up the batters.

"Ash is a bloody good local fella that helps out everyone he can.

"He's done an unreal job getting this done.

"Fate brought me and Ash to work together because I was helping build the levee to protect the power transformer out by the boat ramp and he was doing the water pump one and we just crossed paths."

The photos going viral on social media was due to Mr McArdle's talent for drone photography and his genuine compassion for the people of Mypolonga.

"I know a lot of the people from the town so it just felt like a good thing to be helping out such a good bunch of people in a small community," he said.

Limestone Coast Today

Nov 22 2023

Officer dies in the line of duty

A normal police call out in Senior has ended in tragedy as one officer was fatally shot and another suffered non-life threatening gunshot wounds.

Officer in Charge of the Lucindale Police Station, 53-year-old Brevet Sergeant Jason Doig died on Thursday, November 16, after he was allegedly shot by a 26-year-old Senior man, who was shot by police and suffered serious life-threatening injuries.

Police Commissioner Grant Stevens said three officers were investigating a report of use of a gun involving an animal, and a commissioners enquiry would be conducted to gather the full circumstances of the incident.

"This is an investigation into the death of a police officer, and obviously an incident where police officers have discharged their firearms and critically injured a member of the community," he said.

"Regardless of the circumstances that requires a thorough and detailed investigation, it will be undertaken by Major Crime and forms part of our commissioners inquiry.

Forensic Response attended the scene, which Mr Stevens said would form part of a full investigation.

Mr Stevens said when they arrived officers Doig, Michael Hutchinson and Rebekah Cass were confronted by the suspect and he allegedly shot Sgt Doig, who died at the scene.

"The occupant also shot Sergeant Michael Hutchinson who received non-life threatening injuries, and Michael Hutchinson has been conveyed to hospital in Adelaide," he said.

"The third officer, Rebekah Cass was not injured during the incident.

"The 26-year-old man was shot by police and he has also been conveyed to Adelaide and he is under police guard at this time."

The man has since been charged with murder and attempt murder.

Sgt Doig has been a loved and respected member of the South East community for around 15 years and Mr Stevens offered his condolences to the family.

"He is highly respected by his peers in the South East and right across SAPOL, this is a devastating day for South Australian Police," he said.

Officers Hutchinson and Cass assisted both Sgt Doig and the suspect while waiting for backup, which Mr Stevens said spoke volumes for their courage and dedication.

"An injured officer stepping in to provide potentially life saving assistance to a colleague and also to the person who is suspected of committing the offence, I think goes to their credit," he said.

This is the first time in more than 20 years a SAPOL officer has died in the line of duty.

A state funeral for Sgt Doig was held on December 4.

IN REMEMBRANCE: Sergeant Jason Doig has died after being shot in the line of duty in Senior. **PICTURE: SUPPLIED**

EYRE PENINSULA Advocate

A mass of rubble and charred and twisted metal was all that remained of retiree Garry Woodward's home after February's ferocious Port Lincoln fires. Mr Woodward said he also lost at least $50,000 of uninsured items but was just happy to be alive. **PHOTO: ADAM SHELDON**

Nov 9 2023

Fires rock Port Lincoln

Faulty electricity infrastructure was blamed for sparking bushfires in Port Lincoln, which burned more than 142 hectares, wrecked properties and businesses and destroyed at least one home.

The fire began in a paddock at Stamford Drive exactly 40 years on from the Ash Wednesday bushfires, which killed 75 people across South Australia and Victoria.

A CFS warning was released soon after, warning residents of Port Lincoln and the surrounding area to take shelter as they were in immediate danger.

Port Lincoln's Annette Harder was working in her fruit shop on Western Approach Road near the paddock when she smelt smoke.

She said the fire took off almost instantly, as she fought to save her business and home across the road.

"I walked out and saw it had just started - the transformer was smashing on the electrical pole at the paddock and you could see sparks forming on the ground," she said.

"It just took off so quickly - I went home to get the firefighting unit. By the time I had got back to the shop it had jumped the fence and was coming across the paddock.

"I managed to move my four horses in the paddock to higher ground and they were ok, but I lost two paddocks which will probably cost about $10,000. I was lucky I was able to defend my house."

Schools were evacuated, including Lincoln Gardens Primary School, which relocated to Kirton Point Primary School.

While some residents who were at home were able to fight the fires, those who were away from their properties in the danger zone were told to stay away as it was too late to return. They were instructed to stay put at the foreshore.

More than 100 emergency crews from the EP and the state - including a state firefighting fleet of water bombers - worked to contain the fire in difficult conditions, with temperatures above 40 degrees and winds at 80km/h.

By Thursday evening, the CFS had downgraded the status of the fire to an advice message to town residents, who were told to monitor local conditions.

CFS chief officer Brett Loughlin said the fire had directly impacted 23 properties.

"The fire started within 80-100m of the first property that was impacted - that is the truest definition of an impact fire - one that starts and rapidly impacts assets," he said.

He praised emergency crews for their courageous work.

"The life-saving work of firefighters can't be underestimated. There are dozens of properties that stand today and lives continue today thanks to the heroics of the men and women on the front line," he said.

"I am extremely proud of the work done by the CFS, MFS and the Department of Environment and Water under very trying conditions."

Emergency Services Minister Joe Szakacs confirmed the fire was started by a faulty piece of power infrastructure.

"My information is that power infrastructure has been the ignition point of this [bushfire]," he said.

It's the second time in recent years a fire in Port Lincoln has started due to this issue.

A faulty transformer started a fire in 2009 which destroyed two tuna processing facilities, a winery, and homes.

While Ms Harder said SA Power Networks should be held responsible for the damage, Mr Szakacs said it was too early to make any decisions regarding the matter.

"I haven't been briefed on the cause and it's too early to talk about compensation," he said.

SA Power Networks' head of corporate affairs Paul Roberts confirmed there was an outage at the same time the fire had started.

"We have launched our own investigation and will cooperate with the Office of the Technical Regulator (a government body)," he said.

With the blaze at Stamford Drive contained to hotspots by Friday morning, firefighters focused their attention on the waste management facility, which was burning toxic fumes near Western Approach Road.

Fleurieu Sun

Nov 9 2023

DON'T TOUCH THE BLUFF

The tide of opinion is not turning in Mark Taplin's favour, as the developer's controversial plan to build a marina at the iconic Bluff garners further public scrutiny.

More than 200 people, including state and local government representatives, gathered in opposition at the proposed site of the development at Encounter Bay on November 5.

The group, initiated by part time Encounter Bay resident Lynne Socha in July 2023, followed Mr Taplin's successful bid to City of Victor Harbor to fund a $30,000 public consultation on his proposal.

"We were shocked that public money was being splashed on further consultation on The Bluff, following 18 months of consultation on the Bluff Masterplan," Ms Socha said.

While the motion for further consultation was later reversed, Ms Socha revealed on November 7 that The Bluff marina proposal has also since failed to receive bipartisan support from State Government.

"The council don't want it, Mr Basham has confirmed that the state Liberal and Labor parties don't want it - so why is Mark Taplin flogging a dead horse?" Ms Socha asked.

"It really shows a lack of willingness to accept no for an answer."

Ms Socha and the Save the Bluff Facebook group are united on a common factor - that The Bluff is not the right location for a marina, nor for any future development.

They will also submit a petition to State Government in two weeks time, which includes 5000 signatures in opposition to The Bluff marina.

"There have been marine surveys done that show the Bluff houses a leafy sea dragon colony, a fish nursery, kelp important for reef fish and marine scientists have said that partially closing a section of Rosetta Head would cause irreparable damage to the region's ecosystem," Ms Socha said.

"These are scientists' facts, not opinions."

Ms Socha does however want the public to know that the group is not opposed to development of a marina in general.

"We know that the council are investigating alternative sites for a marina, such as east beach and near the yacht and bowling clubs," she said.

"We support them in this and we are not anti-development, we just want to make sure this is planned and considered properly.

"If we want something for our town, let's focus on it in the right way."

Member for Finniss David Basham said he would be honoured to present the petition in parliament when the community had finished collecting signatures.

"The Mayor (City of Victor Harbor's Moira Jenkins) and I may have said that we would lie in front of the bulldozer, but I don't expect it to come to this," Mr Basham said.

"Good planning, logical reason and respect for heritage should prevail to keep this impractical project from gaining a foothold."

"I am against the Taplin proposed Bluff development on environmental grounds due to filling in the bay and excavating from the Bluff.

"I have sought support from the Minister for Environment and Water for my opposition to the project, which I believe would have significant negative impacts on the environment and the local community, including Fist Nations peoples.

"The Marina proposal relies on extensive and unrealistic financial input (estimated $380 million) from local, state and federal governments".

Mr Taplin said he was "frustrated" and "disappointed" with the way the proposal has been managed.

"The response is not unexpected and I am unsure where to go from here," Mr Taplin said.

"I am angry to be cut out of the Bluff Masterplan and this proposal should at least go to the people.

"Any tourism development will not progress unless council releases control of the Crown Land.

"It is up to the community, as the proposal will still sit here. The community has not been consulted and for all those who protested against the project, there are many more who support it.

"All I ever wanted to do from day one was go to the people. If they don't want it, fair enough.

"Ratepayers have been stymied and it is not fair on them. It is not going to be a casino. There is so much mis-information out there."

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Loving Husband of Dawn (deceased).
Loved Father and Father-in-law of:
Jonathan and Vanessa,
Janelle, David and Huong.
Much loved Poppa of:
Meisha and Athin; Joshua and Gemma,
Carlie and Dimitri; and Harry.
Loved Great Poppa of: Aria, Elle and Leo.
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Deaths

NOLTE
Maurice John
Passed away peacefully on Wednesday 3rd January 2024
Aged 82 years.
Loving Husband of Lynette.
Dearly Loved Father and Father- in- law to Brian and Joye; Denise and Pat; Greg and Marlene; Mark and Joann.
Cherished Grandfather to 8 Grandchildren and 4 Great great grandchildren.

Remembered with love and respect.

VERRITY
Raymond (Ray)
Passed away, following a short illness, in the Mount Gambier Hospital on Wednesday, 3rd January 2024.
Aged 93 years.

Dearly loved husband of the late Pauline.

Treasured Dad of Bob, Judi, Steve, Deb and Helen.

Much loved Father-in-law.

Adored Grandad, Great-Grandad, and Great-Great-Grandad.

Your memory is our greatest treasure; To have and to hold in our hearts forever.

Deaths

WILSON, Margaret Kay
Passed away peacefully at Riverview Lutheran Rest Home, Loxton on Monday 1st January 2024.
Aged 79.
Dearly loved wife of Des (deceased).
Loved mother and mother-in-law of Shirlee,
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Also great-great Nanna of one.
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THE Mount Gambier Lakers in action during Round 12 of the Country Basketball League season.

Country Basketball action

SLAMMED: Toby de Wit makes a slam dunk during Saturday's clash with Warrnambool Seahawks.

REBOUND: Samantha Crute takes possession under the hoop during the Lakers' meeting with Warrnambool Saturday night.

SOLID: Tenielle Human holds her own against her Warrnambool opponent.

Pictures: JAMES MURPHY

PASS: Jack Wilkinson finds an opening against the Seahawks.

FULL SPEED: Simon Berkefeld takes control of the ball after a footrace with Hamilton's Joel Le Roy.

ON THE MOVE: Nikeisha Facey makes a drive for the hoop.

ON THE RISE: Ben Young shot 20 points against the Hamilton Hurricanes on Sunday.

SING IT LOUD: The Inter song was the sound of the time in the top grade.

ON THE SLIDE: Inter captain Christian Cella fends off an incoming slide tackle in the 2023 senior grand final.

International all out in 2023

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FOR those following the Limestone Coast soccer scene in 2023, it was difficult to escape the colours black and blue.

International Soccer Club claimed the top honours in both the men's and women's A Grade competitions in what was a historic conclusion to the season.

For the men it had been a couple of years since they had stood on the top step, with Gambier Centrals winning back-to-back titles in 2021 and 2022.

The Lions were chasing a three-peat, but were unfortunate to be knocked out in the preliminary final after a third-place finish to the minor rounds.

Inter on the other hand carried serious momentum into finals and did not look back from there.

Finishing minor premiers with a draw and a loss their only blemishes, the boys in black and blue made a big statement when hosting second-placed Apollo in the qualifying final.

A 7-1 triumph booked Inter the first place in the decider, sending Apollo to the preliminary.

It was there Apollo would secure a 2-0 victory over Centrals to earn a rematch on the big stage, ending the Lions' season in the process.

Inter was certainly the favourite heading into the grand final and with a long history between the two clubs, there was sure to be some tension on the field.

The first half of play was a stalemate, with neither side able to break through.

That changed after the break when Dan Allwright put Inter in front early, before another late goal sealed the deal in the 83rd minute.

Apollo was left to rue what could have been, while the celebrations were lengthy for International, who had also watched its women's team secure the premiership the previous day.

Allwright was rewarded with the man of the match medal, while the league best and fairest honours were shared between Allwright and Centrals' Sam Shoemark.

While it was predominately another three-horse race between the A Grade "heavyweights" of recent years, there were a couple of surprise packages in season 2023.

Blue Lake earned the most improved title and despite a fourth-place finish, the Rangers pushed the top teams all year.

An overtime thriller against Centrals in the elimination final put an end to Blue Lake's run, but if the club can keep the same group together next year, they hold the potential to go deep into finals.

Millicent was another who stepped it up a notch this season.

While the team still finished out of contention with just one win and a draw, there were glimpses of potential along the way.

They still have a ways to go, but the gap has certainly been bridged somewhat between the top and bottom teams.

Naracoorte finished the year in fifth place, with similar results to recent seasons.

It had some good moments, but a couple of thrashings at the hand of Inter in particular will be something it looks to avoid in 2024.

PREMIERS: International's A Grade men topped the Limestone Coast soccer competition in 2023.

Pictures: JAMES MURPHY

BIG DAY: Apollo's Jack Donehue and International's Matt Bueti compete in the grand final.

BLISS: International senior coach Tony D'Agostino and captain Christian Cella had plenty to smile about at the conclusion of grand final day.

CHAMPIONS: International's A Grade women claimed the 2023 Limestone Coast soccer premiership.

Pictures: ELISABETH CHAMPION

BEST ON: Tess Andrews was named player of the match by the referees on grand final day.

Black and blue's big success

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IT was a big year for the International Soccer Club across the senior grades of the Limestone Coast competition and the culmination of its success started with the women's A Grade grand final.

Up against an in-form Apollo in the final game of the season it was always going to be a challenge.

The match did not disappoint, with just one goal deciding the result and handing the girls in black and blue the premiership honours.

The road to the decider was not an easy one and Inter faced two knockout finals to secure itself a place in the big dance.

However, with a comfortable win over Millicent in the elimination final, followed by a tough 3-2 triumph over reigning premier Blue Lake in the preliminary, it all came down to that final day in September.

It was a matter of peaking at the perfect time and after spending the majority of the minor season in third place, Inter found some dangerous momentum leading into finals.

That continued into the grand final, where a thrilling battle against minor premier Apollo unfolded.

The first half was a stalemate, with neither team able to find a way through their rival's tight defence.

The breakthrough came early in the second half, generated from a corner and put through by Inter's leading goal scorer Evany Rex.

Intensity levels rose from there but Inter held firm against the counterattack and at the final whistle secured premiership glory.

Tess Andrews was named player of the match after an impressive display, capping off a trademark season from the star.

At the league presentations the best and fairest count was also close, with just one vote deciding the winner for 2023.

The award went to Blue Lake's Jasmine White, while Naracoorte's Lauren Mather was runner-up.

White also received the goal kicking award, which she shared with Apollo's Deni Atkin after they both scored 20 goals for the season.

Blue Lake had to settle for third place this year after finishing on top in 2022.

The Rangers are sure to be hungry for the bragging rights again next season.

Millicent finished in fourth and will look forward to further improvement in 2024, while Gambier Centrals and Naracoorte filled fifth and sixth position.

BLISS: International celebrates after the final whistle on grand final day.

DIALLED IN: Evany Rex was International's top scorer for the 2023 season.

SILVERWARE: International's April Hockey is presented with the premiership cup.

Another record year for Price

DAVID LEWIS
on the lure
GREYHOUND RACING

COMPTON trainer Tracie Price's record-breaking 2023 kicked off with a treble on New Year's Day at Tara Raceway with Jayville Zoe, Ebby Tock and Donny Rocks.

His year ended with four winners on New Year's Eve – Wilder, Starvin' Marvin, Compton Charlie and Minh Ellie.

It had been a busy year for Price and throughout the 12 months he had also led in 32 doubles, 21 trebles, four winners on nine occasions as well as three bags of five winners on June 18, August 27 and September 3.

Price, who turned 60 last month, was Mount Gambier's leading trainer in 2015, 2016 and again in 2018 when the award assumed the name of the late Ian Badger – the club's inaugural leading trainer in 1978-1979.

Price, who in partnership with wife Karen also sponsors the weekly Trackside Pet Meats Pick 6 Jackpot, was leading trainer again in 2022 with a record-breaking 181 winners prior to his 2023 tally of 194.

Among his 194 winners were Honey Rocks (Summer Classic), Bad Move (Cadillac Racing Cannonball), High On Life (Peter Whitehead Memorial Maiden) and Mister Banjo (Christmas Cup).

The 115-start veteran chaser Nero Valentino's consistency throughout last year paid off when the son of Fernando Bale and Sweet Barbados accumulated 75 points and defeated Redshift Uniform by 13 points in the 2023 Mount Gambier Greyhound of the Year (GOTY).

Nero Valentino is owned and trained at Edenhope by Cadillac Racing's Kerry Hawker who purchased the black dog in June 2022 for $2000.

With GOTY scoring conducted only on Category 2 (Sunday) meetings, the seven wins from Hawker's pride and joy were enough to get him over the line given he had also run 21 seconds and nine thirds.

The year prior had Nero Valentino finish fourth in the GOTY award behind Departure Gate, Giant's Flash and Rhonda Lily.

FRONT RUNNER: Tracie Price with Wilder, the first of four winners for the leading trainer at Tara Raceway on New Year's Eve.

WINNER'S LIST: Coleraine owner-trainer Bob Wombwell was back among the winners at Tara Raceway with Eskimo Sugar.

On that occasion he had won nine races but recorded considerably less minor placings.

Meanwhile, it was good to see Coleraine owner-trainer Bob Wombwell - after a year of health issues - back at Tara Raceway for the final meeting of the year with a few of his Sennachie x Serene Rose litter which he also bred.

He was chasing his first Tara Raceway win since July 16 when Eskimo Roman had defeated Compton Charlie by 5¼ lengths in a maiden 305-metre event in 18.17 seconds.

As it turned out, Eskimo Sugar gained a start from box two as a reserve in the Carlin and Gazzard Stake over 400 metres.

Wombwell had been reasonably confident after the fawn bitch had drawn in close.

"Yes, I thought once she drew the two that she would be some sort of chance," said the long-time trainer, whose involvement with Mount Gambier greyhound racing goes back to the Glenburnie days.

Eskimo Sugar never looked like being beaten when leading all the way for a 4¼ length win over Lynette Ann in 23.35 seconds.

Wombwell said Serene Rose had won two races at Mount Gambier over 400 metres and 512 metres prior to injuring a hock.

"So far this is her only litter but I am keen to breed again given that there are a couple of pretty handy ones in the litter now being trained for me in Victoria by Steve White, who also had great success with the sire Sennachie," he said.

"Eskimo Roger has won nine races and $41,000 in prize money while Eskimo Larry is an 11-race winner and has collected $28,000 in prizemoney."

Wombwell said White was now considering this month's Traralgon Cup with the litter brothers.

Fleur claims the chocolates for 2023-24

ROBE Bowling Club has enjoyed a busy period with social bowls, twilight bowls, the Norfolk Rise wine day and club singles championships.

Most recently the singles championships put skills to the test in a battle to decide the title holders for 2023-24.

Played on Sunday, both the men and women's events took place.

At the end of the day Fleur Roachock was crowned women's champion, while the men's final will be contested on January 12 between Peter Roachock and Errol Jennings.

The closest women's game in the first round was played between Bronwyn Matthews and Kerry Boyd.

Matthews was 10-0 up after six ends and 19-16 up after 19 ends, but Boyd scored a four and one the following ends to clinch the win 21-19.

In the other matches Kerry Pedlar defeated Robbie Dahler, Fleur Roachock accounted for Nesla Boundy and Barb Brown won against Carolyn McCusker.

In the semi-finals Roachock had an easy win over Brown while Boyd and Pedlar had the match of the day.

Boyd had a good start to be 9-2 up after five ends, but Pedlar clawed her way back to be 17-all after 18 ends.

After 22 ends it was 20-all and Pedlar won the last end in a close measure to win 21-20.

In the final the score was close until the 14th end when Roachock started to take control.

The match was won on the 21st end with a score of 21-12, earning Roachock the title of women's champion for the 2023-24 season.

In the men's singles event, the first round had six games played.

CHAMPION: Robe Bowling Club 2023-24 women's champion Fleur Roachock with runner-up Kerry Pedlar. Picture: SUBMITTED

Errol Jennings started his campaign well with a win over Ali Douglas, while Jim Gray accounted for Dean Burgoyne, Paul Truelove won against David Robinson, Barry Bennett defeated Mark Murphy and Steve Farrell was too strong for Glenn Wright.

In the closest match Harold Manton had a 21-18 shot win over Dean Burgoyne.

Peter Roachock had a forfeit in the first round and Peter Gregory had a bye.

In the second round Jennings defeated Bennett, Manton bested Truelove, Farrell accounted for Gray and in the closest game Roachock knocked out Gregory 21-19.

Another tight game followed for Roachock when he met Farrell in the semi-final.

It was close until the 16th end where Roachock went on to win three of the next four ends to win 21-17 and book the first place in the decider.

In the semi-final between Jennings and Manton, the latter led 7-6 on the ninth end, but Jennings gradually gained the upper hand and won 21-12 on the 20th end.

The final will be played on Friday, January 12.

OTHER EVENTS

Prior to Christmas the annual ham day was held on December 21.

A field of 27 took to the greens, playing two games of 12 ends.

At the end of the day there were two two-game winners, with Bill Cook and Valma Jennings claiming the win on 56 points.

Missing out by just one point were runners-up Vic Dawson, Robbie Dahler and Peter Roachock on 55.

On Thursday December 28 a field of 21 bowlers played for the Union Cafe vouchers, with Dahler again on the winner's list, partnering with Errol Jennings for the win on 55 points.

Runners-up on 53 points were Kerry Pedlar and Ian Bruce.

Concluding the year was the Norfolk Rise event, with wine tasting and live music by Jeff Townsend.

Kicking off the new year another social round was held on January 4, this time playing for Robe Caledonian vouchers.

Visitors from Hamilton, Adelaide, Horsham, Geelong and Mortlake boosted numbers with 32 players taking part.

Dawson, Pat Lynch and Hamilton visitor Hamish McDonald topped the field this time with another 55-point score, while Doug Baker, Maria Cooper and Stephen Kennett finished second with 54.

In other events, Wednesday and Thursday evenings all rinks have been booked out with barefoot bowlers enjoying a game of bowls, barbecue and raffles.

The club pairs championships will be played on January 21 with interested players encouraged to put their names on the board at the clubhouse.

Open Pennant resumes this Saturday, with Division 1 travelling to Mount Gambier RSL and Division 2 off to Kalangadoo.

Veteran champions crowned

THE Port MacDonnell Bowling Club recently held its Veteran Singles Championships for the 2023-24 season.

At the end of it all Heather Richards and Keith Dowdell were left standing and were crowned the women's and men's champions respectively.

The women's I and S Perryman Veteran's Singles had nine entries.

In The first round Jennie Tilley defeated Nell Lucas, before the former lost to Richards in the second round.

Also in Round 2, Lyn Vanderley accounted for Robin Burley, Jan Dowdell defeated Suzanne Connell and Marilyn Sutton won over Elaine Pruis.

Dowdell went on to defeat Sutton which booked her a place in the final against Richards.

In an even contest Richards was off to a good start and after 13 ends she held the lead 12-7.

Dowdell then picked up six shots to make things interesting, before Richards scored eight.

After 21 ends Richards was up 19-13 before she closed it out after 27 ends for a 21-18 victory.

It was a slightly smaller field in the men's event, with seven players taking part in the Barry Praetz Memorial Veteran Singles.

In Round 1 Terry Seiler defeated Graham Hutchesson, while Danny Gaut lost to Keith Dowdell and Des Horrigan accounted for Graham Lucas.

In the second round Dowdell's good run continued with a win over Seiler to reach the final.

Horrigan claimed victory over Chris Richards to also advance.

In the final Dowdell had a good start and did not look back from there on his way to a dominant 23-9 shot win over Horrigan.

In other events, the 35th annual Malseed Shield was played on December 30.

A field of 32 bowlers took part, playing two games of 10 ends, with the first a 2-4-2 and the second played with three bowls straight.

There were four two-game winners for the day, but in the end it was Heather Richards and Ben Tilley who finished on top with 55 points.

Runners-up on 54 points were Kelvin Butler and Suzanne Connell, with visitor Hugh Shelton partnering up with Sherie Richards for third place on 52.

Fourth went to Jennie Tilley and Nick Negline with 51 points.

WOMEN'S CHAMP: Port MacDonnell Bowling Club women's Veteran Singles champion Heather Richards with runner-up Jan Dowdell. Pictures: SUBMITTED

RUNNER-UP: Port MacDonnell men's Veteran Singles Championship runner-up Des Horrigan.

TOP SPOT: Keith Dowdell won the Port MacDonnell Bowling Club men's Veteran Singles Championship for 2023-24.

Interstate visitors bolster 2-4-2 numbers

THE New Year was opened by the Millicent Bowling Club last week with the first game of 2-4-2 competition held on Thursday.

A good field of 46 players registered for the event, which included 13 visitors.

The welcome additions came from the Riverland in Victoria, Cohuna Golf and Bowls Club, Leitchville Bowls Club and Sunbury Bowls Club, joining in to play the 2-4-2 game over 20 ends.

The winning team for the week took home $46 each, with Victorian bowler Colin Barton pairing with Iain Campbell to take the honours with a score of 33+17 shots up.

In second place and winning the $5 bar voucher was the combination of Malcolm Wright and Derk Pietersma, who scored 32+18.

Other winning teams for the day were Denis Clifford and John Buhlmann (32+9), Lyn Scudds and Peter Varcoe (32+7), Ian Michell and Eddie Hann (32+5), Ian Nitschke and Steve Skeer (32+3), Chris Earl and Mick Carmody (31+13), Neil Whelan and Craig Whittaker (31+12), John Madden and Ron Eckardt (31+2), a triple in Jean Smith, Heather Carthew and David Taylor (31+1), along with Roy Deane and Bryan Roper (30+4).

January is going to be a full month for the Millicent Bowling Club with the singles championship, championship pairs and the annual Herb Henderson Fours, as well as the return of all Pennant games.

INTERSTATE COMBO: Millicent member Iain Campbell and Victorian bowler Colin Barton teamed up to win last week's 2-4-2 competition at the Millicent Bowling Club. Pictures: SUBMITTED

NEXT BEST: Last Thursday's Millicent Bowling Club 2-4-2 competition had Derk Pietersma and Malcolm Wright finish in second place.

GOING UP: Tom Daly takes off under the hoop during the Warrnambool Seahawks encounter.

MY BALL: Addi Noble barges his way through the Hamilton defence on Sunday.

A win and a loss at home

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IT was a split weekend for the Mount Gambier Lakers men when they hosted a double-header for Round 12 of the Country Basketball League season.

Stumbling against Warrnambool Seahawks on Saturday night with a 16-point loss, the Lakers recovered on Sunday with a strong 30-point triumph over Hamilton Hurricanes.

At the close of the weekend Mount Gambier had been knocked out of top spot, with Horsham Hornets now holding the mantle by a slim percentage.

Saturday's match was of a high quality and while the Seahawks sit in fifth position, they proved they have the potential to ruffle a few feathers should they make finals.

The Lakers were slow to start and let Warrnambool out to an early lead.

However, a quick finish with consecutive baskets from Toby de Wit, Simon Berkefeld and Tom Daly lessened the damage.

At the first change the guests held a 25-18 point lead.

The Lakers recovered in the second quarter and won the term by six, making it a one-point game at half time.

The third quarter was an arm wrestle and the lowest scoring for the night.

Again the Seahawks came out on top, with a strong defence limiting Mount Gambier to 10 points.

They added 15 of their own to push the lead out to six points heading into the last.

Grip was an issue throughout the match, with the humidity leading to an abundance of sweat on the playing surface.

However, players pushed through and after another tough quarter Warrnambool emerged victorious 83-67.

In a strong display across the board there was a total of eight double-figure scorers on the night.

The Lakers were best served by Berkefeld with 17 points, while de Wit had 16.

Shaun Lock (15) and Ben Young (11) also helped the cause, while the top score for the match came from Warrnambool's Riley Nicolson on 18.

Adam Lawson and Harry McGorm both had 15 and Des O'Keefe scored 13 in a solid display from the Seahawks.

The Lakers turned things around on Sunday afternoon when facing bottom-placed Hamilton.

Despite their solitary win for the season, the Hurricanes meant business and were by no means a pushover.

Regardless, the Lakers set the tone early and a 31-15 point first quarter set the ball rolling towards a solid result.

The guests returned fire in the second and did manage to win the term by five, but from there the margin would grow at every change.

TARGET ACQUIRED: Joshua McGregor launches himself towards the basket against Hamilton.

WINGSPAN: Toby de Wit stretches for the basket against the Hurricances.

At the final break the difference was 21 points.

The Lakers were quick out of the gates in the final stanza and put in a 13-point run before the Hurricanes could respond.

From there things levelled out and the rest of the quarter was relatively even.

However, the damage had been done and Mount Gambier cruised to an easy win.

Berkefeld again topped the sheets, this time with a game-high 27 points, while Young stepped up with a 20-point game.

Lock and de Wit were also prolific with 19 and 18 points respectively.

Meanwhile, Hamilton looked to Joel Le Roy (16 points) and Joshua Miller (14).

The Lakers will now look for another strong outing when visiting Millicent Magic this Saturday.

DARING: Shaun Lock puts his body on the line in an attempt to score.

Pictures: JAMES MURPHY

PUSHING: Olivia Wormald attempts to drive to the basket under pressure.

OPTIONS: Mikaela Horrigan looks for a teammate.

TIGHT DEFENCE: Casey Horrigan finds a pass under heavy defensive pressure from the Mermaids.

DRIVE: Tenielle Human takes off down the court.

Errors costly for the Lakers

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A THIRD-quarter lapse cost the Mount Gambier Lakers women when hosting the Warrnambool Mermaids at the Icehouse Saturday night.

After a first-half arm wrestle, the ladder-leading Mermaids capitalised on inaccuracies from their hosts to push out to a 12-point lead, holding on for an eventual nine-point victory.

Nothing could separate the sides in the first term with 11 points apiece.

Tenielle Human started the game in impressive style, with a three-point bomb opening the ledger, followed by a two-pointer before the Mermaids could respond.

The Lakers were out to an 11-3 point lead four minutes in, but Warrnambool tightened things up from there.

A minute-and-a-half passed without the scoreboard being touched as the two teams fought for ascendancy.

Eventually the Mermaids found the hoop from the three-point line through Paiyton Noonan and with a strong finish the guests had levelled the scores at the break.

The second quarter followed a similar script, although it was Warrnambool's Molly McKinnon who opened the term with a three-pointer.

The Lakers hit back and once again held the lead midway through the period.

With three minutes on the clock a six-point lead had them in a good place, but the Mermaids had another strong finish.

A good run in the final minutes, capped off by two free throws from McKinnon put them up by two at half time.

The game remained up for grabs at that point, but things started to unravel for Mount Gambier in the third quarter.

The first five minutes were neck-and-neck, but errors started to appear for the Lakers when it counted.

The Mermaids finished the term with nine unanswered points, while the Lakers missed important shots and were unable to find an easy path into the hoop as the game became more physical.

The final stanza was a low-scoring affair and although the Lakers won the quarter 10-7, it only lessened the damage for a 48-57 point defeat.

Emily Dawe gave her all for the length of the match and was not afraid to put her body on the line.

She top-scored for the Lakers with 14 points, while Human finished with 13.

Topping the scoresheets was Warrnambool's Molly McLaren, who shot 17 for the night.

The result leaves the Lakers in a precarious position, sitting in fifth place with just two games left to play for the minor rounds.

Next weekend's derby against Millicent Magic could make or break their season, with everything riding on a good result.

STRETCH: Nikeisha Facey reaches for the ball.

Pictures: JAMES MURPHY

Singles champs a success

THE Penola Bowling Club held its men's singles championship over the weekend.

The event started on the Saturday and finalised on Sunday, with a showdown between Ken Batt and Don Messenger in the grand final.

Batt emerged victorious and claimed the prestigious title for the 2023-24 season.

TOP PERFORMER: Penola Bowling Club men's single championship runner-up Don Messenger with winner Ken Batt.

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WINNERS: Caveland Christmas Carnival most touches for pairs was tied between Jayden Green (Kapunda) and Kylie Day (Clare) with 15 each.

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Christmas Carnival tops off the year

NARACOORTE RSL and District Bowling Club held its Caveland Christmas Carnival between Christmas and New Year.

Players from Clare, Kapunda, Karoonda, Katandra West, Millicent, Morphett Vale, Mount Gambier, Mount Gambier RSL, Mount Xavier, Murray Bridge RSL, Nelson Bay, Padthaway, Parilla, Port MacDonnell, Robe and Naracoorte RSL competed over two days in both pairs and triples competitions.

The first day had 16 teams of pairs play in two sections and after playoffs, the winners of the day were Kapunda's Adrian and Noah Green.

Runners-up for the event were Aaron and Bill Bremner from Nelson Bay/Mount Gambier.

The most touches went to Kapunda's Jayden Green and Clare's Kylie Day with 15 each.

The best scoring game came from Graham and Jeff East with 136 points.

That evening, nine pairs competed in a knockout event and where Jayden and Adrian Green took home the prize money in a winner-takes-all competition.

The second day had the triples event contested, with 12 teams competing.

After a draw within the yardstick, winners were Joe McGrath, Geoff Hurn and Jeff East.

Runners-up were Ryan and David O'Shaughnessy along with Helen Jones from Mount Xavier and third place went to Clare's Mike and Kylie Day along with Millicent's Sarah Ross.

Eagles face a tough challenge

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Penola has yet to find its groove but will hope to start the New Year on a positive note.

After five outings the Eagles have suffered five losses, one of which was an outright.

It leaves much to be desired but with just four rounds remaining in the home-and-away season, the time for action is now.

If they are to turn things around and make another finals appearance, there is no better place to start than an upset over the in-form Roos.

On paper Penola has talent to spare, with the likes of big-hitting opener Jack Mullan, experienced all-rounder Michael Waters and young-guns Ned Skeer and Jacob Robbie - to name but a few. However, for whatever reason it is yet to all come together for the Eagles.

They have posted some decent batting totals and taken some good wicket hauls, but each time their opponent has had the better of the contest.

They will seek to change that this weekend, but West will not make it easy.

The Roos enter the 2024 leg of their season in red-hot form with four consecutive wins keeping them nipping at the heels of ladder-leader Mil Lel.

They finished the year with a one-day win over the top-placed side and only sit in second due to Mil Lel's outright win over Penola.

Sam Willis is currently nearing career-best form after a string of impressive outings with both bat and ball.

CONSISTENT: Michael Waters will look to continue his consistency with both bat and ball.

Picture: JAMES MURPHY

He made 65 runs in Round 6 to back up a Round 5 century of 129-not-out.

He also has a solid total of 12 wickets for the season to date, with his biggest haul a five-wicket effort in Round 3.

Roos captain Bray Stephenson has also been solid in both disciplines, while Nuwan Gunawardana comes off a 58-run performance prior to the Christmas break.

There are few weak links in the West roster and it should get the job done over the Eagles.

BIG HITTER: Nicholas Brown scored 40 runs in his last Twenty20 outing. He will chase another strong batting performance in Round 3 against Penola on Thursday.

CHASING A BAG: West Gambier's Kyal Chapman enters Round 3 of the Big Bash against South off an impressive all-round performance.

Big Bash is swinging again

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ROUND 3 of the Dycer Construction Big Bash is pencilled in for tomorrow (January 11) - weather permitting.

The start of the 2023-24 short-format competition was impacted greatly by rain, with several reschedules for the opening two rounds.

However, at the time of print tomorrow's forecast appeared more promising.

There will be two games in the Blue Lake City, while the third will be played at Penola's McCorquindale Park.

All matches are scheduled for 5.20pm starts.

EAST GAMBIER v MIL LEL

Last year's runner-up East Gambier will look to bounce back this round after a loss to Penola in Round 2.

This week the Bulldogs host Mil Lel at Scott Park.

The Bulldogs fell to the Eagles by 10 runs, with Alex Hill the top scoring with 23.

Marc Roberts was impressive with ball in hand and he will be out to replicate his four wickets from that clash, while Liam Turley was also solid with 3/14.

Mil Lel impressed in Round 2 with a strong run chase against reigning premier South Gambier.

South set a target of 7/104 and Mil Lel reached that goal in the 17th over to finish up 4/106.

Jack Miller topped the batting sheets with 35-not-out, while captain Will Rowland was undefeated on 20 runs.

The bowling attack was led by Mitchell Douglas who claimed 4/8 in an impressive display, ripping through the Demons' batting order.

A good contest should unfold this week, but East will want to step up its run rate to match it with the surprise package which is Mil Lel this season.

WEST GAMBIER v SOUTH GAMBIER

Both West and South Gambier will look to rectify their Round 2 performances when they meet at Malseed Park this week.

The Roos fell to North Sportsman's last round and despite a couple of good bowling performances, could not prevent the Tigers scoring an unbeatable 139 runs.

Kyal Chapman (4/25) and Sam Willis (3/18) were the best with the ball, while the former backed it up with the bat when scoring 44 runs off 23 balls.

With three fours and four sixes, Chapman was certainly in a hurry, but unfortunately when his wicket fell the runs also dried up for the Roos.

All out in the 19th over for 121, West will look to bounce back when hosting the Demons.

South had its own troubles, unable to contain Mil Lel's run chase in Round 2.

READY TO BARK: Alex Hill will look to help the Bulldogs to a win when they host Mil Lel in Round 3 of the Big Bash competition on Thursday. **Pictures: FILE**

A steady performance with the bat had five Demons in double figures, with the best of those Jaggar Geary's unbeaten 18 runs.

Robbie Drenthen was the best of the bowlers, but only claimed two wickets as the Mil Lel batsmen stood strong.

Both teams are more than capable and South will look to rediscover some of its grand final-winning form, while the Roos have been almost untouchable in the longer formats and will hope to translate that to the short game.

PENOLA v NORTH SPORTSMANS

In a low-scoring affair, Penola bested East Gambier at home in Round 2.

Now the Eagles enjoy the comforts of McCorquindale Park again when hosting North Sportsman's this week.

The Tigers will be a harder nut to crack, entering the round off a 139-run effort against West.

As such Penola will need to muster more than the 95 runs which were enough to hold off the Bulldogs.

Tom Moyle-Read did the bulk of the scoring for the Eagles on that occasion with 59-not-out.

George Kidman was the only other double-figure run maker with 12, while from a bowling perspective Joshua Smith's 3/22 was the best return.

North had two standouts with the bat in Round 2, with Nick McInerney and Nicolas Brown scoring 48 and 40 runs respectively.

Elliott Fisher's 21 runs also kept things moving along.

The Tigers are not short on depth and the Eagles will need to be relentless in their bowling attack if they are to stand a chance.

Also prolific with ball in hand, McInerney comes off a 4/18 bowling performance, while Tim Young had three wickets last round.

North will be favoured for the win, but the home-ground advantage could give the Eagles an edge.

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BACK AT IT: Penola's Ned Skeer and his Eagle teammates will take on West Gambier in the first week back of Barber Shield cricket. Picture: JAMES MURPHY

Claws out

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PENOLA will resume its 2023-24 Barber Shield cricket campaign this weekend.

The Eagles make their way to Malseed Park for Round 7 on Saturday, where a one-day clash against West Gambier awaits.

Chasing their first win of the season, it will not be an easy feat against the second-placed Roos.

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