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## Jack Departs His Post at Melbourne's Gold 104.3

**Jack Post** has revealed he's *"calling time"* on his run with **The Christian O'Connell Show** on **Gold 104.3** after seven years on air. The 37-year-old made the emotional announcement on air, breaking the news live to listeners of the top-rating FM breakfast program. *"I leave with nothing but gratitude and so much love for you guys, and for the show,"* Post said on air. *"It really has been an amazing period of my life and in some ways surreal to say goodbye."* Post also reflected on his time with his former radio co-hosts **Hamish & Andy**, saying when he left their show in 2017, he didn't know what came next but he felt the same excitement then that he feels now. *"I'm so happy it turned out to be The Christian O'Connell Show,"* he said. Christian said what started as a mentorship has developed into a deep friendship. *"I'm heartbroken, but I'm heartbroken in the right way."* (Story courtesy of Sky News)

## Radio News

**Greg Magnus** has taken over the Station Manager's role from **Paul Batchelor** at **2PK** and **ROK FM** Parkes. Greg has been involved in both Print and Radio Media since leaving school in mid 1980's and originally started his radio journey at 2PK in 1989. Magnus has worked at many and varied stations across NSW, QLD and WA in roles from On Air, Production Manager, Music Director, Sales and now as 2PK/ Rok FM Station Manager. 2PK / ROK FM is a part of the privately owned network of over 52 Stations in NSW, QLD and NT owned by the Caralis family – The Super Radio Network.

**Nikole 'Gunners' Gunn** is now heard on the **Bay FM** Geelong Breakfast show with **Mill** (Lisa Millard) and **Nic** (Nic O'Reilly) in the breakfast show. She replaces **Will Boddington** who has taken on a new role with the North Melbourne Football Club. She commenced at the station on April 28. Nicole has worked previously in news at **Triple M, FOX FM, Nova** and **Smooth FM.**

**NOVA** announcers **Ben Harvey, Liam Stapleton** and **Belle Jackson** are making a full-time move back to Adelaide. After more than two years in Melbourne, most recently as host of the station's national Late Drive show, the trio will head home within months. The Advertiser reports: The presenters will continue hosting the same program from Nova's Hindmarsh Square studios, with no change expected to the station's Adelaide line-up. Their show producer, **Ben McDowell,** let slip the news in a LinkedIn post. Harvey, Stapleton and Jackson have hosted the national 6-8pm weekday shift since March 2024.

**Whitney Plowman** has returned to **SCA** as Senior Producer of **Triple M's Mick in the Morning with Roo, Titus and Rosie** breakfast show. She was most recently the EP of **The Marty Sheargold Show.** Her other roles include senior producing roles on **The Christian O'Connell Show** on **Gold 104.3** and **Triple M's Rush Hour.**

**Adam Connelly** celebrated 30 years in commercial radio on May 16. And he says: *"he's more in love with his job than ever"*. The Breakfast co-host, writer and Content Director for both **5MU** and **Power FM** in **Murray Bridge** – who began his industry journey at **8HA** in **Alice Springs** – considers himself very lucky to work in radio. *"It's a bug and a love and an albatross and a joy,"* he posted to social media. *"Thank you to **Gavin Flanagan** for taking a chance on a kid from Sydney and getting me to work at 8HA in 2005. Thanks to everyone who's tuned in. There is no radio without you. And thanks to all the amazing people I've had the joy of working with for two decades."*

**Hit 99.7 Riverina Mia** was the most listened to station in Griffith in the latest Xtra Insights Survey (#1/2025) with 31.2% (-2.3). Next came **963 Triple M Riverina Mia** with 17.5% (+1.3) followed by **ABC Riverina** with 9.5% (-3.0).

*More news on back page*

# *Pete Graham's Final 'Sign Off'*

**- by David Rogerson**

This week, radio personality Pete Graham, age 73, has decided to quietly walk away from the microphone and enjoy retirement life on Queensland's Gold Coast. I worked with Pete on two occasions. First time when he joined the **2Double O** breakfast show in 1980, and then at **ARN** during his successful stint on **2WS** Mornings. And who can forget his very successful **Jukebox Saturday Night** live shows at club clubs and venues.

In the world of radio Pete is *"Pete Graham is widely regarded as a radio icon."* Topping the ratings in many markets including Sydney . Along the way Pete carved out a successful National Radio show, a landmark Club Show "Jukebox Saturday Night" and even managed to MC major events including Carols by Candlelight in front of 50,000 people.

Pete prides himself on being involved. Whether it's his charity work or being on air. Pete discovered **Delta Goodrem** at the age of 12 when she sang along side **Normie Rowe** at the neighbourhood "Carols by Candle light" that Pete and wife Zoë organised for the Salvation Army.

A relatively unknown singer named **Mark Vincent** was awarded 1st place in a junior talent quest that was hosted by Pete, with Mark later being introduced guests from Channel 7 who were attending Zoe's "Charity Ball for Cancer". Pete is only one of a few radio recipients to receive the Variety Club Heart Award. His Community and Charity work being recognised by the Prime Minister.

In the mid-1970's Pete had ABBA join him on his radio show that was beamed live to Los Angeles on KWIZ. An Australian first and America's first airing of ABBA.

In the 1980's and 90's Pete's JukeBox Saturday night show was Club-lands biggest crowd puller as well as Radio's number 1 Saturday night show.

Eventually Pete was to take the Saturday night radio shows Australia wide thru the **2UE** network. Listeners could relive the tracks of their years and hear firsthand from the stars that made Australian music. Col Joye, Lonnie Lee, Jade Hurley, Brooke McClymont, Wilbur Wilde, Human Nature were just a handful of the talent that Pete showcased on air.

Pete's radio career is stellar from his very first day in Mudgee, in NSW.
His resume reads:
* 2MG Mudgee On Air Week end announcer.
* 2BS Bathurst Night time announcer and trainee accountant.
* 2LT Lithgow. Announcer and Sales.
* 2GZ Orange. Breakfast Announcer and Program Manager.
* 2NX Newcastle Morning talk show and Music Announcer.
* 2GZ Full time Program Manager
* 2KO Newcastle. Program Manager
* 2KA Penrith ,Blue Mountains Breakfast Announcer and Program Manager.
* 200 Wollongong. Breakfast Announcer
* 2GB Sydney Program Manager.
* 2GO Gosford Morning Show host.
* 2WS,WSFM, Breakfast Show for 7 years Morning Show 9 years.
* 2GB Sydney Club Show host and Outside events announcer.
* 2UE Saturday Night Live. Broadcast across Australia including Melbourne Brisbane and Canberra.

In 2021 he retired to live in Queensland, but ended back on air for NQ radio 'Townsville to the Gulf'.
In 2024 he retired - well supposedly!
Whilst it seems like a lot of stations. Most were part of networks or Pete being 'Head Hunted' by former managers.
And to top it off Pete Graham has released a book 'Dadsville ', Dad jokes for big KIDS !

The recent press release on his retirement sums it up well …
*"The on-air light dims. And Pete walks away—not fading, but fulfilled."*

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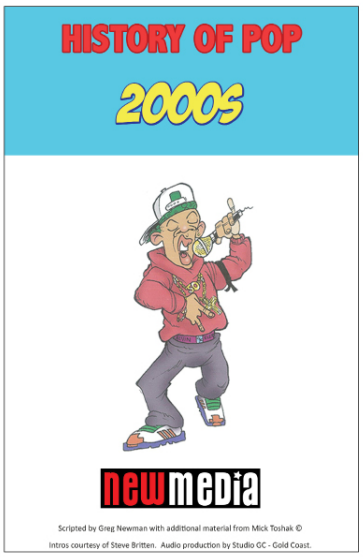


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## *Contemporary Christian Music Artist Birthdays - June*

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|---|---|
| 1st June 1961 | **Lisa Bevill** |
| 1st June 1978 | **Ben Glover** |
| 2nd June 1978 | **Justin Michael** (Compliments of Gus) |
| 4th June 1962 | **Paul Baloche** |
| 4th June 1974 | **Andrew Pearson** |
| 5th June 1984 | **Joel Smallbone** (For King and Country) |
| 13th June 1995 | **Leanna Crawford** |
| 15th June 1986 | **Joel Vaughn** |
| 16th June 1958 | **Brent Bourgeois** |
| 17th June 1984 | **Charmaine** (Carrasco) |
| 17th June 1951 | **Lenny LeBlanc** |
| 20th June 1978 | **Dave Barnes** |
| 21st June 1990 | **Brandon Lake** |
| 27th June 1976 | **Leigh Nash** (Sixpence None The Richer) |
| 27th June 1978 | **Zach Williams** |

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# Jocks' Journal Fun Files

A KENTUCKY WOMAN said her young son was playing with her phone during a weekend and secretly placed an Amazon order for 70,000 Dum-Dum lollipops -- a total purchase of about $4,200. Lexington resident Holly LaFavers said on social media that she was shocked to discover 30 cases of Dum-Dums on her doorstep, each containing 2,340 pieces of candy. LaFavers' son, Liam, who is in second grade, admitted he had placed an order for the lollies while playing with her phone during the weekend. Amazon initially agreed to allow LaFavers to return eight of the 30 cases, so she started attempting to sell the others to friends and neighbours. She later said in an update that "after a long day of working with the bank and talking to a few news stations" Amazon contacted her and agreed to refund the entire purchase.
*(So I guess the lesson for Mum is .. it's a very dum-dums idea to leave your mobile phone in the hands of your young son.)*

THE OLDEST LIVING PERSON in the world is now a woman living in Britain. Ethel Caterham, 115, was already the oldest living person in Britain when she received the notification. Caterman, who was 115 years and 252 days old at the time she was recognised, takes the current title from Inah Lucas. Lucas, a Brazilian nun, has died at the age of 116. Caterham was one of eight children with one sister living to 104 years and 78 days, dying in 2002. Caterham, who only gave up driving at the age of 97, outlived both her daughters, with the oldest, Anne, passing away at 82 in 2020. At 115, Caterham is the youngest person in 12 years to hold the title of the oldest living person. She continues to be the last British last person to have lived under the reign of Britain's King Edward VII, who reigned from 1901 to 1910. She is also the only remaining British person born before 1913 alive today and believed to be the only living person in the world born in 1909.
*(And some notable names born in 1909 include – Tasmanian born actor Errol Flynn, Jessica Tandy, James Mason, Benny Goodman and Burl Ives. Although if you were born in 1999 … those names might not mean a thing.)*

THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION took on an unusual clean-up operation after an overturned truck lost its load of 8 million dimes – in other words, $800,000 worth of change. The department said the truck had gone off the road and the driver over-corrected, causing the vehicle to overturn. The driver and a passenger were taken to a hospital with minor injuries. The Fire Department confirmed the truck lost its load of about 8 million freshly-minted dimes. The highway was closed for several hours while Department of Transportation crews cleaned up the loose change.
*(And I reckon a few other persons posing as crew were sneakily scrounging for some loose change.)*

AN IOWA MUSEUM OWNER said she believes she has broken a World Record for her collection of 38,162 spoons. Cammie Pohl, owner of the Mississippi Spoon Gallery in Davenport, gathered about two dozen volunteers to spend more than 5 hours cataloguing her entire inventory to present to Guinness World Records as evidence. The current record for the largest collection of spoons is held by Australian man Des Warren, whose collection of 30,000 teaspoons was tallied in 1990. Pohl said she believes the record will soon be hers, as her collection now stands at 38,162 spoons. "His is all teaspoons. Mine are teaspoons, salt spoons, mustard spoons, Gilded Age spoons and spoons for centuries," she said.
*( I actually have about 100 spoons – but I'm not a collector – I just keep them for a stir!)*

A MICHIGAN BOOKSTORE convened a "book brigade" of more than 300 people to move 9,100 pieces of inventory from its old location to its new space -- one book at a time. Michelle Tuplin, owner of Serendipity Books in Chelsea in the US, put out a call for volunteers when it became time to move the store's location to a larger facility about 350 feet from its former home. The more than 300 volunteers -- and one dog -- formed human chains between the two buildings and passed books one at a time in alphabetical order. She said the entire operation lasted for less than two hours and that people of all ages participated in the event.
*(300 people to move 9,100 books – now that is a 'novel' idea!)*

A WEST AUSTRALIAN WOMAN earned a world record with her collection of 1,035 Minions -- the little yellow mischief-makers from the Despicable Me franchise. Western Australia resident Liesl Benecke said she fell in love with the Minions while watching the first Despicable Me film and started collecting merchandise about 15 years ago. She said she's just a big kid at heart and has always been on the lookout for Minions everywhere she goes. She is now officially the holder of the record for the largest collection of Minions memorabilia. Benecke said that while some more casual fans might find the Minions interchangeable, she has a clear favourite. It is Stuart, the sassy, one eyed Minion with attitude. She even has a picture of Stuart tattooed on her arm.
*(Well I never liked the movie Despicable Me - although I must say the former super villain ... Gru on me!)*

A PROFESSIONAL CIRCUS PERFORMER who specialises in hair hanging, broke a record when she was suspended by her locks for 25 minutes and 11.3 seconds. Leila Noone, 39, attempted the record for the longest time suspended by the hair in a scenic location at Redwood National and State Parks in California. Noone said it took her two years of practice and endurance-building to break the record of 23 minutes and 19 seconds, which was set by an Australian in 2011. The performer said her goal with the record attempt was to prove what can be done with the power of the mind.
*(And the power of the scalp! Turned out to be a 'good hair day' for Leila and she's now in the Guinness Book of Records.)*

A PAIR OF VILLAGES IN LEICESTERSHIRE, ENGLAND, recently faced off in an unusual local sport known as "bottle kicking." The annual Hallaton Bottle Kicking event took place Easter Monday and saw residents of the villages of Hallaton and Medbourne competing to transport three "bottles" -- small wooden barrels -- across a stream on the border of the two villages. Two of the "bottles" are filled with beer, and the third, known as the "dummy" is solid wood. The Hallaton Bottle Kicking official Facebook page says bottle kicking is a sport that goes back more than 1,000 years "to pagan times," and some local historians believe it dates back up to 2,000 years. Alicia Kearns says that bottle kicking is the game which inspired rugby. Members of the Hallaton team, which won this year's contest, were lifted onto the Butter Cross, a local stone monument, to drink from an open barrel before the rest of the beer was distributed to the crowd.
*(Well if you can't make it to Sydney in 2027 for the Men's Rugby World Cup … there's always next year's Bottle Kicking event in England.)*

# More JJ Fun Files

A LIST HAS BEEN COMPILED OF 89 NAMES, which cannot be bestowed on children born in Australia. While each Australian state and territory has its own Births, Deaths and Marriages Registration Act, the names are examples of those banned nationwide under Australian naming laws. Names cannot be offensive or obscene, resemble an official rank or title, are too long or contain symbols, numbers, or punctuation marks, and names which could be considered misleading. Some of the less obvious names include:

- Admiral, Anzac, Australia, Bishop, Bomb, Brother, Captain, Chief, Colonel, Constable, Dalai Lama, Doctor, Facebook, Harry Potter, Ikea, iMac, Lieutenant, Mafia, Medicare, Messiah, Monkey, Ned Kelly, Nutella, Pope, Premier, President, Prime Minister, Prince, Princess, Professor, Robocop, Smelly, Snort, Terrorist, and Thong.

*(And would you believe even 'Saint' is on the banned list. So if you are a keen St Kilda or St George footy fan ... you better scratch 'Saint' off on your potential baby names list.)*

A PAIR OF NASHVILLE CREATIVES started an online petition to rename the city's airport after music legend Dolly Parton and have now amassed more than 50,000 signatures. Comedian Lydia Popovich and Goat Song Records comedy label owner Dan Dion launched the petition. The duo said they first started discussing a campaign to have the airport renamed in Parton's honour about two years ago, and they finally started the petition when the time seemed right. The petition has so far amassed more than 50,000 signatures, and was even featured on Change.org's official Instagram page.

*(I don't think they should name the airport after Dolly Parton … I definitely don't see her as a 'plane' person.)*

A TOTAL OF 2,461 BATHERS braved the frigid waters of the Czech Republic's second-largest lake to break a world record for the largest polar bear dip. Czech freediver David Vencl organised the attempt at Most Lake, where the water was measured at below 50 degrees Fahrenheit. The bathers took the record from 1,799 cold weather swimmers who took the plunge at the Ice Swimmers Convention in Poland in 2015. Vencl previously held the record for the longest swim under ice -- breath held (no fins, no diving suit), which he set in 2021 and only lost in March of this year.

*(Also let's give some credit to an Australian bloke from Victoria. In February 2025 An Williams, managed to hold his breath for the entire distance of a 182m swim under ice, without any breathing apparatus or chance to come up for air. His 'very, very cool' effort broke the world record.)*

A TEAM OF DOMINO-TOPPLING EXPERTS joined forces with a window and door company to topple 51,725 dominoes to break a Guinness World Record. Foshan Sunhohi Smart Home Technology fixed the record-breaking site using wind-resistant windows designed to prevent even the slightest breeze from ending the attempt. Wang Lei's Domino World, a team that already held seven Guinness titles, then set the task of placing 51,725 cards. The team faced setbacks, including a premature collapse on April 9 and a second incident while trying to restore the cards on April 10. But in the end, the cards fell as planned, thus earning the Guinness title.

*( Also let's give some credit to the man who had to count all the 51,725 cards to confirm the world record.)*

UNCLAIMED BAGGAGE revealed its annual "Found Report," detailing the most unique and expensive items found inside lost luggage that went unclaimed. The retailer, which takes possession of unclaimed bags after a 90-day search for owners and redistributes the items for sale, charity or recycling, said some of the most bizarre items handlers have come across in the past year include a freeze-dried chicken foot and a script from the 1985 film The Goonies. Other unusual items included a toilet seat, a glass eye, a replica suit of medieval armour, a 1944 letter signed by Eleanor Roosevelt, a jar of whiskey containing a preserved rattlesnake, a cuckoo clock, a cheery-shaped toilet brush, an antique magician's top hat and an antique moustache curler. Some of the most expensive finds include a $39,000 diamond ring, a $20,000 Rolex watch, a $5,000 pair of embroidered Levi's jeans and a $9,100 Louis Vuitton handbag.

*(Hang on … I think my wife lost one of those handbags. No, I'm getting confused. It was a Louis Vuitton Ellis handbag. You know the ones made from Monogram canvas with trim in natural leather and beech wood? They sell for $12,000. You must know. Anyway I think she found it. It was left it in the back seat of our Ferrari.)*

THE MINIATURE DACHSHUND who fled from her owners on Australia's Kangaroo Island has been rescued after 549 days in the wild. The dog, named Valerie, fled from a Stokes Bay campsite while visiting with her owners, Georgia Gardner and Josh Fishlock, in November 2023. The duo spent a week searching the area with help from locals, but were unable to locate Valerie. The couple feared their pet had fallen victim to one of the island's many predators, but in mid-March this year rescuers with Kangala Wildlife Rescue revealed there had been confirmed sightings of Valerie alive and well on the island. The nonprofit group stepped up its search efforts and said Valerie was finally caught in a crate with a remote-controlled door where a T-shirt with the scent of her owners had been ripped up and placed as bait. She actually went into her crate, the one that was set up to look like the one at home, and she went and had a sleep.

*(So the lesson is … if your dog goes missing … simply rig up a crate with a remote-controlled door and grab a ripped up t-shirt … or better still - yell out it's name on a 20 watt megaphone and hopefully it will come running back home!)*

TOP 12 WEIRD ANSWERS ON TV'S FAMILY FEUD (US VERSION)

"During what month of pregnancy does a woman begin to look pregnant?" Answer: "September"
"Name a yellow fruit." Answer: "Orange"
"Name something that follows the word 'pork.'" Answer: "Cue-pine"
"Name a word or phrase that starts with 'pot.'" Answer: "Potato"
"Name a children's story about an animal." Answer: "David and Goliath"
"Name a kind of bear." Answer: Papa.
"Name a kind of suit that's not appropriate for the office." Answer: "Chicken noodle"
"A reason you might stay indoors on a beautiful day." Answer: "Because it's raining."
"Name something that Russia is famous for." Answer: Russians.
"Name a part of the telephone?" Answer: The bottom part.
"Name something you feel before you buy it." Answer: Excited.
"Name something that's as scary to people as a big shark. Answer: A chihuahua.

*(Now if the contestant was asked to spell 'chihuahua' and struggled - I would understand.)*

# GfK Radio 360 Metro Survey 2/2025

**SURVEY 2/2025**

Overall figures. All people 5.30 - Midnight, Mon-Sun. (Previous 2024 survey results in brackets.)

## Sydney

| Station | 2/2025 | 1/2025 | 8/2024 | 7/2024 | 6/2024 | 5/2024 | 4/2024 | 3/2024 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **2GB** | **12.8** | 11.6 | 11.8 | 9.8 | 10.2 | 13.3 | 14.0 | 13.3 |
| **smoothfm 95.3** | **11.8** | 11.5 | 12.3 | 10.3 | 10.3 | 9.3 | 9.8 | 10.7 |
| **KIIS 1065** | **9.5** | 9.9 | 10.0 | 9.9 | 10.8 | 10.9 | 9.7 | 10.3 |
| **GOLD 101.7** (WSFM) | **8.3** | 8.3 | 9.6 | 10.9 | 10.7 | 9.4 | 9.0 | 9.6 |
| **NOVA 96.9** | **7.7** | 7.8 | 7.6 | 7.1 | 7.1 | 7.0 | 5.9 | 6.1 |
| **104.9 Triple M** | **6.4** | 5.7 | 5.6 | 4.8 | 4.0 | 4.7 | 5.3 | 5.2 |
| **ABC Sydney** | **6.3** | 6.9 | 6.2 | 7.5 | 6.7 | 6.1 | 7.1 | 6.6 |
| **104.1 2DAYFM** | **4.3** | 4.2 | 4.7 | 4.5 | 4.7 | 4.9 | 4.4 | 5.5 |
| **2UE 954** | **4.1** | 3.6 | 3.1 | 3.3 | 3.8 | 3.8 | 3.7 | 4.0 |
| **2JJJ** | **3.0** | 3.9 | 3.0 | 2.9 | 3.2 | 3.5 | 3.4 | 3.3 |
| **ABC Classic** | **2.5** | 2.8 | 2.8 | 3.0 | 3.1 | 2.5 | 2.5 | 2.5 |
| **ABC NEWSRADIO** | **1.6** | 1.4 | 1.6 | 1.7 | 1.9 | 1.7 | 1.7 | 1.7 |
| **SKY Sports Radio** | **1.4** | 1.4 | 1.4 | 1.4 | 1.7 | 1.3 | 1.2 | 1.4 |
| **2RN** | **1.2** | 1.2 | 1.4 | 1.8 | 1.5 | 1.5 | 1.5 | 1.1 |

- 2GB No 1 in breakfast, morning and evening (now 17.6). Smooth No 1 in afternoon, drive and weekends.
- KISS No 2 in breakfast. Smooth No 2 in morning, afternoon and evening. Nova 96.9 No 2 in drive.

## Melbourne

| Station | 2/2025 | 1/2025 | 8/2024 | 7/2024 | 6/2024 | 5/2023 | 4/2024 | 3/2024 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **3AW** | **14.1** | 16.8 | 13.6 | 14.0 | 14.9 | 14.7 | 13.7 | 14.4 |
| **GOLD 104.3** | **12.5** | 12.0 | 10.2 | 10.0 | 10.0 | 10.3 | 11.0 | 10.8 |
| **smooth 91.5** | **9.0** | 9.3 | 11.4 | 10.9 | 11.0 | 10.2 | 10.5 | 10.3 |
| **NOVA 100** | **8.9** | 9.3 | 10.0 | 9.0 | 7.4 | 8.6 | 8.3 | 7.2 |
| **101.9 FOXFM** | **8.4** | 8.6 | 8.7 | 9.6 | 9.1 | 9.1 | 9.2 | 9.4 |
| **105.1 Triple M** | **6.9** | 7.0 | 6.5 | 6.5 | 6.4 | 6.6 | 7.5 | 6.6 |
| **KIIS 101.1** | **5.7** | 5.1 | 5.1 | 5.2 | 4.6 | 5.6 | 5.9 | 5.7 |
| **ABC Melb** | **4.3** | 4.7 | 5.9 | 6.1 | 5.8 | 6.6 | 5.9 | 5.6 |
| **SEN 1116AM** | **3.2** | 3.2 | 3.5 | 3.3 | 3.9 | 3.9 | 4.8 | 5.1 |
| **3JJJ** | **2.5** | 3.2 | 2.4 | 2.0 | 2.6 | 2.5 | 2.3 | 2.5 |
| **Magic 1278** | **2.0** | 1.9 | 1.6 | 2.6 | 2.4 | 1.5 | 1.2 | 1.3 |
| **3RN** | **1.8** | 1.2 | 2.4 | 1.7 | 1.8 | 1.5 | 1.6 | 2.2 |
| **ABC Classic** | **1.5** | 1.8 | 1.6 | 1.4 | 1.5 | 1.9 | 2.2 | 1.8 |
| **ABC NEWSRADIO** | **1.4** | 1.2 | 1.2 | 1.3 | 1.8 | 1.5 | 1.2 | 1.4 |
| **3MP 1377** | **1.3** | 1.0 | 2.2 | 1.7 | 1.8 | 1.4 | 1.0 | 1.2 |
| **RSN 927** | - | - | 0.7 | 0.8 | 0.7 | 0.5 | 0.5 | 0.5 |

- 3AW No 1 in breakfast, morning (-3.6), evenings (-3.5) and weekends. Gold No 1 in afternoon and drive.
- 3AW down in all sessions. Gold No 2 in breakfast and morning. FOX No 2 in afternoon. Nova No 2 in drive.

## Brisbane

| Station | 2/2025 | 1/2025 | 8/2024 | 7/2024 | 6/2024 | 5/2024 | 4/2024 | 3/2024 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **104.5 TRIPLE M** | **12.9** | 11.9 | 11.7 | 12.2 | 11.8 | 10.7 | 11.5 | 11.4 |
| **NOVA 106.9** | **11.7** | 10.6 | 11.4 | 10.5 | 10.5 | 11.3 | 11.2 | 10.9 |
| **B105** | **11.3** | 12.4 | 13.3 | 13.1 | 12.7 | 13.3 | 14.4 | 12.4 |
| **KIIS973** | **11.1** | 9.8 | 9.9 | 10.8 | 10.0 | 9.7 | 9.8 | 10.5 |
| **4BH 1116** | **8.1** | 9.4 | 11.6 | 11.1 | 11.2 | 10.3 | 8.9 | 9.4 |
| **ABC Brisbane** | **6.6** | 6.6 | 5.9 | 5.5 | 6.3 | 6.5 | 5.8 | 5.1 |
| **4JJJ** | **5.0** | 6.2 | 4.7 | 4.3 | 5.1 | 5.9 | 5.7 | 5.3 |
| **4BC 882** | **4.9** | 4.4 | 4.4 | 4.6 | 5.0 | 4.6 | 5.5 | 6.1 |
| **ABC Classic** | **1.9** | 2.4 | 2.1 | 2.2 | 1.9 | 1.7 | 1.7 | 2.2 |
| **4RN** | **1.9** | 1.8 | 1.3 | 1.7 | 1.7 | 1.7 | 1.2 | 1.0 |
| **ABC NEWSRADIO** | **1.8** | 1.7 | 1.4 | 1.9 | 1.4 | 1.5 | 1.8 | 1.3 |
| **SENQ693** | **0.9** | 0.9 | 0.9 | 1.3 | 1.1 | 1.0 | 1.3 | 1.0 |

- Nova 106.9 No 1 in breakfast. Triple M No 1 in morning, afternoon, drive, evenings and weekends.
- B105 and Triple M equal No 2 in breakfast. KIIS 873 No 2 in morning. NOVA No 2 in afternoon and drive.

# GfK Radio 360 Metro Survey 2/2025

**SURVEY 2/2025**

Overall figures. All people 5.30 - Midnight, Mon-Sun. (Previous 2024-2025 survey results in brackets.)

### Adelaide

| Station | 2/2025 | 1/2025 | 8/2024 | 7/2024 | 6/2024 | 5/2024 | 4/2024 | 3/2024 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **MIX102.3** | **14.0** | 12.4 | 12.4 | 13.5 | 13.5 | 12.2 | 10.9 | 12.3 |
| **NOVA 91.9** | **12.5** | 12.0 | 11.5 | 10.9 | 11.2 | 9.6 | 9.4 | 9.8 |
| **5MMM** | **12.2** | 14.0 | 13.7 | 12.6 | 12.7 | 13.2 | 13.7 | 13.7 |
| **FIVEaa** | **8.8** | 8.3 | 9.2 | 8.7 | 7.8 | 7.7 | 8.4 | 8.4 |
| **SAFM** | **8.2** | 7.8 | 8.0 | 8.6 | 8.6 | 9.4 | 9.4 | 9.2 |
| **ABC Adelaide** | **7.8** | 8.2 | 6.7 | 6.9 | 7.7 | 8.1 | 8.6 | 7.5 |
| **CRUISE 1323** | **6.9** | 7.2 | 8.8 | 8.6 | 7.8 | 8.8 | 8.6 | 8.2 |
| **5JJJ** | **4.2** | 4.3 | 3.7 | 4.2 | 4.9 | 4.4 | 4.1 | 4.8 |
| **ABC Classic** | **2.0** | 1.6 | 2.3 | 2.4 | 2.4 | 2.4 | 1.9 | 2.1 |
| **ABC Newsradio** | **1.8** | 2.4 | 1.5 | 1.6 | 2.0 | 1.7 | 1.7 | 2.0 |
| **5RN** | **1.7** | 1.4 | 1.3 | 1.3 | 1.6 | 1.8 | 1.8 | 1.8 |

- 5MMM No 1 in breakfast. 5MMM and Mix 102.3 equal No 1 in mornings. Mix 102.3 No 1 in afternoons.
- Nova No 1 in drive. FIVEaa No 1 in evening (+4.1). MIX 102.3 No 1 on weekends. Nova No 2 in breakfast and morning.

| Station | 2/2025 | 1/2025 | 8/2024 | 7/2024 | 6/2024 | 5/2024 | 4/2024 | 3/2024 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **NOVA 93.7** | **17.0** | 16.3 | 14.7 | 13.9 | 14.1 | 14.6 | 15.1 | 14.3 |
| **96FM** | **15.2** | 14.6 | 14.1 | 14.6 | 15.2 | 14.3 | 13.6 | 14.4 |
| **MIX 94.5** | **11.8** | 11.7 | 12.5 | 12.6 | 11.7 | 12.0 | 11.9 | 11.9 |
| **92.9 TRIPLE M** | **7.8** | 8.1 | 8.5 | 9.2 | 10.7 | 9.2 | 8.7 | 8.8 |
| **6PR** | **7.3** | 7.1 | 8.0 | 7.4 | 6.8 | 7.3 | 8.6 | 7.3 |
| **ABC Perth** | **5.6** | 5.0 | 4.2 | 5.0 | 5.7 | 6.0 | 6.2 | 5.7 |
| **6JJJ** | **5.2** | 6.4 | 4.9 | 5.0 | 5.8 | 5.7 | 5.4 | 5.9 |
| **6IX** | **3.8** | 5.4 | 4.9 | 5.6 | 5.4 | 4.2 | 3.8 | 4.8 |
| **ABC Classic** | **2.5** | 2.4 | 3.2 | 2.6 | 2.2 | 2.3 | 1.9 | 2.0 |
| **ABC Newsradio** | **1.8** | 1.3 | 1.6 | 1.1 | 1.0 | 1.0 | 0.9 | 0.9 |
| **6RN** | **0.7** | 0.8 | 0.7 | 0.9 | 0.9 | 0.9 | 0.7 | 1.0 |

- Nova 93.7 No 1 in breakfast, drive, evening and weekends. 96FM No 1 in morning and afternoon.
- 96FM No 2 in breakfast, drive and weekends. NOVA No 2 in morning, afternoon. ABC Perth No 2 in evening.

# GfK Newcastle Survey 1/2025

| Station | 1/2025 | 3/2024 | 2/2024 | 1/2024 | 3/2023 | 2/2023 | 1/2023 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **102.9 TRIPLE M** | **22.8** | 21.1 | 21.1 | 23.3 | 20.3 | 22.4 | 20.0 |
| **HIT106.9** | **15.2** | 18.5 | 15.2 | 13.3 | 15.4 | 13.9 | 15.8 |
| **2JJJ** | **11.2** | 9.3 | 11.1 | 10.0 | 9.1 | 9.7 | 9.6 |
| **105.3 NEW FM** | **10.4** | 11.0 | 11.9 | 11.0 | 11.4 | 10.0 | 8.9 |
| **ABC NEWCASTLE** | **5.6** | 7.2 | 6.3 | 7.3 | 7.6 | 9.3 | 7.8 |
| **2HD** | **5.6** | 5.4 | 5.2 | 6.3 | 5.3 | 6.1 | 7.3 |
| **ABC CLASSIC** | **2.6** | 3.7 | 2.7 | 1.8 | 3.2 | 2.4 | 2.3 |
| **2RN** | **1.5** | 1.6 | 2.1 | 1.7 | 1.5 | 0.9 | 1.2 |

* Triple M No 1 in breakfast, morning, afternoon and drive. ABC Newcastle No 1 in evening (+6.1).
* Hit 106.9 down in all sessions (-11.2 in evening). Triple M -7.9 in evening. Hit 106.9 No 2 in breakfast.

# Australian Podcast Ranker - April

The Australian Podcast Ranker for April has been released by **Commercial Radio and Audio** (CRA) and **Triton Digital**. The No 1 Podcast again this survey is **The Mel Robbins Podcast** (LiSTNR – SCA) with 1,237,121 monthly listeners. In second place was **Hamish & Andy** ( (LiSTNR – SCA) with 801,793 monthly listeners and in 3rd place was **ABC News Top Stories** with 798,978 monthly listeners. Next came **Mamamia Out Loud** (527, 741).

# Birthday Bulletin

## Sunday 1st June 2025

## Births

**MARILYN MONROE** born in Los Angeles, California - 1926. (Died aged 36 - 1962)
* American actress. In the 1950s her film career took off and she starred in quality films like *Niagara* ('52), *Gentlemen Prefer Blondes* ('53), *How To Marry A Millionaire* ('53), *Seven Year Itch* ('55), *Bus Stop* ('56) and *Some Like It Hot* ('57). Her last film was in 1961 in *The Misfits* (also Clark Gable's final movie). Her third husband Arthur Miller wrote the script.

**PAT BOONE** (Charles Boone) born in Jacksonville, Florida - 1934 (91)
* American singer and actor. His biggest sellers were *Love Letters in the Sand* ('57), *April Love* ('57), *A Wonderful Time Up There* ('58), *Moody River* ('61) and *Speedy Gonzales* ('62).
* Pat married his wife Shirley when they were both 19. She died aged 84 in 2019. They had four daughters. Daughter Debby had a No 1 hit in 1977 with *You Light Up My Life*.
* His films include *State Fair*, *April Love, Journey To The Centre Of The Earth* and *The Cross And The Switchblade.* He also had a role in the 2016 movie *God's Not Dead 2.*

**MORGAN FREEMAN** born in Memphis, Tennessee - 1937 (88)
* US actor. He can be seen in the movies *Driving Miss Daisy, Robin Hood: Prince of Thieves*, *The Shawshank Redemption, Bruce Almighty, Billion Dollar Baby, The Bucket List, The Dark Knight* trilogy, *Invictus* and *Going In Style.*

**CLIFF FLEMING** born in - 1943 (82)
* Australian founder of Bundaberg Brewed drinks. In 1968 he bought a struggling business and built it into a brand that now exports to more than 60 countries and is home to the iconic Bundaberg Ginger Beer.
* In 2024 he was a Member of the Order of Australia (AM) in The King's Birthday 2024 Honours List.

**LINDA SCOTT** born in Queens, New York - 1945 (80)
* American singer. In 1961, aged 16, she had her only three hits - *I've Told Every Little Star, Don't Bet Money Honey* and *I Don't Know Why.*

**SIR JONATHON PRYCE** (John Price) born in Holywell, North Wales - 1947 (78)
* Welsh actor. His movies include *Evita, The Age Of Innocence, Brazil* and *Tomorrow Never Dies.* He's also appeared in the series of *Pirates of The Caribbean* films.

**RON WOOD** (Ronald Wood) born in Middlesex, England - 1947 (78)
* English musician. The former guitarist with The Faces (co-wrote their hit *Stay With Me*) and the Jeff Beck Group joined the Rolling Stones in 1975 replacing Mick Taylor.

**CHARLENE** (D'Angelo) born in Los Angeles, California - 1950 (75)
* American singer. Her only hit was in 1982 with *I've Never Been To Me* which spent six weeks at No 1 in Australia.

**RONNIE DUNN** (Ronald Dunn) born in Coleman, Texas - 1953 (72)
* US country singer and musician. One half of the duo Brooks & Dunn. The duo have won more Country Music Association awards and Academy of Country Music awards than any act in the history of country music. Their best known songs are *Boot Scoot And Boogie* and *Neon Moon.*

**LISA HARTMAN** born in Houston, Texas - 1956 (69)
* American actress and singer. She played Ciji in *Knots Landing* and starred in the 1993 TV mini-series *2000 Malibu Road*. She also starred in *Tabitha* ('77 - '78).
* In 1991 she married American country singer Clint Black.

**JASON DONOVAN** born in Malvern, Victoria - 1968 (57)
* Australian actor and singer. He starred as Richard Savage in the TV series *MDA.* From 1986-'89 he played Scott Robinson in *Neighbours.* Also appeared in the UK series *Echo Beach*.
* His daughter Jemma Donovan has followed in his footsteps and had a role in *Neighbours* playing Harlow Robinson.
* In England he had three number one hits with - *Especially For You* ('88) - a duet with Kylie Minogue, *Sealed With A Kiss* ('89) and *Too Many Broken Hearts* ('89)
* He's the son of actor Terence Donovan and Sue McIntosh.

**ADAM GARCIA** born in Wahroonga, NSW - 1973 (52)
* Australian dancer and actor. He's the co-founder of the Tap Dogs dancing troupe. His films include: *Coyote Ugly* (2000) and *Confessions Of A Teenage Drama Queen* (2004). He was a judge on the TV program *Dancing With The Stars.*

**HEIDI KLUM** born in Germany - 1973 (52)
* German-born American model. Klum was formerly married to English singer Seal. They wed in 2005 and separated in 2012.

**ALANIS MORISSETTE** born in Ottawa, Canada - 1974 (51)
* Canadian singer/songwriter. Her third album *Jagged Little Pill* (1995) became the best selling debut album by a female artist. In 2002 she made No 1 in Australia with the album *Under Rug Swept.* Her biggest hit single was *Ironic* ('96).

**AMY SCHUMER** born in Manhattan, New York - 1981 (44)
* US comedienne and actress. Amy was the star of the TV sketch comedy series *Inside Amy Schumer*. Since 2022 she's starred in the TV series *Life and Beth*. She co-starred with Goldie Hawn in the 2017 movie *Snatched* and also starred in the 2015 film *Trainwreck* which she also wrote.

**JUSTINE HENIN-HARDENNE** born in Belgium - 1982 (43)
* Belgian tennis player. She won the French Open in 2003, 2005, 2006 and 2007, the US Open in 2003, 2007 and in 2004 won the Australian Open women's singles title defeating Kim Clijsters.

**TOM HOLLAND** born in London, England - 1996 (29)
* UK actor. He is best known for playing Spider-Man in seven Marvel superhero films, beginning with *Captain America: Civil War* (2016). He became the youngest actor to play a title role in an MCU film in *Spider-Man: Homecoming.* He's also starred in the sequels *Far From Home* (2019) and *No Way Home* (2021). His other films include *The Impossible, Cherry* and *Uncharted.*
* He had been in a relationship with his *Spider-Man* co-star, Zendaya, for some time before publicly acknowledging it in November 2021. They became engaged in December 2024.
* He has been a teetotaler since participating in Dry January in 2022.

**SUPERMAN** made his debut in DC Comics' Action Comics - 1938.

**THE BEATLES'** album *Sgt Pepper's Lonely Hearts Club Band* was released in the UK - 1967.
* In Australia it went on sale on August 10, 1967.

**DAVID BOWIE's** first solo album *David Bowie* was released in the UK - 1967.
* Despite good reviews it was a commercial failure.

**PLASTIC ONO BAND** recorded *Give Peace A Chance* - 1969.
* The recording took place at a "bed-in" that John Lennon and his wife Yoko staged at the Queen Elizabeth Hotel in Montreal.

**SYDNEY STADIUM's** final concert presentation featured The Four Tops, supported by The Flying Circus - 1970.
* The building was demolished in 1973.

**PINK FLOYD** began recording *Dark Side Of The Moon* at Abbey Road Studios - 1972.
* It was finally released in March 1973. The material was recorded at two sessions in 1972 and 1973.

**ROLLING STONES** played their first concert with **RONNIE WOOD** on his 28th birthday - 1975.

**CNN** (Cable News Network), owned by Ted Turner, first aired on US television - 1980.

Australian swimmer **SUSIE MARONEY**, 23, swam 197km from Mexico to Cuba in a world record time of under 39 hours - 1998.

**HANSIE CRONJE**, South African cricketer, died aged 32 in a plane crash - 2002.

**KYLIE MINOGUE** dolls went on sale for $24.95 - 2004.

**JENNIFER HAWKINS**, a 20 year old model and dance choreographer from Bondi, was crowned Miss Universe in Ecuador - 2004.

**CYNTHIA WEIL**, US lyricist, died aged 82 - 2023.
* She wrote many hit songs together with her husband Barry Mann including who *You've Lost That Lovin' Feeling, We've Gotta Get Out Of This Place, On Broadway, Make Your Own Kind of Music, You're My Soul and Inspiration, He's So Shy, Here You Come Again, Somewhere Out There* and many others.

# Birthday Bulletin

**Monday 2nd June 2025**

**WA Day**

## Births

**STACY KEACH JR** (Walter Stacy Keach) born in Savannah, Georgia - 1941 (84)
* American actor. He starred as detective *Mike Hammer* in the '80s television series.
* His actor/director brother James Keach married Jane Seymour.

**CHARLIE WATTS** born in Middlesex, England - 1941. (Died aged 80 - 2021)
* UK drummer with the Rolling Stones. The group formed in 1962 and Watts made his first public appearance as a permanent member at the Ealing Jazz Club on 2 February 1963.
* On 5 August 2021, it was reported that Watts had elected to sit out the resumption of the Rolling Stones *US No Filter Tour* due to a heart procedure surgery. He died in August 2021 at a London hospital with his family around him.

**JERRY MATHERS** (Gerald Mathers) born in Sioux City, Iowa - 1948 (77)
* American actor. He played Theodore 'Beaver' Cleaver in the American TV series *Leave It To Beaver,* which ran from 1957-'62.

**MICHAEL STEELE** (Susan Thomas) born in Pasadena, California - 1955 (70)
* US musician. Member of the American all-girl band The Bangles. Their hits include *Walk Like An Egyptian, Eternal Flame* and *Manic Monday.*

**DANA CARVEY** born in Missoula, Montana - 1955 (70)
* American comic actor. The long time *Saturday Night Live* comic played Garth in the 1992 hit movie *Wayne's World* and the sequel and says 'Garth' was based on his brother Brad. In 1995 he starred in the films *Trapped In Paradise* and *The Road To Wellville.*

**TONY HADLEY** (Anthony Hadley) born in London, England - 1960 (65)
* UK singer-songwriter. He is the lead singer of the new wave band Spandau Ballet. Their biggest '80s hits were *To Cut A Long Story Short, True, Gold,* and *Only When You Leave.*

**KERRY JUNNA-SAXBY** born in Young, NSW - 1961 (64)
* Australian track and field champion. She won 25 national titles and took out the ABC Sports Award for 1989. She suffered an injury in 1981 while running and then took up walking.

**STEVE WAUGH** born in Bankstown, NSW - 1965 (60)
* Australian cricketer and twin-brother of Mark. In January 2004 he played his final Test match for Australia after an 18 year career. Waugh captained the Australian Test team from 1999 to 2004 and the one-day side between 1997/98 and 2001/02.
* He was named Australian of the Year (2003).
* He always used to take a certain red hankie out to bat with him each innings.

**MARK WAUGH** born in Bankstown, NSW - 1965 (60)
* Australian cricketer and twin-brother of Steve. 'Junior' ended his Test history career with 8029 runs. He played in 128 Tests and finally retired in March 2004 after New South Wales's season-ending Pura Cup game against Queensland at the SCG.
* In 1996 he became the first batsman to score successive centuries in any World Cup.
* Steve and Mark Waugh are the most successful brothers in terms of scoring Test runs. In 1998 they beat the record held by the Chappells.

**MERRIL BAINBRIDGE** born in Melbourne, Victoria - 1968 (57)
* Australian singer. She went to No 1 in Australia in 1996 with her debut single *Mouth*. It peaked at No 4 in America. In Australia her follow up single *Under The Water* made No 4 and her album *The Garden* made No 5.

**WENTWORTH MILLER** born in Oxfordshire, England - 1972 (53)
* US actor. He starred as Michael Scofield in the TV series *Prison Break* (2005-2009). He played a recurring villain in *The Flash* as Leonard Snart/Captain Cold, and is playing the role as a series regular in the spin-off DC's *Legends Of Tomorrow*. Played David Scott in the TV mini-series *Dinotopia* (2002).

**TOM GLEESON** born in Gunnedah, NSW - 1974 (51)
* Australian stand-up comedian and radio presenter. In 2019 he won the Gold Logie Award for Most Popular Personality on television. He hosts *Hard Quiz* on the ABC. Gleeson co-hosted *The Weekly* with Charlie Pickering alongside Judith Lucy. His other TV credits include *This Week Live* and *skitHOUSE*.

**YUMI STYNES** born in Swan Hill, Victoria - 1975 (50)
* Australian television and radio presenter. She's currently the host on the SBS Audio podcast, SEEN, She was heard in recent years on the KIIS FM drive program *3PM Pick Up* with Kate Langbroek and 'Monty' Dimond. On TV she was seen on the TV morning show *The Circle* as well as the FOX television channel Max.

**ANH DO** born in Vietnam - 1977 (48)
* Vietnamese born Australian comedian, actor, author and artist. He's the host of the ABC TV documentary program *Ahn's Brush With Fame.*

**TAJ BURROW** born in Yallingup, WA - 1978 (47)
* Australian surfer. Runner up for the world title in 1999 and 2007. He is recognised to be the most advanced surfer who has not won a world title.

**STEVE SMITH** born in Kogarah, NSW - 1989 (36)
* Australian cricketer. Former captain of the Australian national team. He captained in all three formats of the game. He plays for NSW and Sydney Sixers in domestic cricket. He won the Allan Border Medal in 2015, 2018 and 2021.
* He was once the top-ranked Test batsman in the world, according to the ICC Player Rankings. On 30 December 2017 he reached a Test batting rating of 947, the second highest of all time only behind Don Bradman's 961. He is regarded as one of the best batsmen in the world.
* On July 16, 2015 he reached a Test batting rating of 936, the 10th highest of all time.

**DANE RAMPE** born in Sydney, NSW - 1990 (35)
* Australian Rules footballer. He was the co-captain of the Sydney Swans from 2019-2023.
* In March 2017, Rampe injured himself while out jogging. He fell and broke his arm.

## Events

**P.T. BARNUM** launched his first travelling show - 1835.
* The main attraction was Joice Heth who was reputed to be the 161-year-old nurse of George Washington.

**GUGLIELMO MARCONI**, 22-year-old Italian- Irish inventor, patented the **WIRELESS** - 1896.

The **"GOANNA"** (oil) trademark was registered in Australia - 1916.

**VEGEMITE** changed its name to Parwill (for a brief period) - 1927.

**EARL TUPPERWARE** filed a patent for the 'E.S. Tupper Open Mouth Container and non-snap type of closure thereof' - 1947.

**QUEEN ELIZABETH II**, 27, was crowned in Westminster Abbey - 1953.
* She succeeded her father King George VI in 1952 but the coronation didn't take place until this date.

**MARY HOPKIN** recorded her first hit single *Those Were The Days* on Apple Records - 1968.
* She recorded her debut hit in four languages.

**BRUCE McLAREN**, NZ motor racing driver, was killed aged 33 while test driving a vehicle - 1970.

**FESTIVAL THEATRE** opened in Adelaide - 1973.

**EMPRESS OF AUSTRALIA** made its last voyage between Tasmania and the mainland - 1985.

**JUDY GARLAND's** ruby slippers that were worn in *The Wizard Of Oz* were auctioned for $165,000 - 1988.
* In 2000 they were sold again at auction and fetched $1.17 million!

**DEAD POET'S SOCIETY,** starring Robin Williams, opened in US cinemas - 1989.
* It received Academy Award nominations for Best Director, Best Actor (Robin Williams) and Best Picture.

**SIR REX HARRISON**, English actor, died aged 82 of cancer - 1990.

**BO DIDDLEY** (born Ellas Bates), US guitarist and singer, died aged 79 - 2008.
* His biggest hit was *Hey Bo Diddley* ('58).

# Birthday Bulletin

## Tuesday 3rd June 2025

## Births

**TONY CURTIS** (Bernard Schwartz) born in The Bronx, New York - **1925**. (Died aged 85 - 2010)
* US actor. He acted in more than 100 films. Some of his best known movies include *The Prince Who Was A Thief* ('51), *Houdini* ('53), *The Defiant Ones* ('58), *Some Like It Hot* ('59), *Spartacus* ('60) and *The Boston Strangler* ('68).
* He starred with Roger Moore in the '70s TV series *The Persuaders.*
* His daughters Jamie Lee Curtis and Kelly Curtis are both actresses. He was formerly married to Janet Leigh. He married his sixth wife in 1998.
* His first stage name was from the novel Anthony Adverse and "Curtis" was from Kurtz, a surname in his mother's family.

**IAN HUNTER** born in Shrewsbury, England - 1939 (85)
* UK vocalist/guitarist with the band Mott The Hoople. They had a hit in 1972 with the David Bowie song *All The Young Dudes*. Hunter had his biggest solo hit in 1975 with *Once Bitten, Twice Shy.*

**DAME PENELOPE WILTON** born in Yorkshire, England - 1946 (79)
* English actress. She is well known for starring opposite Richard Briers in the '80s TV sitcom *Ever Decreasing Circles* and for her role as Isobel Crawley in the TV drama *Downton Abbey*. She also played the recurring role of Harriet Jones in *Doctor Who* (2005–08) and Anne in *After Life.*

**TRISTAN ROGERS** born in Melbourne, Victoria - 1946 (79)
* US actor. (Now a naturalised American.) He played Robert Scorpio in the long running US TV soap *General Hospital.* In 1997 he joined the cast of *The Bold & The Beautiful.*

**CLIVE SHAKESPEARE** born in Southampton, England - 1949. (Died aged 62 - 2012)
* Australian musician and producer. He was lead guitarist and co-founder of Sherbet and wrote most of their hits with Garth Porter. He co-wrote *Cassandra, Slipstream*, *You've Got The Gun* and *Silvery Moon*. He left the group in 1976.

**SUZI QUATRO** (Susan Quatrocchio) born in Detroit, Michigan - 1950 (75)
* American singer and bass guitarist. Suzi moved to England in 1970 and had her biggest success in the UK and Australia with *Can The Can* ('73), *48 Crash* ('73), *Devil Gate Drive* ('74) and *Stumblin' In* ('79). *Stumblin' In,* which she recorded as a duet with Smokie lead singer Chris Norman, is her only US top 40 hit.
* She appeared in the *Happy Days* TV series as Leather Tuscadero, a friend of the Fonz.

**DENIECE WILLIAMS** (Deniece Chandler) born in Gary, Indiana - 1950 (75)
* American singer. In 1978 on the day of her 27th birthday her duet with Johnny Mathis - *Too Much Too Little Too Late* topped the US chart. Her biggest solo hit is *Let's Hear It For The Boy* ('84) from the film *Footloose.*

**DAN HILL** (Daniel Hill IV) born in Ontario, Canada - 1954 (71)
* Canadian singer. His biggest hit single was in 1978 with *Sometimes When We Touch.*

**DANNY WILDE** born in Maine, USA - 1956 (69)
* One half of the US duo the Rembrandts. They charted in Australia in 1991 with the single *Just The Way It Is Baby.* The duo also had success in 1995 with *I'll Be There For You,* the theme to the *Friends* TV show.

**TRACY GRIMSHAW** born in Diamond Valley, Victoria - 1960 (65)
* Australian TV reporter. In 2006 the long running co-host of the early morning *Today* program took over the role as host of *A Current Affair.* She hosted the program up until the end of 2022. In 1995 she co-hosted the *Midday* program and also reported on *Animal Hospital*.

**WASIM AKRAM** born in Pakistan - 1966 (59)
* Pakistani cricketer and commentator. The all-rounder, left-arm bowler played in over 100 Tests. He's regarded as one of the greatest bowlers of all time. He retired from International cricket in May 2003.

**DAVID GLEESON** born in Newcastle, NSW - 1968 (57)
* Australian singer and radio host. He was lead singer with the band the Screaming Jets. Their hits include *Better* ('91), *Shivers* ('93) and *Helping Hand* ('93). Gleeson recorded an album with The Angels in 2012 *Take It To The Streets.* Gleeson hosted two rock music shows for the Triple M radio network around Australia.

**JAMIE DURIE** born in Manly, NSW - 1970 (55)
* Australian landscape designer and horticulturist. He's headed various TV programs including *Backyard Blitz*, *Renovation Rescue, The Block*, *Australia's Best Backyards* and *The Outdoor Room.*

**TYRONE NOONAN** born in Sydney, NSW.
* Australian musician. He was a member of the Brisbane band George. His sister Katie was the lead vocalist. They made No 1 in 2002 with their debut album *Polyserena*.

**TIM WATSON** born in Melbourne, Victoria - 1971 (54)
* Australian musician. A member of the music trio Taxiride. Their hits include *Get Set* ('99), *Everywhere You Go* ('99) and *Creepin' Up Slowly* ('02).

**RUMER** (Sarah Joyce) born in Pakistan - 1979 (46)
* Pakistani-born British singer/ songwriter. Her best selling album is her 2010 debut release *Seasons Of My Soul*.
* Her stage name was inspired by the author Rumer Godden.

**RAFAEL NADAL** born in Spain - 1986 (39)
* Spanish tennis player. Nadal won 22 Grand Slam singles titles, the most in history for a male player. He was ranked No 1 for 209 weeks. His success on clay has earned him the nickname of "The King Of Clay." He is widely regarded as the greatest clay-court player in history. He won a world record 14 French Open titles. In 2019 he won his fourth US Open. He has also two Wimbledon titles and two Australian Open titles including the 2022 final. He retired in October 2024.
* He became the first Spaniard to win at Wimbledon in 42 years when he defeated Roger Federer to win the Wimbledon final in 2008. It was the longest men's final and lasted 4 hours, 48 minutes.

## Events

**RSL** (Returned and Services League) was established in Melbourne - 1916.

**THE DUKE OF WINDSOR** married Wallis Simpson in France - 1937.
* The former King of England - Edward VIII, abdicated in 1936 so that he could marry the American divorcee.

**BIKINI** bathing suit was unveiled for the first time in Paris - 1946.

**EDWIN WHITE** became the first US astronaut to walk in space - 1965.

**RAY DAVIES** travelled from New York to London to re-record one word in The Kinks song *Lola* – 1970.
* Because the BBC wouldn't allow commercial references in song lyrics, he changed *"coca-cola"* to *"cherry cola"* - 1970.

**MZURI**, first gorilla conceived through in vitro fertilisation, was born in Melbourne - 1984.
* The former Melbourne Zoo resident died in France in 2017 at the age of 32.

**DARYL SOMERS**, TV presenter, married dancer **JULIE DA COSTA** - 1985.
* Ernie Carroll (Ossie Ostrich) couldn't make it. Daryl wore Geelong footy socks!

**MOVIE WORLD** opened to the public on the Gold Coast - 1991.
* Attending the official Warner Brothers' Movie World opening ceremony (on June 2nd) were Hollywood stars Clint Eastwood, Kurt Russell, Goldie Hawn and Australia's Mel Gibson.

**CROWDED HOUSE** announced they were breaking up following a concert at London's Hanover Grand - 1996.

**DAVID CARRADINE**, US actor who starred in *Kung Fu* TV series, died aged 72 - 2009.

**ANDREW GOLD**, US singer/ songwriter, died aged 59 of an apparent heart attack - 2011.
* He wrote the TV themes to *The Golden Girls* (Thank You For Being A Friend) and *Mad About You* (The Final Frontier).

**MUHAMMAD ALI**, US world champion boxer, died aged 74 - 2016.

# Birthday Bulletin

## Wednesday 4th June 2025

## Births

**BRUCE DERN** born in Winnetka, Illinois - 1936 (89)
* American actor. He received a nomination for Best Actor for his role in the 2013 film *Nebraska*. His films include - *Marnie* ('64), *Hush... Hush Sweet Charlotte* ('65), *Silent Running* ('72), Hitchcock's final movie *Family Plot* ('75), *Coming Home* ('78) and *The 'Burbs* ('89).
* He was formerly married to actress Diane Ladd. Their daughter Laura Dern is an actress.

**FREDDY FENDER** (Baldermar Huerta) born in San Benito, Texas - 1937. (Died aged 69 - 2006)
* US singer. His biggest hit was in 1975 with *Before The Next Teardrop Falls*.

**ROB E.G.** (Robert Porter) born in Sydney, NSW - 1941. (Died aged 79 - 2022)
* Australian musician and record producer. Accompanied by his steel guitar, he hit the local charts with instrumentals like *55 Days At Peking* ('63), *Jezebel* ('63) and *Si Senor* ('62). In 1970 he formed the Sparmac record label (with Ken Sparkes) . In the 70's he also began Wizard Records. He arranged and produced Tommy Emmanuel's album *Dare To Be Different* - which was released on Mega Records - another of his record labels.

**JOHN BURGESS** born in Sydney, NSW - 1943 (82)
* Australian TV and radio presenter. He hosted the TV game show *Wheel Of Fortune*. He achieved a record for one of the longest No 1 rating radio breakfast shift in Australia, winning 80 surveys in a row during his time with 6PM Perth from 1978-1993. From 1997-2004 he hosted the 2CH breakfast program.

**MICHELLE PHILLIPS** (Holly Michelle Gilliam) born in Long Beach, California - 1944 (81)
* US actress and singer. She was a member of The Mamas & The Papas. Their '60s hits include - *California Dreamin', Monday Monday* and *Dedicated To The One I Love.*
* She appeared in the TV series *Knot's Landing* playing the role of Anne Matheson (1987-1993).

**GORDON WALLER** born in Scotland - 1945. (Died aged 64 - 2009)
* Scottish singer. One half of the '60s duo, Peter & Gordon. Paul McCartney wrote their hits *World Without Love*, *Nobody I Know* and *Woman* (as Bernard Webb). In 1972 he released a solo album *"And Gordon".*

**JOANNA LOCKWOOD** born in Australia - 1950 (75)
* Australian actress. The daughter of actor Johnny Lockwood appeared in the TV series' *No. 96, Cop Shop, Matlock Police* and *E Street.* Her last regular role was playing Jenny Morell in *Sons And Daughters.*
* In 2003 she married Terry Walker, former lead singer for The Strangers.

**PARKER STEVENSON** (Richard Stevenson Parker) born in Pennsylvania - 1952 (73)
* US actor. His TV credits include *Falcon Crest, Baywatch* and *Melrose Place.* He was formerly married to actress Kirstie Alley.

**SEAN FITZPATRICK** born in New Zealand - 1963 (62)
* New Zealand rugby player and former captain of the NZ All Blacks. He played in 92 Tests, winning 74, including the 1987 World Cup. A persistent knee injury forced his retirement in 1998.

**MICHAEL 'MICK' DOOHAN** born in Brisbane, Queensland - 1965 (60)
* Australian motorcycle rider. He competed successfully throughout the early 1990s until a serious crash in 1992. After an arduous recovery, Doohan returned to racing and through 1994 to 1998 won five consecutive 500cc world championships. He retired at the end of 1999.

**SCOTT WOLF** born in Boston, Massachusetts - 1968 (57)
* US actor and musician. He played Bailey in the TV series *Party of Five* ('94-2000) and Dr Jake Hartman in *Everwood* (2004-2006).

**NOAH WYLE** born in Hollywood, California - 1971 (54)
* US actor. Wyle (pron: why-lee) played Dr John Carter in the TV drama *ER.* He was in the program from 1994 to 2005. He also stars in *The Librarian* TV movies.

**ANGELINE JOLIE** (Voight) born in Los Angeles, California - 1975 (50)
* US actress and daughter of actor Jon Voight. In 2000 she received the Academy Award for best supporting actress in *Girl Interrupted* ('99). Her other films include *Mr & Mrs Smith*, *Lara Croft: Tomb Raider*, *Changeling, Salt*, *The Tourist*, *Maleficent* and *Maria.*
* She provides the voice of Master Tigress in the *Kung Fu Panda* films.

**RUSSELL BRAND** was born in Essex, England - 1975 (50)
* English comedian, radio host and actor. He's appeared in the films *Get Him to the Greek* (2010), *Arthur* (2011), and *Rock of Ages* (2012). He hosted his own radio show *The Russell Brand Show* and now is seen on the podcasts *Stay Free with Russell Brand* and *Awakened Wonders.*
* He was married to singer Katy Perry from 2010-2012. He's been married to Laura Gallagher since 2017.
* He used to be a Buddhist but in April 2024, he became a Christian and was baptised by Bear Grylls.

**KASEY CHAMBERS** born in Mount Gambier, SA - 1976 (49)
* Australian country singer. The ARIA Hall of Famer released her 13th studio album *Backbone* in 2024 that made No 3 in Australia. In 2002 she made No 1 on the singles pop chart with *Not Pretty Enough*. It was from her top selling album *Barricades and Brickwalls.* Her albums *Wayward Angel* (2004), *Carnival* (2006) and *Rattlin' Bones* (2008) - a collaboration with former husband Shane Nicholson, all made No 1 in Australia.

**ROBIN LORD TAYLOR** born in Shueyville, Iowa - 1978 (47)
* US actor. He played Oswald Cobblepot (a young Penguin) in the Batman spin-off TV drama series *Gotham* (2014-2019).

**EVAN SPIEGEL** born in Los Angeles, California - 1990 (35)
* US co-founder and CEO of the social media company Snap Inc. Spiegel was named the youngest billionaire in the world in 2015.
* Married Australian model Miranda Kerr in 2017.

**BEN STOKES** born in Christchurch, New Zealand - 1991 (34)
* NZ born English cricketer and captain of the England Test team. Stokes was part of the squad that won the 2019 Cricket World Cup and the 2022 T20 World Cup.

## Events

**SHOPPING CART** (trolley) was introduced at the Humpty Dumpty supermarket chain in America - 1937.

**CAPITOL RECORDS** launched in America - 1942.

**ROLLING STONE** magazine began - 1967.
* The title was taken from the Bob Dylan song *Like A Rolling Stone.*

**HAIR** opened in Sydney at the Metro Theatre - 1969.
* Directed by Jim Sharman, the cast included John Waters and Reg Livermore.

**JOHN WILLIAMSON** released his debut single *Old Man Emu* on the Fabel Label - 1970.
* Just prior to its release he performed his self-penned novelty song on *New Faces* and was the show's winner.

Tanks rolled into Beijing's **TIANANMEN SQUARE** with Chinese soldiers firing on (and killing) unarmed students and workers who had been peacefully protesting for democratic reforms - 1989.

**WET WET WET** started a 15-week run at No 1 on the UK singles chart with *Love Is All Around* - 1994.
* The song was written by Reg Presley of The Troggs and was a former hit for his band in 1967.

**JAMES CAMERON**, 45, married **SUZY AMIS**, 38 - 2000.
* Suzy played Rose's grand-daughter in Cameron's film *Titanic*. This was his fifth marriage.

**JOHN BLACKMAN**, Australian radio and TV announcer and a voice over talent on TV's *Hey Hey It's Saturday*, died aged 76 - 2024.
* On Christmas Eve 2007, Blackman suffered a seizure brought on by a brain tumour. After six hours of surgery, it was successfully removed and he had a full recovery. In 2019 he was diagnosed with an aggressive form of skin cancer resulting in his jaw being removed. The cancer reappeared in 2022.

**JOHN TODD**, Australian rules footballer and coach, died aged 86 - 2024.
* He played for the South Fremantle Football Club in the WANFL. He also coached East Fremantle, South Fremantle, Swan Districts, West Coast, and WA.

# Birthday Bulletin

**Thursday 5th June 2025**

**World Environment Day**

## Births

**BILL HAYES** (William Hayes) born in Harvey, Illinois – **1925.** (Died aged 98 - 2024)
* American actor. He is best known for playing Doug Williams in the US TV soapie *Days of Our Lives*. In 1974 he married Susan Seaforth one of the stars of the series. She played his on-screen wife, Julie Williams. Hayes died in January 2024.
* In 1955 he had a US No 1 hit with *The Ballad Of Davy Crockett.*

**ROY HIGGINS** born in Koondrook, Victoria - 1938. (Died aged 75 - 2014)
* Australian jockey. "The Professor" won the Melbourne Cup in 1965 riding Light Fingers and again in 1967 on Red Handed. He retired in 1984 having ridden 2,312 winners.

**TOM EVANS** born in Liverpool, England - 1947. (Died aged 36 - 1983)
* Bass player/songwriter with UK band Badfinger. He committed suicide in 1983 - eight years after the suicide of his former songwriting partner Peter Ham. He was depressed over the continuing battle to receive a fair royalty for their song *Without You* – that was a huge hit for Nilsson. Badfinger's hits include *Come and Get It* and *Day After Day.*

**KENNY G** (Kenneth Gorelick) born in Seattle, Washington - 1956 (69)
* US saxophonist. He's had several big selling instrumental albums and in 1984 had his first big hit single with *Songbird.*

**MARK ELLA** born in La Perouse, NSW - 1959 (66)
* Aboriginal rugby union player. His brothers Gary and Glen have also played for Australia. Mark captained Australia. During a tour of the UK in 1984 he became the first Australian to score a try in each of the Tests (v England, Ireland, Scotland and Wales.)

**BRIAN McKNIGHT** born in Buffalo, New York - 1969 (56)
* US singer. He had a hit in 2000 with *Back At One.* He's now earned 19 Grammy nominations but is yet to win one setting a record for the most nominations without a win.

**MARK WAHLBERG** born in Boston, Massachusetts - 1971 (54)
* US actor and singer. His movies include *The Fighter* (2010), *The Other Guys* (2008), *The Departed* (2006), *Planet Of The Apes* (2001), *Perfect Storm* (2000), *The Italian Job* (2003), *Three Kings* (1999), *Ted* (2012), *Father Stu* (2022), *Arthur The King* (2024) and the series of '*Saw*' films.
* Mark Wahlberg's first burger-related business venture was Wahlburgers, a fast-casual burger chain that he launched with his brothers, Paul and Donnie, in 2011. The first business opened in Australia in Sydney in 2022.
* During his recording career he called himself Marky Mark and had a No 1 US hit in 1991 with *Good Vibrations.* He's the brother of New Kids On The Block member Donnie Wahlberg.

**TONI PEAREN** born in Sydney, NSW - 1972 (53)
* Australian actress and singer. She played Toni Windsor in *E Street* and Beth Armstrong in *Home And Away.* Also starred in the 1995 film *All Men Are Liars.* She had hits in Australia with the singles *In Your Room* ('92) and *I Want You* ('93).

**ROSS NOBLE** born in Newcastle upon Tyne, England - 1976 (49)
* English stand-up comedian. In Australia, he has been a guest on such TV shows as *Rove, Good News Week, Thank God You're Here, The Glasshouse* and *Spicks and Specks.* He's also made regular appearances on *triple J.*

**STEVE 'COMMANDO STEVE' WILLIS** born in Brisbane, Queensland - 1976 (49)
* Australian personal trainer and gym owner. He was one of the trainers on the Australian TV version of *The Biggest Loser* from 2007-2015.

**SAM LANE** (Samantha Lane) born in Victoria - 1979 (46)
* Melbourne sports presenter, journalist and daughter of sports commentator Tim Lane. She is an AFL writer for The Age and since 2008 she has been a part of the ABC's Radio AFL coverage in the pre-match discussion on Sunday afternoons. She has also been seen on *Before The Game* and other Network Ten programs.

**PETE WENTZ** born in Wilmette, Illinois - 1979 (46)
* American musician. He is the bassist for the rock band Fall Out Boy. In 2007 the band released *Infinity on High* which went to No 1 in the US. The lead single, *This Ain't a Scene, It's an Arms Race*, also reached No 1 and peaked at No 4 in Australia.

**EMILY SEEBOHM** born in Adelaide, SA - 1992 (33)
* Australian swimmer. At the 2012 London Olympics, Seebohm set a new Olympic record in a 100m backstroke qualifier and gained a silver medal in the final of the event. At the 2016 Summer Olympics, Seebohm represented Australia in both the 100 m and 200 m backstroke and won silver in the 4×100m medley relay.

**ROGER TUIVASA-SHECK** born in Apia, Samoa - 1993 (32)
* Samoan-born New Zealand rugby league player. He played for the Auckland Blues in the Super Rugby Pacific. He is a former captain of the New Zealand Warriors. From 2012-2015 he played for the Sydney Roosters.

**TROY SIVAN** (Troy Sivan Mellet) born in Johannesburg, South Africa - 1995 (30)
* South African-born Australian singer and actor. He portrayed the younger version of Logan/ Wolverine in the 2009 X-Men film *X-Men Origins: Wolverine* and starred as the title character in the Spud film trilogy. His 2023 *Something To Give To Each Other* made No 1 in Australia. His 2015 EP Wild also made No 1 in Australia. His hit singles include *Happy Little Pill* and *My My My.*

## Events

First public demonstration of a **HOT-AIR BALLOON FLIGHT** took place in France - 1783.
* The 10-minute flight was taken by the co-inventors - the Montgolfier brothers, Joseph and Jacques.

**DAVID BOWIE**, under his real name David Jones, released his first single *Liza Jane* - 1964.
* He recorded the single with his group The King Bees. It wasn't until five years later that he had his first hit with *Space Oddity* under his new name David Bowie.

**SIX-DAY WAR** began between Israel and the Arab countries Egypt, Jordan and Syria - 1967.

**SENATOR ROBERT KENNEDY**, aged 43, was shot and mortally wounded - 1968.
* The younger brother of John F Kennedy had been campaigning as a presidential candidate. He died the following day.

**APPLE II**, world's first personal computer, went on sale in US - 1977.
* The original Apple II operating system was contained in ROM along with Integer BASIC. Programs were entered, then saved and loaded on cassette tape. Mostly sold in US.

**RUBIK'S CUBE** puzzle was solved in just 22.95 seconds by Minh Thai (USA) in Budapest - 1982.

**KAY COTTEE** sailed into Sydney Harbour in "First Lady" becoming the first woman to circumnavigate the world non-stop - 1988.

**MARIAH CAREY**, 23, married Sony music chairman Tommy Mottola, 45, - 1993.
* They announced their break up in May 1997 and divorced in 1998.

**MEL TORME**, US jazz singer, died aged 73 - 1999.

US singer **R KELLY** was arrested on 21 counts of possession of child pornography - 2002.

**RAFAEL NADAL** won a 10th Grand Slam crown and equalled Bjorn Borg's record of six French Open titles - 2011.
* He broke Borg's record in 2012.

Forbes magazine announced that **RIHANNA** was the richest female musician in the world - 2019.
* The singer had amassed a fortune of about $600 million largely through her music and makeup business.

**KATHLEEN FOLBIGG** was pardoned over the deaths of her four children, after spending two decades in an Australian prison - 2023.
* Folbigg had always maintained her innocence. She served 20 years of a 25-year sentence after being convicted in 2003 of the murder of three of her children and the manslaughter of a fourth child.

**ASTRUD GILBERTO**, Brazilian singer, died aged 83 - 2023.
* She is best known for her 1964 hit *The Girl from Ipanema* recorded with her then-husband João Gilberto.

# Birthday Bulletin

## Friday 6th June 2025

## Births

**'BRUTE' BERNARD** (Jim Bernhard) born in Canada - 1921. (Died aged 63 - 1984)
* Canadian wrestler. He was very successful in the 1960s and was a regular on Australia's World Championship Wrestling.

**JON HENRICKS** (John Henricks) born in Sydney, NSW - 1935 (90)
* Australian swimmer. He won two gold medals at the 1956 Melbourne Olympics.

**LEVI STUBBS** (Levi Stubbles) born in Detroit, Michigan - 1936. (Died aged 72 - 2008)
* US lead singer with the Four Tops. Their hits include *Baby I Need Your Loving* ('64), *Reach Out I'll Be There* ('66), *Bernadette* ('67) and *If I Were A Carpenter* ('68).

**GARY 'U.S.' BONDS** (Gary Anderson) born in Jacksonville, Florida - 1939 (86)
* American singer. His two biggest hits were in 1961 with *New Orleans* and *Quarter To Three.*

**MASAAKI SAKAI** born in Tokyo, Japan - 1946 (79)
* Japanese actor and singer. He is best known as the star of the TV show *Monkey* (1978-1980). The program was sometimes called *Monkey Magic* because of the theme song. The series was dubbed in English by the BBC.

**ROBERT ENGLUND** born in Glendale, California - 1947 (78)
* American actor. He is best known for playing Freddie Krueger in the series of *Nightmare On Elm Street* horror movies.

**ANDREW McFARLANE** born in Albany, WA - 1951 (74)
* Australian actor. He played John Sullivan in the TV series *The Sullivans* and also appeared in *Division 4* ('73-'74), *The Flying Doctors* ('86) and the ABC series *Glitch* (2015-2017).

**SANDRA BERNHARD** born in Flint, Michigan - 1955 (70)
* US actress and comedienne. She played Nancy Thomas in the TV comedy *Roseanne*. In 1983 she starred with Robert De Niro in *The King Of Comedy.*

**BJORN BORG** born in Sweden - 1956 (69)
* Swedish tennis champion. He won five straight Wimbledon titles (1976-1980) and six French Opens before he suddenly retired in 1982 to concentrate on business interests. He returned to competitive tennis in April 1991 but his comeback was unsuccessful.

**MIKE GATTING** born in Kingsbury, England - 1957 (68)
* English cricketer and former Test captain. He scored a total of 36,549 runs from 551 first-class matches, making 493 catches and taking 158 wickets. He led England to victory in the Ashes series in Australia in 1986-87.

**AMANDA PAYS** born in Berkshire, England - 1959 (66)
* English actress. She was a star in *The Flash* TV series (1990-1991).
* In 1988 she married *LA Law* star Corbin Bensen. They have four children.

**DEE C LEE** (Diane Sealey) born in London, England - 1961 (64)
* English singer. The former wife of Paul Weller (Style Council/The Jam) had a solo hit in 1986 with *See The Day.*

**JASON ISAACS** born in Liverpool, England - 1963 (62)
* English actor. He stars as Captain Gabriel Lorca in the TV series *Star Trek: Discovery*. His movies include *Peter Pan* (2003) as Hook, *Black Hawk Down* (2001) and he's appeared in the series of *Harry Potter* movies as Lucius Malfoy. He played Captain Gabriel Lorca in the first season of TV's *Star Trek: Discovery.*

**SIMON DAY** born in - 1966 (59)
* Guitarist/vocalist with Australian rock trio Ratcat. Their hits include the EP *Tingles* and singles *Don't Go Now* and *Baby, Baby.* Their album *Blind Love* made No 1 on the Australian national chart in 1991.

**JACINTA STAPLETON** born in Malvern, Victoria - 1979 (46)
* Australian actress. She played Sophie in the children's TV program *Genie From Down Under*, Amy Greenwood in *Neighbours* and played Christina in *Stingers*. She also appeared in *All Saints.*

## Events

**LEVI STRAUSS**, aged 21, made his first pair of blue jeans (then called 'waist overalls') - 1850.

**STATE OF QUEENSLAND** was proclaimed - 1859.

**ELECTRIC IRON** patent was awarded to New York inventor Henry W. Seeley - 1882.

**PERSIL** washing powder was first marketed by Henkel of Dusseldorf, Germany - 1907.
* It was the first to combine bleach with detergent commercially.

Australia's first **SOCCER** match was played in Sydney at Moore Park - 1885.

**CHRYSLER MOTOR COMPANY** was established by Walter Chrysler in the US - 1925.

**BIRDSEYE COMPANY** in Massachusetts became the first company to successfully freeze-dry peas - 1930.

World's first **DRIVE-IN THEATRE** was opened in New Jersey by Richard Hollingshead - 1933.
* The first movie to be shown was *Wife Beware.*

**D-DAY** occurred - 1944.
* Allied troops landed on the beaches of Normandy in the biggest land, sea and air operation ever seen. Codenamed 'Operation Overlord', it involved more than 50,000 tanks, armoured cars, jeeps and trucks. The Germans foolishly believed the invasion would not take place under the adverse weather conditions.

**GEORGE ORWELL's** book *Nineteen Eighty-Four* was published - 1949.

**THE BEATLES** made their first recording for George Martin at E.M.I. studios - 1962.

**ROY ORBISON's** 25-year-old wife **CLAUDETTE** was killed in a motorcycle accident - 1966.
* She was the inspiration behind *Claudette* (which was a hit for the Everly Brothers) and *Too Soon To Know.* Tragedy also struck Orbison a few years later when a fire destroyed his home taking the lives of his sons Roy Jnr. and Tony. (Roy remarried in 1969).

**THE ED SULLIVAN SHOW** went to air in the US for the final time - 1971.

**BILLY SWAN** recorded *I Can Help* - 1974.
* It made No 1 in Australia.

A **MESSAGE IN A BOTTLE** dating back to 1910 was found on the beach on Moreton Island, Queensland - 1983.

**BRISBANE CONVENTION** and **EXHIBITION CENTRE** officially opened - 1995.

**PHANTOM OF THE OPERA** ended after a 7 1/2 year run in Melbourne - 1998.

**TONY LOCKETT** (Sydney Swans/St Kilda) kicked his 1300th goal at the SCG beating Gordon Coventry's long standing AFL/VFL record for most career goals - 1999.

**BSG** (Glenn Shorrock, Graeham Goble and Beeb Birtles – founding members of Little River Band) signed a six album deal with Universal Music Australia - 2003.
* They only released one album.

**JASON McCARTNEY** announced his retirement from AFL football following the Kangaroos 3 point win over Richmond - 2003.
* He made a comeback from life threatening burns to 50% of his body. For the game he wore the numbers 88 and 202 on his jumper to acknowledge the Australian and total death toll from the Bali bombing in 2002.

Australia's **HUGH JACKMAN** won a 'Tony', US theatre's highest honour, for his role as Peter Allen in *The Boy From Oz* - 2004.

**RUSSELL CROWE** was arrested over a phone-throwing incident in a New York hotel - 2005.

**OLDEST PERSON TO SAIL AROUND THE WORLD** was Japan's Minoru Saito, aged 71, who completed a non-stop solo circumnavigation in his 15 m yacht - 2005.

**BILLY PRESTON**, US musician, died aged 59 - 2006.
* He played keyboards on the Beatles 1969 hit *Get Back.*

**HOW GREEN WAS MY CACTUS**, became the longest running series in the history of Australian radio, breaking the record set by *Blue Hills* - 2014.

**JIM SEALS**, US singer with Seals and Crofts, died aged 80 - 2022.
* They are best known for their hits *Summer Breeze* (1972) and *Diamond Girl* (1973).

# Birthday Bulletin

## Saturday 7th June 2025

## Births

**DEAN MARTIN** (Dino Crocetti) born in Steubenville, Ohio - 1917. (Died aged 78 - 1995)
* US singer and actor. One of his best known songs was his 1964 hit *Everybody Loves Somebody*. His other hits include *That's Amore* ('53), *Memories Are Made Of This* ('56) and *Volare* ('58).
* He starred with Jerry Lewis in 17 films beginning with *My Friend Irma* in 1949. *The Dean Martin Show* began on television in 1965 and ended in 1973.

**SIR TOM JONES** (Thomas Jones Woodward) born in Treforest, Wales - 1940 (85)
* Welsh singer. He had his first hit in 1965 with *It's Not Unusual*. His other big sellers include *Delilah, Love Me Tonight, What's New Pussycat, Help Yourself, Green Green Grass Of Home* and *She's A Lady.* After more than 10 years absence from the Australian charts he came back in 1989 with the Prince song *Kiss* which he revived with the Art Of Noise. His '90s hits include *If I Only Knew* and *I Wanna Get Back With You.* In 2000 he charted with the Talking Heads song *Burning Down The House* - recorded with Nina Persson.

**KEN OSMOND** born in Los Angeles, California - 1943. (Died aged 76 - 2020)
* American actor. He played Eddie in the '50s TV series *Leave It To Beaver*. After quitting acting he joined the LA police department.

**MIGUEL RIOS** (Miguel Rios Campana) born in Granada, Spain - 1944 (81)
* Spanish singer. He had a No 1 hit in 1970 with *A Song Of Joy*, based on the last movement of Beethoven's 9th Symphony. His uncle Waldo de Los Rios and his orchestra provided the backing.

**JOHN OLSEN** born in Kadina, South Australia - 1945 (80)
* Former Premier of South Australia. He replaced Dean Brown as Premier in 1996 and resigned from office in October, 2001.
* He became South Australia's youngest ever mayor when he was elected mayor of Kadina (1974-1977).

**LIAM NEESON** (William Neeson) born in Ballymena, Northern Ireland - 1952 (73)
* Irish actor. His movies include *Schindler's List* (as Oskar Schindler), *Michael Collins*, *Rob Roy* and the 1999 *Star Wars* prequel *The Phantom Menace*, *Batman Begins*, and *Taken* plus sequels.

**GEORGE SMILOVICI** born in Havana, Cuba - 1955 (70)
* Australian comedian and actor. He is best known for his *I'm Tuff* routine. A hit single version made the charts in 1984.

**PRINCE** (Prince Roger Nelson) born in Minneapolis, Minnesota - 1958. (Died aged 57 - 2016)
* US singer/songwriter. Some of his biggest hits in Australia include *1999* ('83), *When Doves Cry* ('84), *Purple Rain* ('84), *Kiss* ('86), *Bat Dance* ('89), *Diamonds And Pearls* ('92) and *The Most Beautiful Girl In The World* ('94).
* Artists to have hit success with his songs include - *Manic Monday* (Bangles), *Nothing Compares 2 U* (Sinead O'Connor), *I Feel For You* (Chaka Khan and Whitney Houston), *Kiss* (Tom Jones) and *Love Thy Will Be Done* (Martika).

**CAROLINE WILSON** (Julia Caroline Wilson) born in Melbourne, Victoria - 1960 (65)
* Melbourne sports journalist. She's a writer for The Age, appears on Channel 9's *Footy Classified* and can be heard on 3AW.

**GIA CARIDES** born in Sydney, NSW - 1964 (61)
* Australian actress and sister of Zoe. She played Cousin Nikki in the movie *My Big Fat Greek Wedding* (2002), the 2016 movie sequel and in the short-lived TV series *My Big Fat Greek Life*. In recent times she's played Melissa in the TV series *Big Little Lies*. Gia was also in *Police Rescue* and had starring roles in the films *Strictly Ballroom* ('92) and *Brilliant Lies* ('96).
* She was married to Australian actor Anthony La Paglia.

**DAVE NAVARRO** born in Santa Monica, California - 1967 (58)
* US musician. Guitarist with the bands Jane's Addiction and Red Hot Chilli Peppers (played on one album).

**KARL-HEINZ URBAN** born in Wellington, New Zealand - 1972 (53)
* NZ actor. He is best known for playing Éomer in the second and third installments of Peter Jackson's *The Lord of the Rings* trilogy, and Dr. Leonard "Bones" McCoy in the 2009 film *Star Trek* and sequels. He also played the Russian assassin Kirill in *The Bourne Supremacy* and can be seen in the TV series *The Boys.*

**'BEAR' GRYLLS** (Edward Grylls) born in London, England - 1974 (51)
* English adventurer, writer and television presenter. The former SAS trooper is well known for his television series *Man vs. Wild*. Also starred in *Running Wild with Bear Grylls* and *Worst Case Scenario*.
* Although Grylls was christened 'Edward' he has legally changed his first name to 'Bear'.

**ANNA TORV** born in Melbourne, Victoria - 1979 (46)
* Australian actress. She starred as newsreader Helen Norville in the Australian TV series *The Newsreader.* She is well known for her role as FBI agent Olivia Dunham in the US series *Fringe.* She also appears in the post-apocalyptic drama *The Last Of Us.*

**ANNA KOURNIKOVA** born in Moscow, Russia - 1981 (44)
* Russian-born tennis player. Anna won the Australian Open doubles with Martina Hingis in 1999, 2002. She only reached four finals out of 130 singles tournaments, never in a Grand Slam event, and never won one. Her singles record is 209–129. Her final playing years were marred by a string of injuries.
* Since 2001 she's been in a relationship with singer Enrique Iglesias.

**DAVE BAYLEY** born in Massachusetts - 1989 (36)
* UK singer with the British Indie band Glass Animals. Bayley wrote and produced all four Glass Animals albums. They had their biggest hit single in 2020 with *Heat Waves*. It made No 1 in Australia.

**GEORGE EZRA** (George Ezra Barnett) born in Hertford, England - 1993 (32)
* UK singer/songwriter. In 2018 he made No 1 in Australia with *Shotgun.* He had his debut hit in 2013 with *Budapest*. He also charted in 2014 with the single *Blame It On Me* and the album *Wanted On Voyage*.

## Events

**CLOTHES DRYER** was patented by George T Sampson (US) - 1892.

**STATE THEATRE** opened in Sydney - 1929.
* It is a heritage-listed theatre, located at 47-51 Market Street, in the Sydney CBD.

**BILL HALEY & THE COMETS** recorded *Shake, Rattle And Roll* - 1954.
* The song was first recorded by Big Joe Turner. Joe's version was recorded in February 1954.

**DON GIBSON** wrote his two best known songs *Oh Lonesome Me* and *I Can't Stop Loving You* - 1957.

**ROLLING STONES** released their debut single *Come On* in UK - 1963.
* It was a cover of a Chuck Berry song. It made No 21 in the UK.

First home **VIDEO TAPE RECORDER** was introduced by Sony in Japan - 1965.
* It only recorded in black and white.

**GREASE** opened on Broadway - 1972.
* The script was based on co-writer Jim Jacob's experiences of his high school days.

**RADIO ETHNIC AUSTRALIA** launched in Australia - 1975.
* It was broadcast in seven languages in Sydney on 2EA and eight on Melbourne's 3EA with the first broadcast in Greek.

**SONY'S BETAMAX VIDEOCASSETTE RECORDER** went on sale - 1975.
* By 1980, the VHS format controlled 70% of the North American market.

**GRACELAND**, Elvis Presley's home in Memphis, was opened for public tours - 1982.

**'CRACKER NIGHT'** was celebrated for the final time in NSW - 1986.

**NSW** defeated Queensland, 56-16, breaking several State of Origin records - 2000.

**BOB WELCH**, US singer/songwriter, died aged 66 (self-inflicted gunshot wound) - 2012.
* His biggest hits were *Ebony Eyes* and *Sentimental Lady*.

**SIR CHRISTOPHER LEE**, UK actor, died aged 93 - 2015.

# Birthday Bulletin

## Sunday 8th June 2025

## Births

**JERRY STILLER** (Gerard Stiller) born in Brooklyn, New York - 1927. (Died aged 92 - 2020)
* US actor and father of actor Ben Stiller. He played Frank Constanza, father of George, in the *Seinfeld* TV sit-com. He also played a similar character in the TV sit-com *The King of Queens.*
* His comedienne wife Meara died in 2015.

**JAMES DARREN** (James Ercolani) born in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania - 1936. (Died aged 88 - 2024)
* American actor and singer. He had starring roles in the '60s TV series *The Time Tunnel* and the '80s series *T.J. Hooker.* His movies include *Gidget* (plus sequels) and *Guns Of Navarone*.
* He had two big novelty hits with *Goodbye Cruel World* ('61) and *Her Royal Majesty* ('62).

**JILL FORSTER** born in London, England - 1936 (89)
* Australian actress. From 1989 - 2010 she played Meredith Monahan in the ABC TV series *SeaChange*.
* In the '60s she was one of the regular panel members on TV's *Beauty And The Beast* and also played Vampira - host of late night TV horror movies.
* She married Australian actor John Stanton in 1970. They acted together in the TV series *Homicide, The Box* and *Bellamy.*

**NANCY SINATRA** born in Jersey City, New Jersey - 1940 (85)
* American singer. Her first 11 singles were flops and then she met Lee Hazelwood who wrote and produced *These Boots Are Made For Walkin'* which became a No 1 hit in 1965. They also recorded several songs together including *Summer Wine, Jackson, Sugar Town, Some Velvet Morning* and *Lady Bird.*
* In 1967 she had a huge hit with *Somethin' Stupid* which she recorded with her father (Frank).

**COLIN BAKER** born in London, England - 1943 (82)
* English actor. He was the sixth actor to play Doctor Who in the British TV series of the same name. He was in the role from 1984-1986.

**BOZ SCAGGS** (William Scaggs) born in Canton, Ohio - 1944 (81)
* American singer/songwriter. In 1976 he made it big with *Silk Degrees.* The album contained the hits *What Can I Say, Lido Shuffle, Lowdown* and *We're All Alone* (which was a hit for Rita Coolidge).

**SIR DEREK UNDERWOOD** born in Kent, England - 1945. (Died aged 78 - 2024)
* English cricketer. 'Deadly' took over 2,420 wickets in first class cricket from 1963-1986. Through much of his career, Underwood was regarded as one of the best bowlers in Test cricket.

**SIR GRAHAM HENRY** born in Christchurch, New Zealand - 1946 (79)
* New Zealand rugby union coach. From 2004-2011 he was coach of the All Blacks. He's now assistant coach of Auckland. He played rugby for Canterbury.

**KATHY BAKER** born in Midland, Texas - 1950 (75)
* American actress. A star in the US TV drama series *Picket Fences*, she made her movie debut in *The Right Stuff* ('83). She now appears in the TV series *The Ranch.*

**BONNIE TYLER** (Gaynor Hopkins) born in Neath, Wales - 1951 (74)
* Welsh singer. Her two '70s hits were *Lost In France* ('76) and *It's A Heartache* ('77) but her biggest seller came in 1983 with *Total Eclipse Of The Heart* - a No 1 hit in Australia, UK and US. It was written and produced by Jim Steinman of *Bat Out Of Hell* fame.

**SIR TIM BERNERS-LEE** born in London, England - 1955 (70)
* UK computer scientist and inventor of the world wide web. In 1989 he and colleagues in Geneva created the http protocol which standardised communications between servers and clients.

**MICK HUCKNALL** born in Manchester, England - 1960 (65)
* English singer. He is the lead singer for the band Simply Red. They had a No 1 hit in Australia in 1989 with *If You Don't Know Me By Now.* Their other hit singles include - *Money's Too Tight (To Mention), Holding Back The Years* and *Stars*.

**NICK RHODES** (Nicholas Bates) born in England - 1962 (63)
* Englsih ynthesizer player for Duran Duran. He also played with his band mates Simon Le Bon and Roger Taylor in the side project Arcadia.

**JULIANNA MARGUILES** born in Spring Valley, New York - 1966 (59)
* US actress. She starred as Alicia Florrick in *The Good Wife*. She is also known for playing Carol Hathaway in TV series *ER*.

**COLIN McCREDIE** born in Dumbarton, Scotland - 1974 (51)
* Scottish actor. He played Stewart Fraser in the TV series *Taggart.*

**MARK RICCIUTTO** born in South Australia - 1975 (50)
* AFL player. In 2003 the Adelaide Crows captain became a co-winner of the Brownlow Medal. He played in the Crows 1998 premiership team and won their best and fairest award in the same year. He now works in the media on FOX Sports and is co-host of Triple M Adelaide's breakfast show.

**RYAN PHELAN** born in Ayr, Queensland - 1975 (50)
* Australian sports presenter and reporter. He hosted Ten Network's *Sports Tonight*, presented news updates on *The Morning Show*, and co-host of *The Daily Edition.*

**LINDSAY DAVENPORT** born in Palos Verdes, California - 1976 (49)
* US tennis player. In 1998 she won her first grand slam title winning the US Open. In 1999 she won the women's title at Wimbledon and the Australian Open in 2000.

**YE** (formerly Kanye West) born in Chicago, Illinois - 1977 (48)
* US rap artist, hip hop producer and fashion designer. His albums *Yeezus* (2013) and *Ye* (2018) both made No 1 in Australia. In 2015 he combined with Rihanna and Paul McCartney to record *FourFiveSeconds*. It made No 1 in Australia.
* He was married to Kim Kardashian from 2014 - 2021. In January 2023, it was reported that West had informally married Australian model Bianca Censori.

**KIM CLIJSTERS** born in Belgium - 1983 (42)
* Belgian tennis player. She won the US Open in 2005, 2009 and 2010 and the Australian Open in 2011. Also won the French Open and Wimbledon women's doubles titles in 2003.

## Events

**WASHING MACHINE** was patented by Noah Cushing of Quebec - 1824.

**VACUUM CLEANER** was patented by Ives W. McGaffey (US) - 1869.

**SKEETER DAVIS** recorded her biggest hit *End Of The World* - 1962.

**BRIAN JONES** was sacked from the Rolling Stones - 1969.
* Jones was visited by Mick Jagger, Keith Richards, and Charlie Watts and was told that the group he had formed would continue without him.

**RUPERT** and **ANNA MURDOCH's** marriage was formally dissolved - 1999.

**LAILA ALI**, daughter of Muhammad Ali, defeated **JACQUI FRAZIER-LYDE**, daughter of Joe Frazier, in a boxing match in New York - 2001.
* It was the first pay-per-view fight headlined by females.

**LORETTA LYNN**, US country singer, 'died' on the operating table - 2006.
* Lynn, aged 74, was being treated by surgeons after falling and breaking her shoulder when she 'passed away'. Fortunately she was revived.

**LARGEST PIZZA DELIVERY** was made by Papa John's pizza company who delivered 13,500 pizzas to the NASCO Shipyard in California - 2006.

**NEWCASTLE** in NSW was hit by the state's worst storms and flooding in 30 years resulting in the death of nine people - 2007.

**LYNNE RANDELL**, Australian singer, died aged 57 (suicide) after a 4 year battle with an illness that attacks the nervous system - 2007.

**LIONEL RICHIE** performed at a private party for British tycoon Sir Philip Monday in London - 2009.
* He sang 15 songs and picked up a cheque for $1.63 million.

**CRISPIAN ST PETERS** (born Robin Smith), UK singer who had a No 1 hit with *Pied Piper* ('66), died aged 71 - 2010.

**ANTHONY BOURDAIN**, US celebrity chef, author, travel documentarian, and TV personality, died aged 61 (suicide) - 2018.

# Birthday Bulletin

**Monday 9th June 2025**

**King's Birthday (ACT, NSW, NT, SA, TAS, VIC)**

## Births

**JOHNNY ACE** (John Alexander Jr.) born in Memphis, Tennessee - 1929. (Died aged 25 - 1954)
* US singer. He is best known for playing *Pledging My Love*. His career was tragically cut short when he accidentally shot himself backstage during a concert on Christmas Day 1954 in Texas.

**TERRY NORRIS** born in Melbourne, Victoria - 1930. (Died aged 92 - 2023)
* Australian actor and former politician. He played Joe Turner in the ABC series *Bellbird* and Senior Sergeant O'Reilly in *Cop Shop.* In the early '80s he left acting to pursue politics.
* He married Australian actress Julia Blake in 1962.

**JACKIE WILSON** born in Michigan - 1934. (Died aged 49 - 1984)
* American singer. His first hit was *Reet Petite* in 1957. It was revived in Australia by Dinah Lee in 1964 and his own version was re-released in 1987 becoming a hit again. His 1967 hit *Higher and Higher* was revived by Rita Coolidge in 1977.

**JON LORD** born in England - 1941. (Died aged 71 - 2012)
* UK musician. He is best known as the keyboard player with Deep Purple. He co-founded the group in 1968. In the mid-'70s he joined Whitesnake but rejoined Deep Purple when they reunited in 1984. He left Deep Purple after their UK tour in February 2002.

**DIANE CRAIG** born in Northern Ireland - 1949 (76)
* Australian actress and wife to Garry McDonald (since 1971). She's had regular roles in local TV programs including: *Prisoner, E Street, Home And Away* and *Heartbreak High.* She also had a starring role in the TV series *Out Of The Blue*.

**PATRICIA CORNWELL** (Patricia Daniels) born in Miami, Florida - 1956 (69)
* American author. Her series of mystery books feature Dr Kay Scarpetta, medical examiner, as her sleuth. She is now one of the richest crime novelists in the world.

**MICHAEL J FOX** born in Edmonton, Canada - 1961 (64)
* Canadian-American actor. In the '80s he played Alex in *Family Ties*. He also starred in the three *Back To The Future* films and in the TV sit-com *Spin City* but bowed out of the series in 2000 due to health problems. Since 1991 he's been battling from Parkinson's disease. He provided the voice of the mouse Stuart Little in the *Stuart Little* feature films.
* In 1988 he married actress Tracy Pollan who played one of his girlfriends in the *Family Ties* TV series. They have four children.

**JOHNNY DEPP** born in Owensboro, Kentucky - 1963 (62)
* US actor. He was nominated for a Best Actor Oscar for his roles in *Finding Neverland* (2004) and for his role as Jack Sparrow in the series of *Pirates of the Caribbean* movies. His role in the 2010 film *Alice In Wonderland* as the Mad Hatter was the seventh Tim Burton-directed film that he has appeared in. His other films include - *Platoon, Edward Scissorhands, Ed Wood*, *Chocolat, and Charlie And The Chocolate Factory* and *Dark Shadows.*
* He was in Australia in 2015 to film the fifth *Pirates Of The Caribbean* movie *Dead Men Tell No Tales*. It was filmed on the Gold Coast and released in 2017. The movie was held up when he returned to the US with a 'hand injury'.
* Depp was married to actress Amber Heard from 2015 to 2016. Afterward, the pair accused each other of domestic abuse and engaged in two lengthy and high-profile defamation cases,
* He starred as Officer Tom Hanson in the TV series *21 Jump Street.*

**JANE KENNEDY** born in Melbourne, Victoria - 1964 (61)
* Australian TV and radio comedienne. She played Brooke Vandenberg in the TV comedy *Frontline* and was a writer/performer on the *Late Show.*
* She is married to comic actor Rob Sitch. They have five children.

**GARY YOUNGBERRY** born in Australia - 1968 (57)
* Australian TV weatherman. He's a presenter on Channel 9 Brisbane. Gary started out as a surf reporter for KOFM/NXFM Newcastle.

**ANDREW SYMONDS** born in Birmingham, England - 1975. (Died aged 46 - 2022)
* Australian cricketer. He made his debut for Queensland in the 1994 - '95 season. He scored over 10,000 runs in first class cricket and retired in 2012. 'Roy' was a crowd favourite in the short-form game, the big-hitting allrounder played 198 one-day internationals, clobbering 5088 runs and taking 133 wickets.
* He died aged 46 in 2022 when he was killed in a car accident.

**NATALIE PORTMAN** (Neta-Lee Hershlag) born in Jerusalem - 1981 (44)
* Israeli-born US actress. She played Padme in *Star Wars Episode 1: The Phantom Menace* as well as the prequels - *Episode, II* and *III.* In 2005, she received a Golden Globe Award as Best Supporting Actress in the drama *Closer* (2004). Starred in the 2010 film *Black Swan.*

**ROBERT MURPHY** born in Victoria - 1982 (43 )
* AFL player and radio announcer. He played with the Western Bulldogs and was captain from 2015-2017. In 2025 he was appointed the co-host of Melbourne's ABC radio's breakfast program.

**ANDREW MCQUALTER** born in Traralgon, Victoria - 1986 (39)
* Former AFL player and current coach of West Coast Eagles. He played 89 games for St Kilda and 5 games as a rookie for the Gold Coast Suns. He later moved into coaching, serving as the caretaker coach at the Richmond Football Club after Damien Hardwick stepped down in May 2023. In September 2024 he was appointed as West Coast's senior coach.

**BOYD CORDNER** born in Taree, NSW - 1992 (33)
* Australian rugby league player. He played for the Sydney Roosters in the NRL from 2011-2020. He won a premiership with the Sydney Roosters in the 2013 season. Boyd also captained the NSW State of Origin team as well as being a co-captain of the Sydney Roosters. He retired in 2021.

**ALEX PEARCE** born in Ulverstone, Tasmania - 1995 (30)
* AFL player. He's the captain of the Fremantle Football Club and has served as the captain since 2023.
* He is currently studying a Bachelor of Arts (Psychology) at Deakin University.

## Events

**BRITAIN** leased **HONG KONG** from China for 99 years - 1898.

**FAB** trademark was registered in Australia - 1922.

**DONALD DUCK** made his film debut in the cartoon *The Wise Little Hen* - 1934.

Six children and a man died when a fire broke out (wiring fault) on the Ghost Train ride at Sydney's **LUNA PARK** - 1979.
* The fire quickly destroyed the ride, which was understaffed and not adequately covered by the park's fire hose system. The park was immediately shut down.

**BIRTHDAY PARTY** played their final gig in Melbourne - 1983.
* The Australian rock group was originally known as Boys Next Door. Vocalist Nick Cave went on to form the Bad Seeds.

**MARTINA NAVRATILOVA** became the third woman in history to win the tennis Grand Slam when she won the French Open - 1984.

**MAMMA MIA!** debuted in Australia at the Princess Theatre in Melbourne - 2001.

**RIK MAYALL**, UK comic actor who played Rik in *The Young Ones*, died aged 56 - 2014.
* He died after returning from his morning run and suffered an acute cardiac arrest.

**ADAM WEST**, US actor who starred in '60s *Batman* TV series, died aged 88 - 2017.

**ASH BARTY** (Australia) won the French Open tennis final - 2019.
* Barty became the first Australian to win the French Open in singles since Margaret Court in 1973 and the first Australian to win a Grand Slam singles title since Sam Stosur at the 2011 US Open.

Over 1 million people protested in **HONG KONG** over proposed new extradition laws to China in one of the largest-ever city protests - 2019.

**FIRST STATE OF ORIGIN** series rugby league match to ever be held outside a capital city was played at North Queensland Stadium in Townsville following a COVID-19 outbreak in Melbourne where the game was scheduled to be played - 2021.

# Birthday Bulletin

## Tuesday 10th June 2025

## Births

**PAULA STAFFORD** born in Melbourne, Victoria - 1920. (Died aged 102 - 2022)
* Gold Coast fashion designer. She was very much responsible for launching the bikini on the Gold Coast in the 1950s. Her biography *Bikini: The Paula Stafford Story* was published in 2010.

**PRINCE PHILIP MOUNTBATTEN** born on Island of Corfu, Greece - 1921. (Died aged 99 - 2021)
* The Duke of Edinburgh. He married Queen Elizabeth II in 1947 and became a British citizen, renouncing Greek and Danish ties in that same year. In 2017 they celebrated 70 years of marriage - the longest of any monarch. Queen Elizabeth died aged 96 in September 2022.

**JUDY GARLAND** (Frances Gumm) born in Grand Rapids, Minnesota - 1922. (Died aged 47 - 1969)
* US actress and singer. One of her best-known film roles was playing Dorothy in *The Wizard Of Oz* (1939). Judy was 17 at the time and playing the role of a 9-year-old. During the 1940s she made some of Hollywood's best technicolor musicals such as *Meet Me In St. Louis* ('44), *Easter Parade* ('48) and *A Star Is Born* ('54).
* She married five times. In 1945 she married director Vincente Minnelli. Their daughter Liza became a star in her own right. Her fifth marriage was to nightclub manager Mickey Deans in 1969. The marriage was to last just a few months.
* Renee Zellweger won an Oscar for Best Acress for her role in the 2019 bio-pic film *Judy.*

**IAN SINCLAIR** born in Sydney, NSW - 1929 (96)
* Australian politician. He was Leader of the National Party ('84-'89), Leader of the House and retired as Speaker in October 1998.

**SHIRLEY OWENS** (Shirley Alston Reeves) born in North Carolina - 1941 (84)
* Lead singer with the American all-girl group The Shirelles. Their '60s hits included *Will You Love Me Tomorrow, Dedicated To The One I Love* and *Soldier Boy.*

**TONY MUNDINE** born in Clarence Valley, NSW - 1951 (74)
* Aboriginal boxer and father of Anthony Mundine. He won the Australian middleweight title in 1970 and the heavyweight crown in 1972. He had 96 bouts in his career which included a record 65 knockouts.

**MAXI PRIEST** (Max Elliott) born in London, England - 1961 (64)
* English reggae singer. He was raised in England by Jamaican parents. His hits include *Wild World* ('88) and *Close To You* ('90).

**TONY MARTIN** born in Waikato, New Zealand - 1964 (61)
* New Zealand-born TV/radio comedian and writer. From 1995-1998 he co-hosted the national *Martin Molloy* radio show with Mick Molloy. The comedy pair previously worked together on *The D Generation Breakfast Show* ('87-'91) as well as the TV programs *The Late Show* and *The D Generation.* Mick also starred in the 2003 movie *Bad Eggs* which Tony wrote and directed.

**ELIZABETH HURLEY** born in Hampshire, England - 1965 (60)
* English model and actress. She had the female lead role in *Austin Powers: Man of Mystery* ('97) and appeared in 15 episodes of the TV series *Gossip Girl.* She also appeared in the TV series *The Royals* as Queen Helena.
* Former longtime girlfriend of Hugh Grant. She married Arun Nayar in 2007. They divorced in 2011. In 2011 she also began a relationship with Australian cricketer Shane Warne. They separated in 2013.

**KYLE SANDILANDS** born in Brisbane, Queensland - 1971 (54)
* Australian radio and TV presenter. He is the co-host of the top rating FM weekday breakfast radio program *The Kyle and Jackie O Show* which is on KIIS FM in Sydney and also now in Melbourne. He's also a judge on Seven Network's revival of *Australian Idol*.
* He married his fiancee Teegan Kynaston in April 2023.
* For many years Kyle and Jackie O were heard on Sydney radio station 2Day FM but they quit at the end of 2013.

**FAITH EVANS** born in Lakeland, Florida - 1973 (52)
* US singer. Her hits include *I'll Be Missing You* (with Puff Daddy) ('97) and *Love Like This* ('98).

**ALTIYAN CHILDS** (Altijan Juric) born in Mt Isa, Queensland - 1975 (50)
* Australian singer. Winner of the second season of *The X Factor* in Australia in 2010. In that same year he had a top 10 hit with his debut single *Somewhere In The World.*

**SCOTT MCLAUGHLIN** born in Hamilton, New Zealand - 1993 (32)
* New Zealand racing driver. He was the 2018 and 2019 series champion and 2019 Bathurst 1000 winner. McLaughlin won his first race in the NZ Touring Car series in early 2011, becoming the youngest ever driver to win a race in the Championship at 17 years of age.

## Events

**MACPHERSON ROBERTSON** started his own company and began manufacturing confectionery in the Melbourne suburb of Fitzroy - 1880.

**THE AUSTRALIAN WOMEN'S WEEKLY** was published for the first time - 1933.
* In 1982 it was announced that the magazine would change to a monthly publication but the name would remain the same.

**ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS** (AA) was founded in Ohio by Bill Wilson and Dr Robert Smith (both alcoholics) - 1935.

**BALLPOINT PEN** was patented by Laszlo and Georg Biro (Hungary) - 1943.

**SAAB** produced its first automobile in Sweden - 1947.

**BERT NEWTON** had his first paid radio appearance as a schoolboy on 3XY doing advertisements dressed as a clown with Doug McKenzie, later to become "Zag" in Zig and Zag - 1952.
* This led to regular appearances on a Saturday morning children's show in which he worked with radio announcer Stan Rofe and Doug McKenzie.

**ELVIS PRESLEY** recorded *A Fool Such As I* - 1958.
* The song had been first recorded seven years earlier by country and western singer Hank Snow.

**ROLLING STONES** began recording *It's All Over Now* at the Chess Studios in Chicago - 1964.
* It was a remake of a song recorded by The Valentinos. The song became their first No 1 in England.

**JAMES DIBBLE**, ABC TV newsreader, read his final 7pm news bulletin after 34 years of news presenting - 1983.

**ARANTXA SANCHEZ**, 17, won the French Open becoming the first Spaniard to win a Grand Slam title - 1989.

**SINEAD O'CONNOR**, Irish singer, took out a full-page ad in the Irish Times asking the public to *"stop hurting me please."* - 1993.
* She blamed her troubles on abuse she suffered as a child.

**VALHALLA CINEMA** closed in Melbourne - 1996.
* It opened in 1976 in Victoria St Richmond but moved to High St Westgarth in 1987.

**JOHN NORTHEY** was sacked as Brisbane Lions coach and replaced by **ROGER MERRETT** - 1998.

**DARREN GRINDROD**, 39, a volunteer on Sunbury community radio station 3NRG, broadcast a record 62 hours on air commencing at 7am on this date - 2000.

**RAY CHARLES**, US blind singer/songwriter and musician, died aged 73 - 2004.
* His hits songs include *Hit The Road Jack, I Can't Stop Loving You* and *Georgia On My Mind.*

**NEIGHBOURS** final episode was filmed - 2022.
* After 37 years, Australia's longest running and most successful drama came to an end. In November 2022, it was announced that Amazon Freevee and Fremantle had agreed to a deal that would restart the series. But in February 2025, the series was cancelled again, with production concluding in July and episodes ceasing to air in December.

**STEELE HALL**, Adelaide politician, died aged 95 - 2024.
* He became South Australia's 36th premier following the 1968 election but was defeated at the 1970 election. Two years later, he splintered from the Liberal and Country League to set up the Liberal Movement and was elected to the Senate in 1974.

# Birthday Bulletin

## Wednesday 11th June 2025

## Births

**SIR JACKIE STEWART** born in Scotland - 1939 (86)
* Scottish racing driver. Known as 'The Flying Scot' he won three world championships and 27 Grands Prix from 1965-1973. Retired in 1973 but in 1979 was offered in excess of £1 million to race for one season, however he declined.

**JOEY DEE** (Joe Nicola) born in Passaic, New Jersey - 1940 (85)
* US singer. Joey and his band the Starliters had one US No 1 hit with *The Peppermint Twist* in 1962. (It was revived in the '70s by Sweet.)

**RAY WARREN** born in Junee, New South Wales - 1943 (82)
* Australian sports commentator. He was the voice of rugby league for more than four decades on the Nine Network. Ray also called the action for Australian swimming team events. He called 99 state of origin matches and 45 NRL grand finals.
* His nickname is "Rabbits", as in a rabbit's warren.

**PAT WILSON** (Patricia Higgins) born in Melbourne, Victoria - 1948 (77)
* Australian singer and former wife of singer Ross Wilson. He wrote her 1983 hit *Bop Girl*.
* She was married to Ross Wilson from 1969-1989.

**FRANK BEARD** born in Frankston, Texas - 1949 (76)
* US drummer. He's been the drummer with the Texan rock trio ZZ Top who formed in 1969. The group (minus Beard) played in Australia in April and May 2025 as a part of their 'Elevation Tour'. ZZ Top's first hit single was their 1973 release *La Grange*. The two guitarists Dusty Hill (who died in 2021) and Billy Gibbons both had long flowing beards. Beard was long known as the only member of ZZ Top not to have a beard, but he grew a short one in 2013.

**LYNSEY DE PAUL** (Lyndsey Rubin) born in London, England - 1948. (Died aged 66 - 2014)
* English singer/songwriter. She had a hit in 1972 with *Sugar Me* and co-wrote Barry Blue's 1973 hit *Dancin' On A Saturday Night.*

**GRAHAM RUSSELL** born in Nottingham, England - 1950 (75)
* Australian songwriter, guitarist and vocalist with Air Supply. The other half of the duo (although they started as a group) is Russell Hitchcock. They had their debut hit in 1976 with *Love And Other Bruises*. Their first seven singles released in the US all made the top 10. Only *The One That You Love* went to No 1 in the US in 1981.

**HUGH LAURIE** (James Hugh Laurie) born in Oxfordshire, England - 1959 (66)
* English actor and musician. Star of the US TV series *House M.D.* which ran from 2004-2012. Since the '90s he's been seen in several films including *Stuart Little* and sequel, *Maybe Baby, 101 Dalmatians*, *Sense And Sensibility* and *Tomorrowland*. In the early days of his career he co-starred in the comedy program *A Bit Of Fry & Laurie* and also appeared as a few characters in the *Black Adder* comedy series.

**DR OZ** (Mehmet Oz) born in Cleveland, Ohio - 1960 (65)
* Turkish American heart surgeon, TV host and author. He first appeared on *The Oprah Winfrey Show* in 2004. From 2009-2022 he hosted *The Dr Oz Show.* In 2024 he was picked by President Donald Trump to lead the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) to oversee the healthcare of millions of Americans.

**CARL BARRON** born in Longreach, Queensland - 1964 (61)
* Australian comedian. He commenced in comedy in 1993 when he was voted 'Comic Of The Year.' His style is based on observational humour.
* He made his first TV appearance on the NRL *Footy Show* on April 17, 1997.

**MIKE WOLFE** born in Joliet, Illinois - 1964 (61)
* Creator and co-host of the TV show *American Pickers* (also known as *The Pickers*). The show debuted in 2010. His longtime partner Frank Fritz departed in 2020 (due to illness) and died a short time later. On April 18, 2025, Wolfe decided to close their Nashville antique shop.

**MARK HARVEY** born in - 1965 (60)
* VFL player with Essendon and a former coach of AFL club the Fremantle Dockers. He won Essendon's best and fairest award in 1992 and played in three of their premiership teams.

**PETER DINKLAGE** born in New Jersey - 1969 (56)
* US actor. His films include *The Station Agent, Elf* and *Death At A Funeral.* He had a starring role in the TV series *The Game Of Thrones.*

**STEPHEN KEARNEY** born in New Zealand - 1972 (53)
* New Zealand rugby league coach and former player. He was the head coach of the New Zealand Warriors from 2017 to 2020. He has also been head coach of the New Zealand national team and the Parramatta Eels. He played over 40 Tests for New Zealand, many as captain.

**GEOFF OGILVY** born in Adelaide, SA - 1977 (48)
* Australian golfer. He won his first major championship at the 2006 U.S. Open. He also won three World Golf Championships.

**HARRY JAMES ANGUS** born in Melbourne, Victoria - 1982 (43)
* Australian singer-songwriter, trumpet player and guitarist. He is one of the lead vocalists in the band The Cat Empire along with Felix Riebl. They've had No 1 albums in Australia with *Two Shoes* (2005) and *Rising With The Sun* (2016).
* In 2012 he wrote the club song for the AFL team the Greater Western Sydney Giants.

**MIRANDA TAPSELL** born in Darwin, NT - 1987 (38)
* Australian actress. She starred in the 2019 film *Top End Wedding* - which she also co-wrote. She is also known for her role as Cynthia in the movie *The Sapphires*, Rita in *The Dry* and Martha Tennant in the TV series, *Love Child*.

**JESS FOX** (Jessica Fox) born in Marseille, France - 1994 (31)
* French-born Australian slalom canoeist. She made her Olympic debut at 18 years of age in the 2012 Summer Olympics in London, where she won a silver medal. She won a bronze medal in the same event four years later in the Rio de Janeiro Olympics, and again at the 2020 Tokyo Summer Olympics, before finally winning the gold medal in the K1 event in Paris at the 2024 Summer Olympics.

## Events

The first **DARRELL LEA CHOCOLATE** shop opened in Australia in the Haymarket area of Sydney - 1927.

**MANDRAKE THE MAGICIAN** comic strip began in US - 1934.

**TRAMS** ran for the final time in Newcastle, NSW - 1950.

**THE BEATLES** arrived in Australia - 1964.
* Their first stop was at Darwin airport just after 2 am.

**MANFRED MANN** recorded *Do Wah Diddy Diddy* - 1964.

**AUSTRALIAN TEST TEAM** achieved a one-day international highest cricket score with 5 for 328 v Sri Lanka - 1975.

**JOHN WAYNE**, American actor, died aged 72 - 1979.

**E. T.** (Extra Terrestrial) opened in US cinemas - 1982.
* The Stephen Spielberg film won four Oscars at the 55th Academy Awards.

**MARGARET THATCHER** won a record third term as British Prime Minister - 1987.

**JURASSIC PARK**, directed by Steven Spielberg, opened in US cinemas - 1993.
* It was the highest grossing picture for 1993 and is currently the 4th highest grossing picture of all time.

**DeFOREST KELLEY**, who played Dr "Bones" McCoy in *Star Trek*, died aged 79 - 1999.

**TODD WOODBRIDGE** and **MARK WOODFORDE** became the most successful tennis doubles team when they won their 58th title at the French Open - 2000.

**PAUL McCARTNEY**, 59, married **HEATHER MILLS**, 34, in a 17th century church in County Monaghan - 2002.
* They divorced in 2008. They had a daughter Beatrice born in 2003.

**RON MOODY**, UK actor who played Fagin on stage and in the movie version of *Oliver!*, died aged 91 - 2015.

**THE MOST PUSH UPS IN ONE HOUR** was achieved by Jarrad Young (Australia) at the Matrix Boxing Gym in Queensland when he did 3,054 - 2021.

# Birthday Bulletin

## Thursday 12th June 2025

## Births

**RICHARD SHERMAN** born in New York City, New York - 1928. (Died aged 95 - 2024)
* US songwriter. With his brother Robert (who died in 2012) he co-wrote the musicals *Mary Poppins, Chitty Chitty Bang Bang*, *Jungle Book* and the Disney theme park song *It's A Small World*.

**BOB DAVIS** (Robert Davis) born in Victoria - 1928. (Died aged 82 - 2011)
* VFL player and former coach of Geelong. "Woofer" (named after his love for greyhound racing) coached the Cats for 6 years including their 1963 premiership. He also played in their premiership sides of 1951 and 1952. For nearly 40 years he was involved as a football commentator with Channel 7. He was also seen on Foxtel on the *Grumpy Old Men* football program.
* He has lived in Geelong for more than 50 years and a few years ago he claimed that he hadn't missed a Geelong game since 1966.

**JIM NABORS** (James Nabors) born in Sylacauga, Alabama - 1930. (Died aged 87 - 2017)
* American actor and singer. He played Gomer Pyle in *The Andy Griffith Show* and later starred in 150 episodes of his own TV series *Gomer Pyle USMC.*
* He had a huge hit single in Australia in 1967 with *The Impossible Dream.*

**TOM OLIVER** born in Hampshire, England - 1938 (87)
* Australian actor. He played Lou Carpenter in the TV soapie *Neighbours*. He originally signed on for a three-week guest role. He has also had starring roles in *Bellbird, Number 96* and numerous other local TV programs.

**CHICK COREA** (Armando Corea) born in Chelsea, Massachusetts - 1941. (Died aged 79 - 2021)
* American jazz musician. He holds the record for winning the most jazz Grammy Awards. He was nominated for over 60 Grammy awards and won on 25 occasions. In the late '60s he was a member of the Miles Davis Band. Corea died of a rare form of cancer in February 2021.

**LEN BARRY** (Leonard Borisoff) born in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania - 1942. (Died aged 78 - 2020)
* US singer. He is best remembered for his pop hits; *1-2-3* ('65) and the follow up *Like A Baby* ('66).
* He co-wrote *Zoom* that was a hit for Fat Larry's Band in 1982.

**REG PRESLEY** (Reginald Ball) born in Hampshire, England - 1941. (Died aged 71 - 2013)
* Lead singer with the British band the Troggs. Their biggest hit was in 1966 with *Wild Thing*. Their other big sellers were *With A Girl Like You* ('66) and *Love Is All Around* ('67) - which was revived in 1994 by Wet Wet Wet.
* In January 2012 Presley announced he'd been diagnosed with lung cancer and therefore decided to retire from music.

**ISSI DYE** (Israel Dyzenhouse) born in Austria - 1946 (79)
* Australian singer. He had his biggest hit in 1969 with *Incense* and had minor hits with *Personality* ('75) and *Go Little Teeny Bopper* ('71). He's hosted late night movies on Channel 9 in Melbourne and Sydney as well as for Northern Rivers television in NSW.
* His daughter Bianca Dye has worked on several radio stations.

**ROCKY BURNETTE** (Jonathan Burnette) born in Memphis, Tennessee - 1953 (72)
* US singer. In 1980 he had hit success with *Tired Of Toein' The Line* (No 1 in Australia) and *Fallin' In Love.*
* He's the son of Johnny Burnette who is best remembered for the hit *You're Sixteen*. His father died in a boating accident in 1964.

**TERRY ALDERMAN** born in Subiaco, Perth - 1956 (69)
* West Australian cricketer. The swing bowler, who was known to his mates as 'Clem', took 41 wickets in the '89 Ashes tour.

**JAVED MIANDAD** born in Pakistan - 1957 (68)
* Pakistani cricketer. He became the youngest double century maker (206) in the history of the game at 19 years and 141 days.
* He was involved in the infamous cricket confrontation with Dennis Lillee in Perth in 1981.

**WARWICK CAPPER** born in Melbourne, Victoria - 1963 (62)
* AFL player with the Sydney Swans and Brisbane Bears. The high flying full forward played his best games with the Swans and in 1987 kicked a season best 103 goals. He finished up twice as a runner up in the Coleman Medal.
* For a few years he toured with Mark "Jacko" Jackson presenting a comedy and sports show.
* In 2005 he released his autobiography *Capper, Fool Forward.*

**FRANCES O'CONNOR** born in Oxfordshire, England - 1967 (58)
* Australian actress. She played Rose Selfridge in the UK TV series *Mr Selfridge*. Her films include: *Thank God He Met Lizzie* ('97), *Artificial Intelligence: AI* (2001), *The Importance Of Being Earnest* (2002), *Windtalkers* (2002), *Blessed* (2009) and *The Hunter* (2011).

**CORINNE GRANT** born in Corryong, Victoria - 1973 (52)
* Australian comedienne. She's appeared on the local comedy programs *Rove Live, SkitHouse* and *The Glass House.*

**BRYAN HABANA** born in Johannesburg, South Africa - 1983 (42)
* South African rugby union player. He was part of the South Africa team that won the 2007 Rugby World Cup and was one of the stars. His eight tries equalled the record for a single tournament set by Jonah Lomu in 1999.

**DAVE FRANCO** born in Palo Alto, California - 1985 (40)
* US actor. He played Charlie St. Cloud in the ninth season of the series *Scrubs* and had a supporting role in the 2012 comedy *21 Jump Street.* He has also had roles in *Fright Night, Now You See Me, Now You See Me 2*, and *Neighbors.*

**SAM THAIDAY** (Samuel Thaiday) born in Sydney, NSW - 1985 (40)
* NRL player. He played for the Brisbane Broncos serving as their captain from 2012 until 2013. He spent all of his career at the Broncos, with whom he won the 2006 premiership.

## Events

**AUSTRALIAN WOMEN** were given the right to vote - 1902.

**ASPRO** was developed by George Nicholas in Melbourne - 1915.

**HUEY LONG**, US Senator of Louisiana, lived up to his 'Long' name by commencing a speech in the US senate which lasted over 15 hours! - 1935.

**BEACH BOYS** recorded *Surfer Girl* and *Little Deuce Coupe* - 1963.

**THE BEATLES** were awarded an M.B.E. - 1965.

**CELSIUS** scale was officially adopted by Australia - 1970.

**BORIS YELTSIN** became the first popularly elected president in the 1000 year history of the Republic of Russia - 1991.

**MICHAEL JACKSON** bought the *Gone With The Wind* Oscar statue - 1998.

**INXS** performed at opening of Stadium Australia with **TERENCE TRENT D'ARBY** as their vocalist - 1999.

**LITTLE RIVER BAND** members Glenn Shorrock, Beeb Birtles and Graehame Goble, settled a dispute with Stephen Housden over the use of the band's name - 2002.
* Housden, who joined the group in the '80s, retained the rights to the band name as well as the acronym, LRB.

US tennis player **PAM SHRIVER**, aged 40, married Australian actor **GEORGE LAZENBY**, aged 62, - 2002.
* In August 2008, Shriver filed for divorce from Lazenby.

**SHEPPARTON DRIVE-IN**, which opened in 1957, closed down - 2005.

**mX,** an Australian free afternoon daily newspaper distributed in the cities of Melbourne, Sydney and Brisbane, was published for the final time - 2015.

**DONALD TRUMP** and North Korean leader **KIM JONG-UN** met for the 2018 North Korea–United States summit in Singapore, the first-ever talks held between a North Korean leader and an incumbent US President, to discuss the North Korean nuclear program - 2018.

**SYLVIA MILES**, US actress, died aged 94 - 2019.

**MATT SHIRVINGTON** debuted as the new host on TV's *Sunrise* replacing David Koch - 2023.

# Birthday Bulletin

## Friday 13th June 2025

## Births

**SLIM DUSTY** (David Kirkpatrick) born in Kempsey, NSW - 1927. (Died aged 76 - 2003)
* Australian country singer. In 1958 he had his biggest hit single with *Pub With No Beer*. In 1980, *Duncan*, another beer drinking song, became his second biggest hit single.

**BOBBY FREEMAN** (Robert Freeman) born in San Francisco, California - 1940. (Died aged 76 - 2017)
* American singer. His only hit in Australia was in 1958 with *Do You Want To Dance*. (It was also revived by Cliff Richard, Bette Midler and the Beach Boys).

**MALCOLM McDOWELL** (Malcolm Taylor) born in Leeds, England - 1943 (82)
* English actor. He starred in the X rated 1971 movie *A Clockwork Orange*. He can also be seen in the films - *O Lucky Man, Star Trek: Generations, Voyage of the Damned, Bobby Jones: Stroke Of Genius* and *Father Stu.*

**RED SYMONS** (Redmond Symons) born in Brighton, England - 1949 (76)
* Australian musician and radio/TV presenter. He was a guitarist with the band Skyhooks. He hosted ABC Radio Melbourne's breakfast show from 2003 until 2017. He consistently rated No 2 in the radio ratings.
* For many years he played in the *Hey Hey It's Saturday* band and appeared as a judge on the program feature *Red Faces.* He's also appeared on the TV talent shows *The X Factor* and *Australia's Got Talent.*

**DENNIS LOCORRIERE** born in Union City, New Jersey - 1949 (76)
* US singer and guitarist. He heads the American band Dr Hook. Their biggest hit in Australia was *Walk Right In* ('77) even though the song only peaked at No 47 in the US. Their debut hit was in 1972 with *Sylvia's Mother*. Their other hits include *When You're In Love With A Beautiful Woman, Sharing The Night Together, Only Sixteen, A Little Bit More* and *If Not You*.
* In ther '80s he recorded a few songs with Mary Hopkin.

**RICHARD THOMAS** born in New York City, New York - 1951 (74)
* American actor. He played 'John Boy' in the US television series *The Waltons* that ran from 1972-1981.
* He has narrated over 340 books.

**TIM ALLEN** (Timothy Allen Dick) born in Denver, Colorado - 1953 (72)
* US comic actor. For 9 years in the '90s he played Tim Taylor in the US TV comedy program *Home Improvement.* From 2011-2021 he starred as Mike Baxter in the *Last Man Standing* TV series. His films include *For Richer or Poorer*, *The Santa Clause* (and sequels), *Jungle 2 Jungle, Galaxy Quest* and *Wild Hogs.*
* He provided the voice of Buzz Lightyear in *Toy Story* and the sequels.

**ALLY SHEEDY** (Alexandra Sheedy) born in New York City, New York - 1962 (63)
* American actress. She can be seen in the popular '80s teenage films *WarGames, The Breakfast Club, St Elmos Fire* and *Short Circuit.*

**DAVID GRAY** born in Cheshire, England - 1968 (57)
* English singer and musician. His No 1 albums include *White Ladder* (recorded in the spare bedroom of his London home) and *A New Day At Midnight*. His 2005 album *Life In Slow Motion* made No 5 in Australia.

**CHRIS CAIRNS** born in New Zealand - 1970 (55)
* New Zealand cricketer and former Test captain. He's the son of cricketer Lance Cairns. He captained the Black Caps on seven occasions. He also played for Nottinghamshire in the English Twenty20 cup competition and Canterbury (NZ).

**ELLI OVERTON** (Ellinora Overton) born in Vancouver, Canada - 1974 (51)
* Australian swimmer. Sydney 2000 was Elli's 3rd Olympic Games. She placed 5th in Barcelona for the 200m individual medley and 6th in Atlanta in the 400m individual medley finals. The 1994 Commonwealth Games saw her capture two gold, two silver and two bronze medals.

**CHRIS EVANS** born in Sudbury, Massachusetts - 1981 (44)
* US actor. He plays the role of Steve Rogers/Captain America in the Marvel *Captain America* movies as well as the Human Torch in the *Fantastic Four* films. He was one of the stars in the 2019 film *Knives Out* and starred in the 2017 film *Gifted.*

**MICK FANNING** born in Penrith, NSW - 1981 (44)
* Australian surfer. He's a triple world surfing champion. He won the 2007, 2009 and 2013 ASP World Tour. He's also a four time winner of the Rip Curl Pro at Bells Beach. He won his fourth title in 2015. He retired in April 2018.

**ASHLEY OLSEN** born in Sherman Oaks, California - 1986 (39)
* US actress and fashion designer. Along with her twin sister Mary-Kate they played Michelle Tanner in the US TV sit-com *Full House*. Through their company Dualstar, the Olsens joined the ranks of the wealthiest women in the entertainment industry at a young age. The Olsens introduced a clothing line for girls ages 4–14 as well as a beauty line called "Mary-Kate and Ashley: Real fashion for real girls".
* Ashley is older by 2 minutes. Mary-Kate is 2.5 centimeters shorter and is left handed. Ashley is right handed.

**MARY-KATE OLSEN** born in Sherman Oaks, California - 1986 (39)
* US actress and fashion designer. Along with her twin sister Ashley they played Michelle Tanner in the US TV sit-com *Full House*.
* In May 2020 Mary-Kate filed for divorce from her husband of almost five years, French banker Olivier Sarkozy. He's the half brother of former French President Nicolas Sarkozy.
* Her younger sister Elizabeth Olsen, plays the Scarlet Witch in the "Avengers" movies.

**KODI SMIT-MCPHEE** born in Adelaide, SA - 1996 (29)
* Australian actor. In 2021, he earned nominations for an Academy Award, a BAFTA Award, and a Screen Actors Guild Award for Jane Campion's film *The Power of the Dog.* His other films include *Dawn of the Planet of the Apes* (2014), *X-Men: Apocalypse* (2016), *Alpha* (2018) and *Dark Phoenix* (2019). He made his feature film debut with Eric Bana in 2007's *Romulus, My Father*.

## Events

**SAFETY PIN** was patented by US mechanic Walter Hunt - 1825.
* He sold the rights for $400. It only took him 3 hours to come up with a sketch of his idea.

**ACCORDION** was patented by Anthony Faas (USA) - 1854.

**VEGEMITE** was introduced to the public in Australia - 1923.
* It was invented by Fred Walker of Melbourne in February of that year.

First successful operation to separate **SIAMESE TWINS** took place in The Netherlands - 1955.

**PASTOR DOUG NICHOLLS** was appointed a Member of the Order of the British Empire (MBE) - 1957.

**MICK TAYLOR** left John Mayall's Bluesbreakers to join the Rolling Stones - 1969.

**JOE BUGNER's** 32 year boxing career ended on the Gold Coast when he defeated American "Bad News" Levi Billups - 1999.

A **PEUGEOT 406 HDI DIESEL** travelled on a single tank of fuel from Melbourne to Rockhampton (2,348 km) setting a Guinness World Record - 2002.

**LAURIE ALLEN**, one half of the Australian music duo Bobby & Laurie, died aged 58 - 2002.

**JIM KEAYS**, Australian singer with Masters Apprentices, died aged 67 of cancer - 2014.
* In his later years he toured with Russell Morris and Darryl Cotton (ex-Zoot).

**JIMMY BARNES** topped the ARIA album chart with *Soul Searchin'* which became his 11th No 1 album - 2016.
* It was the sixteenth studio album and fourth 'soul' album for Jimmy Barnes.

**D.J. FONTANA** (born Dominic Joseph Fontana), Elvis Presley's original drummer, died aged 87 - 2018.

**BENJAMIN NETANYAHU**, the longest-serving Prime Minister of Israel, was voted out of office; Naftali Bennett and Yair Lapid were sworn in as Prime Minister of Israel and as Alternate Prime Minister of Israel, respectively - 2021.

# Birthday Bulletin

**Saturday 14th June 2025**

**World Blood Donor Day**

## Births

**ROSS HIGGINS** born in Sydney, NSW - 1931. (Died aged 85 - 2016)
* Australian actor and radio performer. He starred as Ted Bullpitt in the TV comedy *Kingswood Country* and the unsuccessful spin-off *Bullpitt.* His other TV credits include *The Naked Vicar Show,* and the short-lived series *Richmond Hill.* His voice was heard on countless radio commercials and productions.
* He sang the famous *Mr Sheen* TV commercial and for several years was the presenter for the *Pea-Beau* ads.

**BRIAN BURY** born in Sydney, NSW - 1937 (88)
* Australian radio and TV presenter. In 1959 he joined Channel 9. For 30 years he worked with the Nine Network in various roles but is best known as a weather presenter on *Today*. For many years he also hosted the 2UE afternoon program but left the station at the end of 1997. In 2003 he retired from radio.

**ROD ARGENT** born in St Albans, England - 1945 (80)
* Keyboard player with the UK band The Zombies. Their biggest '60s hits were *She's Not There, Tell Her No* and *Time Of The Season.* In 1969 he formed the band Argent. Their biggest hit was *Hold Your Head Up.* (Revived by Australia's Party Boys in 1987.)

**DONALD TRUMP** born in New York City, New York - 1946 (79)
* US politician and businessman. A member of the Republican Party, Trump first became US President on November 8, 2016, in a surprise victory against Democratic opponent Hillary Clinton. He served as the 45th president from 2017 to 2021. He was defeated at the 2020 election and Joe Biden was inaugurated as the 46th US President. However at the 2024 election he was once again voted President and he began his second term upon his inauguration on January 20, 2025. He also became the oldest individual to assume the presidency.
* He featured in *The Apprentice* - a reality-TV based show.
* In 2005 he married his third wife Melania Knauss, aged 34.

**PETER MITCHELL** born in Frankston, Victoria - 1960 (65)
* Australia TV newsreader. He's the news presenter of the Melbourne weeknight bulletin of Seven News. He moved to Seven Network in 1988 to become weekend news anchor, he held this position for 13 years until late 2000 when he replaced David Johnston and Anne Fulwood as weeknight anchor.

**BOY GEORGE** (George O'Dowd) born in Kent, England - 1961 (64)
* English singer. He was lead vocalist with the Culture Club who had a string of hits from 1982-'84. Their biggest hits in Australia were *Do You Really Want To Hurt With Me* ('82) and *Karma Chameleon* ('83).
* He served as a judge on the Australian talent program *The Voice* for four seasons.

**GRANT KENNY** born in Maryborough, Queensland - 1963 (62)
* Australian ironman. At the age of 16 in 1980 he became the first person to win both the junior and senior Australian Iron Man events. (His father won the first title in 1965.) He won four Australian ironman titles (1980-1983) and an Olympic Kayak bronze medal.

**YASMINE BLEETH** born in New York City, New York - 1968 (57)
* US actress and model. She played Caroline Holden on TV's *Baywatch* and also appeared in the TV series *Nash Bridges.*

**STEFFI GRAF** born in Bruhl, Germany - 1969 (56)
* German tennis champion and wife of Andre Agassi. She retired in 1999 after winning 7 Wimbledon crowns, 6 French Opens, 5 US Opens and 4 Australian Opens. In 1988 she completed the Grand Slam in a calendar year and to top it off won a gold medal at the Seoul Olympics.

**DEREK BOYER** born in Fiji - 1969 (56)
* Fijian-Australian world champion power lifter, professional strongman competitor and actor. He was once regarded as Australia's strongest man. Boyer currently holds the Guinness World Record for heaviest truck pulled.

**SULLIVAN STAPLETON** born in Melbourne, Victoria - 1977 (48)
* Australian actor. He starred in the TV series *Strike Back* and also appears in the US crime series *Blindspot.* His movies include *Animal Kingdom* and *Cut Snake.*

**GEORGE KAMBOSOS JR** born in Sydney, NSW - 1993 (32)
* Australian boxer. He held the unified lightweight championship from 2021 to 2022, as well as the Ring magazine title during that time. He held the IBO lightweight title from 2022 to 2023.

## Events

**CAPTAIN WILLIAM BLIGH** and 18 supporters reached Timor after mutineers on HMS Bounty, led by Fletcher Christian, turned them adrift in a longboat - 1789.
* The journey was 5800 km.

**VAN DIEMEN's** land (later called Tasmania) became a separate colony, independent of NSW - 1825.

**SANDPAPER** was patented by Isaac Fischer (USA) - 1834.

**BUNSEN GAS BURNER** was invented by German Robert von Bunsen - 1847.

**GOLD** was discovered by Patrick Hannan near Kalgoorlie, WA - 1893.

**NAT KING COLE** recorded *The Christmas Song* (written by Mel Tormé and Bob Wells) for the first time - 1946.

**PATSY CLINE**, American country singer, was seriously injured in a car crash - 1961.
* Two years later she was killed in a plane crash.

**THE BEATLES** (technically just Paul McCartney) recorded the song *Yesterday* - 1965.
* The song would later be recorded by over 3,000 other artists and become the most covered tune in music history. In describing it, Paul has said *"I did the tune easily and then the words took about two weeks."* The original working title McCartney started with was *Scrambled Eggs.*

**MONKEES** recorded *Daydream Believer* - 1967.
* It was written by John Stewart who was a part of the Kingston Trio. The song was turned down by We Five and Spanky and Our Gang. It made No 1 in the US.

First **HARD ROCK CAFE** opened in London - 1971.

**THE GONG SHOW**, hosted by Chuck Barris, premiered on US television - 1976.

**ALAN REED**, voice of Fred Flintstone in the TV cartoon *The Flintstones*, died aged 69 - 1977.

**FALKLAND ISLANDS** war ended when Argentinean troops surrendered and General Menendez agreed to an armistice - 1982.

**ZSA ZSA GABOR**, US actress, was arrested for slapping a Beverly Hills motorcycle cop - 1989.

**CHRISTOPHER SKASE** declared himself bankrupt, claiming debts of $172 million and assets of $5000 - 1991.

**ANZ** announced they would pay $5 into the account of any customer who had to wait more than 5 minutes for a teller - 1994.

**HENRY MANCINI**, American composer and orchestra leader, died aged 70 of cancer - 1994.

**RORY GALLAGHER**, Irish rock and blues guitarist, died aged 47 – 1995.
* He had been recovering from a liver transplant operation which he underwent in April 1995.

**BILL COLLINS**, Australian race caller, died aged 68 of cancer - 1997.

**RICHARD BRANSON** set a world record by driving an amphibious sports car across the English Channel in under 2 hours - 2004.

**ASAFA POWELL** (Jamaica) set a 100m world record of 9.77 seconds at a Grand Prix meeting - 2005.

**RINGO STARR's** birthplace in Liverpool was saved from the threat of demolition - 2012.
* The house was a run-down three-bedroom Victorian terrace in the Dingle area of Liverpool.

**TEN NETWORK** fell into administration in Australia just days after its major financial backers pulled the plug - 2017.
* It went into voluntary administration the following day. By November 16 an acquisition was complete and the network was then owned by the CBS Corporation.

# Birthday Bulletin

## Sunday 15th June 2025

## Births

**NEIL ROBERTS** born in Victoria - 1933 (92)
* VFL player with St Kilda Football Club. He won the Brownlow Medal for best and fairest in 1958. His son, Michael Roberts also played for the Saints.

**WAYLON JENNINGS** born in Littlefield, Texas - 1937. (Died aged 64 - 2002)
* US country singer/songwriter. Apart from his solo work he was also a part of The Highwaymen who comprised of Johnny Cash, Willie Nelson, Kris Kristofferson and Jennings.

**HARRY NILSSON** (Harry Nilsson III) born in Brooklyn, New York - 1941. (Died aged 52 - 1994)
* US singer/songwriter. His biggest hits were *Without You* ('71) - written by Peter Ham and Tom Evans from Badfinger and *Everybody's Talkin'* - featured in the 1969 movie *Midnight Cowboy.* He wrote the hit songs *One* (John Farnham), *Cuddly Toy* (Monkees) and *Puppy Song* (David Cassidy).

**MIKE RUDD** born in Christchurch, NZ - 1945 (80)
* Lead singer/guitarist with Spectrum. They made No 1 in 1971 with *I'll Be Gone*. Spectrum also played as Indelible Murtceps and had hit success with *Indelible Shuffle* and *Esmerelda.* After the demise of Spectrum he formed Ariel. Their biggest hit was *Jamaican Farewell* ('73).

**NODDY HOLDER** (Neville Holder) born in West Midlands, England - 1946 (79)
* Lead vocalist with UK band Slade. From 1972-'73 they charted with *Coz I Luv You, Take Me Bak 'Ome, Mama Weer All Crazee Now* and *Gudbuy T' Jane*. Their album *Slade Alive* was one of the biggest selling albums in Australia in 1972.

**MICHAEL CHUGG** born in Launceston, Tasmania - 1947 (78)
* Australian concert promoter. Frontier Touring Company was founded in 1979 by nine people including Chug and Michael Gudinski as well as Kevin Jacobsen. In 1999, Chugg left Frontier Touring Company and founded Michael Chugg Entertainment.

**RUSSELL HITCHCOCK** born in Melbourne, Victoria - 1949 (76)
* Australian singer. One half of the duo Air Supply. He and Graham Russell have had more success in the US than their homeland of Australia. Eight of their songs made the US top 5 with *The One That You Love* going to No 1 in 1981.

**JAMES BELUSHI** born in Chicago, Illinois - 1954 (71)
* US actor and brother of John Belushi. Starred in the TV sit-com *According To Jim*. His films include *Red Heat, K9* and sequels, *Curly Sue* and *New Year's Eve.*

**JULIE HAGERTY** born in Cincinnati, Ohio - 1955 (70)
* American actress. She was the female lead in the '80s comedy movies *Flying High I* and *II.*

**EILEEN DAVIDSON** born in Artesia, California - 1959 (66)
* US actress. She played five characters in the TV soapie, *Days of our Lives*. She also appeared in *The Young And The Restless* and *The Bold And The Beautiful.*

**HELEN HUNT** born in Los Angeles, California - 1963 (62)
* American actress. She starred with Paul Reiser in the '90s TV comedy series *Mad About You*. In 1998 she received the Oscar for Best Actress for her role in *As Good As It Gets.*

**COURTENEY COX** born in Birmingham, Alabama - 1964 (61)
* US actress. She played Monica Geller in the TV sit-com *Friends*. From 2009 - 2015 she appeared in *Cougar Town.* She has also appeared in the *Scream* movies and starred with Jim Carrey in *Ace Ventura: Pet Detective*
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**ICE CUBE** (O'Shea Jackson) born in Los Angeles, California - 1969 (56)
* US rap singer, former member of NWA and actor. His films include *Three Kings, Anaconda*, *Are We There Yet*? and *21 Jump Street.*

**LEAH REMINI** born in Brooklyn, New York - 1970 (55)
* US actress. She is known for her roles as Carrie Heffernan on the comedy series *The King of Queens* (1998–2007) and Lara in the film *Old School*, as well as co-hosting *The Talk* from 2010–2011.

**POPPY MONTGOMERY** (Poppy Petal Donahue) born in Sydney, NSW - 1972 (53)
* Australian-American actress. She starred in the TV series *Without A Trace* as Samantha Spade from 2002-2009 and also starred in the TV crime series *Unforgettable* (2011-2016). She played Marilyn Monroe in the US TV mini series *Blonde* (2001).

**PIA MIRANDA** born in Melbourne, Victoria - 1973 (52)
* Australian actress. She played Karen Oldman in *Neighbours* (1998-1999) and made her film debut playing Josie Alibrandi in *Looking For Alibrandi* (2000).

**NEIL PATRICK HARRIS** born in New Mexico - 1973 (52)
* American actor. He starred in the US television series' *Doogie Howser MD* and *How I Met Your Mother.* He also starred as Count Olaf in the Netflix program *A Series of Unfortunate Events (*2017–2019). He was a producer of the program and sang the theme song.

**GARY LIGHTBODY** born in Bangor, Northern Ireland - 1976 (49)
* Irish musician and songwriter. He is front man of the band Snow Patrol. The group's first major UK success came with their 2003 album *Final Straw*. Their next studio album *Eyes Open* (2006) made No 1 in Australia and they had a hit single with *Chasing Cars*.

**CHRISTOPHER MCCAUSLAND** born in Liverpool, England - 1977 (48)
* UK comedian. He has been a regular panellist on the TV comedy show *Have I Got News for You*. His blindness is due to retinitis pigmentosa, a genetic condition that has affected both his mother and grandmother. He had complete loss of sight by the age of 22.

**LUKE HODGE** born in Colac, Victoria - 1984 (41)
* AFL footballer. The former Hawthorn club captain won the Norm Smith Medals for being the best player on the ground during the 2008 and 2014 Grand Finals. He played two seasons with the Brisbane Lions (2018 -2019).

**TASH SULTANA** (Natasha Sultana) born in Melbourne, Victoria - 1995 (30)
* Australian singer-songwriter and multi-instrumentalist. Her 2018 debut album *Flow State* made No 2 on the ARIA chart. Her 2021 album *Terra Firma* made No 1.

## Events

**JUDY GARLAND** married director Vincente Minnelli - 1945.
* They divorced in 1951 and had one child Liza.

**AUSTRALIAN CRICKET TEAM** achieved their highest innings total of 8/758 v West Indies in the 5th Test in the West Indies - 1955.

First **PIZZA HUT** restaurant opened in US in Kansas - 1958.
* The first Pizza Hut opened in Australia in Sydney in 1970.

**KYU SAKAMOTO**, 21, became the first Japanese artist to hit the top of the US singles chart with a song titled *Sukiyaki* - 1963.

**BOB DYLAN** began recording *Like A Rolling Stone* - 1965.
* It became his first top 10 hit single in Australia and his first million selling single. Al Kooper played organ on the song which wasn't meant to happen. Kooper was mucking around on the organ and Dylan liked it so much that it was left on the recording.

**JOHN FARNHAM's** final show as part of his *Last Time* tour took place in Melbourne at Rod Laver Arena - 2003.
* That night he performed secretly with an excruciating shoulder injury that he sustained in a motor cycle accident.

**LEO SAYER**, 57, moved from the UK to Australia and took up residence in Bellevue Hill, Sydney - 2005.
* He says he promised himself that at 55 he would be living in Australia.

**DOUGLAS WOOD**, 64, was rescued by US soldiers after being kidnapped by Iraqi rebels for 47 days - 2005.

**GRACE SEWELL** and her brother **CONRAD** became the first siblings to chart in Australia in the ARIA top 3 - 2015.
* Grace charted with *You Don't Own Me* feat. G-Eazy at No 3 and her brother Conrad was at No 2 with *Start Again.*

**INTERNET EXPLORER 11** desktop application was retired - 2021.
* It launched in 1995 and Internet Explorer became the dominant browser for over a decade as it was bundled with Microsoft's Windows operating system that came pre-installed in billions of computers.

# Birthday Bulletin

## Monday 16th June 2025

## Births

**JAMES BOLAM** born in County Durham, England - 1935 (90)
* English actor. He is best known for his roles as Jack Halford in *New Tricks*, Jack Ford in *When the Boat Comes In*, Trevor Chaplin in *The Beiderbecke Trilogy*, Terry Collier in *The Likely Lads* and its sequels.

**PHILIP BRADY** born in Melbourne, Victoria - 1939. (Died aged 85 - 2025)
* Melbourne TV and radio presenter. He made his show biz debut in April 1958 at Channel 9. During the late '50s and '60s he was a regular guest on Graham Kennedy's *In Melbourne Tonight* program. He hosted several TV quiz and game shows including *Moneymakers* and *Everybody's Talking.* On radio he was heard for many years with Bruce Mansfield co-hosting *Nightline* on 3AW. When Mansfield died in 2016 he was replaced by Simon Owens. The weeknight program came to an end on September 26, 2019. In his final years he was heard on 3AW with Simon Owens on the Sunday night program *Remember When*. He only retired in January 2025 when he was diagnosed with terminal cancer.
* For over 13 years Phil was a guest presenter on *Good Morning Australia*.

**BILLY 'CRASH' CRADDOCK** born in Greensboro, North Carolina - 1939 (86)
* US singer. He had more hit success in Australia than in the US, thanks to a headlined tour down under. *Boom Boom Baby* ('59) and *One Last Kiss* ('61) (from *'Bye Bye Birdie'*) both made No 1 on the Sydney top 40 charts. After a 13 year absence from the charts he had a hit in 1974 with *Rub It In.*

**LAMONT DOZIER** born in Detroit, Michigan - 1941. (Died aged 81 - 2022)
* US songwriter. He was a part of the famous Holland-Dozier-Holland songwriting team who wrote a string of Supremes hits. He combined with Phil Collins to write *Two Hearts.* Phil also revived *You Can't Hurry Love* which was also penned by the Holland-Dozier-Holland team.

**JOAN VAN ARK** born in New York City, New York - 1943 (82)
* American actress. She played Valene Ewing in the US TV series' *Dallas* and *Knots Landing.*

**MIKE HIGGINS** born in - 1945 (80)
* Queensland TV newsreader. From 1969-1988 he was a nightly newsreader with Channel 7 in Brisbane.

**ROBERTO DURAN** born in Panama - 1951 (74)
* Panamanian boxer. The four time world champion won 103 fights and lost 16. He is also the second boxer to have competed over a span of five decades, the first being Jack Johnson.

**GINO VANNELLI** born in Quebec, Canada - 1952 (73)
* Canadian singer and producer. He had his biggest hit in 1987 with *Wild Horses.* In February 2025 he released his 22nd album, *The Life I Got (To My Most Beloved*). He wrote the album as his wife, Tricia, was dying of cancer; at the time of her death last year, they had been together for 49 years.

**LAURIE METCALF** born in Carbondale, Illinois - 1955 (70)
* US actress. She played Jackie Conner Harris in the TV sit-com *Roseanne* ('88-'97) and appeared in the 2018 revived series. She was one of the stars of the 2017 movie *Lady Bird.*
* Provided the voice of Andy's mum in the *Toy Story* movies.

**PETER STERLING** born in Toowoomba, Queensland - 1960 (65)
* Australian rugby league player. He played in four first grade premierships for Parramatta. He was a Channel 9 rugby league commentator and host but in 2021 he left Nine after 23 years. He hosts *On The Couch with Sterlo* on FOX Sports.

**DAVID RHYS-JONES** born in Melbourne, Victoria - 1962 (63)
* Australian Rules footballer. He played with Sydney and Carlton. He won the Norm Smith Medal in 1987 when Carlton won the premiership. He was a regular visitor to the tribunal and made his 25th and final appearance in 1990.

**MARK BERETTA** born in Geelong, Victoria - 1966 (59)
* Australian journalist. He is a sports reporter on Seven Network's program *Sunrise*. He formerly co-hosted *Sunrise* with Georgie Gardner from 2000 to 2002. From 2007 until 2014, he was a part of the Seven Network's V8 Supercar commentary team.

**PHIL MICKELSON** born in San Diego, California - 1970 (55)
* US golfer. 'Lefty' won the 2010, 2006 and 2004 US Masters as well as the 2005 US PGA championship and the 2013 Open Championship. In May 2021, he won the PGA Championship in South Carolina and became the oldest major champion on the PGA Tour, at 50.

**GAVIN WANGANEEN** born in Mt Gambier, SA - 1973 (52)
* Australian Rules footballer with Port Adelaide and Essendon. In 1993 he became the first Aboriginal to win the Brownlow Medal. In 2006 he became the first indigenous footballer to play 300 AFL games. Played in Port Adelaide's 2004 premiership team.

**PETER HELLIAR** born in Melbourne, Victoria - 1975 (50)
* Australian comedian. This month (June 2025) he's brought out a new children's book Detective Galileo - who happens to be a horse. It's the first in a new series of books.
* The TV comedy series, *How to Stay Married* was created and co-written by Helliar. It starred Peter Helliar as Greg Butler and Lisa McCune as his wife Em Butler. A third season debuted in May 2021.
* For many years he was a regular panel member on Network Ten's *The Project.* He's also appeared as a guest on the TV programs *Rove*, *Before The Game*, *Skithouse* and *The Glass House.*
* He wrote and appeared in the 2010 film, *I Love You Too*.

## Events

First **ROLLER COASTER** began operating at Coney Island, New York - 1884.

**FORD MOTOR COMPANY** was incorporated in America - 1903.

**GEORGE REEVES**, American actor, died aged 45 - 1959.
* He starred as Superman in the '50s TV series. He was found dead on the floor of his bedroom - he had been shot in the head. The coroner ruled that his death was a suicide.

**VALENTINA TERESHKOVA**, 26 year old Russian cosmonaut, became the first woman to orbit the earth - 1963.

**MONTEREY POP FESTIVAL** began in Monterey, California - 1967.
* Eric Burdon and the Animals sang about the three-day music festival in their 1967 hit *Monterey.*

**AC/DC** filmed their promo clip for *High Voltage* at Festival Hall in Melbourne - 1975.

**SPACE INVADERS** video game was first demonstrated by the Taito Corporation of Tokyo - 1978.

**GREASE,** starring Olivia Newton-John and John Travolta, opened in US cinemas - 1978.

**CIRQUE DU SOLEIL** began with a small community of travelling performers in Quebec - 1984.

**THE YOUNG ONES** began on ABC TV - 1985.
* The UK comedy starred Rik Mayall (as Rick), Adrian Edmondson (as Vyvian), Nigel Planer (as Neil) and Christopher Ryan (as Mike). Began in UK in 1982.

**OFFICEWORKS** opened their first store in Australia in the Melbourne suburb of Richmond - 1994.

**LUC LONGLEY** became the first Australian basketball player to take part in a US NBA final - 1996.
* He contributed 12 points to the Chicago Bulls victory. They clinched the NBA series.

**NELSON MANDELA** resigned as President of South Africa - 1999.

**THE MORNING SHOW**, hosted by Larry Emdur and Kylie Gillies, began on the Seven Network - 2007.

**HARRISON CRAIG**, aged 18, won *The Voice* and pocketed $100,000 - 2013.

**BABY SHARK DANCE** by South Korean education brand Pinkfong debuted on YouTube - 2016.
* By November 2, 2020, the video became the most-viewed YouTube video of all time, surpassing the former record holder *Despacito* by Luis Fonsi.

**COCA-COLA NO SUGAR** went on sale in Australia - 2017.
* It replaced Coke Zero (introduced in 2006) that was being phased out.

# Birthday Bulletin

## Tuesday 17th June 2025

## Births

**JADE HURLEY** (John Hurley) born in Sydney, NSW - 1943 (82)
* Australian singer and pianist. The piano playing rock 'n' roller was discovered at 14, singing *Whole Lotta Shakin' Going On* in a pub in Sydney in 1958. Johnny O'Keefe nicknamed him 'Jade'. His biggest hit was *How I Lied* ('65) which he wrote.

**BARRY MANILOW** (Barry Pincus) born in Brooklyn, New York - 1943 (82)
* US singer/songwriter. His biggest hits in Australia have been *Copacabana* ('78), *Mandy* (a revival of the song *Brandy*)('74), *Can't Smile Without You* ('78) and *I Write The Songs* ('75). He made No 1 on the US album charts in 2006 with *The Greatest Songs Of The Fifties.*
* He arranged and co-produced Bette Midler's first two albums and in his early days wrote and performed jingles for Pepsi and McDonalds.

**LEE LIN CHIN** born in Jakarta, Indonesia - 1953 (72)
* Australian TV news presenter. She was born to Chinese parents and grew up in Singapore. Chin migrated to Australia in 1980 where she began working for SBS TV as a translator. In 1992, Chin moved to SBS World News to present the weekend news. She resigned in July 2018.

**GREG KINNEAR** born in Logansport, Indiana - 1963 (62)
* American actor. His movies include: *As Good As It Gets, Sabrina*, *You've Got Mail*, *Ghost Town* and *Heaven Is For Real*.

**JASON PATRIC** (Jason Miller) born in Queens, New York - 1966 (59)
* US actor. His films include *The Lost Boys* ('87), *Geronimo* ('93) and *Speed 2* ('97).

**GEOFF TOOVEY** born in Sydney, NSW - 1969 (56)
* Australian rugby league player and coach. He captained Manly and also played with the Northern Eagles. He also represented NSW in several State of Origin encounters. Former head coach of the Manly Warringah Sea Eagles and also the Bradford Bulls (UK).

**VENUS WILLIAMS** born in Lynwood, California - 1980 (45)
* American tennis player. Her younger sister Serena also is a professional tennis player. A former World No 1, she achieved a streak of 35 tennis tournament victories in 2000 winning the Wimbledon and US Open women's titles. Altogether she won five Wimbledon singles titles two US Open singles titles and two French Opens. She has also won several Grand Slam doubles titles.
* The 2021 movie *King Richard* is based on the true story of Richard Williams, father of Venus and Serena, and his plan to see his daughters succeed in tennis.

**SHANE WATSON** born in Ipswich, Queensland - 1981 (44)
* Australian cricketer. He only reached his 50th Test Match for Australia in the fifth Ashes match in January 2014, having debuted against Pakistan at the SCG in January 2005. He was awarded the Allan Border Medal in 2010 and 2011.

**JODIE WHITTAKER** born in West Yorkshire, England - 1982 (43)
* English actress. In 2018 she became the 13th and first female incarnation of the Doctor in the British TV series *Doctor Who*. She stepped down after three special episodes in 2022. She came to prominence in the 2006 feature film debut *Venus* and in the TV series *Broadchurch* (2013-2017).

**MARCOS BAGHDATIS** born in Cyprus - 1985 (40)
* Greek Cypriot tennis player. Runner-up in the Australian Open in 2006. He lost to Roger Federer. Won the Australian Open Juniors title in 2003.

**STEPHANIE RICE** born in Brisbane, Queensland - 1988 (37)
* Australian swimmer. She won three gold medals at the 2008 Summer Olympics in Beijing including Australia's first gold medal. It was also Australia's 400th medal. Rice competed in London after undergoing three shoulder surgeries between the two Olympics.
* She was awarded a Medal of the Order of Australia in 2009.
* In 2024 she married Christian Pastor Mark Lassey.

**ANDREW OGILVY** born in Sydney, NSW - 1988 (37)
* Australian-Irish basketball player. 'AJ' played for the Chicago Bulls in the NBA Summer League in 2010. In 2013 he joined the Sydney Kings but in 2015 he joined the Illawarra Hawks (team captain) and played with them until 2022. He has also represented Australia in international basketball.

**KJ APA** (Keneti James Apa) born in Auckland, New Zealand - 1997 (28)
* New Zealand actor. In 2017, he began starring as Archie Andrews in the TV drama series *Riverdale*. He also starred as Kane Jenkins in the NZ TV soap opera *Shortland Street*. He starred in the 2020 biographical romantic drama film *I Still Believe* in which he played gospel singer Jeremy Camp.

## Events

**CHARLES MACINTOSH** (Scotland) patented the waterproof cloth he was to use in making raincoats - 1823.

**JOSEPH LISTER** (Scotland) became the first surgeon to perform surgery under antiseptic conditions - 1867.

**STATUE OF LIBERTY** arrived in New York via France - 1885.
* France gifted it to the USA on the 100th anniversary of US independence.

**VERNON PRESLEY**, 18, married **GLADYS SMITH**, 22, - 1933.
* Eighteen months later they had a son, Elvis Aaron Presley. His twin Jesse died at birth.

**EDWARD HOLDEN,** Australian industrialist who took his family carriage and saddlery business, Holden & Frost, into a partnership with General Motors to create Australia's first automobile manufacturer, General Motors-Holden's Ltd, died aged 61 - 1947.

First **HUMAN KIDNEY TRANSPLANT** was performed in Chicago by Dr Richard Lawler - 1950.
* The recipient was Ruth Tucker. She survived another 5 years.

**EDDIE FISHER** married **DEBBIE REYNOLDS** - 1955.
* They divorced in 1959. They had a daughter Carrie - who died on December 27, 2016. Debbie died a day later. She was 84.

**VINCENT PRICE**, US horror movie actor**,** won $32,000 on the TV quiz show *$64,000 Challenge* by answering questions on art - 1956.

**JEFF CHANDLER**, American actor, died aged 42 - 1961.
* Born Ira Grossel, he spent most of his acting career playing Indians. He played Apache Chief Cochise in *Broken Arrow* ('50) which starred Jimmy Stewart.

**JAY & THE AMERICANS** recorded *Come A Little Bit Closer* - 1964.
* The song was penned by Tommy Boyce and Bobby Hart.

**WATERGATE SCANDAL** broke on this day when five members of the Nixon re-election campaign were caught breaking into the offices of the Democratics National Committee in the Watergate Hotel - 1972.

**MARY PIERCE's** father, Jim Pierce, was barred by the Women's Tennis Council from attending any more 1993 tennis tour events because of his violent behavior during the French Open the previous month - 1993.
* Mary said her father had made threats against her life, and she fired him as her coach. Her mother, Yannick, filed for divorce from him after nearly 20 years of marriage.

**O J SIMPSON** was charged with two counts of murder regarding the slayings of his ex-wife Nicole and her male companion Ronald Goldman - 1994.

**CLIFF RICHARD** became a 'Sir' when he was knighted for his services to charity - 1995.

**MATTHEW DRAPER** (UK), aged 5 years and 212 days, hit a hole-in-one at the Cherwell Edge Golf Club in England - 1997.

**PERTH** recorded its lowest temperature in more than 100 years when the city temperature fell to -0.7 degrees C - 2006.

**REX 'MOOSE' MOSSOP**, Australian rugby league player and commentator, died aged 83 after a long battle with Alzheimer's Disease - 2011.

**A STATE OF ORIGIN** record rugby league crowd of 91,513 watched NSW defeat Queensland 26-18 at the MCG - 2015.

**RON CLARKE**, Australian runner and former Gold Coast Mayor (2004-2012), died aged 78 of kidney failure on the Gold Coast - 2015.
* He achieved 17 world records in running.

# Birthday Bulletin

## Wednesday 18th June 2025

## Births

**KEVIN MURRAY** born in Victoria - 1938 (87)
* Australian rules footballer. He captained Fitzroy and played 333 games (1955-64 and '67-'74). Aged 31, he won the Brownlow Medal in 1969.
* He was named captain of Fitzroy's 'team of the century'.

**SIR PAUL McCARTNEY** (James Paul McCartney) born in Liverpool, England - 1942 (83)
* English singer, songwriter, musician and former Beatle. He became the first UK musician to hit billionaire status in 2024. His fortune grew from £1 billion in 2024 to £1.025 billion in 2025, thanks to his 'Got Back' world tour, which wrapped up in December with performances in Manchester and London. Ringo Starr joined him on stage for the final show.
* In the early '70s he formed the band Wings. Their most successful album was *Band On The Run* and their biggest single was *Mull Of Kyntyre*. At the age of 72 he became the oldest person to make No 1 in Australia when the single *FourFiveSeconds* recorded with Rihanna and Kanye West topped the ARIA chart. Paul only played acoustic guitar on the song that he co-wrote with several others. He toured Australia again in 2023.
* He celebrated his 22nd birthday when the Beatles toured Australia in 1964. He last toured Australia with his band in 2023.
* His last top 10 solo hit in Australia was in 1984 with *No More Lonely Nights.*
* In October 2011 he married his third wife New Yorker Nancy Shevell in a civil ceremony in London. Prior to Nancy he was married to model Heather Mills in 2002. They underwent a messy divorce in 2008. Heather gave birth to a baby daughter, Beatrice, in 2003. In 1998 Paul lost his first wife Linda to cancer.
* He owns all the songs of Buddy Holly as well as the publishing rights to *Grease, Guys And Dolls* and A *Chorus Line*.
* His song *Yesterday* is listed as the most covered song in history.
* He has a brother Michael. As 'Mike McGear', he was a part of the group Scaffold who had a big hit with *Lily The Pink.*

**NICK TATE** (Nicholas Tate) born in Manly, NSW - 1942 (83)
* Australian actor and voice over artist. He's appeared in US TV shows including *The X Files, Murder She Wrote* and *Star Trek: The Next Generation*. His voiceover work includes the theatrical trailers for such films as *Jurassic Park* and *Mission: Impossible*.

**SANDY POSEY** (Sandra Posey) born in Jasper, Alabama - 1944 (81)
* American singer. She had three hits from 1966-'67 with *Born A Woman, Single Girl* and *I Take It Back* which all peaked at No 12 on the US singles chart.

**ROBYN ARCHER** (Robyn Smith) born in Prospect, SA - 1948 (77)
* Australian singer, writer and artistic director. Her stage shows include - *The Conquest of Carmen Miranda* ('78), *A Star Is Torn* ('74) and *The Pack of Women* ('81).

**ISABELLA ROSSELLINI** born in Rome, Italy - 1952 (73)
* Italian-American actress/model daughter of Ingrid Bergman. Her films include *White Nights* ('83), *Tough Guys Don't Dance* ('87), *Cousins* ('89), *Death Becomes Her* ('92) and *Crime Of The Century* ('96).

**CAROL KANE** (Carolyn Kane) born in Cleveland, Ohio - 1952 (73)
* US actress. She appears in the TV series *Unbreakable Kimmy Schmidt*. Her films include *When A Stranger Calls* ('79), *Norman Loves Rose* ('82), *The Princess Bride* ('87) and *Scrooged* ('88).

**ALISON MOYET** (Genevieve Alison-Jane Moyet) born in Basildon, England - 1961 (64)
* English singer. 'Alf' was vocalist with Yazoo who had two hits in 1982 with *Only You* and *Don't Go.* In 1983 she went solo and had hits including *Love Resurrection* ('84), *Invisible* ('85), *Weak In The Presence Of Beauty* ('87) and *Is This Love* ('87).

**NATHAN MORRIS** born in Pennsylvania - 1971 (54)
* US vocalist with Boyz II Men. Their No 1 hits in America include *End Of The Road* ('92), *I'll Make Love To You* ('94), *On Bended Knee* ('94) and *One Sweet Day* - with Mariah Carey ('95).

**BLAKE SHELTON** born in Ada, Oklahoma - 1976 (49)
* US country singer and TV personality. In 2001, he made his debut with the single *Austin*. It was featured on his self-titled debut album. Shelton is also known for his role as a judge on the US TV shows *Nashville Star, Clash of the Choirs,* and *The Voice*. He has been on *The Voice* since its inception.
* He married singer Gwen Stefani in 2021.

**NATHAN CAVALERI** born in Camden, NSW - 1982 (43)
* Australian guitarist. When he was 9 he notched up his first hit single with a revival of *Little Egypt*. He was assisted vocally by Saints lead singer Chris Bailey. Nowadays he leads his band Nat Cole & The Kings.

**CAMERON SMITH** born in Brisbane, Queensland - 1983 (42)
* Australian rugby league player. He was the captain of the Storm for fifteen years, during which time they won the 2012, 2017, and 2020 NRL Premierships. He also captained Australia and Queensland from 2012 until his retirement from representative matches in 2018.
* Smith is the NRL's games record holder, with 430 matches played. He is the highest all-time points scorer in NRL history. Smith also holds the NRL records for most goals kicked (1295), most tackles made (16,917), most grand final points scored (44) and most wins (310).

**BILLY SLATER** born in Nambour, Queensland - 1983 (42)
* Australian rugby league player and current coach of the Queensland Maroons. He played his whole NRL career with Melbourne Storm and played in their 2007 and 2009 NRL Grand Final victories. (However due to salary cap breaches the team was stripped of both premierships.) In 2008 he was voted the best player in the world, winning the Golden Boot Award and the RLIF Awards international player of the year. He retired at the end of 2018.
* He was the winner of the TV game show *Australia's Greatest Athlete* two years in a row.

**JOSHUA DUN** born in Columbus, Ohio - 1988 (37)
* US musician. He's the drummer for the musical duo Twenty One Pilots. Their top 10 hits include *Heathens* (2016) and *Stressed Out* (2015).

## Events

**NAPOLEON BONAPARTE** was defeated at the Battle of Waterloo - 1815.
* He was sent to exile on the island of St Helena, from which he never returned.

**AMELIA EARHART**, US aviator, became the first woman to fly across the Atlantic Ocean - 1928.

**THE BEATLES** performed their first Australian concerts at Sydney Stadium - 1964.
* They played four more shows on June 19 and 20 before flying to New Zealand.

**AEROGARD** trademark was registered in Australia - 1970.

Talking Heads' members **CHRIS FRANTZ** (drummer) and **TINA WEYMOUTH** (bass) were married - 1977.

**DR SALLY RIDE** became the first American woman in space - 1983.
* Ride remains the youngest American astronaut to have travelled to space, having done so at the age of 32. She died in 2012.

**PETER ALLEN**, Australian singer/songwriter, died aged 48 from an AIDS-related illness - 1992.

**DICK SMITH** became the first person to cross Australia in a hot air balloon when he landed in northern NSW - 1993.
* Flight time was just over 40 hours at an average speed of 90km/h.

**TIGER WOODS** won the 100th US Open and broke several golfing records - 2000.
* He completed the golf grand slam when he won the British Open and became the youngest player to complete a career grand slam. He also broke every major golf championship record when he won 15 shots ahead of the rest of the field. It was the largest winning margin, largest 54 hole lead and largest 36 hole lead.

**CLARENCE CLEMONS**, US musician who played in Bruce Springsteen's E Band, died aged 69 - 2011.

**KARISE EDEN** won the TV talent show *The Voice* - 2012.
* Her debut single *Stay With Me Baby* (a cover of a Duffy song) made No 1 in Australia.

**DAME VERA LYNN**, UK singer, died aged 103 - 2020.

# Birthday Bulletin

## Thursday 19th June 2025

## Births

**CHARLIE DRAKE** (Charles Springhall) born in London, England - **1925.** (Died aged 81 - 2006)
* British actor and comedian. He was popular during the '60s starring in the TV comedy programs *The Charlie Drake Show* ('60-'61) and *The Worker* ('65-'70) and in 1961 he had an international hit with the Australian influenced song - *My Boomerang Won't Come Back.*

**IAN SMITH** born in Melbourne, Victoria - 1938 (87)
* Australian actor and writer. He is best known for playing Harold Bishop in the *Neighbours* TV series. However, he did not play the character of Harold continuously. He originally played the character from 1987-1991, but then left the show for 5 years before returning to play the character again in 1996. He switched to recurring status in 2008 and finally left the series in 2015.
* On 2 December 2024, Smith announced that he had been diagnosed with terminal lung cancer, resulting in his final departure from *Neighbours* in early 2025. On 30 December 2024, Smith gave an update to his condition confirming that his tumour had shrunk in size and was still undergoing treatment.

**SALMAN RUSHDIE** born in India - 1947 (78)
* British-American author. He wrote the controversial book *The Satanic Verses.* Shortly after its release he went into hiding after the late Ayatollah Komeini condemned him to death for allegedly blaspheming the Islamic religion. In 2024 he released the book *The Eleventh Hour* a collection of short stories.
* In 2004 he married his 4th wife, an Indian model and actress.
* He narrowly escaped death in 2022. He was stabbed and was blinded in one eye.

**PHYLICIA RASHAD** (Phylicia Ayers-Allen) born in Texas - 1948 (77)
* American actress. She played Clair Huxtable (wife of Bill Cosby) in the US TV sit-com *The Cosby Show.* She also plays Mary Anne Creed in the *Creed* movies.

**ANN WILSON** born in San Diego, California - 1950 (75)
* Vocalist/guitarist/keyboard player with US band Heart. She formed the group with her sister Nancy in 1973. Heart's hits include *Magic Man* ('76), *These Dreams* ('86) and *Alone* ('87).
* In 1984 she had a hit with Mike Reno, *Almost Paradise,* from the film *Footloose*.

**VIRGINIA HEY** born in Sydney, NSW - 1952 (73)
* Australian actress. Her credits include: *Mad Max 2* ('81) - as Warrior Woman and the TV series' *Neighbours* ('86-'87), *E Street* ('89) and *Farscape* ('99-2001).

**KATHLEEN TURNER** born in Springfield, Missouri - 1954 (71)
* US actress. Her movies include *Body Heat* ('81), *Romancing The Stone* ('84), *Jewel of The Nile* ('85), *Prizzi's Honour* ('85), *Peggy Sue Got Married* ('87) and *War Of The Roses* ('89). She provided the voice of Jessica Rabbit in *Who Framed Roger Rabbit*? ('88).

**RICHARD WILKINS** born in Auckland, New Zealand - 1954 (71)
* NZ born Australian TV host, reporter and radio presenter. Since 1994 he's been an entertainment reporter on the *Today* program on the NIne Network. He's also a co-host of *Today Extra* and a weekend presenter on Smooth FM.
* He's compered several Sydney News Year Eve presentations on the Nine Network.

**PAULA ABDUL** born in Los Angeles, California - 1962 (63)
* US singer, dancer and choreographer. In 1990 she made No 1 on the Australian charts with *Opposites Attract.* In the US she had four No 1 hits from her debut album *Forever Your Girl*. In 2014 she was a judge on the Australian edition of *So You Think You Can Dance.* For eight seasons she was a judge on TV's *American Idol.*

**BORIS JOHNSON** (Alexander Boris Johnson) born in Manhattan, New York - 1964 (61)
* British politician. He served as Prime Minister of the United Kingdom and Leader of the Conservative Party from July 2019 - 2022. He was the Mayor of London from 2008 to 2016.

**SADIE FROST** born in London, England - 1965 (60)
* UK actress. Her most memorable film appearance was playing a vampire in *Bram Stoker's Dracula* ('92) and appearing with ex-husband Gary Kemp in *The Krays.*
* From 1988-'97 she was married to Gary Kemp (Spandau Ballet) and then to Jude Law from 1997-2003.

**ANN-MAREE BIGGAR** born in Queensland - 1967 (58)
* Australian TV presenter. She's been a reporter on *The Great Outdoors,* a host of *Agro's Cartoon Connection* and was also a regular presenter on *Good Morning Australia.*

**MIA SARA** (Mia Sarapochiello) born in Brooklyn Heights, New York - 1967 (58)
* American actress. She had her breakthrough role starring as Sloane Peterson in the comedy film *Ferris Bueller's Day Off* (1986). She also portrayed Melissa Walker in the science fiction film *Timecop* (1994), which won her the Saturn Award for Best Supporting Actress.

**ALASTAIR LYNCH** born in Burnie, Tasmania - 1968 (57)
* AFL player. He was the Brisbane Lions co-captain from 1997-2000 and played in their 2001, 2002 and 2003 premiership teams. Lynch was recruited from Fitzroy at the end of 1993. He now works in the media as a football commentator.

**MARTY SHEARGOLD** born in Nowra, NSW - 1971 (54)
* Australian stand-up comedian and radio announcer. He was the host of the The Marty Sheargold Show on Triple M that was axed by the station in February 2025 following his comments regarding women's sport and the Matildas following their losses in the United States.
* He plays the role of Ray Gruber in the ABC TV comedy *Fisk.*

**MACKLEMORE** (Benjamin Haggerty) born in Seattle, Washington - 1983 (42)
* US singer and songwriter. In 2009 he combined with producer Ryan Lewis as Macklemore & Ryan Lewis. Their No 1 hits in Australia include *Can't Hold Us Down, Same Love, Thrift Shop* and *Downtown*.

**AIDAN TURNER** born in Ireland - 1983 (42)
* Irish actor. He starred as Ross Poldark in the 2015–2019 UK TV series *Poldark*. He played the role of Kíli in *The Hobbit* film series.

## Events

**FATHER's DAY** was instituted in the US by Mrs Sonora Dodd of Spokane, Washington - 1910.

**MARILYN MONROE** (then Norma Jeane), 16, married her first husband Jim Dougherty - 1942.
* They divorced in 1946. Her next marriage was in 1954 to Joe Di Maggio.

A **FOXHOUND DOG** in America gave birth to a litter of 23 puppies - 1944.

**PELE**, 17, became the youngest scorer in a FIFA World Cup Finals tournament, when he scored for Brazil against Wales - 1958.

**SANDOWN RACECOURSE** opened in Melbourne - 1965.

**GARFIELD THE CAT** made his US comic strip debut - 1978.
* Garfield was created by Jim Davis. He named the cat after his grandfather James A. Garfield Davis.

**CATS** became the longest-running musical in Broadway history with 6,138 performances - 1997.

**PRINCE EDWARD** married **SOPHIE RHYS-JONES** - 1999.

**JOHN TRAVOLTA** arrived in Australia for the premiere of *Swordfish* piloting his private ex-Qantas Boeing 707 airplane - 2001.

**STEVE FOSSETT**, US millionaire, took off on his 6th attempt to fly solo around the world in a balloon - 2002.
* He left Northam, WA on this day and successfully completed the attempt on July 4, 2002.

**KRISPY KREME DOUGHNUTS** opened their first store in Australia in Penrith, NSW - 2003.
* First store opened in America in 1937. They opened their 1000th shop in 2015.

**PHAR LAP** died of arsenic poisoning according to new research that was revealed on this date - 2008.

**GERRY GOFFIN**, US songwriter, died aged 75 - 2014.
* He wrote numerous songs with his former wife Carole King.

**CAROL RAYE** (born Kathleen Corkrey), UK born Australian actress, died aged 99 - 2022.

# Birthday Bulletin

**Friday 20 June 2025**

**World Refugee Day**

## Births

**WENDY CRAIG** (Anne Gwendolyn Craig) born in County Durham, England - 1934 (91)
* British comedy actress. She starred in the UK television comedy programs - *Not In Front Of The Children, Butterflies, And Mother Makes Three* and *Nanny.* She played the recurring role of Matron in the TV series *The Royal* (2003-2011).

**BRIAN WILSON** born in Inglewood, California - 1942 (83)
* US singer, songwriter and musician. Brian, his brothers Carl and Dennis, cousin Mike Love and David Marks, were the original Beach Boys when they formed in 1961. Al Jardine joined in 1964 when Marks left. In 2012 Brian reunited with original Beach Boys Mike Love, Al Jardine and David Marks as well as Bruce Johnston to take part in a 50th anniversary tour. They also released an album of new recordings. The Beach Boys biggest hits include *Good Vibrations, Surfin' USA*, *California Girls, Help Me Rhonda, Wouldn't It Be Nice, I Get Around, God Only Knows* and *Kokomo.*
* It was announced in 2025 Wilson has dementia, and his family had moved to appoint new conservators to help him following the death of his wife Melinda in January 2024.

**ANNE MURRAY** (Morna Anne Murray) born in Nova Scotia, Canada - 1945 (80)
* Canadian singer. She had her biggest hit in 1978 with *You Needed Me*. It made No 1 in the US and is her biggest hit in Australia.

**DAVID HILL** born in Eastbourne, England - 1946 (79)
* Australian businessman and writer. Former ABC chairman and managing director (1986-'95) and head of Soccer Australia. He was also the CEO of State Rail Authority of NSW.

**ALAN LONGMUIR** born in Edinburgh, Scotland - 1948. (Died aged 70 - 2018)
* Scottish musician and a founding member of the Bay City Rollers. He played the bass guitar in the band whilst his younger brother Derek Longmuir was drummer.

**LIONEL RICHIE** born in Tuskegee, Alabama - 1949 (76)
* American singer and songwriter. The former lead vocalist with The Commodores went solo in 1982. Their biggest hit was *Three Times A Lady* in 1978. He had a string of hits in the '80s with songs such as *Truly, All Night Long, Hello, Stuck On You* and *Dancing on The Ceiling.* He also had a huge hit with *Endless Love* - a duet with Diana Ross. He co-wrote *We Are The World* - a No 1 hit in 1985 for USA For Africa.
* His daughter Nicole starred with Paris Hilton in *The Simple Life*.

**JOHN GOODMAN** born in St Louis, Missouri - 1952 (73)
* American actor. He played Roseanne's husband Dan in the US sit-com *Roseanne* ('88-'97). He was nominated for an Oscar for 'Best Supporting Actor' for his role in *The Artist.* His other films include - *Raising Arizona, True Stories, King Ralph*, *Born Lucky*, *The Flintstones, Argo* and *Kong: Skull Island.*

**NICOLE KIDMAN** born in Honolulu, Hawaii - 1967 (58)
* Australian actress and wife of country singer Keith Urban (they married in 2006). She won an Oscar for best actress for her role in the movie *The Hours* (2002). She was nominated for a Best Actress Oscar for her role in *Rabbit Hole* (2010).
* In 2017, Kidman returned to television for *Big Little Lies.* She also served as executive producer. Kidman has revealed that it is returning for a third season.
* Before making the big time in America she starred in the local productions the movie *Dead Calm* ('89), the TV mini-series' *Vietnam* ('87) and *Bangkok Hilton* ('89). Her other films include *Moulin Rouge* (2001), *The Interpreter* (2005), *Australia* (2008) - which co-starred Hugh Jackman and *Rabbit Hole* (2010). She was one of the stars of the 2016 biographical film *Lion*.
* In 2024 she received the American Film Institute Life Achievement Award where she became the first-ever Australian to earn the honour.
* Nicole had a hit song with *Come What May* (a duet with *Moulin Rouge* co-star Ewan McGregor). In 2002 she had further hit success when she combined with Robbie Williams on *Somethin' Stupid.*

**ANDREW TIERNEY** born in Sydney, NSW - 1974 (51)
* Australian singer. He's a vocalist with Human Nature. His brother Michael is also in the group. The group have been performing regularly in Las Vegas since their move to the US in 2009.
* Human Nature's hit singles include *Last To Know, He Don't Love You, When We Were Young* and *When You Say You Love Me*.
* In 2019 Human Nature were inducted in to the ARIA Hall of Fame.
* In 2018 he combined with Timothy Dunfield (a Christian Pastor) and as Finding Faith they released their self titled gospel album.
* He is married to Heather Tierney, the older sister of Andrea Tierney (née Pope) who is married to his brother Mike Tierney.

**JOSH KENNEDY** born in Melbourne, Victoria - 1988 (37)
* AFL player. He played for the Sydney Swans and served as a captain of Sydney. He also played for Hawthorn. Kennedy is the son of John Kennedy Jnr, a former Hawthorn player and the grandson of John Kennedy, Snr.

**ABBIE CHATFIELD** born in Australia - 1995 (30)
* Australian radio presenter and TV personality best known for her appearances on reality television. She first gained media attention in 2019 when she was the runner-up on season seven of Network 10's *The Bachelor Australia*. She hosted her own radio show on the Hit Network called *Hot Nights With Abbie Chatfield* and has served as a judge on *The Masked Singer Australia*. Chatfield won the seventh season of Network 10's *I'm A Celebrity...Get Me Out Of Here! Australia* in 2021.

## Events

**PRINCESS VICTORIA**, 18, began her 64 year reign as the Queen of the United Kingdom - 1837.

**COURIER-MAIL**, Brisbane's first newspaper, was published - 1846.

**THE ED SULLIVAN SHOW** (then called *Toast Of The Town*) began on television in the US - 1948.
* The Sunday night program finally ended in 1971.

**FLOYD PATTERSON** (USA) became the first boxer to regain a heavyweight title when he defeated Ingemar Johansson - 1960.

**DAVID BOWIE** recorded *Space Oddity* - 1969.
* It was inspired by Stanley Kubrick's film *2001: A Space Odyssey* (1968). The United States' Apollo 11 mission would launch five days later and would become the first manned moon landing another five days after that.

**JAWS** movie opened in US cinemas - 1975.

**ESTELLE WINWOOD**, British stage actress, died aged 101 - 1984.

New Zealand's **ALL BLACKS** defeated France to win Rugby Union's first ever World Cup - 1987.

**WHITNEY HOUSTON** became the first female artist to debut at No 1 on the US album chart when *Whitney* topped the chart - 1987.

**$2 COIN** went into general circulation in Australia, to gradually replace the $2 note - 1988.

**SOUTH BANK** parklands opened in Brisbane (site of Expo '88) - 1992.

Brisbane's **LANG PARK** was renamed **SUNCORP STADIUM** - 1994.

**BERTHA WOOD**, aged 100, became the oldest person to have a debut book published when *Fresh Air and Fun: The Story of A Blackpool Holiday Camp*, came out on her 100th birthday - 2005.

**JERSEY BOYS** movie, directed by Clint Eastwood, opened in the US - 2014.
* The musical movie is based on the story of the vocal group the Four Seasons. It premiered in Australia at the Sydney Film Festival on June 5.

**DANIEL DAY-LEWIS**, British actor, announced his retirement - 2017.

**WOOLWORTHS** stopped providing plastic bags for free to customers - 2018.

**BILL COLLINS**, TV film host/film historian died aged 84 - 2019.

**DONALD SUTHERLAND**, Canadian actor and father of actor Kiefer Sutherland, died aged 88 - 2024.
* His early film roles include *The Dirty Dozen, Kelly's Heroes* and *M*A*S*H*. In his later years he appeared in *The Hunger Games.* Sutherland had almost 200 credits to his name in a career spanning more than half a century.

# Birthday Bulletin

**Saturday 21st June 2025**

**Shortest Day (Winter Solstice)**

## Births

**MAUREEN STAPLETON** (Lois Stapleton) born in Troy, New York - **1925**. (Died aged 80 - 2006)
* American actress. In 1981 she won an Academy Award for Best Supporting Actress in *Reds.* Her other major roles include; *Queen Of The Stardust Ballroom* ('75), *Cocoon* ('85) and *Money Pit* ('85).

**O C SMITH** (Ocie Lee Smith) born in Mansfield, Louisiana - 1932. (Died aged 69 - 2001)
* American singer. His biggest hits in Australia were in 1968 with *The Son of Hickory Holler's Tramp* and *Little Green Apples.*

**RON ELY** (Ronald Pierce) born in Hereford, Texas - 1938. (Died aged 86 - 2024)
* American actor. He played *Tarzan* in the television series that was made from 1966-1967.

**DEODATO** (Eumire Deodato Almeida) born in Rio De Janeiro, Brazil - 1943 (82)
* Brazilian keyboard player and composer. He had a huge hit in 1973 with his jazzed up version of *Also Sprach Zarathustra* - the *2001: A Space Odyssey* theme.

**SIR RAY DAVIES** born in London, England - 1944 (81)
* Lead singer and guitarist with the British group The Kinks. He wrote their biggest hits including *You Really Got Me* ('64), *Sunny Afternoon* ('66), *Waterloo Sunset* ('67), *Lola* ('70) and *Apeman* ('70).
* In January 2004 he was shot and wounded while chasing a mugger in New Orleans.
* He starred as Patsy Kensit's father in the 1986 film *Absolute Beginners.*

**MEREDITH BAXTER** born in Los Angeles, California - 1947 (78)
* American actress. She played Elyse Keaton in the '80s television series *Family Ties.*
* She was formerly married to actor David Birney.

**MICHAEL GROSS** born in Chicago, Illinois - 1947 (78)
* American actor. He played Steven Keaton, husband of Elyse, in the '80s TV series *Family Ties.* (Michael and Meredith were both born on the same day and year!)

**LIONEL ROSE** born in Warragul, Victoria - 1948. (Died aged 62 - 2011)
* Australian Aboriginal boxer. He took out the World Bantamweight title in 1968 when he defeated Fighting Harada in Japan. He successfully defended his title three times. He retired in 1976 having won 47 of his 53 fights.
* His biggest hit outside the ring was the Johnny Young song *I Thank You* which was a national hit in 1970.

**JOHN PAUL YOUNG** born in Glasgow, Scotland - 1950 (75)
* Australian singer. His first hit was in 1972 with *Pasadena* (as John Young). His biggest hits are *Love Is In The Air, Standing In The Rain* (both big hits overseas), *I Hate The Music, Yesterday's Hero, Keep On Smiling* and *Love Game*. *Love Is In The Air* became a hit again in 1992 due to the success of the film *Strictly Ballroom.*
* In the '80s he worked for several years as a radio announcer at NEW FM Newcastle.

**MARCELLA DETROIT** (aka Marcy Levy) born in Detroit, Michigan - 1952 (73)
* US singer. She was one half of the duo Shakespear's Sister (with Siobhan Fahey). They charted with *Stay* in 1992. She co-wrote *Lay Down Sally* and also sang back up on Eric Clapton's hit version.

**DOUG SAVANT** born in Burbank, California - 1964 (61)
* American actor. He played Tom in *Desperate Housevives* and the role of Matt Fielding in *Melrose Place.*

**JULIETTE LEWIS** born in Los Angeles, California - 1973 (52)
* US actress. She can be seen in films including *Cape Fear* ('91), *What's Eating Gilbert Grape?* ('92) and *Natural Born Killers* ('94).

**CRAIG LOWNDES** born in Melbourne, Victoria - 1974 (51)
* Australian racing driver and TV commentator. Winner of three V8 Super Car Championships and a six-time Bathurst 1000 winner. At 22 he became the youngest ever-Australian touring car champion. With 24-year-old co-driver Greg Murphy, they became the youngest winners of the Bathurst 1000 in 1996.

**CHRIS PRATT** born in Virginia, Minnesota - 1979 (46)
* US actor. He played Andy Dwyer in the TV sitcom *Parks and Recreation*. Pratt starred in two successful films in 2014: *The Lego Movie* and *Guardians of the Galaxy* (in which he portrayed Star-Lord). His other movies include *Jurassic World, The Magnificent Seven, Guardians Of The Galaxy Vol 2* and *Avengers: End Game.* He voices Garfield in the 2024 film *The Garfield Movie.*

**BRANDON FLOWERS** born in Henderson, Nevada - 1981 (44)
* US singer, songwriter and multi-instrumentalist with The Killers. Their biggest hit in Australia is *When You Were Young* (2006) which made No 10. *Bones* made No 22 in 2006.

**PRINCE WILLIAM** (William Arthur Philip Louis Windsor) born in London, England - 1982 (43)
* First son of King Charles and the late Diana, Princess of Wales. His only brother, Prince Henry (Harry) was born in 1984. He married Kate Middleton in 2011.

**ROB MILLS** born in Melbourne, Victoria - 1982 (43)
* Australian singer. He was one of the finalists from *Australian Idol* in 2003. He had a top 10 hit in Australia in 2004 with *Ms Verity*. In 2012 he hosted the revived series of *Young Talent Time*. He played Finn Kelly in *Neighbours* and has appeared in the stage musicals *Hairspray, Grease* and *Wicked*.

**LANA DEL REY** (Elizabeth Grant) born in Manhattan, New York - 1985 (40)
* US singer-songwriter. In 2023 she made No 1 on the ARIA chart with her album *Did You Know That There's A Tunnel Under Ocean Blvd*. In 2011, she released the song *Video Games* on the Internet, accompanied by a self-made music video that went viral. The song was released as a single in October and in January 2012 her major-label debut album, *Born to Die* was released. It made No 1 in seven countries, including Australia.

**SCOTTIE SCHEFFLER** born in Ridgewood, New Jersey - 1996 (29)
* US golfer. He won the PGA in May 2025. Scottie has ranked world No 1 for over 140 weeks. In April 2024, Scheffler won the US Masters for a second time in three years. He became the first player to win The Players Championship in back-to-back years in 2023 and 2024.

## Events

**33 1/3 RPM** records were introduced by the Columbia record company in the US - 1948.

First **PC** (personal computer) was developed (that's the first computer to use a stored memory facility) - 1948.

Australia's **JOHN LANDY** broke the 4 minute mile record in Finland - 1954.
* It was just 46 days after England's Roger Bannister became the first man to break the four-minute barrier. Landy's record was 3 mins 57.9 seconds.

**BOBBY VEE** recorded the Carole King/Gerry Goffin song *Take Good Care Of My Baby* - 1961.

**GARY PLAYER** (South Africa) became the third golfer to win the four top professional titles when he took out the US Open - 1965.

Australia's first **PANCAKE PARLOUR** opened in Adelaide - 1965.
* In June 1965 Helen and Roger Meadmore, and Allen Trachsel – opened a café in Adelaide called The Pancake Kitchen (later called the Pancake Parlour). The Adelaide restaurant is now called The Original Pancake Kitchen. (The Melbourne Pancake Parlours are a separately owned business).

**WEST INDIES** won the first World Cup Cricket series defeating Australia by 17 runs at Lords - 1975.

**EVITA**, written by Andrew Lloyd Webber and Tim Rice, opened in London - 1978.

**DAVID GRAHAM** became the first Australian to win the US Open golf title - 1981.

**DELTA GOODREM** spent 8 hours (1pm to 9pm) signing autographs for fans at Melbourne's Highpoint Shopping Centre - 2003.

**ENGLAND** won their first rugby world cup match against Australia in Australia (25-14) - 2003.

**TONY BENNETT**, 80, married Susan Crow, 47, - 2007.
* They had been in a relationship for 18 years.

**CRONULLA SHARKS** became first NRL team to remain scoreless in three consecutive games - 2014.

# Birthday Bulletin

## Sunday 22nd June 2025

## Births

**PRUNELLA SCALES** born in Surrey, England - 1932 (93)
* English actress. She played Sybil - wife of Basil in the comedy series *Fawlty Towers.* In real life she was married to English actor Timothy West since 1963. He died in 2024.

**KRIS KRISTOFFERSON** born in Brownsville, Texas - 1936. (Died aged 87 - 2024)
* American singer, songwriter and actor. He wrote *Me And Bobby McGee* (a hit for Janis Joplin and Charley Pride), *For The Good Times* (a hit for Perry Como and Ray Price) and *Sunday Mornin' Coming Down* (a hit for Johnny Cash). He was a part of The Highwaymen along with Johnny Cash, Waylon Jennings and Willie Nelson.
* He co-starred with Barbra Streisand in the 1976 remake of *A Star Is Born* and also was in the western *Pat Garrett and Billy The Kid* and *Convoy.*

**PETER ASHER** born in London, England - 1944 (81)
* English record producer and singer. He was one half of the duo Peter and Gordon. Their biggest hit was in 1964 with *World Without Love* which was written by Paul McCartney who was then dating Peter's sister Jane Asher.
* As a producer he has been very much involved in the careers of Linda Ronstadt and James Taylor.

**TODD RUNDGREN** born in Pennsylvania - 1948 (77)
* US producer/songwriter/ engineer and singer. His two big '70s hits were *I Saw The Light* and *Can We Still Be Friends?* He produced the 1977 Meatloaf album *Bat Out Of Hell.*

**MERYL STREEP** (Mary Louise Streep) born in Summit, New Jersey - 1949 (76)
* American actress. Nominated for a record 21 Academy Awards, she has won three. Streep has also received 31 Golden Globe nominations, winning eight—more nominations and competitive wins than any other performer.
* She's won Academy Awards for Best Actress in *Iron Lady* (2011) and *Sophie's Choice* ('82) as well as a Best Supporting Actress award for *Kramer v Kramer* ('79).

**LINDSAY WAGNER** born in Los Angeles, California - 1949 (76)
* American actress. She starred from 1976-'77 as *The Bionic Woman* - a spin off TV series to the *Six Million Dollar Man.*

**TODD HUNTER** born in New Zealand - 1951 (74)
* NZ musician and songwriter. Todd and his late brother Marc were the nucleus for the band Dragon. Their biggest hits include - *Get That Jive, Are You Old Enough, April Sun In Cuba* and *Rain.*
* Todd and his wife Joanna wrote John Farnham's hit *Age Of Reason.*

**GRAHAM GREENE** born in Ontario, Canada - 1952 (73)
* American-Indian actor. He was one of the stars in *Dances With Wolves* ('90) and also can be seen in the TV series *Northern Exposure*.

**BRUCE McAVANEY** born in Adelaide, SA - 1953 (72)
* Australian TV sports commentator. In 2022, he was inducted into the TV Week Logie Hall of Fame, becoming the second sports broadcaster to be inducted. He's called Cathy Freeman's 400m Olympic triumph, multiple Melbourne Cups and numerous AFL games. He was the MC of the AFL Brownlow Medal awards for over two decades (though at different time periods), between 1990 and 2018.

**CYNDI LAUPER** (Cynthia Lauper) born in Brooklyn, New York - 1953 (72)
* American singer. In 1984 she won a Grammy as Best New Artist and hit the charts with *Girls Just Want To Have Fun.* She also had hit success with *True Colours* and *Time After Time*.

**GARRY GARY BEERS** (Garry Beers) born in Manly, NSW - 1957 (68)
* Bass guitarist with Australian band INXS. The group formed in Sydney in 1977 and had No 1 hits in the US with *Need You Tonight* and *What You Need.*

**TONY SQUIRES** born in Sydney, NSW - 1961 (64)
* Australian TV and radio presenter. He's the host of *The Back Page* on FOX Sports. He's also hosted TV shows including *The Fat, Big Mouth* and *110% Tony Squires.*

**AMY BRENNEMAN** born in New London, Connecticut - 1964 (61)
* US actress. She starred as Judge Amy in the TV series *Judging Amy* and also appeared in *NYPD Blue* (1999-2005).

**DAN BROWN** born in Exeter, New Hampshire - 1964 (61)
* US author. He wrote the fiction books *The Da Vinci Code* and *Angels and Demons.* Both have been made into movies starring Tom Hanks.

**JESSICA ROWE** born in Sydney, NSW - 1970 (55)
* Australian TV news presenter. She co-hosted Sydney's *Ten News at Five* with Ron Wilson for almost 10 years. She also worked on *Today, Seven News, Weekend Sunrise* and *Studio 10*. In 2018 she announced her departure from *Studio Ten* citing a desire to spend more time with her children.
* She is married to TV journalist Peter Overton.

**DAMIEN OLIVER** born in Perth, Western Australia - 1972 (53)
* Australian jockey. He rode the Melbourne Cup winners Fiorente in 2013, Media Puzzle in 2002 and Doriemus in 1995.

**LARA BINGLE** born in Cronulla, NSW - 1987 (38)
* Australian model. Her own reality TV series, *Being Lara Bingle*, aired on Network Ten in 2012.
* She married actor Sam Worthington in 2014. In 2015 she gave birth to a son Rocket Zot.

**MARNUS LABUSCHAGNE** born in South Africa - 1994 (31)
* South African-born Australian cricketer. He made his debut for Queensland during the 2014–15 Sheffield Shield season. He also plays for the Brisbane Heat. He made his Test debut for the Australian national team in October 2018, scoring 0 and 13, taking 1-29 and 1-9. In 2023 he rated No 1 Test batsman in the world.
* In January 2020 he eclipsed Neil Harvey's all-time record for most runs by an Australian in a five-Test summer with 837 from just seven innings.
* He says, *"Sport is a fickle game and injuries play a big part. In the big scheme of things, what you're worth, what you put your value in, isn't out there on the pitch; it's internal and in Christ... cricket is always going to be up and down and if you have a constant in your life, it makes life a lot easier."*

## Events

**LORD'S GROUND** in London held its first cricket match with two county teams competing - 1814.

**ALBERT THURGOOD** (Essendon Football Club) kicked (place kick) a football a record 98.48 metres during practice - 1899.

**SYDNEY** recorded its coldest day on record with 2.1°C - 1932.

**CANE TOADS** were introduced in Australia at Gordonvale in north Queensland when 101 arrived from Hawaii - 1935.

First **FLUORIDATION** plant in NSW was officially turned on in Yass - 1956.

**YOUNG RASCALS** recorded *How Can I Be Sure* - 1967.

**JUDY GARLAND**, American actress and singer, died aged 47 of a drug overdose in her London home - 1969.

**UNITING CHURCH** was founded in Australia - 1977.
* The church was formed when many congregations of the Methodist Church of Australasia, Presbyterian Church of Australia and Congregational Union of Australia united.

**MAURICE ANGANIA** achieved a record for climbing the 1370 steps of the Centrepoint Tower in Sydney in just 7 minutes, 29 seconds - 1986.

A **JIMI HENDRIX FAN** paid $US35,200 for the handwritten lyrics of the Hendrix song *Room Full Of Mirrors* - 1991.

Geelong AFL footballer **GARY ABLETT** became the fifth player to kick 1000 goals - 1996.

**MARK TWAIN's** 1876 classic *The Adventures of Tom Sawyer* was auctioned for a record $81,000 (first edition copy) - 2003.

**EASTMAN KODAK COMPANY** announced that after 74 years it would discontinue sales of their **KODACHROME COLOUR FILM** - 2009.

**OLIVIA NEWTON-JOHN CANCER AND WELLNESS CENTRE** opened in Melbourne - 2012.
* Her sister Roma died of brain cancer in May 2013. Olivia died in August 2022.

# Birthday Bulletin

## Monday 23rd June 2025

## Births

**JUNE CARTER** born in Scott County, Virginia - 1929. (Died aged 73 - 2003)
* US country singer and second wife of Johnny Cash. While a member of the country group the Carter Family, she co-wrote with Merle Kilgore, Johnny Cash's hit *Ring of Fire,* which went to No 1 in 1963.

**STUART SUTCLIFFE** born in Edinburgh, Scotland - 1940. (Died aged 21 - 1962)
* Original bass guitarist with The Beatles. In 1960 there were five Beatles (then known as the Silver Beatles) - John, Paul, George plus Stu and drummer Pete Best. Stu left the group mid-way through 1961. He died of a brain haemorrhage in 1962.

**DIANA TRASK** born in Warburton, Victoria - 1940 (85)
* Australian singer. She had her biggest hit in Australia in 1975 with *Oh Boy.*
* Her cousin Kevin Trask can be heard as a regular guest on 3AW on Sunday nights.

**TED SHACKELFORD** born in Oklahoma - 1946 (79)
* American actor. From 1979-'83 he starred as Gary Ewing in the television series *Knot's Landing.* (A spin-off from *Dallas*).

**BRYAN BROWN** born in Marrickville, NSW - 1947 (78)
* Australian actor. Since 2022 he's co-starred in the TV series *Darby & Joan*. He married actress Rachel Ward in 1983. They starred together in *The Thornbirds* ('83), the TV adaptation of *A Town Like Alice* ('81) and the 2000 remake of *On The Beach.*
* His local film roles include - *Newsfront* ('78), *Breaker Morant* ('80), *Winter of Our Dreams* (81), *Far East* ('82), *Blood Oath* ('80), *Australia* (2008) and the TV mini-series *The Thornbirds* ('83). His Hollywood credits include *F/X I* ('86) and *FX II* ('91), *Cocktail* ('88) and *Gorillas In The Mist* ('88). His 12-part television drama *Twisted Tales* debuted in 1996. He conceived and co-produced the program. In 2024 he appeared in the Netflix series *Boy Swallows The Universe.*

**GORDON BRAY** born in Sydney, NSW - 1949 (76)
* Australian rugby union commentator. "The Voice of Rugby" has broadcast rugby internationals since the 1976 Wallaby Tour of France leading commentary teams for the BBC, Network Ten, Fox Sports and Channel 7.

**GERALDINE TURNER** born in Brisbane, Queensland - 1950 (75)
* Australian singer and actress. She has appeared in numerous stage musicals as well as the local films *Careful He Might Hear You* ('83) and *The Wog Boy* (2000).
* She won the first Brisbane *New Faces* TV series in 1968 singing *The Sweetheart Tree*.

**ROD YOUNG** born in Brisbane, Queensland - 1951 (74)
* Queensland TV newsreader. From 1987 to 2002 he read the news for ABC news in Brisbane. In 2003 he joined Channel 7 Brisbane to co-host the news with Kay McGrath. He left Seven Brisbane in 2016 and joined Seven News to present their Gold Coast bulletins from Surfers Paradise. In July 2021, Young announced his retirement from reading television news and presented his final bulletin on July 22.

**FRANCES McDORMAND** (Cynthia Smith) born in Chicago, Illinois - 1957 (68)
* US actress and wife of director Joel Cohen (since 1984). In 2020, she produced and starred in *Nomadland*, playing Fern, a nomad in the American West. For her performance, she won her third Academy Award for Best Actress. As a producer on the film, McDormand also won an Academy Award for Best Picture. Her wins for *Nomadland* made her the first person in history to win Academy Awards both as producer and performer for the same film, and the second woman in history to win Best Actress three times.
* She starred in *Fargo* ('96) that was directed by her husband Joel Cohen and for her role in *Fargo* she won an Academy Award for Best Actress. She won her next Academy Award for Best Actress for starring in the 2017 film *Three Billboards Outside Ebbing, Missouri.*

**CHRIS FAGAN** (Christian Fagan) born in Queenstown, Tasmania - 1961 (64)
* AFL coach and a former Australian Rules footballer. He played 263 senior games in the Tasmanian Australian National Football League and TFL with Hobart, Sandy Bay and Devonport. He was appointed Brisbane Lions coach in 2017. He coached them to a premiership in 2024. He was the third winning VFL/AFL premiership coach to have never played in the league, as well as the oldest coach to feature in a grand final at 63.

**SELMA BLAIR** (Selma Blair Beitner) born in Southfield, Michigan - 1972 (53)
* US actress. Her films include *Cruel Intentions* ('99), *Legally Blonde* (2001), *Hellboy* (2004) and sequels and *Columbus Circle* (2010).

**JOEL EDGERTON** born in Melbourne, Victoria - 1974 (51)
* Australian actor. He had a starring role in the 2013 film *The Great Gatsby*. His other films include *Star Wars Episode II* and *III* and *The Odd Life Of Timothy Green* (2012). He directed, wrote and starred in *The Gift* (2015). He can be seen in the Australian TV series *The Secret Life Of Us.*

**JOE HILDEBRAND** born in Melbourne, Victoria - 1976 (49)
* Australian journalist and TV/radio host. He currently writes for The Daily Telegraph newspaper, a SKY News contributor and is a fill in presenter on 2GB. He joined the Network Ten morning program *Studio 10* in 2013 but left the program in September 2020. He is also a former co-host of the drive program on Triple M.

**JASON MRAZ** born in Mechanicsville, Virginia - 1977 (48)
* US singer/songwriter. His 2008 album *We Sing, We Dance, We Steal Things* peaked at No 3 in Australia. His single *I'm Yours* also made No 3.

**K T TUNSTALL** (Kate Tunstall) born in Scotland - 1975 (50)
* Scottish singer/songwriter and musician. She had a major hit in 2007 with *Suddenly I See*.

**DUFFY** (Amie Duffy) born in Bangor, Wales - 1984 (41)
* Welsh singer/songwriter. She made No 1 in the UK in 2008 with *Mercy.* At the Grammy Awards in 2009, she won an award in the category of Best Pop Vocal Album for *Rockferry.*

## Events

**ANTOINE-JOSEPH 'ADOLPHE' SAX** was given a patent for his invention of the **SAXOPHONE** - 1846.

**TYPEWRITER** was patented by Christopher Latham Sholes (USA) - 1868.

**YES WHAT!** (then called *The Fourth Form At St Percy's*) Australian radio comedy debuted on 5AD Adelaide - 1936.
* Between 1937 and 1940, 520 episodes were recorded on disc.

**GENERAL NASSER** became the second President of Egypt - 1956.

**ALICE COOPER** broke six ribs after falling off a stage at a concert in Vancouver - 1975.

**THE KNACK** recorded their biggest hit *My Sharona* - 1979.

Prime Minister **BOB HAWKE** made the promise that "*By 1990, no child will be living in poverty*" - 1987.

**SONIC THE HEDGEHOG**, a video game franchise created and produced by Sega, was released - 1991.

**ROBERT DOWNEY JR**, US actor, was arrested for possession of cocaine, heroin and a concealed weapon after he was stopped for speeding - 1996.

**HARRIET** the giant Galapagos tortoise, the world's oldest living animal in captivity, died aged 175 - 2006.

**PETER FALK**, US actor who starred in the *Columbo* TV detective series, died aged 83 - 2011.

**LED ZEPPELIN** defeated a lawsuit which claimed they plagiarised a guitar riff featured in their hit song *Stairway to Heaven* - 2016.

**KIANI** (originally called Suma), Melbourne Zoo's veteran orang-utan celebrated her 40th birthday - 2018.
* Kiani was famous from the day she was born, as one of the twins born to mother Olga. She passed away on January 3, 2024.

**PAULA STAFFORD**, Melbourne born Gold Coast fashion designer, died aged 102 - 2022.
* She was very much responsible for launching the bikini on the Gold Coast in the 1950s. Her biography *Bikini: The Paula Stafford Story* was published in 2010.

# Birthday Bulletin

## Tuesday 24th June 2025

## Births

**BILL ARMSTRONG** born in Melbourne, Victoria - 1929 (96)
* Founder of Australia's famous Armstrong Studios. His South Melbourne studios opened in 1965. Literally thousands of acts, both Australian and international have used the studios. It was at Armstrong's that John(ny) Farnham, accompanied by a whirring vacuum belonging to the studio's cleaning lady, Mrs Cook, had his first hit *Sadie the Cleaning Lady.* It was also where Ian "Molly" Meldrum produced *The Real Thing* and The Easybeats recorded their first hit *She's So Fine.*

**MICHELE LEE** (Michele Dusiak) born in Los Angeles, California - 1942 (83)
* American actress. She played Karen Fairgate MacKenzie in the TV series *Knot's Landing.*
* She was married to actor James Farentino from 1966-1983.

**ARTHUR BROWN** (Arthur Wilson) born in England - 1942 (83)
* English singer. His band The Crazy World of Arthur Brown had their only hit in 1968 with *Fire*. (No 1 in the UK and No 2 in the US.)

**JEFF BECK** (Geoffrey Beck) born in Surrey, England - 1944. (Died aged 78 - 2023)
* English guitarist. He replaced Eric Clapton as guitarist for The Yardbirds in 1965 and left the group in November 1966. He then went solo and had his only pop vocal hit with *Hi Ho Silver Lining* ('67) - which was re-released in 1972. Beck's highest-charting album (No. 4 on the US Billboard 200) was *Blow By Blow* ('75). In 1970, after recovering from a skull fracture, Beck formed a new incarnation of the Jeff Beck Group. His last release was a collaborative album with Johnny Depp called *18* (2022). Beck died in January 2023 of a bacterial meningitis infection.
* He played on many of Donovan's biggest hits.

**COLIN BLUNSTONE** born in Hertfordshire, England - 1945 (80)
* Lead vocalist for the British band the Zombies. Their three big '60s hits were *She's Not There, Tell Her No* and *Time Of The Season.*

**MICK FLEETWOOD** (Michael Fleetwood) born in Cornwall, England - 1947 (78)
* Drummer with Fleetwood Mac. Mick and bass guitarist John McVie are the only two original members of the group which formed in 1967. Their biggest selling albums are *Fleetwood Mac, Rumours* and *Tusk.*
* In 1974 when the band moved to US he invited Lindsey Buckingham and Stevie Nicks to join the group.
* Fleetwood has called Maui, Hawaii home for years. His restaurant and bar called Fleetwood's were lost to the 2023 Hawaii wildfires.

**PETER WELLER** born in Stevens Point, Wisconsin - 1947 (78)
* American actor. He starred in the first two *Robocop* movies and *Naked Lunch*, *Mighty Aphrodite* and *The New Age.*

**RAELENE BOYLE** born in Coburg, Victoria - 1951 (74)
* Australian athlete. She won a silver medal at the 1968 Mexico Olympics for the 200m sprint, two more silver medals at the 1972 Munich Olympics and a gold medal at the 1982 Commonwealth Games.

**MICHAEL TUCK** born in Berwick, Victoria - 1953 (72)
* Australian Rules footballer. The former captain of AFL team Hawthorn retired in 1991 after playing an VFL/AFL record of 426 games. (Record beaten by Brent Harvey with 432 games.) He played in 39 finals - more than any player. He also played in 11 Grand Finals - also more than any other player.

**DI SMITH** (Diane Smith) born in Sydney, NSW - 1958 (67)
* Australian actress. She played Dr Alex Fraser in the TV drama series *A Country Practice.* Also can be seen in *The Restless Years* and *The Potato Factory* mini-series.

**CURT SMITH** born in Somerset, England - 1961 (64)
* UK singer. He's one half of the duo Tears For Fears. In 1985 they had three hits - *Shout, Everybody Wants To Rule The World* and *Head Over Heels* and in 1989 they had a further hit with *Sowing The Seeds Of Love.*

**GLENN MEDEIROS** born in Hawaii - 1970 (55)
* American singer. He had his first hit in 1988 with *Nothing's Gonna Change My Love* and in 1990 he had a hit with *She Ain't Worth It* which featured Bobby Brown.

**NICOLE LIVINGSTONE** born in Melbourne, Victoria - 1971 (54)
* Australian swimmer and sports presenter. She took part in three Olympic Games. Won six gold, two silver and one bronze at the Commonwealth Games and retired from swimming in 1994. She's been a sports presenter on Melbourne's Ten weekend news and on SEN 1116. Nicole is also a former manager of the AFL Women's competition.
* In 1996 she joined Max Walker on *Wide World Of Sports* becoming the only woman to host a national sports program on Australian TV.

**NATE MYLES** born in Cairns, Queensland - 1985 (40)
* Australian NRL player. He played for the Canterbury Bulldogs, Sydney Roosters, Gold Coast Titans, Manly Sea Eagles and Melbourne Storm. Retired at end of 2017.
* He married actress Tessa James in 2011.

**STUART BROAD** born in England - 1986 (39)
* English cricketer. He played Test cricket for the England cricket team and was One Day and Twenty20 International captain. Broad was a member of the England team that won the 2010 ICC World Twenty20. At the end of the third day of the fifth Test during the 2023 Ashes, Stuart Broad announced his retirement from all formats and all levels of cricket following the conclusion of the series. He is regarded as one of the greatest Test bowlers of all time.

## Events

First **RUGBY UNION INTERNATIONAL** between Australia and Great Britain was won by Australia (13-3) at the Sydney Cricket Ground - 1899.

**JOSEPH COOK**, Liberal Party leader, became Australia's 9th Prime Minister - 1913.

**DEAN MARTIN** and **JERRY LEWIS** broke up as a comedy team - 1956.
* They didn't speak to one another for 20 years. The feud briefly ended when Frank Sinatra brought Dean Martin on stage at one of Lewis's telethons.

A home **VIDEO RECORDER** was given a public demonstration for the first time in London - 1963.

**CANBERRA THEATRE CENTRE** officially opened - 1965.

**JOHN LENNON's** second book *A Spaniard In The Works* was published - 1965.

**ERIC CLAPTON** put 100 of his guitars up for auction at Christies in New York City to raise funds for his drug rehab clinic - 1999.

**KISS** auctioned off $888,000 worth of costumes, instruments and tour memorabilia - 2000.

Australia's **KARRIE WEBB**, aged 26, became the youngest player to complete a career Grand Slam of Women's golf when she won the LPGA Championship - 2001.

**RODNEY EADE** quit his role as Sydney Swans coach and **TONY LOCKETT** retired (again) as a Sydney Swans player - 2002.

**PETER CASSERLY**, Australia's last survivor of the Western Front in World War 1, died aged 107 - 2005.

**JULIA GILLARD** became Australia's first female Prime Minister after factional leaders concerned about the popularity of Kevin Rudd forced his resignation after he decided against a leadership vote - 2010.

**UNITED KINGDOM** voted in a referendum that resulted in a withdrawal from the European Union (EU), commonly called "Brexit" - 2016.

**ASH BARTY** became the first Australian woman to reach the top of the tennis rankings since Evonne Goolagong Cawley in 1976 - 2019.
* In March 2022 she announced her retirement from tennis. She became the second player to retire while holding the No 1 ranking.

**JULIAN ASSANGE** returned to Australia and then travelled to Canberra with former Australian prime minister and ambassador to the US Kevin Rudd - 2024.
* In a plea bargain agreed on 24 June 2024, Assange pleaded guilty to one count of violating the Espionage Act in exchange for immediate release. This allowed for Assange's immediate release from the UK to attend the plea hearing.

# Birthday Bulletin

## Wednesday 25th June 2025

## Births

**JUNE LOCKHART** born in New York City, New York - **1925** (100)
* American actress. She played the mother in the television series *Lassie* (1955-'64), Dr Janet Craig in *Petticoat Junction* ('68-'70) and Maureen Robinson in the '60s series *Lost In Space* ('65-'68). She's also appeared in *Babylon 5,* another US space-travel program.
* She had a cameo role in the *Lost In Space* 1998 feature film.
* She's been single since 1970.
* She made her acting debut opposite her parents in *A Christmas Carol,* in 1938.

**JUDY POLLOCK** born in Melbourne, Victoria - 1940 (85)
* Australian athlete. She first came to attention in 1964 when she made the Olympic team and won a bronze medal in the 400m behind Betty Cuthbert. Over the next twelve years she continued to represent Australia, setting world records as well as competing in 220y and 1500m events. She represented Australia at the 1964 and 1976 Olympics.

**ROY MARSDEN** (Roy Mould) born in London, England - 1941 (84)
* English actor. He played Det Chief Supt Adam Dalgleish in the TV movies based on the PD James murder mysteries (1983-1991).

**CARLY SIMON** born in New York City, New York - 1943 (82)
* American singer/songwriter. Her first big hit in Australia was in 1972 with *I've Got To Have You*, however the song was unsuccessful in the US and the UK. Her other hits include *You're So Vain* (which featured Mick Jagger on backing vocals), *Nobody Does It Better*, and *Mockingbird* (recorded with former husband James Taylor) and *Jesse.*
* She's written five children's books including a best selling book titled *Amy The Dancing Bear.*
* Her sister Lucy Simon co-wrote the Broadway hit musical *The Secret Garden* and *Dr Zhivago.*

**JIMMIE WALKER** born in New York City, New York - 1947 (78)
* American comedian. He played James Evans, alias JJ, in the '70s TV sit com *Good Times.* His catch phrase was *'Dyn-o-mite.'*

**TIM FINN** (Brian Timothy Finn) born in New Zealand - 1952 (73)
* NZ singer/songwriter and brother of Neil Finn. He's the founder of the band Split Enz. Their biggest hits were *I Got You* ('80), *One Step Ahead* ('80) and *Six Months In A Leaky Boat* ('82). In 1983 he had three solo hits, the biggest being *Fraction Too Much Friction* and *Made My Day.*
* In 1992 he briefly joined his brother's band Crowded House and also co-wrote some songs for their album *Woodface.* The brothers have also toured and recorded as The Finns.

**DAVID PAICH** born in Los Angeles, California - 1954 (71)
* Keyboard player/vocalist with Toto. He wrote their first hit *Hold The Line* ('79) and also co-wrote their hit *Africa* ('83).

**ANTHONY BOURDAIN** born in New York City, New York - 1956. (Died aged 61 - 2018)
* American celebrity chef, author, travel documentarian, and television presenter. He starred in programs such as *Anthony Bourdain: No Reservations* that focused on the exploration of international culture, cuisine, and the human condition. On June 8, 2018 it was announced that he died aged 61 of suicide (hanging).

**JO HALL** born in Melbourne, Victoria - 1958 (67)
* Australian TV presenter. She presents Nine News Victoria regional bulletins and is also a reporter for Nine News. Hall has been with Nine since 1989.

**RICKY GERVAIS** born in Berkshire, England - 1961 (64)
* English comedian, actor and wroter. Star and creator of the UK TV comedy series *The Office* (2001-2003). He also starred in and created the series *Extras* (2005-2007) and *Derek* (2013-2014). He also stars in the Netflix series *After Life* (2019-2022).
* He starred with Stephen Merchant and Karl Pilkington in the podcast *The Ricky Gervais Show* that began in 2005. He can be seen in the US movies *Ghost Town, Muppets Most Wanted, A Night In The Museum* plus sequels as well as the UK movie *David Brent: Life On The Road.*

**GEORGE MICHAEL** (Georgios Panayiotou) born in London, England - 1963. (Died aged 53 - 2016)
* English singer. Before going solo George and his partner Andrew Ridgeley had several hits as Wham from 1983-'85. *Wake Me Up Before You Go Go* made No 1 in Australia in 1984. He also made the top spot as a solo artist with the hits *Careless Whisper, Faith, Jesus To A Child* and *I Knew You Were Waiting* – a duet with Aretha Franklin.

**TRACEY SPICER** born in Brisbane, Queensland - 1967 (48)
* Australian newsreader, journalist and advocate. She worked with Network Ten as a newsreader in the 1990s and 2000s when she co-hosted *Ten Eyewitness News* in Brisbane. She later went on to work with Sky News Australia as a reporter and presenter from 2007 to 2015.

**MIKE KROEGER** born in Alberta, Canada - 1972 (53)
* Bass player for the Canadian rock band Nickelback. He is the older half-brother to the band's lead singer and guitarist, Chad Kroeger. In 2022 they released their 10th album *Get Rollin'.* It made No 3 in Australia. In 2014 they released the album *No Fixed Address* which peaked at No 3 in Australia. Their 2011 album *Here And Now* made No 1. The band's fifth studio album, *All the Right Reasons* (2005) contained their hit singles *Rockstar, Photograph, Savin' Me* and *Far Away*.

**KYLE CHALMERS** born in Port Lincoln, South Australia - 1998 (27)
* Australian swimmer. 'The Big Tuna' holds the junior world record in the 100 metre freestyle and won the gold medal in that event at the 2016 Summer Olympics. He also won the gold medal for the men's 200 metre freestyle at the 2018 Gold Coast Commonwealth Games.
* He is the son of Port Adelaide AFL premiership player Brett Chalmers.

**BENSON BOONE** born in Monroe, Washington - 2002 (23)
* US singer-songwriter. His career began when he started sharing his music on TikTok. In 2024 his single *Beautiful Things* made No 1 in Australia, the UK, Canada, France and other countries. The follow up *Slowed Down* made 21 in Australia. His album *American Heart* was released June 2025.

## Events

**BARBED WIRE** was patented by Lucien B Smith of Ohio - 1867.

**KOREAN WAR** began - 1950.
* The war ended in July 1953. (The *M*A*S*H.* T.V. series which was set during that period lasted longer than the war itself. It ran from 1972 to 1986).

**US SUPREME COURT** decided that a prayer approved by the New York Board of Regents for use in schools violated the First Amendment because it represented establishment of religion - 1962.

**THE BEATLES** recorded a live performance of *All You Need Is Love* at EMI studios - 1967.
* The song was heard worldwide on the *Our World* TV show which was carried around the globe to an estimated 150 million viewers.

**BEE GEES** recorded *I Started A Joke* - 1968.
* It was not released as a single in the UK. This is the last Bee Gees single to feature Vince Melouney's guitar work, as he left the band in early December 1968. It was mostly written by Robin Gibb.

**TONY HANCOCK**, British comic actor, committed suicide aged 44 in Sydney - 1968.

**ROY C SULLIVAN** was struck by lightning for a record 7th time - 1977.

**BILL PRATNEY**, 86, completed 900 laps of cycling at Brisbane's Chandler Velodrome - 1995.
* He covered 300 kms in 2 days in the charity bike ride for the Bible Society.

**NICOLE KIDMAN** married **KEITH URBAN** at St Patrick's Estate in Manly, NSW - 2006.

**MICHAEL JACKSON**, US singer/songwriter, died aged 50 of a cardiac arrest at his rented mansion - 2009.

**THE DIXIE CHICKS**, changed their name to the **CHICKS**, dropping "Dixie", which referenced to the American Mason–Dixon line, separating the free and slave-owning southern states - 2020.

**SIMON CREAN**, former ALP opposition leader and ACTU president, died aged 74 in Berlin - 2023.

# Birthday Bulletin

## Thursday 26th June 2025

## Births

**COLONEL TOM PARKER** (Andreas Cornelius Van Kuijk) born in Holland - 1909. (Died aged 87 - 1997)
* Manager of Elvis Presley. In 1956 he became the manager of Elvis Presley for a 25% fee. By 1967 it had increased to 50%. After Elvis' death the courts ruled that he had no legal rights or interests to the Presley estate.
* He was portrayed by Tom Hanks in the 2022 Baz Luhrmann film *Elvis.*

**BILLY DAVIS JR** born in St Louis, Missouri - 1938 (87)
* Vocalist with the US group the Fifth Dimension. He married fellow member Marilyn McCoo. As a duo they had a big hit in 1977 with *You Don't Have To Be A Star (To Be In My Show).*

**GEORGIE FAME** (Clive Powell) born in Lancashire, England - 1943 (82)
* British keyboard player and vocalist. His three big hits are *Yeh Yeh* ('65), *Get Away* ('66) and *The Ballad Of Bonnie And Clyde* ('68).

**MARCIE JONES** born in Coburg, Victoria - 1945 (80)
* Australian singer. She was a regular performer on pop shows during the mid '60s and later teamed up with the three Cook Sisters to form Marcie Jones and the Cookies. Her biggest hit single came in 1974 with *Gonna Get Married* which was a minor hit in most states of Australia.
* She was one of the vocalists on Russell Morris' hit *The Real Thing*.

**JOHN CONNOLLY** born in Brisbane, Queensland - 1951 (74)
* Australian rugby coach. 'Knuckles' was coach of the Australian Wallabies from 2006-2007. Also former coach of several teams including Queensland, Bath (England), Swansea (Wales) and Brothers (Brisbane).

**GRAHAM TEASDALE** born in - 1955 (70)
* Australian Rules footballer. He played with the South Melbourne football club ('75-'81), as well as Richmond ('73) and Collingwood ('82-'84). Won the Brownlow Medal in 1977.

**MICK JONES** born in London, England - 1955 (70)
* Former guitarist/vocalist with UK band The Clash. They had their biggest hit with *Rock The Casbah* in 1982. In 1985 he formed Big Audio Dynamite. In 1991 they made No 1 in Australia with the single *Rush* and also had a hit with *The Globe*. He wrote both songs.

**CHRIS ISAAK** born in Stockton, California - 1956 (69)
* US singer, actor and TV host. His '90s hits include *Wicked Game*, *Blue Hotel* and *Somebody's Crying*. His albums include *Live In Australia* (2008), *Mr Lucky* (2009), *Live At The Fillmore* (2010) and *Beyond The Sun* (2011). He had small roles in the films *Married To The Mob, Silence Of The Lambs*, *That Thing You Do!* and *Little Buddha*
* His TV program *The Chris Isaak Show* ran from 2001-2004.
* His drummer Kenney Dale Johnson has played with him since 1984.

**PATTI SMYTH** born in New York City, New York - 1957 (68)
* Lead singer with Scandal. They had a top 10 hit in 1984 with *The Warrior*. She had a hit in 1992 with *Sometimes Love Just Ain't Enough* - a duet with Don Henley.
* She married John McEnroe in 1997.

**TERRI NUNN** born in Baldwin Hills, California - 1959 (66)
* US singer. She was the lead vocalist with the band Berlin. They had their biggest hit in 1986 with *Take My Breath Away* - the love theme from *Top Gun.*

**NICK OFFERMAN** (Nicholas Offerman) born in Joliet, Illinois - 1970 (55)
* US actor and comedian. He is best known for playing Ron Swanson in the TV sit-com *Parks and Recreation*.
* Offerman is also a professional boat builder and has a side business as a wood craftsman.

**CHRIS O'DONNELL** born in Winnetka, Illinois - 1970 (55)
* US actor. From 2009-2023 he starred in *NCIS: Los Angeles.* His '90s films include *Scent of A Woman, Batman Forever* (as Robin), *Batman & Robin* and *Three Musketeers*.

**GRETCHEN WILSON** born in Pocahontas, Illinois - 1973 (52)
* US country music artist. She made her debut in 2004 with the Grammy Award-winning single *Redneck Woman*, a No 1 hit on the US Billboard country charts. Her single *All Jacked Up* became the highest-debuting single for a female country artist upon its 2005 release.

**RYAN TEDDER** born in Tulsa, Oklahoma - 1979 (46)
* US singer-songwriter and producer. He is best known as the frontman of the band OneRepublic. In 2007 they combined with Timbaland on the single *Apologise* which made No 1 in Australia. Their 2013 single *Counting Stars* peaked at No 2 in Australia as well as their 2022 single *I Ain't Worried.*

**AUBREY PLAZA** born in Wilmington, Delaware - 1984 (41)
* American comedienne and actress. She is best known for her role as April Ludgate in the TV sitcom *Parks and Recreation*. From 2017-2019, she starred as Lenny Busker in the drama series *Legion.*

**DUSTIN 'DUSTY' MARTIN** born in Castlemaine, Victoria - 1991 (34)
* AFL player with Richmond. 'Dusty' played in three premierships and in each of his three premiership years (2017, 2019, 2020), he won the Norm Smith Medal as best afield in the grand final. Martin is the only player to win the award three times. In 2017 he won the Brownlow Medal for best and fairest. He retired in 2024 after playing 302 games.

**ARIANA GRANDE** born in Boca Raton, Florida - 1993 (32)
* US actress and singer. From 2010-2013 she played Cat Valentine in *Victorious* and *Sam and Cat.* She had a No 1 hit album in 2014 in Australia with *My Everything*. In 2018 she had No 1 hit singles in Australia with *We Can't Be Friends*, *No Tears Left To Cry* and *Thank U*. In 2020 she featured on Lady Gaga's hit *Rain On Me* (No 2 in Australia). The single *We Can't Be Friends* peaked at No 2 in Australia and was her biggest hit in 2024.

**JACOB ELORDI** born in Brisbane, Queensland - 1997 (28)
* Australian actor. He played the role of Noah Flynn, in *The Kissing Booth* film trilogy on Netflix. He played Elvis Presley in the 2023 film *Priscilla.* Since 2019 he's appeared in the US series *Euphoria.*

## Events

**ST JOHN AMBULANCE ASSOCIATION** formed in Melbourne - 1863.

First **GRAND PRIX** motor race was held over two days at Le Mans, France - 1906.

**PAUL McCARTNEY** and **JOHN LENNON** wrote *She Loves You* in a hotel room in Newcastle-Upon-Tyne - 1963.

**THE BEATLES** flew to Dunedin, New Zealand and performed two concerts - 1964.

**SONNY & CHER** divorced - 1975.
* They wed in 1963 when Cher was only 18. Four days after her divorce to Sonny, she married rock guitarist Gregg Allman.

**CN TOWER** opened in Toronto, Ontario - 1976.
* The world's tallest freestanding, self-supporting structure.

**ELVIS PRESLEY** made (what would be) his last public appearance with a concert in Indiana - 1977.
* He died seven weeks later on August 16 aged 42. His mother died on August 14 1958 aged 46.
* It was on this day 1909 that his manager was born and on this day 1979 that his father died aged 63!
* He also recorded the hit songs *His Latest Flame* and *Little Sister* on this day 1961.

**PSEUDO ECHO** performed on ABC's *Countdown* becoming the first unrecorded band to appear on the show - 1983.

**DON JOHNSON** and **MELANIE GRIFFITH** remarried - 1989.
* Divorced in 1996. They were also married from 1972-1976.

**JENNIFER CAPRIATI** (USA), aged 14 years and 89 days, became the youngest person to win a match at Wimbledon - 1990.
* It was her first match and she reached the semi-finals.

**RICHARD WILKINS** announced on the *Today* TV program that US actor **JEFF GOLDBLUM** had died in New Zealand - 2009.
* The report turned out to be a hoax and was spread via a website.

**KEVIN RUDD** was returned as Prime Minister when **JULIA GILLARD** called a leadership vote - 2013.

# Birthday Bulletin

## Friday 27th June 2025

## Births

**'DOC' POMUS** (Jerome Felder) born in Brooklyn, New York - **1925**. (Died aged 65 - 1991)
* American songwriter. 'Doc' and Mort Shuman wrote numerous '60s pop classics including the Elvis Presley hits - *His Latest Flame, Viva Las Vegas, Suspicion, Little Sister* and *Surrender* plus *Save The Last Dance For Me* (Drifters), *This Magic Moment* (Jay & The Americans), *(A) Teenager In Love* (Dion & the Belmonts) and *Can't Get Used To Losing You* (Andy Williams).
* His songwriting partner Mort Schuman also died in 1991.
* Due to a bad fall he was wheelchair bound since 1965.

**FRANK MILLS** born in Toronto, Canada - 1942 (83)
* Canadian pianist. He had a hit in 1979 with the instrumental *Music Box Dancer.*

**BRUCE JOHNSTON** (Benjamin Baldwin) born in Peoria, Illinois - 1942 (83)
* US musician and singer. He joined the Beach Boys in 1965 when Brian Wilson stopped touring. (Glen Campbell was a temporary replacement). He left in 1972 but rejoined them in 1978.
* In the early '60s he formed the Rip Chords with Terry Melcher, son of Doris Day. They had a top 10 hit in 1963 with *Hey Little Cobra*.
* He wrote the Barry Manilow 1975 hit *I Write The Songs.*

**ISABELLE ADJANI** born in Paris, France - 1955 (70)
* French actress and singer. She has an Algerian-Turkish father and a German mother. Her US films include *The Driver* ('78), *Ishtar* ('88) and *Queen Margot* ('94).

**PAUL ROOS** born in Melbourne, Victoria - 1963 (62)
* Former AFL footballer and coach. After many years playing with Fitzroy ('82-'94) he joined the Sydney Swans in 1995. He retired at the end of 1998 after playing more than 350 senior games.
* He was appointed coach of the Swans at the end of season 2002 and in 2005 he became the Swans first premiership coach since 1933. He also coached Melbourne from 2013 - 2016.

**EVE VON BIBRA** born in Melbourne, Victoria - 1966 (59)
* Australian actress and vocalist with the band the Chantoozies. From 1987-1991 they had hits with *Wanna Be Up, Witch Queen Of New Orleans, Kiss 'N Tell* and *Love The One You're With.*
* She played Jackie in the 2006 film *Kenny* and appeared in the TV series *Sons and Daughters.*

**JJ ABRAMS** (Jeffrey Jacob Abrams) born in New York - 1966 (59)
* US film maker. He wrote or produced such films as *Armageddon* (1998), *Star Trek* (2009), *Star Wars: The Force Awakens* (2015), and *Star Wars: The Rise of Skywalker* (2019). Abrams has also created or co-created numerous TV series, including *Persons Of Interest, Felicity, Alias, Lost* and *Fringe.* He directed *Mission: Impossible III* (2006), *Star Trek* (2009), and *Star Trek Into Darkness* (2013).
* His daughter Gracie Abrams is a singer/songwriter and toured Australia in May 2025. She had a No 1 hit in 2024 with *So True.*

**MATTHEW RIDGE** born in Rotorua, New Zealand - 1968 (57)
* NZ rugby league player. Former captain of the Auckland Warriors. He also played with Sydney club Manly. A NZ All Black in 1989, Matthew switched codes and became one of rugby league's best goal-kickers and was rated among the world's best fullbacks.

**JOHN EALES** born in Brisbane, Queensland - 1970 (55)
* Australian rugby union player. He made his international debut in 1991. The former captain of the Queensland Reds was named Wallabies captain in 1996 and led the side to an undefeated tour of Italy, Scotland, Ireland and Wales. He played his last game for Australia's Wallabies in September 2001. They defeated the All-Blacks in the final minute.

**TOBEY MAGUIRE** (Tobias Maguire) born in Santa Monica, California - 1975 (50)
* US actor. Star of three of the *Spider-Man* movies. He's also had leading roles in the movies *Pleasantville, The Cider House Rules, Seabiscuit, Wonder Boys, The Great Gatsby* and *Brothers*.

**LEIGH NASH** (Leigh Bingham) born in Texas - 1976 (49)
* US singer with the band Sixpence None The Richer. Their biggest hit was in 1999 with *Kiss Me* which made No 1 in Australia. They also charted with the follow up *There She Goes.* The group split up in 2004.

**KELLY LANDRY** born in **-** 1979 (46)
* Australian TV presenter and model. Her TV credits include: *Getaway, Top 6* (2015), *Wipeout Australia* (2009) *and Million Dollar Wheel of Fortune* (2008).
* She married Anthony Bell CEO & Founder of Bell Partners in 2011. They divorced in 2021.

**SVETLANA KUZNETSOVA** born in St Petersburg, Russia - 1985 (40)
* Russian tennis player. Won the US Open women's final in 2004. Also Kuznetsova and Alicia Molik claimed the women's doubles title at the 2005 Australian Open.

**DRAKE BELL** born in Orange County, California - 1986 (39)
* US actor and musician. He co-starred with Josh Nichols in the TV sit-com *Drake & Josh* (2004-2007).

## Events

**NED KELLY's '**Kelly Gang' took over the town of Glenrowan in Victoria and also occupied the Glenrowan Inn taking about 70 hostages - 1880.
* At about dawn on 28 June, Kelly emerged from the inn in his suit of armour. He marched on to the police firing his gun at them. He survived to stand trial. The other gang members died in the hotel.

**ROYAL MILITARY COLLEGE** opened at Duntroon in Canberra - 1911.

**JOHNNY O'KEEFE** was involved in a car accident - 1960.
* The Australian singer crashed his red Plymouth just north of Kempsey while returning to Sydney from Surfers Paradise. He returned to work as host of the *Six O'Clock Rock* TV program three weeks later.

**RON CLARKE** (Australia) set a new world record for two miles, which he ran in just 8 minutes and 19.8 seconds - 1967.

World's first **ATM** (automatic teller machine) opened at Barclays Bank in Enfield Town, Middlesex - 1967.
* English actor Reg Varney became the first person to use the machine.

**MELBOURNE CRICKET CLUB** voted in favour of admitting women as members - 1983.

**WHITNEY HOUSTON's** second album *Whitney* entered the US chart at No 1 and she became the first woman in the US chart history to simultaneously enter and top the Billboard album chart in one week - 1987.
* On this same day she became the first female artist to top the US singles chart with four consecutive releases.

**DAVE HURST** and **ALAN MATTHEWS** of England, became the first blind mountain climbers to reach the summit of Mont Blanc, Europe's highest mountain - 1988.

**MIKE TYSON** defeated **MICHAEL SPINK** with a knock out in just 91 seconds, in Atlantic City - 1988.
* At the time it was the richest fight in boxing history, grossing some $70 million.

**JULIA ROBERTS**, 25, married country singer **LYLE LOVETT**, 35, - 1993.
* They divorced in 1995.

**JOHN ENTWISTLE**, UK bass guitarist with The Who, died aged 57 in Las Vegas - 2002.

**AUSTRALIA** lost to **ITALY** 1-0 in the World Cup after Italy scored a penalty goal in the final seconds of injury time - 2006.

**TONY BLAIR** stepped down as Prime Minister of the United Kingdom - 2007.
* He came to power in May 1997.

**JOE JACKSON**, manager, father and patriarch of the Jackson family and The Jackson 5, died age 89 - 2018.
* Michael fired his father in 1979, with his brothers following suit in 1983.

More than 100 **NEWS CORP AUSTRALIA** newspapers were printed for the final time as the company either moved them to an online only format, or closed them completely - 2020.

**JIMMY BARNES** set a new record on the ARIA Albums Chart, with *Soul Deep 30* going to No 1 - 2022.
* *Soul Deep 30* became his 19th No 1. He's had 14 No 1s as a solo artist and five with Cold Chisel – since the ARIA Charts came into existence in July 1983.

# Birthday Bulletin

## Saturday 28th June 2025

## Births

**EMILY PERRY** born in Devon, England - 1907. (Died aged 100 - 2008)
* English actress. She is best known for her recurring role as Madge Allsop, Dame Edna Everage's long-suffering, silent "bridesmaid" from New Zealand. She began playing the role at the age of 80 and retired in 2004.

**RICHARD RODGERS** born in Queens, New York - 1902. (Died aged 77 - 1979)
* American composer. From 1943 to 1959 he worked with lyricist Oscar Hammerstein II. They wrote the famous musicals - *Carousel, Oklahoma, The King And I, South Pacific* and *The Sound Of Music.* He also worked with Lorenz Hart from 1920 to 1943 writing songs such as *My Funny Valentine* and *The Lady Is A Tramp*.

**MEL BROOKS** (Melvin Kaminsky) born in Brooklyn, New York - 1926 (99)
* American writer, producer, director and actor. He starred in and directed the comedy films *Blazing Saddles* ('74), *Silent Movie* ('76), *High Anxiety* ('78), *To Be Or Not To Be* ('83) and *Space Balls* ('87).
* He co-scripted the *Get Smart* television series.
* For over 40 years he was married to actress Anne Bancroft (who died in 2005). They starred together in *To Be Or Not To Be.* He also had a hit song in 1984 with *To Be Or Not To Be (Hitler Rap*) which was inspired by the movie.
* His stage name (Brooks) is an adaptation of his mother's maiden name Brookman.
* His best friend was actor/ comedian Carl Reiner (who died in 2020). For many years they got together nearly every night to share a meal together.

**NORIYUKI 'PAT' MORITA** born in Isleton, California - 1932. (Died aged 73 - 2005)
* US actor. He played Arnold in *Happy Days* and starred as a detective in the short lived TV series *Ohara*. On the big screen he is best known for playing the karate teacher in the series of *Karate Kid* films ('84-'89).

**KATHY BATES** born in Memphis, Tennessee - 1948 (77)
* American actress. Since 2024, she has played the title character in the TV series *Matlock.* She won an Academy Award for Best Actress for her role in the 1990 film *Misery,* starred in the 1991 hit film *Fried Green Tomatoes* and played Molly Brown in *Titanic* ('97). She also appeared in the US TV version of *The Office.*

**MICK CRONIN** (Michael Cronin) born in Kiama, NSW - 1951 (74)
* Australian rugby league player with Parramatta. He is the Australian Kangaroos' second all-time highest point-scorer (308) behind Jonathon Thurston (382).

**LALLA WARD** (Sarah Ward) born in London, England - 1951 (74)
* English actress. Played Romana opposite Tom Baker in the *Dr Who* BBC TV series. She quit at the end of 1980 and married Baker but the marriage lasted just 16 months. In 1992 she married biologist/atheist Dr. Richard Dawkins and gave up acting to concentrate on writing her family. They divorced in 2016.

**MARK EDMONDSON** born in Gosford, NSW - 1954 (71)
* Australian tennis player. He became the first unseeded player to win the Australian Open when he defeated John Newcombe at Kooyong in 1976.

**MICHELE TIMMS** born in Melbourne, Victoria - 1965 (60)
* Australian basketball player. She captained the Australian Opals to a silver medal in the women's basketball at the Sydney Olympics. She retired from international basketball after losing the gold medal match against the US. She also played for the Phoenix Mercury in the Women's National Basketball Association.

**JOHN CUSACK** born in Evanston, Illinois - 1966 (59)
* US actor. His movies include *Sixteen Candles* ('84), *Stand By Me* ('86), *Say Anything ...* ('89), *The Grifters* ('90), *The Road To Wellville* ('95), *Being John Malkovich* ('99), *High Fidelity* (2000), *1408* (2007), *2012* (2009), *The Raven* (2012) and *Hot Tub Time Machine* (2010).
* His sisters are actresses Joan and Ann Cusack.

**JESSICA HECHT** born in Princeton, New Jersey - 1965 (60)
* US actress and singer. Apart from her numerous Broadway roles, on television she played Janeane Parker in the '90s TV series *The Single Guy.* She also had a recurring role in *Friends* as the ex-wife of Ross Geller

**ELON MUSK** born in South Africa - 1971 (54)
* South African-born American entrepreneur and businessman. Since 2025, he has been a senior advisor to United States president Donald Trump and the de facto head of the Department of Government Efficiency (DOGE). In April 30, 2025 he began his departure. He says he's stepping back from his role to turn his attention to his businesses—most urgently to Tesla.
* He is the co-founder, CEO and product architect at Tesla Motors (that was founded in 2003). He's now the CEO and owner of X - formerly known as Twitter. In 2022 he bought the company for about $44 billion. He now has over 219.7 million followers.

**KIEREN JACK** born in Sydney, NSW - 1987 (38)
* AFL player for the Sydney Swans. Son of rugby league great Garry Jack. He was a member of the Swans 2012 premiership team. He was co-captain of the Sydney Swans from 2013-2016 alongside Jarrad McVeigh. He retired at end of 2019 after playing 256 games.

## Events

**WILLIAM SHAKESPEARE's** play *Macbeth* was performed for the first time - 1606.

**SYDNEY** recorded one inch of snow - 1836.

**QUEEN VICTORIA**, aged 19, was crowned as the Queen of the United Kingdom - 1838.
* Over 60 years were to pass before the next coronation, that of King Edward VIII.

**ARCHDUKE FRANZ FERDINAND** and his wife were assassinated in Yugoslavia - 1914.
* The assassination triggered the beginning of the first World War, which saw 20 million people killed in conflicts. The assassin was a Serbian nationalist who had already made a failed attempt to kill the Archduke earlier that day and had gone to a cafe to have a sandwich when Ferdinand's car travelled by.

**WORLD WAR I** officially ended 5 years after it began when Germany and the Allied forces signed the Treaty of Versailles - 1919.

**FORD AUSTRALIA**, the Australian subsidiary of Ford Motor Company, was founded in Geelong - **1925**.
* The factory produced its last Australian-made straight-six and V8 engines on 26 September 2016. Assembly at Broadmeadows ceased on 7 October 2016.

Australia's first **FALCON** rolled off the assembly line - 1960.

**THE DRIFTERS** recorded *Up On The Roof* (written by Gerry Goffin and Carole KIng) - 1962.

**ROD SERLING**, *Twilight Zone* TV host and creator, died aged 50 following open-heart surgery - 1975.
* He also wrote most of the *Twilight Zone* TV episodes.

**TODAY** show began on Channel 9 in Sydney - 1982.
* It is Australia's longest running morning breakfast news program.

**WHAM** played their farewell concert at Wembley Stadium before a crowd of 72,000 - 1986.

**JOHN TRAVOLTA's** white suit worn in *Saturday Night Fever* was auctioned at Christies in New York and fetched $A145,000 - 1995.

**EVANDER HOLYFIELD** defeated **MIKE TYSON** after Tyson was disqualified in the third round for twice biting Holyfield on the right and then left ear - 1997.

**ANDREW BOGUT**, 20 year old Melbourne-born basketball player, was first pick in the NBA draft and was signed by the Milwaukee Bucks in a 5 year deal worth around $37 million - 2005.
* Bogut is the first Australian ever to be picked in the top spot.

**COLDPLAY** attracted a crowd of 12,490 people to the Sydney Entertainment Centre - 2006.

**TOOMBUL MUSIC**, one of Brisbane's best known music shops, closed for business - 2008.
* Owned by Barry Bull, the shop operated for almost 30 years.

**GREG NORMAN** (golfer) and **CHRIS EVERT** (tennis player), both aged 53, married in the Bahamas - 2008.
* They divorced in December 2009.

# Birthday Bulletin

## Sunday 29th June 2025

## Births

**KEN DONE** (Kenneth Done) born in Sydney, NSW - 1940 (85)
* Australian artist. His famous Sydney Harbour squiggle first made an appearance in 1980 at his first Sydney exhibition. With his wife, Judy, he created Done Art and Design, a firm that manufactures and retails a distinctive range of fashion, homewares and other lifestyle products.
* He designed the 2000 Sydney Olympic Games logo.

**MIKE WILLESEE** born in Perth, WA - 1942. (Died aged 76 - 2019)
* Australian TV presenter. He hosted various TV current affairs programs. From 1969 to 1971 he presented *Four Corners* then in 1971 began hosting *A Current Affair*. In 2012 he joined *Sunday Night* on Channel 7 to do high profile interviews.
* His father was the Labor Party Senator Don Willesee. His brother Terry also worked in the media.

**JOHN NORTHEY** born in Victoria - 1943 (82)
* Australian Rules player and coach. 'Swooper' played with Richmond (1963-'70) and also coached the Sydney Swans, Melbourne, Richmond and Brisbane Lions.

**GARY BUSEY** (William Gary Busey) born in Goose Creek, Texas - 1944 (81)
* American actor. His movies include *The Buddy Holly Story* (as Buddy) ('78), *Big Wednesday* ('78), *Lethal Weapon* ('87), *Point Break* ('91), *Under Siege* ('92), *The Firm* ('93) and *Entourage* (2015).
* In the web series *Gary Busey Pet Judge* (2020) he presided as a pet court show judge to help resolve problems.

**IAN PAICE** born in Nottingham, England - 1948 (77)
* English musician. He is best known as the drummer of Deep Purple. He is the only founding member of the band still performing with the group and the only member to appear on every album the band has released since 1968. Their biggest hit single is *Black Night* (1970). Paice has also played with Whitesnake and the Gary Moore Band.

**FRED GRANDY** born in Sioux City, Iowa - 1948 (77)
* American actor. He played 'Gopher' Smith in *The Love Boat* television series.

**COLIN HAY** born in Ayrshire, Scotland - 1953 (72)
* Australian singer and actor. He was lead vocalist with Men At Work. Their album *Business As Usual* spent 15 weeks at the top of the US album charts. It was also a No 1 hit in the UK and the biggest selling Australian album for 1982. The singles *Down Under* and *Who Can It Be Now* both made No 1 in the US.
* For over 20 years he's been based in the US. In 1987 he released his debut solo album *Looking For Jack.* In 2022 he released his 15th solo album *Now and The Evermore.*
* He appeared in three episodes of the US TV series *Scrubs.* In the opening episode he sang *Overkill.*

**ROBERT FORSTER** born in Brisbane, Queensland - 1957 (68)
* Australian singer-songwriter and musician. In 1977 he co-founded the Brisbane indie rock group, The Go Betweens, with fellow musician, Grant McLennan. *16 Lovers Lane* (1988) was the group's most successful album. It featured their well known radio hit *Streets of Your Town*. He's released seven solo albums.
* The Go Between Bridge (formerly known as the Hale Street Link) in Brisbane was named after The Go Betweens.

**JAMES FREUD** (Colin McGlinchey) born in Melbourne, Victoria - 1959. (Died aged 51 - 2010)
* Australian musician. His first recording success came in 1980 with his band the Radio Stars. They had a hit with *Modern Girl.* In 1982 he joined the Models. Their biggest hits were *Barbados* and *Out Of Mind, Out Of Sight.*
* His autobiographies *I Am The Voice Left From Drinking* (2002) and *I Am The Voice Left From Rehab* (2007) detailed his career in music entertainment and addictions. He died (suicide) in November 2010. His son Jackson said he was like *"Jeckyll and Hyde"* when he was drunk. Freud's death took place only a week after his band The Models were inducted into the ARIA Hall of Fame.

**PETER FITZSIMONS** born in Peats Ridge, NSW - 1961 (64)
* Australian rugby player, radio/TV presenter and sports writer. FitzSimons is a former Wallaby and played seven Tests for Australia. He has the distinction of being the only Wallaby ever sent from the field against the All Blacks.
* He married television presenter Lisa Wilkinson.
* Co-hosted the 2UE breakfast show from 2006-2007.

**SOFIE FORMICA** born in Brisbane, Queensland - 1971 (54)
* Australian radio/TV presenter and actress. She is the host of 4BC's weekday afternoon program. She was host of the TV lifestyle program *The Great South East* for 14 years. She was also a host of the children's programs *Saturday Disney* as well as the comedy program *Just Kidding* and an original reporter on *The Great Outdoors*. Sofie had an acting role in *Home and Away* from 1992-1993.
* In 1991, at 20 years old, she took over as host of *Now You See It* and made Australian TV history by becoming the first solo female presenter of a national quiz show.

**BRET McKENZIE** born in New Zealand - 1976 (49)
* NZ comedian and musician. He's one half of the comedy team Flight Of The Conchords (with Jemaine Clement). Their American TV series aired for two seasons on HBO from 2007-2009. He had a small role in the films *The Lord of the Rings: The Fellowship of the Ring, The Lord of the Rings: The Return of the King,* and *The Hobbit: An Unexpected Journey*.
* He was the music supervisor for the two recent *Muppets* movies.

**CHRISTOPHER EGAN** born in Sydney, NSW - 1986 (39)
* Australian actor. He played Nick Smith in the local soap opera *Home and Away* for three years. He played David Shepherd on the US television drama *Kings*, heavily based on the Biblical story of King David and King Saul. He also appears in the sci-fi TV series *Dominion.*

**JUDE BELLINGHAM** born in Stourbridge, England - 2003 (22)
* English soccer player. He plays as a midfielder for Real Madrid and the England national team. Bellingham is considered one of the best players in the world. He signed for Real Madrid for a fee of €103 million.

## Events

**THE DRIFTERS** recorded their first single *Lucille* - 1953.
* It failed to chart. Their first top 10 hit came six years later in 1959 with *There Goes My Baby.*

**BUDDY HOLLY** began recording *Peggy Sue* - 1957.

**GRAHAM NASH** wrote *Marrakesh Express* while on tour with The Hollies in Yugoslavia - 1967.

**JAYNE MANSFIELD**, American actress, died aged 34 in a car accident - 1967.

**JIMI HENDRIX EXPERIENCE** played for the final time at the Denver Pop Festival - 1969.

**LEE TREVINO**, US golfer**,** was struck by lightning - and survived - at the Western Open in Illinois - 1975.

**STEVE "WOZ" WOZNIAK** tested the first prototype of the Apple computer - 1975.
* It would be the first time a computer-generated character would be displayed on a TV screen, paving the way for many television-based computers that were popular in the 1980s.

**BOB CRANE**, US star of TV's *Hogan's Heroes*, was brutally murdered, aged 49 - 1978.

**BRIAN JOHNSON**, ex-Geordie singer, played his first **AC/DC** concert as their vocalist - 1980.

Andrew Lloyd Webber's musical **SUNSET BOULEVARD** opened in London - 1993.

**AUSTRALIA'S COLDEST DAY** was recorded at Charlotte Pass in NSW where the temperature dropped to -23 degrees Celsius - 1994.

**THE SAMPOONG DEPARTMENT STORE** in South Korea collapsed and 502 people were killed - 1995.

Melbourne's famous **NYLEX CLOCK** was switched back on again - 2005.
* It first began operating in 1961.

First **APPLE iPHONE** was released at 6 p.m. across America - 2007.

**GUITAR HERO: AEROSMITH**, the first video game in the *Guitar Hero* series to be based around a single music group, was released - 2008.

**CARL REINER**, US actor, comedian and director, died aged 98 - 2020.

# Birthday Bulletin

## Monday 30th June 2025

## Births

**LARRY HENLEY** born in Arp, Texas - 1937. (Died aged 77 - 2014)
* US singer. He was vocalist with the band The Newbeats. Their two big hits were in 1964 with *Bread and Butter* and *Break Away.* He co-wrote *Wind Beneath My Wings, which* became a No 1 hit for Bette Midler in 1989.

**TONY HATCH** born in Middlesex, England - 1939 (86)
* English record producer and songwriter. He and his former wife Jackie Trent (who died in 2015), had a big hit in 1967 with *The Two Of Us.* In 1995 the couple separated.
* Tony and Jackie wrote some of Petula Clark's biggest '60s hits such as *Downtown, Don't Sleep In The Subway, My Love, Colour My World,* and *I Know A Place.* Their most profitable song has been the theme to the television soapie *Neighbours.*

**ANNA MURDOCH** born in Scotland - 1944 (81)
* Former wife of Rupert Murdoch and mother of Lachlan Murdoch. They were married from 1967-1999. In 1999 she married 72-year-old financier William Mann.

**GLENN SHORROCK** born in Kent, England - 1944 (81)
* Australian singer. He was lead vocalist for the local bands The Twilights, Axiom and Little River Band. He left Little River Band to go solo in 1982 and rejoined the group in 1988. Little River Band's hits *Reminiscing, Help Is On It's Way, Lonesome Loser, Cool Change, Lady* all charted in the US.
* He had a solo hit in 1979 with a revival of *Dream Lover.*

**KAY McGRATH** born in Bay of Plenty, New Zealand - 1956 (69)
* Brisbane newsreader. She joined the Seven News Brisbane team in 1989. In December 2019, McGrath announced that she would step down from the Seven News desk. Her final bulletin was on 26 January 2020.
* In February 2025 she announced the death of her fiance Richard Moore in a post on her Instagram page. She said her "soulmate" had suffered a heart attack while they were travelling in India.

**VINCENT D'ONOFRIO** born in Brooklyn, New York - 1959 (66)
* US actor. He played Det. Robert Goren in *Law And Order; Criminal Intent* and Wilson Fisk in the series *Daredevil*, based on the Marvel comics series of the same name. His movies include *Men In Black* ('97), *The Judge* (2014) and *Jurassic World* (2015).

**MURRAY COOK** born in Cowra, NSW - 1960 (65)
* Australian musician and singer. He was an original member of the children's group The Wiggles that formed in 1991. He left the band in 2012. He now fronts the band Soul Movers. They released their third record *Bona Fide* in 2019.
* In 2021 he joined with original Wiggles member Jeff Fatt, as well as Anthony Field, the founding Wiggle, and his current bandmates Lachlan Gillespie, Simon Pryce and Emma Watkins to record Tame Impala's *Elephant*. It made No 1 on triple j's Hot 100.

**MIKE TYSON** born in Brooklyn, New York - 1966 (59)
* American boxer. At the age of 20 he became the youngest boxer to win the world title heavyweight crown. In 1990 he lost the world heavyweight crown to James 'Buster' Douglas when he was defeated by a TKO in the 10th round. It was his first defeat after 37 wins (33 by knockout). He won 19 professional bouts by knock out, 12 in the first round. Out of 58 fights he won 50.
* Youngest boxer to win the WBC, WBA and IBF heavyweight titles at 20 years, 4 months.
* In 1997 Evander Holyfield defeated him after he was disqualified in the third round of the WBA heavyweight fight for twice-biting Holyfield on his right and then left ear. He was fined $4 million and had his fighting licence revoked.

**RALF SCHUMACHER** born in Germany - 1975 (50)
* F1 racing driver and younger brother of Michael Schumacher. His Formula One career spanned 11 seasons from 1997 to 2007, during which time he won six races from 180 starts.
* His wife Cora took up motor racing and in 2004 took part in the Mini Challenge in Germany.

**DAN HALL** born in London, England - 1978 (47)
* Australian singer. He's a former member of Taxiride who had their debut hit with *Get Set* ('99). In 2001 Hall decided to leave Taxiride after their first album. Hall's first self-titled EP was released via Bandcamp in September 2024.

**BEN COUSINS** born in Geelong, Victoria - 1978 (47)
* AFL player. He was captain of the West Coast Eagles from 2001-2005 and winner of the 2005 Brownlow Medal.
* Cousins says he is grateful he has turned his life around, but regrets how long it took to get there. He was sacked by the West Coast Eagles after the 2007 season and handed a 12-month ban by the AFL for bringing the game into disrepute when he was arrested for drug possession and refused to submit a blood test, among a string of other indiscretions. Having finally put all that behind him now, he is now working for 7NEWS Perth presenting sport while he is also on Perth radio station MIX94.5.

**ED KAVALEE** born in Brisbane, Queensland - 1979 (46)
* Australian comedian, and radio/television presenter. He is a panellist on Network 10's *Have You Been Paying Attention?* with Sam Pang and a former radio host on *Hughesy, Ed & Erin with Ash.*

**LIZZY CAPLAN** (Elizabeth Caplan) born in Los Angeles, California - 1982 (43)
* US actress. Her films include *Mean Girls, Cloverfield, Bachelorette, The Interview* and *Allied.* She also co-starred in the TV series *Masters Of Sex.*

**MICHAEL PHELPS** born in Baltimore, Maryland - 1985 (40)
* US swimmer. He is the most decorated Olympian of all time, with a total of 28 medals. Phelps also holds the all-time records for Olympic gold medals (23), Olympic gold medals in individual events (13), and Olympic medals in individual events for a male (16).

**HUGH SHERIDAN** born in Adelaide, South Australia - 1985 (40)
* Australian actor and singer. He is well known for his role as Ben Rafter in *Packed To The Rafters*. He also appeared on the TV program *Five Bedrooms*. Sheridan is a three-time Logie Award winner for the Most Popular Actor category. He's released three singles and one music album.

## Events

**BLONDIN** crossed Niagara Falls on a tightrope in 8 minutes - 1859.
* Half way across the French tightrope artist did a somersault before a crowd of 25,000. He also took a photo with a tripod camera, photographing the crowd. He crossed again blindfolded, in a sack, with a wheelbarrow and on stilts.

First **CHEVROLET CORVETTE** sports car was manufactured in US - 1953.

**CHER** married musician **GREGG ALLMAN** - 1975.
* After 10 days Cher filed for divorce. They did reconcile but split three years later. Allman died in 2018.

**TASMANIA** recorded a temperature of −13.0 °C at Butlers Gorge, Shannon, and Tarraleah - 1983.
* This was Tasmania's lowest temperature but the record was beaten when Liawenee hit -14.2C on August 7, 2020.

**YUL BRYNER** gave his 4,633rd and final performance as the King of Siam in *The King And I* - 1985.

**WORLD RECORD FOR THE LONGEST APPLAUSE** goes to **PLACIDO DOMINGO** who received 101 curtain calls and the audience applauded for 1 hr. 20 minutes at the Vienna State Opera - 1991
* This was after a performance of the Verdi opera *Otello*.

**APOLLO 13**, starring Tom Hanks, opened in US cinemas - 1995.
* It was nominated for nine Academy Awards, including Best Picture (winning for Best Film Editing and Best Sound).

**BRAZIL** won the World Cup defeating Germany 2-0 and was watched by a record 3,473,940 viewers on Channel 9 - 2002.
* It was the most watched program of the year.

**HAMISH AND ANDY** made their TV debut on Channel 31 while studying at RMIT University - 2003.

**PATRICK McDERMOTT**, 48 year old boyfriend of **OLIVIA NEWTON-JOHN**, went missing after setting off on a fishing trip - 2005.
* His disappearance wasn't noticed until he failed to turn up for a custody visit with his son on July 6 2005.

# 2015
## June

# Jocks' Journal
## *Radio News from 10 Years Ago*

**Southern Cross Austereo** chief executive **Rhys Holleran** is to stand down, to be replaced on a temporary basis by chairman **Peter Bush.** Bush will be executive chairman while it searches for a successor to Holleran, who leaves in July after 18 years at the business.

For the first time ever, **Hot Tomato** has rated No 1. They topped the ratings in the first GfK Gold Coast Survey for 2015. They were 14.2 % (+0.1). **Gold FM,** the previous No 1 station, were 11.9% after dropping 2.4%.

**Peter Davidson**, current **2CC** Program Director, will replace **Don Dawkins** as the Group Programme Director of the **Capital Radio Network**. Don has resigned and will leave the network at the end of June.

**Southern Cross Austereo** has appointed **Wade Kingsley** to a new national leadership role as Head of Ideas and Integration. He will lead the Promotions, Response and Creative teams and will work alongside SCA Head of Content, **Craig Bruce** and National Sales Director, **Andrea Ingham**.

After 16 years at **2NZ/GemFM** and two and a half years at **2WEB** Bourke, **Gerard Taveira** is departing Inverell.

**Emma Mullings** has joined the weekday line-up at Sydney's **Hope 103.2**. A familiar face on the small screen (*What's New Brand Spots, Channel Seven's The Morning Show, Channel 10's The Circle, Channel 9's Hitz Blitz*), Emma will host 9am to 1pm each weekday.

Former **4BC** morning announcer **Patrick Condren** has returned to the Seven Network. He will return to his former job covering state politics.

**5RM/Magic 93.1** Content Director **Matt Stephens** is leaving radio after nearly 20 years in the industry. Matt will spend more time with his partner running his successful retail business a fruit and nut shop based in the Riverland.

**Mel A** is leaving **3BA/Power FM** to work at Melbourne's **Kiis FM.** Mel was the Power FM *Weekday Hits* host and station Image Producer.

**91.9 Sea FM** Sunshine Coast has announced that **Joseph Groth** is joining the team in the role of Music Director/ Mornings announcer. He is moving to the Sunshine Coast from **Power FM** Bega in the role of MD/Announcer/Acting PD. Joe replaces **Rachel McLarnon** who is moving to Newcastle to take up the role on MD/ Announcer with **NX FM**.

**Kevin Hillier** hosted his first radio music shift since about 2006 when he recently hosted drive on **Magic 1278**. He's currently doing drive (2 to 7 pm) on Magic in Melbourne.

**Mark Johnson** has left Darwin's **Hot 100** and **Mix104.9** after 12+ years. The former General Manager and General Sales Manager finished up at the station as their head of Radio and Online Solutions. He is moving into agency work and is now the General Manager of Sprout Creative in Darwin.

**Grant Blackley** has been appointed as the **Southern Cross Austereo** CEO and Managing Director.

The **Capital Radio Network** has announced the appointment of **Evan Broadway** to the position of General Manager of Radio operations in Perth. Evan is presently the Direct Sales Manager - Melbourne (Radio **3AW**) of the Macquarie Radio Network.

**Steve Cairns** will replace **Graham Kemp** as General Manager of **TAB Radio** Brisbane. Steve is the Group Program Director **RSN**-Racing and Sport. **John Thwaites** has replaced Cairns at RSN.

**4BC** has introduced a new local program to their weekend lineup. **Kevin Turner**, who has been a presenter with the station for several years, is now hosting a one hour real estate program 'Your Home' Saturday and Sunday from 8am-9am.

**Rhys Messenger** has been appointed as Image Producer for **100.9 Sea FM** and **Heart 107.3** Hobart although he'll be based at the SCA Townsville studios.

**Jamie Row** has left his announcing role at **Nova 106.9** Brisbane to take on the role of Operations Manager and as a floater at **smoothfm** Sydney.

**Jason Matthews** is the new Content Director at Canberra's **Mix 106.3** and **FM104.7**. He replaces **Steve Woods** who was CD for a brief period.

**Michelle Anderson** has departed the **Triple M** Brisbane Grill Team. The team continues with co hosts **Marto** (Greg Martin) and **Ed** (Ed Kavalee).

**Light FM** Melbourne Drive presenters **Cam & Ruthie** hosted their final show on May 29. The pair say that they'll continue on at Light FM in off-air roles as well as floating on-air.

**4BC/Magic 882** Brisbane newsreader/sports editor **Richard French** has a new career. He's been appointed as the media advisor with Translink Transit Authority in Brisbane.

After 11 years as GM of **River 949** Ipswich, **David Greenwood** is joining Grant Broadcaster's as the GM of the **KIX Network** based in Bundaberg. **Gavin Flanagan** takes over as the new GM of River 949. Gavin was with **2TM** for a number of years and has had more that 20 years in the industry.

**Michael J Bailey** is now based at the **Grant Broadcasters** Media House on the Sunshine Coast. His weekday 1-5pm program is networked to Cairns, Rockhampton and Mackay. **Laurie Atlas** has moved from afterrnoons into the morning shift. Michael J was previously on brekky on **4CA** Cairns. **Murray Jones** has taken his place at 4CA.

**Nick Condon** has finished up at the **Australian Radio Network** Sydney. Nick was Head of Digital Product. He's accepted a new job leading the South Australian Chamber of Commerce's digital and technology teams.

Aussie comic and juggler **Michael Connell** has joined **Susie Holt** on the **Juice 107.3** breakfast show on the Gold Coast. Connell replaces Luke Holt (Susie's husband) who has taken on another role.

**James Perrin** is leaving **K Rock/Bay FM** Geelong after accepting another role in the Grant Broadcasters group as Program Director at **2EC/ PowerFM** Bega. James was the Promotions Manager and Integration Manager at K Rock/ Bay FM.

# More Australian Radio News

Perth Now reports: **Nova 93.7's Nathan Morris** of Perth's breakfast show **Nathan, Nat and Shaun** has revealed the reason behind his noticeable absence. Speaking on radio on his first show back after more than three months off, Nathan explained he had been dealing with some legal issues. *"Something happened in my personal life that was one of these monumental things that happens that you can't really process*," he said. "*Something comes in that's so different no one has gone through it, no one can give you advice. It started back last year and reared again this year. I can't speak too much about it because there is legal proceedings that's got nothing to do with me but I cannot speak about it because of that."* Joking that he also spent a lot of time at hardware store Bunning's and brushed up on his DIY skills during his time off, Morris said it was like forward projecting to what his retired life would look like.

**John 'Macca' MacKenzie** has announced his retirement from radio after 42 years with **4CA** Cairns and it will be on the station's 89th birthday. His final morning program will be heard on Friday May 30. This is actually Macca's 52nd year in the industry. Macca announced on air: *"It's been a dream come true to live and work in this incredible city since 1983, hosting a talkback show in one of the most diverse and passionate communities in the country. Cairns has given me so much – a beautiful place to call home, a wonderful community, and of course, my wife Kerryn, who's made the past 29 years the happiest of my life. While it's sad to say goodbye, I'm incredibly grateful for the support and connection I've had with listeners over the years."*

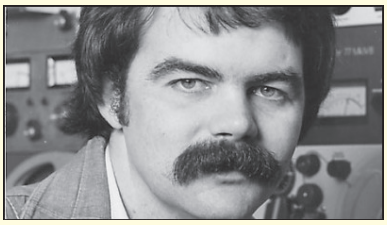
After four years on drive, **Jess Drummond** has finishing up her time at **96five** Brisbane and says she will be stepping into a new season. Prior to her drive role at 96Five she was a newsreader for several years at **Vision Christian Radio.**

The **Super Radio Network** have "tweaked" their on air programs at **NEW FM** and **2HD**. **Luke Hetherington,** the station's Promotions and Marketing Director, reports on LinkedIn – "*While we hear others in the media world are cutting local content, we're doubling down on it!"* NEWFM kicks off the day with **Nic & Joel** on the new breakfast show, while **Ari & Krivo** (The NOVOS) are now getting a sleep-in taking over the drive home from 3pm! NEWFM is 100% Locally Made! Just up the hallway on **2HD, Richard King** still wakes up the Hunter; following **Chris Smith**, **Brent** is back on workdays from Noon and this afternoon we introduced 'The Hunter Today' with **Dave Cochrane** from 3pm .. a new hyper-local arvo show keeping Newcastle and the Hunter informed and talking.

**Aaron Chilcott**, who was previously an announcer and Operations Manager with the **ACE Radio Network** – started having intense headaches and problems with his vision. After a trip to the Emergency Department at West Gippsland Hospital, he was transferred by ambulance to a bigger hospital in Melbourne. There, he underwent major brain surgery. Located in the middle of his brain, Aaron says the cyst had been causing a blockage and a dangerous build up of fluid. He says: *"Apparently I would have died in a few months, had I left this untreated."* As he continues his recovery, Aaron has thanked his wife **Jess** and all who have supported him along the way. (Story courtesy of Radio News)

## *In Memoriam*

**Ian Cousins**, a much loved and very well known Gold Coast radio manager and a prominent businessman, was farewelled by hundreds of friends, family members and business colleagues at the Gathering Church at Tweed Heads on April 29. Ian was born in Rockhampton and moved to the Gold Coast in the early '70s and joined **4GG** where he went on to become the assistant general manager. He also served as the general manager of **Radio 97** Tweed Heads in 1986, then became general manager of sales at **Sea FM, Gold FM** and later **Southern Cross Ten** television until 2010. Apart from his time in radio he had a senior marketing role in the Gold Coast Indy 300 team and for many years ran the very successful **Cousins Communications.** In his later years he served as an MC and as a civil celebrant and he officiated many ceremonies at the Gathering Church where people gathered to celebrate his life. Mr Cousins is survived by his wife Brenda and his two sons, Jordan and Elliot. He passed away at 76 years of age on April 17 at Robina Hospital. For several years he had been in poor health battling cancer as well as coping with Parkinson's disease. Many of his former **4GG** colleagues were in attendance including announcers **Rod Brice, David Burton, John Hurst, Paul Lineham, Gary Boughen, Greg Newman** and also **Judy Ferber**, the former wife of 4GG General Manager **Barry Ferber. Nick Scott,** one of Ian's best friends, also was a speaker at his funeral.



**John Carroll**, musician and radio announcer has died of cancer. He had been living in Thailand. After performing with such bands as the **New Zealand Fantasy Band** and **King Fox,** John became a successful radio announcer and worked at **2SM, 2MMM, 2DAY FM** and others. John recently retired after a 4 year stint as a Talk Back Announcer at the **Super Radio Network.** John met and interviewed many rock legends including Eric Clapton, Joni Mitchell, Elton John and many more. John was also the Music Director of **Music Max** (now known as MAX).