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The Coodabeen Champions Who Became Radio Champions



Australia's longest-running weekly radio program is no more, with the **Coodabeen Champions** deciding to end a remarkable 43-season stretch. Beginning in the Fitzroy studios of community station **3RRR** in 1981, the Coodabeens were snapped up by **3LO/ABC** from 1988-92, before being lured to **3AW** (1993-2002). They returned to **774 ABC** (2003-21) and then ended with the **3MP/ACE**(2022-23) network. The Coodabeens consisted at different times of **Bill Baxter, Andy Bellairs, Greg Champion, Ian Cover, Tony Leonard, Jeff "Torch" McGee, Jeff Richardson** and **Simon Whelan**.

Radio News

The **Hit Network** has announced **Harry Boucher** as *Breakfast with Bronte & Lahey* Assistant Producer and Announcer on Gold Coast's **90.9 Sea FM**. Harry's first taste of radio was when he volunteered at Student Youth Network (SYN) Media in Melbourne, with his official on-air debut in 2018 while still a student at RMIT University. Harry then moved to announce the Morning shift at **Hit105.9** in Orange before heading to Townsville in an Afternoons role.



The radio husband and wife team of **Luke and Susie Holt** have announced in a 'song' that their national radio show, *The Luke & Susie Show*, is ending at Easter. After 8 years and 2,478 episodes they said it's "time for a change." Their show is heard on many Christian radio stations throughout Australia. They have been married since 2003 and say they always had hopes of working together. They also can be heard on a podcast.

Anna Moulder hosted her final **ABC** program on Friday March 8 after nearly 20 years with the ABC and three hosting NSW Drive in Tamworth. She has been a part of the New England region, with roles including Chief of Staff since the start of 2007.

Byron Cooke is departing **KIIS 101.1**. He has been covering the breakfast show but will not return to his regular Workdays role with the station. He has announced that he will be leaving not just the station but the country for an overseas opportunity, with his last day Friday 5 April.

We welcome new subscriber!



Scotty Masters
2CA Canberra



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2TM and **92.9 Tamworth** are excited to announce the return of **Jon Wolfe** to the team in his capacity of Journalist. A local Tamworth man, Jon brings with him, over 30 years of local knowledge, connections and experience. Jon will present over 30 local news bulletins each week on 2TM, 92.9FM and both station websites.

Hits95.1 Maranoa is the station listened to most in the latest Roma Xtra Insights survey (1/2014). 32.8% of the total radio audience said they listened most to Hits95.1 Maranoa. Next came **ABC Southern Queensland** with 22.4, then **4ZR AM** with 17.5.

The top rating DAB+ stations in the GfK Radio 360 Survey 1 were: **CADA** (Sydney), **Gold 80s**(Melbourne), **Smooth FM** (Adelaide and Perth), and **Coles Radio** (Brisbane).

Canberra radio newsreader and broadcaster **Julian Abbott** presented his last bulletin on Friday March 15 after 32 years with the **ABC**. Abbott started with the ABC in 1991 reading local radio news bulletins, on a two week contract. He went on to present sports results on **Grandstand** and covered Olympics and Commonwealth Games. Abbott started his career at **3XY** in Melbourne and later Canberra's **2CA** before his three decades at the ABC. He is retiring to spend more time travelling and with family. (Source: RadiInfo)

In Memoriam



Alex from his days at 4GG (left) on the Gold Coast and above with JJ editor Greg Newman.

Alex Zastera, former radio announcer and manager, died aged 78 on March 10. He had been in poor health in recent times. After 16 years working in the toy industry, Alex finally made his radio debut at 3MA Mildura. He went on to work on air at stations including 4CD, 4GG, 7EX, 5DN, 5AN, Radio 97, 2WEB, 4AK (also General Manager), 5MU and finally at Flow FM.

A keen Brisbane Lions/Fitzroy fan, he was born to Czechoslovakian parents and grew up in Melbourne. His early radio idols were Norman Swain and Ron Cadee who both worked at 3KZ.

Alex once shared with Jocks' Journal about his very first radio shift at 3MA Mildura. *"I remember my first night on air. The supervising announcer was Leigh Butler and he'd been asked to sit in with me during my first air shift. During a music sweep he went to the toilet and I started to panic when he didn't come back quickly. I didn't realise that my microphone was left on and for a few minutes and I was screaming things like – "Hey Leigh, are you off the dunny yet?"*

Alex is survived by his wife Vivian and their four children.

Announcer **Bernie Brittain** shared this 'Alex' story on Facebook.

"I met Alex when I was 13 via the CB radio. He invited me to his home in Ringwood Melbourne and caught up a few more times. He told me I had a voice for radio and that I should seek out Lee Murray Announcing Academy and mention him. Alex had a huge voice and even bigger heart. Much love to Viv and the family."

Station manager **Wayne Flowman** shares:

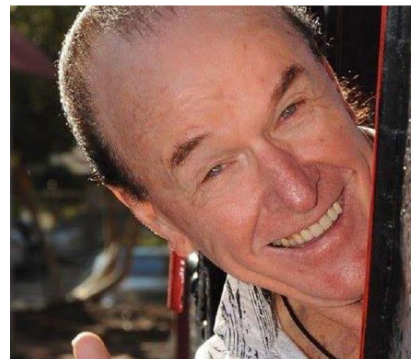


"Alex concluded his career at Flow FM retiring in February 2013 aged 68. He was a brilliant sales person also and while working at Flow assisted us in gaining three in a row CRA Sales Achievement Awards 2007 - 2009. Most of all he was a close friend and incredibly passionate

about the value of radio. Our prayers with his wife Viv, 4 children and many grand children."

Lukas Avgerinos recalls:

"I remember at 5MU in 1993 the Advertiser ran an opinion piece about Murray Bridge being boring and not worth visiting, and Alex was excited about going on air and defending the town. The first thing he said was, 'we have a great Italian Club!' The jocks used to go there each week so he obviously valued it. RIP big fella."



Carter Edwards, who was with Newcastle's 2HD – formerly 2SM – for more than three decades, passed away from illness on March 10. He was 81. He started at 2HD in 1989 with "Carter Edwards Country" which dominated the ratings for 20 years and was later inducted into the Australian Country Music Broadcasters Hall Of Fame.

His former Manager **Guy Ashford** told The Newcastle News he was one of the nice guys in radio. *"He's very fondly remembered here at Sandgate 2HD, no doubt about that. He was a genuinely a lovely lovely guy, Carter was just the salt of the earth, he was one of the genuine nice guys."*

"He was well respected across the country music entertainment fraternity," Mr Ashford said. *"Had the art of talking to people and knowing what to say and how to say it in a calming, empathetic type attitude."*

Edwards' showbiz career started as a teenager playing the drums, before singing at age 25. He won Perth's New Faces and became a comedian before at 36 his Taubman's Paint Commercial won a Clio Award in New York as the best TV commercial in the world.

In 1980 he was invited to perform in a Royal Command Performance at the Sydney Opera House and wrote and starred in the Stepping Out Theatre Restaurant show that was awarded best NSW theatre show for two consecutive years.



In 2020 Edwards was among recipients of Australia Day Honours and received the Medal of the Order of Australia (OAM) in the general division for service to broadcast media, and particularly radio. He retired from announcing in 2022.

Kevin Collins shared this story on the Jocks' Journal web page

"Sad to hear this news. Although we lost contact over ensuring years, I always will remember Carter approaching me looking for a gig. He had just arrived from Perth, and told the story of playing drums on the back of a truck heading for a new life in Sydney. Carter had such an infectious personality, I took a chance and booked him for a weeks engagement at the Texas Tavern hotel at Potts Point. Wow, that's over 50 years ago. He never forgot, I gave him his first job in Sydney. What a talent, a good drummer and great singer. I regret we never found time to catch up again, but never forgotten. R.I.P buddy."

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SURVEY 1/2024

Overall figures. All people 5.30 - Midnight, Mon-Sun. (Previous 2022 survey results in brackets.)

Sydney

Station	1/2024	8/2023	7/2023	6/2023	5/2023	4/2023	3/2023	2/2023
2GB	12.7	12.1	12.4	11.1	11.6	14.3	12.2	11.8
smoothfm 95.3	10.8	11.4	10.6	9.1	9.9	11.3	10.8	9.7
KIIS 1065	10.5	11.5	11.5	10.9	10.0	12.0	13.0	11.5
NOVA 96.9	8.0	7.7	7.0	6.4	6.7	7.3	7.1	6.6
WSFM	7.5	9.0	8.6	8.5	8.3	7.6	7.8	9.4
2UE 954	5.6	3.5	4.0	4.3	3.8	3.3	4.5	4.4
ABC Sydney	5.4	6.0	7.0	7.3	6.1	5.6	6.5	5.5
104.9 Triple M	5.0	5.2	5.4	6.1	6.0	5.1	5.3	6.1
104.1 2DAYFM	4.6	5.2	4.7	4.8	5.1	5.2	5.3	5.8
2JJJ	4.1	3.6	3.3	4.3	5.0	4.3	3.8	4.0
ABC Classic	3.0	2.5	2.7	2.8	2.8	2.4	2.8	2.7
ABC NEWSRADIO	1.2	2.2	1.9	1.8	1.7	1.4	1.2	1.5
SKY Sports Radio	1.1	1.2	1.7	1.6	1.4	1.3	1.5	1.6
2RN	1.1	1.0	1.0	1.2	1.4	1.0	0.8	1.1

- KISS 1065 No 1 in breakfast. 2GB No 1 in morning and evening (19.4). smooth FM No 1 in afternoon and drive.
- 2GB No 1 on weekends. WSFM down in all sessions (-2.5 in breakfast). Smooth No 2 in morning and evening.

Melbourne

Station	1/2024	8/2023	7/2023	6/2023	5/2023	4/2023	3/2023	2/2023
3AW	14.5	13.6	13.5	15.8	16.7	14.6	15.3	16.3
GOLD 104.3	11.8	10.3	12.4	12.7	9.6	10.8	11.1	11.6
101.9 FOXFM	9.4	10.3	10.5	9.4	9.4	9.2	8.8	9.3
105.1 Triple M	7.8	6.4	6.9	6.0	6.1	5.7	5.3	6.1
smooth 91.5	7.5	9.4	8.5	9.3	9.9	9.6	9.7	9.7
NOVA 100	7.1	6.4	5.7	6.3	7.5	8.5	7.3	6.5
ABC Melb	6.5	6.6	8.0	7.4	7.1	6.9	6.0	6.2
KIIS 101.1	6.4	7.6	7.1	6.9	7.4	7.5	7.3	6.5
3JJJ	4.3	4.1	3.7	3.5	3.4	3.7	4.0	3.7
SEN 1116AM	2.6	2.4	2.7	3.1	3.7	3.1	2.8	2.4
3RN	2.2	2.0	2.1	1.9	1.5	1.9	2.2	2.3
3MP 1377	1.6	1.0	1.1	0.9	0.6	1.1	1.4	1.6
Magic 1278	1.4	1.0	1.3	1.1	0.8	1.3	1.6	1.2
ABC Classic	1.1	2.1	1.4	1.2	1.1	1.4	1.8	1.5
ABC NEWSRADIO	1.1	1.8	1.4	1.1	1.6	1.7	1.6	1.3
RSN 927	0.7	0.6	0.6	1.9	0.8	0.7	0.6	0.7

- 3AW No 1 in breakfast, morning, evening (+7.6) and weekends. Gold 1043 No 1 in afternoon and drive.
- GOLD104.3 up in all sessions – No 2 in breakfast and morning. KIIS and smooth FM down in all sessions.

Brisbane

Station	1/2024	8/2023	7/2023	6/2023	5/2023	4/2023	3/2023	2/2023
B105	13.8	11.7	11.5	11.1	11.1	11.7	12.8	12.7
104.5 TRIPLE M	13.2	13.3	11.8	11.4	10.4	10.9	10.6	9.5
NOVA 106.9	11.4	12.7	12.1	11.9	11.6	11.8	12.4	12.0
4BH 1116	9.1	8.1	8.6	8.4	9.3	9.8	8.4	7.9
KIIS973	8.2	10.0	11.5	11.8	10.8	9.7	9.9	10.6
4BC 882	6.5	6.6	7.4	6.5	6.2	6.4	6.5	8.4
4JJJ	5.6	5.8	5.4	5.8	6.6	5.8	5.8	6.3
ABC Brisbane	4.3	5.3	5.9	6.0	5.8	5.2	5.4	6.2
ABC Classic	1.8	1.2	1.4	1.6	2.2	2.1	1.5	2.6
4RN	1.2	1.9	1.6	1.6	1.4	1.6	2.2	2.0
ABC NEWSRADIO	1.2	1.2	1.3	1.3	1.2	1.5	1.7	1.7
SENQ693	0.5	0.3	0.6	0.9	1.1	0.8	0.4	0.8

- B105 No 1 breakfast (+3.4). Triple M No 1 in morning, afternoon and evening. Nova No 1 in drive.
- B105 up in all sessions. KIIS and ABC down in all sessions. 4BH + 5.2 in evening. 4RN -5.6 down in evening.

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Overall figures. All people 5.30 - Midnight, Mon-Sun. (Previous 2022-2023 survey results in brackets.)

Adelaide

Station	1/2024	8/2023	7/2023	6/2023	5/2023	4/2023	3/2023	2/2023
MIX102.3	13.3	11.9	11.8	11.4	12.6	11.9	12.1	11.9
5MMM	11.6	14.4	14.9	11.7	12.2	13.6	12.4	12.0
NOVA 91.9	11.3	10.1	9.3	10.6	10.8	10.5	10.7	11.3
SAFM	8.9	9.2	8.7	10.0	10.1	9.3	8.7	9.6
CRUISE 1323	8.6	8.3	8.7	9.1	8.5	8.7	8.9	8.6
FIVEaa	8.2	7.5	8.2	9.1	9.2	9.0	9.4	9.7
ABC Adelaide	6.6	8.3	7.4	7.6	7.9	8.5	7.7	7.2
5JJJ	5.2	4.3	5.0	4.5	3.3	3.2	4.0	4.8
ABC Classic	2.7	2.4	2.2	1.4	1.4	1.9	2.0	2.0
ABC Newsradio	1.5	1.6	1.8	1.5	1.5	2.1	2.1	1.7
5RN	1.4	1.1	1.0	1.0	1.8	2.3	1.1	1.5

- 5MMM No 1 in breakfast and morning. MIX 102.3 No 1 in afternoon. MIX and Nova equal No 1 in drive.
- FIVEaa No 1 in evening (+5.3). MIX +4.3 in evening. ABC Adelaide -6.6 in evening and down in all sessions.

Perth

Station	1/2024	8/2023	7/2023	6/2023	5/2023	4/2023	3/2023	2/2023
MIX 94.5	15.6	12.4	13.4	12.9	11.1	12.2	13.4	13.1
NOVA 93.7	14.0	13.6	13.2	16.2	18.1	17.0	16.1	17.2
96FM	12.4	15.3	13.0	13.0	13.0	12.9	14.4	12.9
92.9 TRIPLE M	7.0	9.2	8.1	6.8	7.6	7.1	6.8	6.1
6JJJ	7.0	5.3	6.2	6.6	6.2	5.2	5.9	6.0
ABC PERTH	5.6	6.5	7.2	6.5	6.1	5.6	4.9	4.8
6PR	5.3	5.8	6.2	6.5	7.2	7.0	5.8	6.7
6IX	4.2	4.3	3.7	4.1	4.6	5.3	4.6	3.7
ABC Classic	2.8	2.5	2.4	2.6	3.0	2.1	1.8	2.1
ABC Newsradio	1.7	1.2	1.3	1.1	0.7	1.2	1.4	1.1
6RN	0.9	1.0	0.9	0.7	0.6	0.5	0.4	0.5

- Nova 93.7 No 1 in breakfast. MIX 94.5 No 1 in morning, afternoon, drive, evening (+6.4) and weekends.
- 96FM No 1 in morning, afternoon. Triple M and 96FM down in all sessions. MIX 94.5 + 3.3 in breakfast.

February 2024 Triton Australia Podcast Ranker

10 most popular podcasts in Feb 2024 & listener change month to month

Podcast	Producer	ListenersFeb 2024	ListenersJan 2024	Monthly listener change
1 Casefile True Crime	Audioboom	676,216	479,799	63%
2 Shameless	Shameless Media	639,860	516,106	24%
3 Mamma Mia Outloud	Mamma Mia	619,409	287,308	60%
4 The Kyle & Jackie O Show	ARN/iHeart	515,273	350,189	46%
5 Conversations	ABC	499,237	455,637	10%
6 Hamish & Andy	LISTNR	387,122	381,378	9%
7 Life Uncut	ARN/iHeart	391,868	296,707	32%
8 7 am	Schwartz Media	344,515	282,961	22%
9 Stuff You Should Know	ARN/iHeart	321,538	331,838	-3%
10 ABC News Daily	ABC	318,632	89,429	241%



Jocks' Journal Fun Files

THE MOST MCDONALD'S BIG MACS EATEN IN A LIFETIME is held by a US man who holds the Guinness World Records title. He has now extended his record by eating more than 700 of the burgers in 2023. Donald Gorske, aged 70, ate 728 Big Mac burgers over the course of 2023, bringing his lifetime total to 34,128. Gorske, who has saved the receipt and package from every Big Mac he has eaten, first tried McDonald's signature burger on May 17, 1972. Gorske isn't opposed to trying new things - he once ate a Burger King Whopper in 1984, but decided it just didn't hit the same spot. Gorske said he hasn't suffered any ill health effects from his unusual diet, and he maintains his physique by abstaining from French fries. He has held the record since 1999.

(But we should be proud of Mr Gorske ... he used to eat up to nine Big Macs a day, but these days he usually stops at two.)

A RABBIT LOVING WELSHMAN has showed his love for his favourite animal by getting a record-breaking 69 different tattoos of rabbits on his body. Craig Evans, said he got his first rabbit tattoo in 2009, and he now has a total 69 rabbits inked on his arms, legs and chest.

(If he starts to go bald, maybe he should consider getting rabbits tattooed on his head? Because from a distance - they would look like little hares (hairs)!)

DOZENS OF UNATTENDED PETROL PUMPS across New Zealand were recently out of service for several hours due to a Leap Year-related software issue. Petrol station chains reported they could not process card payments on the leap year day because their computer systems were not programmed to accept Feb. 29 as a valid date. Invenco, the company that operates petrol pumps in over 100 countries, said only New Zealand was affected by this issue.

(I would have thought petrol prices would also be an issue. In March the average price for Unleaded 91 in Australia was about \$200 – but in NZ it was about \$2.77)

A JAMES BOND MESSAGE from 1966 was found at a Jersey castle in the UK. A restoration project led to this surprising discovery inside a fireplace. Workers doing restoration work on the first floor of the officers' quarters at Elizabeth Castle unblocked a fireplace and found a hidden message in a bottle. The note, read: "007 James Bond. 26th Feb 1966. P.S. Secret agent. Don't tell anybody." The note was written almost exactly two months after the release of Thunderball, a James Bond film starring Sean Connery.

(And a fact that you may not know. The theme song was sung by Tom Jones but Johnny Cash submitted a song to the producers also titled "Thunderball", but it went unused. Yeah ... somehow I don't equate Bond themes with a country and western feel.)

A BREAKFAST-THEMED HOUSE fashioned after a stack of pancakes, complete with a butter-shaped chimney, is being made available for three-night stays on four dates in Tennessee. It is constructed by US Company Eggo who produce frozen pancakes and waffles. A news release states: "Flapjack-loving fans and families visiting this unique vacation destination will be transported into a pancake paradise from the moment they step inside. Breathe in the scent of sweet syrup-infused mountain air. Get cozy in the fluffy pancake beds and bean bag chairs." The kitchen is stocked with frozen pancakes, as well as mini pancakes for making at the house's fire pit. It also comes equipped with a maple syrup fountain.

(Maybe you might like to put that on your 'bucket breakfast list' for Pancake Day March 4, 2025)

A BASS PLAYER broke a Guinness World Record by playing his guitar while hooked up to 81 amps. Jon Locker played through the 81 amps at the famous Val Air Ballroom in West Des Moines as part of the live music venue's soft opening following a \$15 million renovation project. Locker broke the previous record of 50 amplifiers played through at the same time before a crowd of hundreds of onlookers. At this venue in 2024, for 5 minutes he played a series of riffs on his bass guitar.

(Hopefully he had a few roadies on hand to help him pack up the 81 amplifiers following the gig.)

THE FIRST-EVER FLORIDA MAN GAMES were recently held featuring events such as a mullet contest, a "weaponized pool noodle mud duel" and a "Florida sumo" contest where competitors tried to spill one another's beers. The all-day event featured teams competing in multiple varied events, which also included a pork butt eating contest and an "evading arrest obstacle course" that featured competitors being pursued by actual police officers. Hundreds of spectators purchased \$55 tickets to observe the proceedings.

(If you can't make it to the Paris Olympics in July-August this year – maybe you could consider a visit to the Florida Man Games in 2025?)



A LONG-LOST SILENT FILM FROM 1923 was shown publicly for the first time in decades after being discovered at an auction. Gary Huggins of Kansas City said he went to an auction in Omaha last year to look for rare or antique films. He paid \$20 for a stack of film reels because one of the included pieces was an old cartoon that caught his eye. He used his projector to go through

the stack and see what he had purchased and was surprised to see Clara Bow, one of the biggest stars of the silent film era. David Stenn, a Hollywood historian and Bow's official biographer, said the reel Huggins purchased was The Pill Pounder, a comedy short that was thought to be long-lost.

(And for those who aren't aware ... Clara Bow, was known as "The It Girl". Bow, won a beauty contest which launched her movie career that would eventually number 58 films, from 1922 to 1933.)

APPLE IS WARNING CUSTOMERS to stop putting their iPhones in bags of rice when the devices get wet. Putting wet electronics in bags of rice to absorb the moisture has long been a common DIY practice, but the iPhone manufacturer updated the guidance on its Support Page to specifically warn customers against it. Apple says the small particles of rice can damage your iPhone. Apple also warned against using cans of compressed air or external heat sources to dry out devices. The company said wet iPhones should instead be wiped dry and allowed to air dry naturally until all of the moisture has evaporated. Phones should not be plugged into chargers until they are completely dry, but wireless charging remains safe.

(And a final bit of advice ... try avoid making phone calls in the shower or texting underwater in your pool. That also helps.)

A NEW STUDY says that 60% of tea and coffee drinkers have a favourite mug for tea and coffee, and a third would feel "totally devastated" if that vessel broke. One in six admits they fall into the most tremendous sulk if anyone else dares use their cup.

(No one ever uses mine. Maybe it's because I placed a sticker on it which reads - "Beware. Cup may contain traces of lip fungus.")

More JJ Fun Files

A MUSIC LOVING MARYLAND COUPLE showed their enthusiasm for live music when they broke a Guinness World Record by attending 135 concerts in a single year. Tijan and Matthew Brown said they were at their 20th concert of 2023 when they started to wonder whether they might be on the road to a world record. The Browns spent a total \$18,407.24 on concert tickets over the course of the year, an average of \$68.17 per ticket. The concerts attended by the duo during their record attempt included Beyonce, Pitbull, Sam Smith, Billy Joel and Stevie Nicks.

(Well ... at least they are seeing a variety of artists. 23 year old Aussie Jake Wagenfeller is happy to see just Taylor Swift. The Adelaide-based fan recently caught every one of Taylor's shows at the MCG and in fact secured tickets to all seven Australian dates. It cost him just shy of \$10,000.)

A RYAN RECORD could soon be broken. An organisation that caters strictly to people named Ryan aims to break a record for the largest same-name gathering in Texas. Ryan Meetup, based in New York, announced it is holding its first Ryan Rodeo in Texas with an aim toward breaking the record, which was set in 2017 when 2,325 people named Ivan came together in Bosnia and Herzegovina. Each participant will be required to show official identification to prove he is named Ryan.

(Oh and by the way, don't front up if your name is Bryan and not Ryan. The group's website explains the organisation's aversion to people named Bryan stating: "Bryans are just B-list Ryans.")

AN AUSTRALIAN BERRY company broke a Guinness World Record by growing a Ping-Pong-sized berry that weighs .72 ounce. A Guinness adjudicator examined the blueberry grown by Costa Berries in Corindi, New South Wales, and confirmed it was the world's heaviest blueberry. The blueberry is the new Eterna variety developed by Costa Berries. Brad Hocking, head of the team that grew the berry, said it was picked in November last year and kept frozen while the company communicated with Guinness. *(I'm glad he kept it ... and didn't ... chuck berry!)*

A 14-KARAT GOLD LEGO PIECE donated to a Pennsylvania Goodwill store was originally priced at \$15 -- but ended up selling for well over \$1,000. The op shop officials said workers at the store were sorting through a bag of jewellery when they found the Lego piece, a small Bionicle mask. The piece was initially listed online for \$14.95. The shop wasn't aware it was worth anything until people started asking if they could buy it for \$1,000. Workers researched the piece and discovered it was an extremely rare mask. Lego created only 30 of the gold masks.

(And we're not pulling your 'lego' but Goodwill auctioned the piece and it ended up being sold for a whopping \$18,100 to an anonymous collector.)

THE OLDEST LIVING PERSON, Maria Branyas Morera, celebrated her 117th birthday on March 4, 2024. Morera, who was born 1907, in San Francisco, has lived in Spain, since she was 8 years old and has been residing at the same nursing home for the past 23 years. Morera is currently the 12th oldest verified person in history, and would rise to the No. 5 spot if she makes it to her 118th birthday.

(And reflecting back on her year of birth, 1907. It was the year that Sir Robert Baden-Powell formed the Boy Scouts in England, England's first cabs with taxi meters began operating and not forgetting ... it was on new year's day 1907 that US President Theodore Roosevelt shakes a record 8,513 hands in 1 day.)



200 PEOPLE TOOK A COLLECTIVE NAP in the middle of a street in Mexico City to celebrate World Sleep Day. Lying in the heat on synthetic mats, their necks resting on pillows and their eyes covered by masks, participants

tuned out the chaos of Mexico's capital as part of what organisers described as "a peaceful demonstration for the right to sleep." A doctor with the Centre for Sleep and Neuroscience, which organised the event with the Mexican government says: "We have long working days, but there are no spaces at workplaces to guarantee the time for a siesta."

(They say healthy adults need at least seven hours of sleep each night. But if you only get 5 or 6, I wouldn't lose sleep over it!)

THE WAY TO FIND LOST KEYS, we are told by scientists, was to stand in a room and chant: "Keys, keys, keys, keys, keys." The idea was that saying the name of the thing brings its location to mind. Now, however, we learn that closing your eyes and picturing the object is the way to go. Technology, too, offers solutions. It is possible to buy a battery operated key finder.

(Trouble is if you lose your battery operated key finder have they invented a special 'key finder finder' so that you can find your 'key finder' and then find your keys? Just wondering.)

MOST DANGEROUS TIME TO BE IN YOUR HOME is 6.30pm on Saturday according to a report from the UK. Careless Britons have over 80 million home accidents each year each one causing physical injury or property damage. A study by Electrical Safety First has identified that risky behaviours are leading to a huge number of accidents, which peak on Saturday evenings when four accidents take place every second when more people are at home and could be in the kitchen cooking. The most dangerous day for a student is Wednesday. They are most likely to start a small fire in the kitchen (12%) and at the same time most likely to remove batteries from smoke alarms (21%) and 13% of students admit to having tried to dry clothes or other objects in their microwaves.

(And some new research reveals that ... for wives another dangerous time to be in your home is immediately after a football game when your husband's team has lost badly.)

WE SWALLOW AN AVERAGE OF EIGHT SPIDERS in our sleep every year. Have you heard that fact? But, it's false. It has become so ingrained in popular culture that many people now accept it as fact. The reality, however, is quite different: we swallow no spiders at all. There are several reasons why spiders don't bother us in our sleep. Foremost, we're extremely large compared with spiders, so they tend to view us merely as part of their landscape. Equally important, a wandering spider would find a sleeping human absolutely terrifying because, as we slumber, we tend to make a lot of noise via our heartbeat and breathing. These sounds create vibrations to which spiders are extremely sensitive. As a result, they likely would do all they could to avoid us.

(I was so sure that fact about spiders was true. I read about it on the web. Surely a spider story on the web has to be true? I'm glad it's not. I can sleep better knowing that story is a myth.)



3AW's Philip Brady and Simon Owens highlight Jocks' Journal's 35th Birthday

On Sunday March 2, Jocks' Journal editor **Greg Newman** was a guest on 3AW's 'Remember When' program with hosts **Philip Brady** and **Simon Owens**. He chatted about Jocks' Journal which he created in 1989 and is now "Australia's longest running radio industry publication." (In photo above: Greg, Philip Andrew (a friend of Greg), Philip Brady and Simon Owens.) Below is part of that radio interview and I must confess I have used some poetic licence with some of my answers.

Phil: *How many names have you registered in 35 years of writing and researching the Jocks' Journal?*

Greg: I have a database of about 8500 names. Of course they don't all appear in the pages of the Jock's Journal. Looking at two popular names ... we have 46 famous 'Smiths' and 56 famous people called 'Jones.' Last entry is actress Daphne Zuniga.

Simon: *We mentioned earlier in explaining to our listeners what it is ... and there is a page for each day of the month.*

Greg: Yes I have a big database of birthdays, deaths, events and trivia - all kept in Microsoft Word documents. For each Jocks' Journal I then import all that info and then edit to just one A4 page. I try and provide birthdays and information that relate to us Australians. So if you want to 'google' birthdays you'll find plenty on the internet but you'll have to sort through US sport stars and European politicians and people we don't know or relate to.

Simon: *So each month when you put it out - how do you know which names to drop off or to add?*

Greg: I suppose that's my main role as editor to make those decisions. Obviously I've got to make way for new famous people and so those that have died I generally drop off the list - but then there are icons who will probably always be included like Elvis Presley, Marilyn Monroe or John Lennon.

Phil: *How did the idea of the journal originate 35 years ago - and do you recall your first subscriber?*

Greg: Well I think I got the idea when a mate was able to print off some sheets from his new Apple computer - and I discovered this new thing called desktop publishing. I always remember the first subscriber. It was an announcer from 4ZR called Clive Burnell, who sadly has passed on. I recall that first fax coming through confirming his subscription and I thought: "Wow! Somebody is actually paying for this information that I created." I was humbled.

Phil: *Can I ask how many stations use Jocks' Journal?*

Greg: I think there would be over 200 stations subscribing. Of course 3AW has been with us pretty much since the beginning. I'm trying to think who originally signed up. I think it was Steve Price. I recall phoning the radio station to see if there was any interest and this guy answered the phone saying "we don't have disc jockeys working here!" And that was in reference to 'Jocks Journal' which of course is pretty much just an industry term and we don't go around in 2024 saying we are a 'jock'.

Phil: I think it would have been Steve Price.

Simon: It probably would have been - as I started working with Phil and Bruce Mansfield about then when he was PD. I used to photocopy Phil's Jocks' Journal to use on the station. I'm wondering if 3AW might have come on board a little bit after.

Phil: *Greg who was the famous entertainer that once helped with the Jocks' Journal mail out?*

Greg: A friend came over one day with this delightful gentleman and I thought ... this is a well known singer. Anyway, we were preparing the mail out, doing the stapling and putting the latest issue into envelopes and he was happy to join in and assist. It was country singer Jimmy Little.

Phil: The man who sang Royal Telephone, how wonderful.

Simon: *I remember when Phil got the physical version of Jocks' Journal and it had a yellow front cover ... and now you only have the digital version.*

Greg: No ... we still provide a printed version with the well known yellow cover. There are still clients who want the print option.

Simon: *How did you go with piracy when email became a thin, and someone could share the journal with many others? Has that ever been an issue?*

Greg: It has actually. The front cover states the terms and conditions. Maybe I shouldn't share this - but there was a certain radio network that was doing the wrong thing and we settled out of court. Also in the early days another station was 'faxing' it around ... but we came to a 'group subscription' agreement. But overall subscribers have been honest and done the right thing.

Phil: *A special project for Greg and myself was to compile a list of the people who died on or around their birthday - it's quite scary isn't it? Such as William Shakespeare who died on his birthday.*

Greg: Well it's probably not as many as you think, but you are right. Examples: actress Ingrid Bergman, singer Merle Haggard, VFL player/coach Ken Judge and socialite Susan Renouf all died on their birthdays. Then I've had to change some birthday information. When singer Del Shannon died we found he was actually a few years older. In recent times, actress Tanya Roberts died and we found out that she fudged on her age by a few years. And one local name that comes to mind - Ian 'Molly' Meldrum. Books had him listed as being 'born on a ship outside of Aden' which sounded very exotic - but that wasn't true. It was of course Orbost in Victoria. He was also listed as a younger age but with the internet it's now pretty difficult to hide your year of birth.

Simon: But apart from the almanac the journal features fun facts and trivia and if you're a radio groupie and love the industry like I do, the very front page has movements in radio which I read from front to cover.

Greg: And you probably read about these new young names and think - "I've no idea who that is?"

Simon: But that's what I find exciting about new talent coming up and reading about this person who went to this station ... I love it.

Phil: Greg congratulations on 35 years ... here's to the next 35!



Birthday Bulletin

Monday 1st April 2024
April Fools Day/Easter Monday

Births

DEBBIE REYNOLDS (Mary Reynolds) born in El Paso, Texas - 1932. (Died aged 84 - 2016)

* US actress, singer and mother of Carrie Fisher. Eddie Fisher was Carrie's father. She starred in *Singin' In The Rain* ('52) and the first of the Tammy movies *Tammy And The Bachelor* ('57).

* She died of a stroke while making preparations for the funeral of her daughter, Carrie, who had died one day earlier following a heart attack on a flight from London.

ALI MacGRAW (Elizabeth Alice MacGraw) born in Pound Ridge, New York - 1939 (85)

* US actress. The former model made her film debut in *Goodbye Columbus*. She rose to fame as Jenny in *Love Story* (1970). Her television credits include - *Dynasty*, *The Colbys* and *The Winds Of War*. * From 1973-1977 she was married to Steve McQueen. They starred together in *The Getaway* ('72).

M (Robin Scott) born in London, England - 1947 (77)

* English singer. He had a No 1 hit in 1979 with *Pop Muzik*.

JIMMY CLIFF (James Chambers) born in Jamaica - 1948 (76)

* Jamaican singer/songwriter. His reggae styled hits include *Wonderful World Beautiful People* ('69) and *Wild World* ('70). In 1994 he revived *I Can See Clearly Now*.

HENRY GROSS born in Brooklyn, New York - 1951 (73)

* US singer and musician. He was a part of the group Sha Na Na. He had a solo hit in 1976 with *Shannon*.

JEFF PORCARO born in Connecticut - 1954. (Died aged 38 - 1992)

* Drummer with US group Toto. His brother Steve played keyboards. He co-wrote Michael Jackson's hit *Human Nature* ('83). Porcaro died of a drug related illness in 1992.

DAVID GOWER born in Kent, England - 1957 (67)

* English cricketer. The former England Test captain began his career in 1975 and made over 8000 runs from 117 Test matches. He made 26,339 runs and retired from first class cricket in 1993.

TONY GALATI born in WA - 1961 (63)

* Italian-Australian businessman. He's the founder of Spudshed an independent supermarket chain in Western Australia. The chain consists of a total of 17 stores across WA (as of 2022).

SUSAN BOYLE born in Scotland - 1961 (63)

* Scottish singer. In 2009 she amazed the judges on the hit TV show *Britain's Got Talent*, singing *I Dreamed A Dream*. She came 2nd on the program and ended up with the biggest selling album of 2009 with *I Dreamed A Dream*.

MIKE BAIRD born in Melbourne, Victoria - 1968 (56)

* Former Premier of NSW. He was in power from April 2014 until January 2017.

GINA JEFFREYS (Gina Hillenberg) born in Toowoomba, Queensland - 1968 (56)

* Australian country singer and radio announcer. She has won four CMAA Golden Guitar Awards for Female Vocalist of the Year Award. She is the breakfast co-host on Star 104.5 Central Coast.

LACHY HULME born in Melbourne, Victoria - 1971 (53)

* Australian actor. His TV credits include *Gallipoli* (2015), *Power Games: The Packer-Murdoch War* (2013) - as Kerry Packer, *Beaconsfield* (2012) and *Offspring* (2010). His films include: *Any Questions for Ben?*, *BoyTown*, and *The Matrix Reloaded*.

* He's also a FOX Footy and FOX Sports announcer.

KYM WILSON born in Brisbane, Queensland - 1973 (51)

* Australian actress. Her first major role was in the TV mini-series *The Brides Of Christ*. She played Darcy in *A Country Practice*, Raeleen in *All Saints* and co-hosted the program *Video Smash Hits*.

JOHN BUTLER born in Torrance, California - 1975 (49)

* Australian-American musician. He formed the John Butler Trio in 1998. In 2004 they made No 1 on the ARIA album chart with *Sunrise Over Sea*. Their other No 1 albums are *Grand National* (2007), *April Uprising* (2010) and *Home* (2018).

JAMES TOBIN born in Sydney, NSW - 1980 (44)

* Australian television presenter. He is currently weather presenter on *Weekend Sunrise* and a reporter on *Sunrise*. He worked on radio at 2Day FM, Mix 106.5 and 2WS.

RANDY ORTON (Randal Orton) born in Tennessee - 1980 (44)

* US professional wrestler. He is currently signed to WWE. With the third most world championship reigns in history, and a career spanning over 20 years, Orton is widely regarded as one of the greatest wrestlers of all time.

BIJOU PHILLIPS born in Greenwich, Connecticut - 1980 (44)

* US actress, singer, model and daughter of the late John Phillips (Mamas & Papas) and Genevieve Waite. She was in the 2000 hit movie *Almost Famous*. Her last acting role was in 2010.

HILLARY SCOTT born in Nashville, Tennessee - 1986 (38)

* US country music singer-songwriter. She is a vocalist with Lady A (formerly Lady Antebellum). The group won five awards at the Grammy Awards presented in 2011 including the Song of the Year and Record of the Year for *Need You Now*. In 2016 she released the gospel album *Love Remains* by Hillary Scott And The Scott Family.

TESS HAUBRICH born in Sydney, NSW - 1990 (34)

* Australian actress and model. In 2009, she appeared in two episodes of *Home and Away* as Catie Merrin. She returned to the series as a different character, Shandi Palmer, in 2014. She also had a leading role in the second season of *Wolf Creek*.

ASA BUTTERFIELD born in London, England - 1997 (27)

* English actor. Starred in *Hugo* (2011), *Nanny McPhee and The Big Bang* (2010), *The Boy In The Striped Pyjamas* (2008), *Ender's Game* (2013) and *Miss Peregrine's Home for Peculiar Children* (2016).

LOGAN PAUL born in Westlake, Ohio - 1995 (29)

* US social media influencer, professional wrestler, YouTuber and actor. He is currently signed to WWE, where he is competing on the SmackDown brand, and where he is the reigning WWE United States Champion. He has over 23 million subscribers on his YouTube channel.

Events

PARKING METERS made their first appearance in Australia in Hobart - 1955.

SLIM DUSTY recorded *A Pub With No Beer* at EMI's Castlereagh Studios in Sydney - 1957.

* It made No 3 in England and No 1 in Ireland.

First pair of **DR MARTENS BOOTS** (developed by Dr. Klaus Märtens of Germany) rolled off the production line in England - 1960.

ESSO service stations opened in Australia - 1962.

* Esso stands for Eastern States Standard Oil. In November 1999 the Australian assets of Esso were merged with those of Mobil as part of the global merger of Exxon Corporation and Mobil Oil Corporation.

GENERAL HOSPITAL made its debut on US television - 1963.

* The long running soapie is still running.

DAVID BOWIE released his first solo single *Anything You Say* - 1966.

* The single was a flop and it wasn't until 1969 that he had his first success with *Space Oddity*.

APPLE COMPUTERS was founded by Steve Jobs, Steve Wozniak and Ronald Wayne - 1976.

BRIAN JOHNSON, ex-Geordie singer, was announced as the new lead vocalist for **AC/DC** - 1980.

MARVIN GAYE, US singer, was shot dead by his father - 1984.

* The incident occurred a day before his 45th birthday and came about because of a heated family quarrel.

DAVID LEE ROTH left **VAN HALEN** to pursue a solo career - 1985.

GOOGLE introduced its **GMAIL** service to the public - 2004.

DIARY OF A WIMPY KID, written by Jeff Kinney, was first published - 2007.

HARRY STYLES broke a Guinness World Record for the "most streamed track on Spotify within 24 hours (male)" with his single *As It Was* - 2022

* The song hit over 16 million streams in its first 24-hours.

Birthday Bulletin

Tuesday 2nd April 2024

Births

BUDDY EBSEN (Christian Ebsen) born in Belleville, Illinois - 1908. (Died aged 95 - 2003)

* American actor. He played Jed Clampett in the 1960s TV comedy *The Beverly Hillbillies*. In the '70s he starred in the *Barnaby Jones* detective series.

SIR ALEC GUINNESS born in London, England - 1914. (Died aged 86 - 2000)

* British actor. Some of his best known films include - *The Lavender Hill Mob* ('51), *Lawrence Of Arabia* ('62) and *Star Wars* ('77). He won an Academy Award for Best Actor in *Bridge On The River Kwai*.

SIR JACK BRABHAM born in Hurstville, NSW - 1926. (Died aged 89 - 2014)

* Australian racing driver. He was world champion in 1959, 1960 and 1966 and the first to win the world championship in his own car. Brabham retired in 1970.

MARVIN GAYE (Marvin Gay Jr) born in Washington DC - 1939. (Died aged 44 - 1984)

* US singer. One of his biggest hits was *I Heard It Through The Grapevine* which made No 1 in 1968. He recorded several hits as duets with Tammi Terrell, Kim Weston and Mary Wells.

DAME PENELOPE KEITH born in Surrey, England - 1940 (84)

* English actress. She appeared in the UK TV comedies such as *The Good Life* (as Margot Leadbetter) and *To The Manor Born* (as Audrey forbes-Hamilton.)

LEON RUSSELL (Claude Russell Bridges) born in Lawton, Oklahoma - 1942. (Died aged 74 - 2016)

* American musician and songwriter. He wrote the hits *Delta Lady* (Joe Cocker), *Superstar* (Carpenters/Colleen Hewett) and *This Masquerade* (George Benson). He led the famous Mad Dogs & Englishmen band who toured with Joe Cocker in the early 70s and charted with *Cry Me A River* and *The Letter*.

* In the 1960s he worked as a session musician playing guitar and piano for artists such as The Byrds, Crystals, Righteous Brothers and Gary Lewis & the Playboys.

LINDA HUNT born in Morristown, New Jersey - 1945 (79)

* US actress. She portrayed Henrietta "Hetty" Lange in the TV series *NCIS: Los Angeles*. The 144 cm tall actress won an Academy Award for Best Supporting Actress for her role as a man in *The Year of Living Dangerously* ('82). Her other films include - *Kindergarten Cop*, *Dune* and *Pret-A-Porter*.

EMMYLOU HARRIS born in Birmingham, Alabama - 1947 (77)

* American country singer. Her biggest hit was in 1981 with a revival of *Mr Sandman*.

TONI SCANLAN born in Perth, WA - 1956 (68)

* Australian actress. She played Sgt Helen Blakemore in the TV drama series *Water Rats*. She was one of the only three actors to appear in the series from when it started to when it ended.

LINFORD CHRISTIE born in Jamaica - 1960 (64)

* Jamaican-born British runner. He won gold at both the 1992 Olympics and '93 World Championships. In 1999 he was suspended after testing positive for a banned anabolic steroid. However, he was later cleared by UK Athletics.

KEREN WOODWARD born in Bristol, England - 1961 (63)

* UK singer. She's a member of the trio Bananarama. In the UK they had 17 top 40 hits from 1982-'88. In Australia their biggest is *Venus* ('86).

CHRIS MELONI born in Washington, DC - 1961 (63)

* US actor. He played Det Elliot Stabler in the TV series *Law And Order: Special Victims Unit*.

TODD WOODBRIDGE born in Sydney, NSW - 1971 (53)

* Australian tennis player and Nine commentator. He's the host of the TV game show *Tipping Point Australia*. In 2000 following the Olympic Games, Todd and his partner Mark Woodforde ('The Woodys') retired as a doubles partnership. They hold the world record for winning the most doubles titles. They ended their doubles career winning 11 Grand Slam titles and 21 silver medals.

MICHAEL FASSBENDER born in West Germany - 1977 (47)

* German-born Irish actor. He first came to prominence for his role as IRA activist Bobby Sands in *Hunger* (2008). His other movies include *Inglourious Basterds* (2009), *Jane Eyre* (2011), *A Dangerous Method* (2011), *Steve Jobs* (as Jobs) (2015) and *Assassin's Creed* (2016). He's also well known for playing Erik Lehnsherr / Magneto in the series of *X Men* movies.

MICHAEL CLARKE born in Liverpool, NSW - 1981 (43)

* Australian cricketer and Sky Sports radio presenter. 'Pup' is a former captain of the Australian cricket team for both Test and ODI cricket. He led Australia to a 5-0 win over England in the 2013-2014 Ashes.

* He scored 151 on his Test debut in Bangalore, India (2004) and became the first Australian in 111 years to score a ton in his first innings.

SCOTT CAIN born in Port Macquarie, NSW - 1981 (43)

* Australian singer. The TV *Popstar* performer earned a platinum record in 2002 for his hit single *I'm Movin' On*.

JESSE PLEMONS born in Dallas, Texas - 1988 (36)

* US actor. He portrayed Todd Alquist in season 5 of the TV series *Breaking Bad* (2012-2013). For his performance in *The Power of the Dog* (2021), he was nominated for an Academy Award for Best Supporting Actor.
* He married actress Kirsten Dunst in 2022.

CALLUM MILLS born in Sydney, NSW - 1997 (27)

* AFL player. He is the sole captain of the Sydney Swans in season 2024. He made his debut for the Swans in 2016.

Events

WORLD'S FIRST GOLF TOURNAMENT was held in Scotland - 1744.

ST KILDA FOOTBALL CLUB (AFL) formed - 1873.

First **HUMAN CANNON-BALL CIRCUS** was performed at West's Amphitheatre in London - 1877.

A short film about the **ZIPPER** was showing at the Athenaeum theatre in Melbourne titled "*What is it? How does it work?*" - 1934.

GLENN MILLER & HIS ORCHESTRA recorded *American Patrol* - 1942.

JOHNNY CASH recorded *I Walk The Line* on Sun Records - 1956.

* The song is based on the "boom-chicka-boom" or "freight train" rhythm common in many of Cash's songs.

BEACH BOYS began recording *I Get Around* - 1964.

TIVOLI THEATRE in Melbourne closed down after 93 years - 1966.

2001: A SPACE ODYSSEY, directed by Stanley Kubrik, premiered in Washington DC - 1968.

* Won Academy Award for best film.

THE STING won seven Oscars at the Academy Awards - 1974.

* The movie which starred Robert Redford and Paul Newman won the Best Picture Oscar.

ARGENTINA invaded the Falkland Islands - 1982.

A record **13 FEMALE ARTISTS** shared hits in the UK Top 40 - 1988.

ROB PILATUS (Milli Vanilli) died aged 32 of a lethal cocktail of cocaine, medication and alcohol - 1998.

MOST DECKS OF PLAYING CARDS MEMORISED was achieved by Dave Farrow (Canada) who memorised on a single sighting, a random sequence of 59 separate card packs (total of 3,068 cards) - 2007.

ANALOG (TVs) was switched off in Adelaide - 2013.

JOHN FARNHAM was voted Australia's best singer of all time by a panel of more than 100 Australian singers and musicians commissioned by News Ltd - 2013.

LOGAN WILLIAMS, Canadian actor who starred in the TV series *The Flash* where he played the young Barry Allen, died aged 16 of a fentanyl overdose after battling a three-year drug addiction 2020.

RUSSIA warned NATO against sending any troops to aid Ukraine, amid reports of a large Russian military build-up on its borders - 2021.

ESTELLE HARRIS, US actress who was best known for playing George Costanza's mother in TV's *Seinfeld*, died aged 93 - 2022.

Birthday Bulletin

Wednesday 3rd April 2024

Births

DORIS DAY (Doris von Kappelhoff) born in Cincinnati, Ohio - 1922. (Died aged 97 - 2019)

* American actress and singer. Her films include - *The Pajama Game* ('57), *Pillow Talk* ('59) and *The Man Who Knew Too Much* ('56) - which featured her Oscar winning hit *Que Sera Sera*. Her TV program *The Doris Day Show* ran from 1968 -'73.

MARLON BRANDO born in Omaha, Nebraska - 1924. (Died aged 80 - 2004)

* US actor. He appeared in more than 40 films in 50 years. His major movies include - *The Wild One* ('53), *A Streetcar Named Desire* ('51), *On The Waterfront* ('54), *The Godfather Part 1* ('72) - which won him the Academy Award for Best Actor and *Apocalypse Now* ('79).

DON GIBSON born in Shelby, North Carolina - 1928. (Died aged 75 - 2003)

* US country singer/songwriter. His two biggest songs were - *Oh, Lonesome Me* ('58) and *Sea Of Heartbreak* ('61). He wrote *I Can't Stop Loving You* which was a No 1 hit for Ray Charles in 1962.

JEFF BARRY (Joel Adelberg) born in Brooklyn, New York - 1938 (86)

* US songwriter and record producer. He teamed with his wife Ellie Greenwich to write the '60s hits *Chapel Of Love* (Dixie Cups), *Do Wah Diddy Diddy* (Manfred Mann), *Leader Of The Pack* (Shangri-Las), *Be My Baby* (Ronettes), *River Deep, Mountain High* (Ike and Tina Turner) and many others. Also co-wrote *Sugar Sugar* (Archies).

JAN BERRY born in Los Angeles, California - 1941. (Died aged 62 - 2004)

* US singer. One half of the '60s duo Jan & Dean (Torrence). He had been in poor health since a 1966 car crash when he crashed his car into a parked truck. Jan & Dean had their biggest hit in 1963 with *Surf City*.

ERIC BRAEDEN (Hans Gudegast) born in Kiel, Germany - 1941 (83)

* US actor. Since 1980 he's played Victor Newman in *The Young And The Restless*. Played Col. John Jacob Astor IV in *Titanic* ('97).

MARSHA MASON born in St Louis, Missouri - 1942 (82)

* US actress. She was once married to playwright Neil Simon. She starred in the movie adaptations of his plays - *The Goodbye Girl* ('77), *The Cheap Detective* ('78) and *Chapter Two* ('79). She's also had recurring roles in the TV programs *Frasier* and *The Middle*.

WAYNE NEWTON (Carson Wayne Newton) born in Norfolk, Virginia - 1942 (82)

* US singer. Known as 'Mr Las Vegas', his biggest hits are *Danke Schoen* ('63), *Red Roses For A Blue Lady* ('65) and *Daddy Don't You Walk So Fast* ('72).

* He played a crook in the 1990 James Bond film *License To Kill* and appeared as himself in the 1997 *Vegas Vacation* movie.

TONY ORLANDO born in New York City, New York - 1944 (80)

* Lead singer with Dawn (later called Tony Orlando & Dawn). Their hits include *Candida* ('70), *Knock Three Times* ('70) and *Tie A Yellow Ribbon Round The Old Oak Tree* ('73).

ALEC BALDWIN born in Massapequa, New York - 1958 (66)

* US actor. On October 21, 2021, Baldwin was filming on the set of his film *Rust*, of which he was also the producer, when he discharged a gun being used as a prop, killing cinematographer Halyna Hutchins and injuring director Joel Souza. In February 24, 2024 a judge set a trial date for Baldwin on an involuntary manslaughter charge. The trial will start in July. Baldwin pleaded not guilty in January.

* He played the role of Jack Donaghy in the TV comedy *30 Rock*. His hit films include *Radio Talk*, *Working Girl*, *Married To The Mob*, *Beetle Juice*, *The Hunt For Red October*, *The Aviator*, *The Departed*, *It's Complicated* and *Mission Impossible: Fallout*.

* His younger brothers William, Stephen and Daniel are also actors.

DAVID HYDE PIERCE (David Pierce) born in New York - 1959 (65)

* US actor. He played Niles Crane, brother to Frasier, in the *Frasier* TV sit-com (1993-2004). They wrote his character into the script after they noticed his uncanny resemblance to Kelsey Grammar.

EDDIE MURPHY (Edward Murphy) born in New York - 1961 (63)

* US actor and comedian. His films include *Trading Places* ('83), *Beverly Hills Cop 1 and II*, *Coming To America* ('88), *The Nutty Professor* ('96), *Dr. Doolittle* ('98), *Daddy Day Care* (2003) and *Tower Heist* (2011). He received an Oscar nomination for his role in the 2006 movie *Dream Girls*.

* He provided the voice of the donkey in *Shrek* and sequels.

JAY WEATHERILL born in Adelaide, SA - 1964 (60)

* Australian Labor Party politician. He was the 45th Premier of South Australia, serving from 21 October 2011 until 19 March 2018.

MARK SKAIFE born in Gosford, NSW - 1967 (57)

* Australian racing driver. The five time Bathurst winner retired in 2008.

BEN MENDELSON born in Melbourne, Victoria - 1969 (55)

* Australian actor. He had a supporting role in the 2016 *Star Wars* film *Rogue One*, portraying villain Orson Krennic and played Talos in the 2019 movie *Captain Marvel*. His local films include *My Voice Broke*, *The Big Steal*, *Spotswood*, *Mullet*, *Australia* and *Animal Kingdom*.

MATTHEW GOODE born in Devon, England - 1978 (46)

* English actor. His TV credits include *A Discovery Of Witches* (lead role), *Downton Abbey* and *The Good Wife*.

LEONA LEWIS born in London, England - 1985 (39)

* English singer. Her recording of *Bleeding Love* was the biggest selling single in the UK in 2007. Made No 1 in Australia.

ISRAEL FOLAU born in Minto, NSW - 1989 (35)

* Australian footballer. He's played rugby, NRL and AFL. In 2019, he became the record holder for most tries scored in Super Rugby history. In 2020, Folau signed a contract to play league for the French club the Catalans Dragons. He also plays for Tonga and the Shining Arcs in Japan Rugby League One.

PARIS JACKSON born in Beverly Hills, California - 1998 (26)

* US model and daughter of Michael Jackson. She was born to Jackson's 2nd wife Debbie Rowe. Jackson made her feature film debut in *Gringo* in 2018.

* She has over 80 tattoos.

Events

ASTOR THEATRE officially opened in Chapel St, St Kilda - 1936.

* In 1969 it became one of a chain of 12 Greek cinemas in Melbourne. It closed in February 1982 but reopened six months later.

A **CYCLONE** with 180 km winds damaged nearly every building in Bowen in Queensland - 1958.

ELVIS PRESLEY recorded *It's Now Or Never* - 1960.

* It was based on *O Sole Mio* an Italian song. It was one of Elvis' personal favourites and became his biggest selling single.

First **MOBILE PHONE CALL** was made in New York - 1973.

* It was made by Motorola employee Dr. Martin Cooper who placed a call to Dr. Joel S. Engel while walking the streets of New York City talking on the first Motorola DynaTAC prototype. The phone weighed 1 kg and was 23 cm long.

KATE BUSH played her first live concert at the Liverpool Empire - 1979.

BURT BACHARACH married his third wife **CAROLE BAYER SAGER** - 1982.

* They separated in 1991. The two songwriters collaborated with Peter Allen on the 1985 hit *That's What Friends Are For*.

GRAND NATIONAL in England was declared void - 1993.

* After a horribly botched start, eight horses unofficially completed the event while nine others waited at the start and others in the field of 40 wandered aimlessly around the course. \$115 million in bets were returned to punters.

LIONEL BART, UK composer of the musical *Oliver!*, died aged 68 of cancer - 1999.

* He wrote Cliff Richard's hit *Living Doll* and *From Russia With Love* recorded by Matt Monro.

iPADS went on sale in US - 2010.

CARLA ZAMPATTI, Italian born Australian fashion designer, died aged 78 - 2021.

* In 1965, Zampatti produced her first small collection, followed two years later by a national launch, and in 1970, by the establishment of Carla Zampatti Limited. She opened her first boutique in 1972 in Surry Hills, Sydney.

Birthday Bulletin

Thursday 4th April 2024

Births

CLIVE DAVIS born in New York City, New York - 1932 (92)

* American record producer, A&R executive, and music industry executive. From 1967 to 1973, Davis was the president of Columbia Records. He was the founder and president of Arista Records from 1975 through 2000 until founding J Records. From 2002 until April 2008, Davis was the chair and CEO of the RCA Music Group.

ANTHONY PERKINS born in New York City, New York - 1932. (Died aged 60 - 1992)

* US actor. His most famous role was playing Norman Bates in the Alfred Hitchcock thriller *Psycho* ('60). He also appeared in *On The Beach* (1959) that was filmed in Victoria.

DAVE HILL born in Devon, England - 1946 (78)

* UK musician. Lead guitarist and backing vocalist with Slade. They had several '70s hits including *Coz I Luv You*, *Mama Weer All Crazee Now* and *Gudbuy T'Jane*.

CHRISTINE LAHTI born in Birmingham, Michigan - 1950 (74)

* US actress. She appeared in the '90s TV series *Chicago Hope* as well as the 2005 series *Jack and Bobby*. Her films include *Swing Shift* ('84), *Running On Empty* ('88) and *The Doctor* ('91).

RODNEY EADE born in Tasmania - 1958 (66)

* Australian Rules footballer and coach. Former coach of the Western Bulldogs, Sydney Swans and Gold Coast Suns. He played VFL football with Hawthorn (1976-'87) and also took part in four of Hawthorn's premiership teams. From 1988-1990 he played with the Brisbane Bears.

PHIL MORRIS born in Iowa City, Iowa - 1959 (65)

* US actor and son of *Mission: Impossible* star Greg Morris. Phil had a starring role in the '90s remake of *Mission: Impossible* which was shot in Australia.
* He played the lawyer Jackie Chiles in several episodes of TV's *Seinfeld*.

HUGO WEAVING born in Nigeria - 1960 (64)

* Australian actor. His more recent films include *The Dressmaker*, *Hacksaw Ridge*, *Jasper Jones* and *Hearts And Bones*. He played Lord Elrond in the three *Lord Of The Rings* movies as well as *The Hobbit*. His other films include *The Matrix* (and sequels) playing Agent Smith, *Captain America* (2011), *The Interview* which won the AFI award for Best Film in 1998, *Proof* and *Priscilla: Queen of the Desert* ('94). He also can be seen in the Australian mini-series' *Bodyline* and *Dirtwater Dynasty*.

* He provided the voice of Rex the dog in *Babe* and Noah in *Happy Feet*.

GRAHAM NORTON (Graham Walker) born in Dublin, Ireland - 1963 (61)

* Irish television and radio presenter. He is the host of the TV comedy chat show *The Graham Norton Show* that began in 2007.

* On March 7, 2013 he broke the Guinness Book of Records for 'The Most Questions Asked On A TV Chat Show.'

ROBERT DOWNEY JR born in Manhattan, New York - 1965 (59)

* US actor. Starred as Tony Stark/*Iron Man* in the *Iron Man* movies as well as *The Avengers* (2012). He also starred in *Sherlock Holmes* (2009) and the 2011 sequel *A Game of Shadows*. His other films include - *Weird Science*, *Less Than Zero*, *1969*, *Chances Are*, *Air America*, *Heart And Souls*, *Chaplin*, *Only You*, *The Shaggy Dog*, *Doolittle* and *Oppenheimer*. In 2000 he joined the cast of *Ally McBeal* playing the role of a lawyer and love interest of McBeal.

BARRY PEPPER born in British Columbia, Canada - 1970 (54)

* Canadian actor. His films include: *Saving Private Ryan* ('98) - as the Bible-quoting sniper, *Enemy Of The State* ('98), *The Green Mile* ('99), *Flags Of Our Fathers* (2006) and *Seven Pounds* (2008).

JIM DYMOCK born in Sydney, NSW - 1972 (52)

* Australian rugby league player. He played with the Parramatta Eels, Canterbury Bankstown, Western Suburbs, London Broncos and Tonga.

DAVID BLAINE (David Blaine White) born in Brooklyn, New York - 1973 (51)

* US illusionist, magician and stunt performer. He's well known for his street and close up magic tricks. He's broken several world records. In 2003 he completed 44 days without food. During that period he stayed in a small box which was suspended over England's River Thames.

SAM MORAN born in Sydney, NSW - 1978 (46)

* Australian singer and TV host. He joined the Wiggles permanently in 2006 replacing Greg Page. However he was axed from the group in January 2012 when Greg Page returned to the line up.

HEATH LEDGER (Heathcliff Ledger) born in Perth, WA - 1979. (Died aged 28 - 2008)

* Australian actor. He died in January 2008 of an accidental overdose of prescription drugs that included painkillers, sleeping pills and anti-anxiety medication. Prior to his death he filmed the *Batman* film *Dark Knight*, playing the role of The Joker. For that role he won a posthumous Best Supporting Oscar.

* His US films include *A Knight's Tale* (2001) and *Brokeback Mountain* (2005). He starred in the 2003 Australian film *Ned Kelly*.

JESSICA NAPIER born in Wellington, NZ - 1979 (45)

* New Zealand actress. She is probably best known for her role of Becky Howard in the Australian TV drama series *McLeod's Daughters* and appeared in *The Alice* (2005-2006).

SAM FROST born in Ferntree Gully, Victoria - 1989 (35)

* Australian radio and TV personality. Sam came to fame when she won Blake Garvey's heart on *The Bachelor*. However she was jilted. She then appeared on *The Bachelorette Australia*. From November 2015 to January 2017, Frost co-hosted the 2Day FM breakfast show *Rove & Sam* with Rove McManus. She joined the cast of *Home and Away* as Jasmine Delaney, in December 2017.

JAMIE LYNN SPEARS born in McComb, Mississippi - 1991 (33)

* US actress and TV host. The youngest sister of Britney starred as Zoey Brooks in the US TV show *Zoey 101* (2005-2008). After giving birth in 2008, Spears stopped acting and making albums for half a decade.

Events

GLENN MILLER recorded *Moonlight Serenade* - 1939.

BEN-HUR won a record 11 Oscars at the Academy Awards - 1960.

* This record was equalled by *Titanic* and *Lord Of The Rings: Return Of The King*.

* The 1959 film starred Charlton Heston. He won an Oscar for Best Actor.

ELVIS PRESLEY recorded *Are You Lonesome Tonight* and *Such A Night* - 1960.

VIDEO CASSETTE RECORDERS for home use were introduced in America - 1964.

THE BEATLES held the top five positions on the US Billboard singles chart - 1964.

* In order they were - *Can't Buy Me Love*, *Twist and Shout*, *She Loves You*, *I Want To Hold Your Hand* and *Please Please Me*.

REV DR MARTIN LUTHER KING was assassinated aged 39 - 1968.

* The Civil Rights leader was shot outside his motel room in Memphis, Tennessee. He was leaning over the balcony talking with fellow civil rights activist Jesse Jackson who was standing below.

MICROSOFT was founded by Bill Gates and Paul Allen in Albuquerque, New Mexico - 1975.

TIM FINN rang his 18-year-old brother **NEIL** and invited him to join **SPLIT ENZ** who were touring in London - 1976.

BRUMBYS bakeries franchise was registered in Australia - 1986.

KENNY EVERETT, English radio announcer and TV comedian, died aged 50 - 1995.

LUNA PARK reopened in Sydney - 2004.

* It underwent a \$100 million redevelopment since its closing in 1996 when residents launched legal action over noise generated by the Big Dipper.

BEYONCE, 26, married rapper **JAY-Z**, 38, - 2008.

CHRIS BAILEY, guitarist with The Angels and **GANGajang**, died aged 62 of throat cancer - 2013.

PETER GUTWEIN stepped down as Premier of Tasmania - 2022.

Birthday Bulletin

Friday 5th April 2024

Births

ROGER CORMAN born in Detroit, Michigan - 1926 (98)

* American director of numerous 'B' grade horror films including *The House of Usher*, *The Little Shop of Horrors* and *The Raven*.

* Some of his forgettable films include - *Swamp Woman*, *Attack of The Crab Monsters*, *Wasp Woman* and *She-Gods Of Shark Reef*.

* He occasionally takes minor acting roles in the films of directors who started with him, including *The Silence of the Lambs*, *The Godfather Part II*, *Apollo 13*, and *Philadelphia*.

FRANK GORSHIN born in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania - 1933. (Died aged 72 - 2005)

* US actor and impressionist. He is best known for playing The Riddler in the '60s *Batman* TV series.

* He had a role in the 1996 film *12 Monkeys*.

CRISPIAN ST. PETERS (Robin Peter Smith) born in Kent, England - 1939. (Died aged 71 - 2010)

* English singer. He had two major hits in 1966 with *Pied Piper* (# 5 in Australia) and *You Were On My Mind* (#2 in UK).

ALLAN CLARKE (Harold Alan Clarke) born in Lancashire, England - 1942 (82)

* Former lead singer for the UK band The Hollies. Their biggest hits include - *Bus Stop*, *Carrie Anne*, *Jennifer Eccles*, *Sorry Suzanne*, *He Ain't Heavy He's My Brother*, *Long Cool Woman (In A Black Dress)* and *The Air That I Breathe*. He retired from the music industry in 1999. However the Hollies continued touring and since 2004 Peter Howarth has been the band's lead vocalist.

* In April 2023 he released a new solo album that features former Hollies member Graham Nash. They began writing together during the Covid pandemic. The first track shared was written by Nash, *Buddy's Back*, a tribute to Buddy Holly that The Hollies were named after. The remainder of the songs were written by Clarke. *The Presence of You*. It is the first love song Allan has written for his wife Jennifer after 59 years of marriage. He retired from the music industry in 1999 to look after his wife.

JANE ASHER born in London, England - 1946 (78)

* English actress. She's the sister of producer Peter Asher (of Peter & Gordon fame) and a former girlfriend of Paul McCartney. She's been happily married to Gerald Scarfe since 1981.

* She had a role in the 1981 British mini-series *Brideshead Revisited*.

AGNETHA FALTSKOG born in Sweden - 1950 (74)

* Blonde female singer with Abba. She had a minor solo hit in 1983 with *Can't Shake Loose*. In 2013 she released a new album called 'A'. The debut single was *When You Really Loved Someone*. Prior to that her last solo hit was 1987's Peter Cetera-produced *I Stand Alone*.

* In 2021 Abba reunited and released *Voyage*, their first new album in 40 years. ABBA Voyage, featuring the motion capture digital avatars of the four band members alongside a 10-piece live band, opened in May 2022.

HARPO (Jan Harpo Svensson) born in Sweden - 1950 (74)

* Swedish singer. He had his biggest hit in 1976 with *Moviestar*. One of the backing singers was Frida of Abba fame. It was followed up by the single *Horoscope*.

JOHN BUCHANAN born in Ipswich, Queensland - 1953 (71)

* Australian cricketer and coach. Former World Cup winning coach of the Australia national cricket team. In 8 years he led them to a world record 16 straight Test match victories. He also coached the Queensland Bulls.

PETER OVERTON born in Winchester, England - 1965 (59)

* Australian TV news reader and reporter. The Nine News Sydney newsreader and a contributing reporter on *60 Minutes*.

* He married TV newsreader Jessica Rowe in January 2004.

PAULA COLE born in Rockport, Massachusetts - 1968 (56)

* US singer. She had two big hits in 1997 with *Where Have All the Cowboys Gone?* and *I Don't Want to Wait*. In 1998 Cole received the Grammy Award for Best New Artist. * She sang the main theme song to TV's *Dawson's Creek*.

PHARRELL WILLIAMS born in Virginia Beach, Virginia - 1973 (51)

* US singer/songwriter and fashion designer. In 2014 he had the biggest selling single in Australia with *Happy*. It spent exactly one year on the Australian charts. It was featured in the film *Despicable Me 2*. In 2013 he featured on Daft Punk's No 1 hit *Get Lucky*. He received six nominations at the 2014 Grammy Awards, winning three. He also featured on the 2013 hit *Blurred Lines* recorded with Robin Thicke and T.I.

HAYLEY ATWELL born in London, England - 1982 (42)

* British and American actress. She rose to fame with her portrayal of Agent Peggy Carter in several films, starting with *Captain America: The First Avenger* (2011) which inspired the TV series, *Agent Carter* (2015–2016). She had a leading role playing Grace in *Mission: Impossible – Dead Reckoning* (2023) and its 2025 sequel.

QUADE COOPER born in Auckland, New Zealand - 1988 (36)

* NZ born Australian rugby union player and boxer. He is a former player for the Queensland Reds and the Melbourne Rebels in the Super Rugby competition in Australia. He currently plays for Hanazono Liners in Japan.

* On March 7, 2014 he broke Elton Flatley's record of 629 points as well as the all-Queensland Red's point scoring record in the Red's 43-33 win over the South African Super Rugby team.

PATRICK DANGERFIELD born in Moggs Creek, Victoria - 1990 (34)

* AFL player and President of the AFL Player's Association. He plays for the Geelong Football Club and in 2022 became a premiership player when the Cats defeated the Sydney Swans. He won the 2016 Brownlow Medal. Dangerfield previously played for the Adelaide Football Club from 2008 to 2015.

Events

PHAR LAP, Australian race horse, died of colic in California - 1932.

SIR WINSTON CHURCHILL, aged 80, resigned as British Prime Minister - 1955.

THEM recorded *Gloria* at Decca records - 1964.

* It was written by the band's lead singer Van Morrison.

CHANNEL 10 opened in Sydney - 1965.

WORLD TRADE CENTER'S landmark twin towers opened in New York City - 1973.

* They were destroyed in the September 11, 2001 attacks.

ABBA's Fernando began its record 16 week reign at No 1 on the Australian singles chart - 1976.

A one-penny British Guiana 1856 magenta **STAMP** sold at auction for \$850,000 - 1980.

REM played their first paid gig at a party given by a friend of the band - 1980.

* It was for Kathleen O'Brien's 20th birthday.

KIEREN PERKINS broke the world 1500m free style record by almost two seconds in the National Championships in Canberra - 1992. * On this day 1997 he married Samantha Liu. They separated in 2012 and remarried in 2014.

KURT COBAIN, Nirvana lead singer, died aged 27 of a self-inflicted gun shot - 1994. (His body was discovered on April 8)

* He committed suicide less than a month after consuming a nearly fatal cocktail of drugs and alcohol.

After 115 years, Sydney's **ROYAL EASTER SHOW** was held for the final time at Moore Park - 1997.

* It's now held at Sydney's Olympic Park.

JO ANNE WALKER (USA), aged 65, became the oldest person to be adopted when she was adopted by Frances Benedict - 2002.

GENE PITNEY, US singer/songwriter, died aged 65 in Cardiff, Wales - 2006.

CARTER WILKERSON, aged 16, became the author of a tweet that generated one of the most retweets in Twitter history (record now beaten) - 2017.

* He tweeted Wendy's asking how many re-tweets it would take to get a year of free chicken nuggets. Wendy's reply was '18 million'. His tweet "*Help me please. A man needs his nuggs.*" went viral.

BOBBY RYDELL, US singer, died aged 79 of complications from pneumonia - 2022.

* His biggest hits were *Volare*, *Swingin' School*, *Wild One*, *Forget Him*, *Sway* and *The Cha-Cha-Cha*.

Birthday Bulletin

Saturday 6th April 2024

Births

HARRY BEITZEL (Henry Beitzel) born in Fitzroy, Victoria - 1927. (Died aged 90 - 2017)

* Australian VFL umpire and sports broadcaster. He umpired from 1948-1960. During his media career he covered football for 3AW, 3AK and the ABC as well as writing for the Herald Sun, The Truth, and The Australian. He also worked on television for the ABC and the Nine Network.

* In 1994 he was sentenced to 18 months jail, after pleading guilty to obtaining financial advantage by deception over matters related to his work for a lottery organisation.

MERLE HAGGARD born in Bakersfield, California - 1937. (Died aged 79 - 2016)

* US country singer/songwriter. Some of his best known songs are *Today I Started Loving You Again*, *Okie From Muskogee* and *The Bottle Let Me Down*.

BILLY DEE WILLIAMS (William Williams Jr) born in New York City, New York - 1937 (87)

* American actor. He starred with Diana Ross in *Lady Sings The Blues* ('72) and also appeared in *The Empire Strikes Back* and *The Return Of The Jedi*.

ROY THINNES born in Chicago, Illinois - 1938 (86)

* American actor. He starred in the '60s television series' *The Long Hot Summer* and *The Invaders*.

LOUIE SHELTON (William Louis Shelton) born in Little Rock, Arkansas - 1941 (83)

* US session musician. He got his first guitar for his 9th birthday. From the 1960s to the 1980s Shelton was a prominent session musician working in recording studios around Hollywood. Among his more notable session work was for The Monkees, including their first self-titled album, and recordings of the Boyce and Hart songs, *Last Train to Clarksville*, *Valleri* and *(Theme from) The Monkees*. He can be heard playing the guitar solo on Lionel Richie's hit *Hello*, Seals and Crofts hit *Summer Breeze* and the Boz Scaggs song *Lowdown*.

* For many years he has resided on the Gold Coast in Queensland.

BARRY LEVINSON born in Baltimore, Maryland - 1942 (82)

* US writer and director. His films include *Good Morning Vietnam*, *The Natural* and *Rain Man* – which won him an Academy Award for best director.

* He played a lunatic bellhop in *High Anxiety* ('77).

JULIE ROGERS (Julie Rolls) born in London, England - 1943 (81)

* English singer. She had a top 10 hit in 1964 with *The Wedding*.

HAL McELROY born in Melbourne, Victoria - 1946 (78)

* Australian film and TV producer. With his twin brother Jim he established the McElroy & McElroy production company. Their films include *The Cars That Ate Paris* ('73), *Picnic At Hanging Rock* ('75) and *The Last Wave* ('76). Hal is the executive producer of the TV programs *Blue Heelers*, *Water Rats* and *Dog's Head Bay*.

JIM McELROY born in Melbourne, Victoria - 1946 (78)

* Australian film and TV producer. With his twin brother Hal he established the McElroy & McElroy production company. Their films include *The Cars That Ate Paris* ('73), *Picnic At Hanging Rock* ('75) and *The Last Wave* ('76). In 1992 the partnership was dissolved with Hal concentrating on television and Jim in film.

JOHN RATZENBERGER born in Connecticut - 1947 (77)

* American actor. He played Cliff in the US TV sit-com *Cheers*. He also appeared in the films *Gandhi* and *The Empire Strikes Back*.

* His voice is heard in the animated films *Toy Story*, *A Bug's Life*, *Finding Nemo* and *The Incredibles*.

PATRICK HERNANDEZ born in France - 1949 (75)

* French singer. He had a huge worldwide disco hit in 1979 with *Born To Be Alive*. He only released three albums – his last one was *Goodbye* in 1981.

GRAEME BASE born in England - 1958 (66)

* Australian writer. He wrote and illustrated the popular and internationally known children's books *Animalia* ('86) and *Eleventh Hour* ('89).

JASON HERVEY born in Los Angeles, California - 1972 (52)

* US actor. He played Wayne Arnold in *The Wonder Years* (1988-1993) and Charlie in *Diff'rent Strokes* (1985-'86).

ZACH BRAFF (Zachary Braff) born in New Jersey - 1975 (49)

* US actor. He plays Dr John 'JD' Dorian in the TV series *Scrubs*. He starred in the 2004 film *Garden State* and provided the voice of *Chicken Little* in the 2005 animated movie of the same name.

* He made his directorial debut in 2004 with *Garden State*.

CANDACE CAMERON BURE born in Panorama City, Los Angeles - 1976 (48)

* US actress. She played D.J. Tanner in the '90s series *Full House*. From 2015 to 2016, she was a co-host of the TV talk show *The View* and plays the title character in Hallmark Channel's film adaptation of the *Aurora Teagarden* crime novel series.

* Sister of actor Kirk Cameron.

KATE COLLINS born in Mount Gambier, SA - 1983 (41)

* Australian news presenter. She presents Nine News Adelaide with Brenton Ragless. Kate was formerly the presenter of the now-defunct Adelaide edition of *A Current Affair*.

CHARLIE McDERMOTT born in Pennsylvania - 1990 (34)

* US actor. He is best known for his role as *Axl Heck* in the TV comedy series *The Middle* (2009-2018).

Events

GEORGE WASHINGTON was elected first President of the US - 1789.

WALTZING MATILDA was performed for the first time - 1895. * It was sung at the North Gregory hotel at Winton, Queensland. The author is 'Banjo' Patterson who set the words to a traditional Scottish tune.

First modern **OLYMPIC GAMES** were held in Athens, Greece after a break of 1,500 years - 1896.

ROBERT E PEARY reached the North Pole - 1909.

* Peary claimed to have been the first person to reach the geographic North Pole - a claim that has subsequently attracted much criticism and controversy, and is today widely doubted.

TEFLON was invented by US chemist Roy J Plunkett - 1938.

CAPITOL TOWER, world's first circular office building, opened in Hollywood - 1956.

BEACH BOYS recorded the backing track for the hit single *California Girls* - 1965.

* This was the backing track only. Vocals were added on June 4 1965.

MUSHROOM RECORDS released their first Australian album, the triple record set of the Sunbury Pop Festival - 1973.

ABBA won the Eurovision song contest with *Waterloo* - 1974.

* It was their first Australian hit.

POST-IT-NOTE was created - 1980.

* The idea was dreamed up by scientist Art Fry at the 3M company in Minnesota.

GILBERT O'SULLIVAN, UK singer, won a lawsuit against manager Gordon Mills for unpaid royalties and was awarded an undisclosed sum believed to be about \$2 million - 1985.

MICHAEL DIXON, aged 10, sleepwalked a distance of 160 kilometres - 1987.

* He was found wandering barefoot and in his pyjamas along a railway track in Peru, Indiana. He had sleepwalked out of his home in Illinois, 160 km away after travelling on a freight train.

TAMMY WYNETTE, US country singer, died aged 55 - 1998.

SYDNEY KINGS won their first NBL title - 2003.

* They also won in 2004 and 2005.

DWAYNE BLACK of WA set a world shearing record by clipping 513 merino ewes in 9 hours at a shed in Kojonup, southeast of Perth - 2005.

* Previous best was 507 sheep that were sheared in 1997.

CITY HALL re-opened in Brisbane - 2013.

MICKEY ROONEY, US actor who appeared in over 300 films, died aged 93 - 2014.

* He married eight times.

KYLIE JAYE, Australian fitness influencer, TV presenter and actress, died aged 48 from anorexia, after collapsing on the living room floor of her Gold Coast apartment - 2021.



Birthday Bulletin

Sunday 7th April 2024

World Health Day

Births

ANDREW SACHS (Andreas Sachs) born in Berlin, Germany - 1930. (Died aged 86 - 2016)

* British actor. He played Manuel (from Barcelona) in the *Fawlty Towers* television comedy.

* In the UK he brought out a cover version of Joe Dolce's hit *Shaddup You Face*. However it was Joe's version which went to No 1 in Britain.

SIR DAVID FROST born in Tenterden, England - 1939. (Died aged 74 - 2013)

* English television host and interviewer. In the 1960s he was the host of the UK program *That Was The Week That Was* and *The Frost Report*. He later established himself in the US as an interviewer. His interview with Richard Nixon helped to forge his TV career in the US. The 2008 movie *Frost/Nixon* was based on that interview.

FRANCIS FORD COPPOLA born in Detroit, Michigan - 1939 (85)

* American director. His major films include *Apocalypse Now*, *Patton*, *The Cotton Club*, *Tucker: The Man And His Dreams* and *The Godfather I, II & III*.

* His sister is actress Talia Shire who appeared in the *Godfather* movies and played the wife of Rocky in the Sylvester Stallone films. His daughter Sofia Coppola is an actress and a director. Actor Nicolas Cage (Nicholas Coppola) is his nephew.

JOHN OATES born in New York City, New York - 1948 (76)

* One half of the US duo (Daryl) Hall & (John) Oates. They had their first hit in 1977 with *Rich Girl*. Their other big sellers include *Kiss On My List* ('80), *Private Eyes* ('81), *I Can't Go For That* ('82), *Maneater* ('82) and *Out Of Touch* ('84).

* He co-wrote the Icehouse 1987 hit *Electric Blue* with lead singer Iva Davies.

ALISON MacCALLUM born in Sydney, NSW - 1951 (73)

* Australian singer. Her most successful solo single was the 1972 hit - *Superman*, written by Harry Vanda & George Young. She's a former vocalist for NZ band Freshwater. They had a hit in 1971 with *I Ain't Got The Time*.

JANIS IAN (Janis Fink) born in New York City, New York - 1951 (73)

* American singer/songwriter. At the age of 14 she had a top 20 hit in the US with *Society's Child*. Eight years later she had her next hit with *At Seventeen* ('75). Her biggest seller in Australia came in 1980 with *Fly Too High*.

JACKIE CHAN (Chan Kong-Sang) born in Hong Kong - 1954 (70)

* Hong Kong actor, director and martial artist. A veteran of over 150 films, he has complete control of his films, including stunts. His first big role was in 1976 in *New Fist of Fury* - a remake of a Bruce Lee film. He co-starred with Chris Tucker in *Rush Hour* plus sequel as well as *Shanghai Noon* and sequel *Shanghai Nights*. He was one of the stars in the *Karate Kid* film made in 2010.

* He provides the voice of Monkey in *Kung-Fu Panda* and sequels.

SIMON CLIMIE born in London, England - 1957 (67)

* English singer. Climie and Rob Fisher, had their first hit in 1988 with *Love Changes Everything*. He wrote *Invincible* (Pat Benatar) and *I Knew You Were Waiting* (Aretha Franklin & George Michael).

RUSSELL CROWE born in Wellington, New Zealand - 1964 (60)

* New Zealand-born Australian actor, singer and musician. He won an Oscar for Best Actor in the 2000 movie *The Gladiator* and also won an Oscar nomination for *A Beautiful Mind* (2001). His other films include *The Insider* ('99), *Master and Commander: The Far Side Of The World* (2003), *Cinderella Man* (2005), *3.10 To Yuma* (2007), *American Gangster* (2007), and *Les Misérables* (as Javert) (2012). The 2014 movie *The Water Diviner* he directed (his debut as a director) and starred in. He also starred with Australian actor Guy Pearce in the 1997 US film *L.A. Confidential*.

* In February 2024 he shaved off his beard and was clean shaven for the first time since 2019.

* Crowe has been co-owner of the South Sydney Rabbitohs rugby league since 2006.

* In June 2023, Crowe sang in concert with his band Indoor Garden Party in Bologna.

DUNCAN ARMSTRONG born in Brisbane, Queensland - 1968 (56)

* Australian swimmer. He won gold at the 1988 Olympics in a world-record time of 1 min 47.25 seconds for the 200m freestyle and also claimed a silver medal in the 400m freestyle. He now works as a motivation speaker.

DUNCAN JAMES (Duncan Matthew James Inglis) born in Salisbury, Wiltshire - 1978 (46)

* UK singer. He was a part of the boy band Blue. Their hits include *All Rise* (2001), *Too Close* (2001) and *Sorry Seems To Be The Hardest Word* (2002).

JARRAD McVEIGH born in Central Coast, NSW - 1985 (39)

* AFL player with the Sydney Swans. He is the younger brother of Essendon's Mark McVeigh. In 2011, McVeigh was appointed co-captain of the Swans alongside Adam Goodes. He was a part of the Swans 2012 premiership team.

MITCHELL PEARCE born in Sydney, NSW - 1989 (35)

* Australian rugby league footballer. He captained the Newcastle Knights. Before joining the Knights in 2018 he played for the Sydney Roosters. He played most of his career with the Roosters and was a member of their 2013 NRL Premiership-winning team. In 2023 he announced his retirement.

* His father, Wayne Pearce, is a former NSW State of Origin and Australian Test player and is a commissioner of the Australian Rugby League Commission.

TRENT COTCHIN born in Melbourne, Victoria - 1990 (34)

* AFL player. He was appointed captain of Richmond in season 2012 but announced in September 2021 that he was stepping down from that role. Cotchin took part in the Tigers 2017, 2019 and 2020 premierships. Following his 2020 premiership victory, he became the club's first three-time premiership winning captain.

* He's a co-winner of the 2012 Brownlow Medal.

ANNE-MARIE (Anne-Marie Nicholson) born in Somerset, England - 1991 (33)

* English singer-songwriter. In 2016 she made No 1 in Australia with *Rockabye* recorded by Clean Bandit and featuring Sean Paul and Anne-Marie. She also had a No 1 hit in 2017 with *Friends* (with Marshmello). Her other hits include *Alarm* and *2002*.

Events

WHO (World Health Organisation) was set up in Geneva - 1948.

SOUTH PACIFIC, Rodgers & Hammerstein musical, opened on Broadway - 1949.

WEIGHT WATCHERS international held their first meeting in Australia in George St, Sydney - 1969.

* It was founded in 1963 in Queens, New York by Jean Nidetch.

THE CLASH released their self-titled debut album - 1977.

KRAMER v KRAMER, starring Dustin Hoffman and Meryl Streep, won five Oscars at the Academy Awards including Best Picture - 1980.

WHAM became the first western rock act to perform in China - 1985.

LEIGH MATTHEWS, Brisbane Lions coach, became the first man in AFL history to have played more than 300 games and to have separately coached for 300 games - 2002.

ASTRO BOY, the Japanese cartoon hero first penned in the 1950s, was 'born' on this date 2003.

* He was registered as an actual resident of the city of Niiza, Saitama.

PHARRELL WILLIAMS' hit single *Happy* returned to the ARIA chart for a third run at No 1 and spent its 12th week at the top - 2014.

* Eminem spent 12 weeks at No 1 in 2002 with *Lose Yourself*. Abba spent a record 14 weeks at No 1 with *Fernando* in 1976.

PEACHES GELDOF, daughter of Bob Geldof and his late wife Paula Yates, died aged 25 of a heroin overdose at her UK home - 2014.

DON McLEAN's original lyrics to his hit *American Pie* were auctioned in New York for \$1.2 million - 2015.

* The lyrics included rejected and edited lines to his 1971 pop hit. The buyer remains anonymous.

TOMMY RAUDONIKIS, Australian rugby league player and coach, died aged 70 on the Gold Coast - 2021.

GEORGE CHRISTENSEN, Queensland politician, left the Liberal National Party just days before the election was called, claiming that it was 'not conservative enough' - 2022.

Birthday Bulletin

Monday 8th April 2024

Births

BETTY FORD (Elizabeth Warren) born in Chicago, Illinois - 1918. (Died aged 93 - 2011)

* Wife of US President Gerald Ford. She was co-founder, president of the Betty Ford Centre which is often frequented by Hollywood stars who check in to overcome various drug and alcohol addictions.

PETA TOPPANO (Peita Toppano) born in London, England - 1951 (73)

* Australian actress. Her TV credits include *Return To Eden*, *Fields Of Fire* and the sequels, *All The Rivers Run I & II*, *The Young Doctors* and *The Paper Man*. She played Fantine in an Australian stage version of *Les Miserables*.

* She married businessman Kerry Stokes on New Year's day 1992. They divorced in 1995.

JIM SOORLEY born in Murwillumbah, NSW - 1951 (73)

* Former Brisbane Lord Mayor. He served four terms from 1991-2004.

JOHN SCHNEIDER born in Mt Kisco, New York - 1960 (64)

* American actor. He played Bo Duke in the television series *The Dukes of Hazzard* ('79-'85). He also played Jonathan Kent in the TV series *Smallville*.

JULIAN LENNON (John Charles Julian Lennon) born in Liverpool, England - 1963 (61)

* English singer and son of John and Cynthia Lennon. In 1994, aged 21, he released his first album *Valotte*. His hits include - *Too Late For Goodbyes* ('85), *Say You're Wrong* ('85), *Now You're In Heaven* ('89) and *Saltwater* ('92). The latter two songs made No 1 in Australia. In 2022 he released the album *Jude*.

* He has not married nor does he have any children.

ALEC STEWART born in Merton, England - 1963 (61)

* English cricketer. The former England Test captain, was their leading Test scorer in 1996 with 793 runs. After 23 Tests and 10 years of trying, he finally made his first Test century against Australia in December 1998.

ROBIN WRIGHT born in Dallas, Texas - 1966 (58)

* US actress. She starred as Claire Underwood in *House Of Cards*, for which she won the Golden Globe Award for Best Actress-Television Series Drama in 2014. Her first major role was playing Buttercup (The Princess Bride) in *The Princess Bride* ('87). Her other films include *The Playboys* ('92) and *Forrest Gump* ('94).

* Wright became one of the highest paid actresses in the United States, earning approximately US\$500,000 per episode for her role in *House of Cards*.

* In 1996 she married actor Sean Penn. They divorced in 2010.

PATRICIA ARQUETTE born in Chicago, Illinois - 1968 (56)

* American actress and sister of Rosanna Arquette and David Arquette (who married Courteney Cox). From 2005-2011 she starred in the television series *Medium*. Her films include: *True Romance*, *Flirting With Disaster* and *Ed Wood*.

* In 1995 she married actor Nicolas Cage. They separated nine months later and divorced in 2001.

SAMI LUKIS born in Ferny Hills, Queensland - 1970 (54)

* Australian TV and radio presenter. Her TV credits include; *Morning Show* (as a commentator) *Today* (as a weather presenter), a reporter on *The Blue Planet* and the youth program *Totally Wild*. Before joining *Totally Wild*, she made infotainment appearances on Bert Newton's *Good Morning Australia*. She was the co-host of Sydney's MIX 106.5 breakfast show with Yumi Stynes. The show ended at the end of 2013. Her other radio stints include: the Triple M Sydney breakfast show with 'Ugly' Phil O'Neil and a co-host on the Triple M Brisbane breakfast show. She was also a newsreader on The Grill Team breakfast show on Triple M Sydney.

* She is still single and is the author of the 2018 book *Romantically Challenged*.

AUSTIN PECK (Jeffrey Austin Peck) born in Honolulu, Hawaii - 1971 (53)

* US actor. He played Austin Reed in the US TV soapie *Days Of Our Lives*. He left the soapie in 2006.

MATT HEALY (David Healy) born in London, England - 1989 (35)

* English singer. He is best known as the lead singer and guitarist for the indie rock band The 1975. Their debut album *The 1975* was released in 2013.

SAYGRACE (formerly Grace) (born Grace Sewell) born in Brisbane, Queensland - 1997 (27)

* Australian singer formerly known as Grace Sewell. Her biggest hit was in 2015 with *You Don't Own Me*, a cover version of the 1963 Lesley Gore song. Her version featuring G-Eazy made No 1 in Australia. Her brother Conrad is also a singer/songwriter.

Events

THE BANK OF NSW, Australia's first bank, opened in Macquarie Place, Sydney - 1817.

* It became Westpac in 1982.

AEROSOL DISPENSER was patented by John D Lynde - 1862.

CITY HALL officially opened in Brisbane - 1930.

* It closed on January 1, 2010 for restoration. It finally reopened on Saturday April 6, 2013. It's the largest restoration of a heritage listed building in Australia.

PHILIP BRADY, aged 18, made his television debut on GTV 9 Melbourne (on an Easter Monday) - 1958.

* In 2024 he's still heard hosting *Remember When* with Simon Owens on Sunday nights on 3AW.

BOB DYLAN finished writing *Blowing In The Wind* - 1962.

THE SUPREMES recorded *Where Did Our Love Go* - 1964.

* It was the first of five US No 1 hits.

THE SOUND OF MUSIC sound track entered the British charts and stayed a record 382 weeks (that's close enough to seven years) - 1965.

* The album spent 109 weeks in the US top 10!

TIME MAGAZINE caused much controversy with their edition baring the headline, *Is God Dead?* - 1966.

SANDIE SHAW won the Eurovision song contest in Vienna with *Puppet On A String* - 1967.

* She was the first British artist to win the song contest.

FLUORIDE was introduced into Sydney's drinking water - 1968.

FABLE LABEL was launched by Ron Tudor in Melbourne - 1970.

* The Australian record label was very successful during the 1970s. Some of its best sellers include - *Old Man Emu* (John Williamson), *Pushbike Song* (Mixtures) - which made No 2 in the UK, No 44 in the US, and *Up There Cazaly* (Two Man Band).

PABLO PICASSO, Spanish painter, died aged 91 - 1973.

SIR CHARLES COURT, Liberal Country Party leader, took office as WA's 21st Premier - 1974.

BLUE POLES (aka Number 11, 1952), the controversial Jackson Pollock painting purchased by the Gough Whitlam government for \$1.3 million in 1973, was unveiled at the National Gallery of Australia in Canberra - 1974.

First radio-operated **PAGERS** became available in Australia - 1975.

FIONA COOTE, 14, became Australia's youngest (and first female) heart transplant recipient - 1984.

* She underwent a second operation in 1986.

CLINT EASTWOOD was elected Mayor of Carmel in California - 1986.

STATE LIBRARY OF QUEENSLAND opened at its new premises at South Bank in Brisbane - 1988.

* The original State Library was established in 1902 in William St Brisbane.

JEFF FENECH retained his WBC featherweight title by defeating Mexico's Marcos Villasana - 1989.

* A day later he announced his retirement - which turned out to be short lived.

THE LONGEST TRIATHLON was completed by Australia's David Holleran who swam 42 km, cycled 2000 km and ran 500 km in 17 days and 22 hours - 1998.

BARONESS MARGARET THATCHER, British Prime Minister from 1979-1990, died aged 87 - 2013.

ANNETTE FUNICELLO, US actress and an original Mousketeer, died aged 70 of complications from MS - 2013.

Birthday Bulletin

Tuesday 9th April 2024

Births

CARL PERKINS born in Tennessee - 1932. (Died aged 65 - 1998)

* American singer/songwriter. His best known song is *Blue Suede Shoes* which he released in 1956. The Beatles recorded three of his songs *Matchbox*, *Honey Don't* and *Everybody's Trying To Be My Baby*. In the late '60s and early '70s he played in Johnny Cash's band. Cash recorded his song *Daddy Sang Bass*.

ALISTAIR LORD born in Victoria - 1940 (84)

* VFL player. The Geelong centre man won the 1962 Brownlow Medal. The following year he played in their premiership team alongside his twin brother Stewart.

LES GRAY born in Surrey, England - 1946. (Died aged 57 - 2004)

* Lead singer for UK band Mud. They had several big hits in the UK but are best known in Australia for *Tiger Feet* ('74). He died from a heart attack in Portugal.

DENNIS QUAID born in Houston, Texas - 1954 (70)

* US actor and brother of Randy Quaid. He starred in the 2018 film *I Can Only Imagine*. It became the fourth highest-grossing music biopic of all time in the US. He was married to actress Meg Ryan from 1991-2001. They appeared together in *Inner Space* ('87) and *The Right Stuff* ('83). He played Jerry Lee Lewis in the 1990 film *Great Balls Of Fire*.

JAMIE REDFERN born in Liverpool, England - 1957 (67)

* Australian singer. He was one of the original members in the first *Young Talent Time* line-up in 1971. His '70s hits include revivals of *Venus*, *Little White Cloud That Cried* and *We'll Meet Again*.

* He was the director of the Australian Showbusiness Academy which ran talent schools in Melbourne.

CYNTHIA NIXON born in New York City, New York - 1966 (58)

* US actress. She played Miranda in the TV series *Sex And The City* and now appears in *And Just Like That* Her films include *Addams Family Values* ('93), *Baby's Day Out* ('94), *Marvin's Room* ('96) and *The Out-of-Towners* ('99).

JACQUES VILLENEUVE born in Quebec, Canada - 1971 (53)

* French-Canadian racing driver. He's scored several Grand Prix victories. He won the 1995 CART Championship, the 1995 Indianapolis 500 and the 1997 Formula One Championship.

STUART MAXFIELD born in Victoria - 1972 (52)

* Australian Rules footballer. Former captain of the Sydney Swans. He made his AFL debut in 1990 and prior to joining the Swans he played with Richmond.

TERASA LIVINGSTONE born in Queensland - 1975 (49)

* Australian TV presenter and actress. In 2006 she co-hosted *It Takes Two* with Grant Denyer. She's a former host of *Agro's Cartoon Connection* and reporter on *The Great Outdoors*.

GERARD WAY born in Summit, New Jersey - 1977 (47)

* US musician and comic book writer. He is lead vocalist and co-founder of the band My Chemical Romance. Their hit albums include *Three Cheers for Sweet Revenge* and *The Black Parade*.

* The group toured Australia in March 2023.

RACHEL STEVENS born in London, England - 1978 (46)

* English singer. She's a member of S Club 7 who debuted in 1999 with the hit *Bring It All Back*. Their other hits include *Don't Start Movin'* and *S Club Party*.

KESHIA KNIGHT PULLIAM born in Newark, New Jersey - 1979 (45)

* US actress. She played young Rudy Huxtable in *The Cosby Show*. He also appeared in the comedy-drama Tyler Perry's *House of Payne*.

SCOTT MCGREGOR both in Albury, NSW - 1981 (43)

* Australian actor and model. He is best known for his long running role as Mark Brennan on *Neighbours* and appeared in 940 episodes.

* In 2022 he was charged after an incident at the St Kilda beachside pub "The Espy" in February 2022. Details of the incident were not aired as the case progressed through the courts.

JESSE McCARTNEY born in New York City, New York - 1987 (37)

* US singer and actor. Made No 1 in Australia in 2005 with *Beautiful Soul*. He played Bradin Westerly in the US TV series *Summerland*.

* Provided the voice of Theodore in *Alvin And The Chipmunks* (2007) and in the 'squeakquel'.

KRISTEN STEWART born in Los Angeles, California - 1990 (34)

* US actress. She is best known for playing Bella Swan in the TV series *Twilight* and the feature films that followed. She has also starred in films such as *Panic Room*, *Adventureland*, *The Messengers*, *Snow White And The Huntsman* and *Spencer* (as Lady Diana).

JORDAN DAWSON born in Kingston, SA - 1997 (27)

* AFL player. In 2023 he was appointed captain of the Adelaide Football Club. He previously played for Sydney Swans from 2016 to 2021.

ELLE FANNING (Mary Elle Fanning) born in Georgia - 1998 (26)

* US actress and younger sister of Dakota Fanning. She has the lead playing Catherine The Great in the TV series *The Great*. Her films include: *I Am Sam* (2001), *Daddy Day Care* (2003), *The Curious Case of Benjamin Button* (2008) as Daisy, age 7 and *Super 8* (2011).

LIL NAS X (Montero Lamar Hill) born in Atlanta, Georgia - 1999 (25)

* American rapper, singer, and songwriter. He is best known for his country rap breakout single *Old Town Road*. The remix version featured Billy Ray Cyrus. In 2019 he made No 1 in US (19 weeks at No 1), UK and Australia as well many other countries.

JACKIE EVANCHO born in Pennsylvania - 2000 (24)

* US singer and musician. She gained popularity after appearing on the 5th season of *America's Got Talent*. Her 2014 album *Awakening* was her 5th consecutive No 1 classic album on the US charts. Her album *O Holy Night* made No 2 in US.

LOGAN WILLIAMS born in Vancouver, Canada - 2003. (Died aged 16 - 2020)

* Canadian actor. He starred in the TV series *The Flash* where he played the young Barry Allen. This was his most well known role. He died of a fentanyl overdose after battling a three-year drug addiction.

Events

OLDEST VOICE RECORDING was made by a French woman in France when she sang *Au Clair de La Lune* (*By The Light Of The Moon*) - 1860.

CIVIL WAR ended in America after four years of fighting between the North and South - 1865.

* Death toll for the Civil War was estimated at 500,000 men.

COLES opened its first 'variety' store in Smith St Collingwood, Victoria - 1914.

BRUCE JOHNSTON joined the Beach Boys as a permanent replacement for Brian Wilson - 1965.

* Bruce was a replacement for Glen Campbell who had been filling in for Brian Wilson.

LINDA HUNT became the first person to win an Academy Award for portraying a person of the opposite sex - 1984.

* The 145 cm tall actress won the Best Supporting Actress Award for her portrayal of a half-Chinese, dwarf male photographer in *The Year of Living Dangerously*.

Australia's **WAYNE GARDNER** won the inaugural 500cc World Motorcycle championship at Phillip Island - 1989.

HAROLD THOMAS, 50, was recognised as the designer of the Aboriginal flag and the owner of the copyright - 1997.

PRINCE CHARLES, 56, married **CAMILLA PARKER-BOWLES**, 57, in a civil ceremony - 2005.

Australia's first ever **DIGITAL MUSIC CHART** (ARIA Digital Track Chart) was released - 2006.

* Youth Group were the first to make No 1 with *Forever Young*.

WIGGLES members Lachlan Gillespie and Emma Watkins married in Bowral, NSW - 2016.

* In 2018, Gillespie and Watkins announced their separation.

FLEETWOOD MAC announced that **NEIL FINN** would be joining the group as the replacement for **LINDSEY BUCKINGHAM** - 2018.

PRINCE PHILIP, Duke of Edinburgh, died aged 99 at Windsor Castle - 2021.

CHRIS BAILEY, Australian guitarist, singer, songwriter with The Saints, died aged 65 - 2022.

Birthday Bulletin

Wednesday 10th April 2024

Births

LIZ SHERIDAN (Elizabeth Sheridan) born in Rye, New York - 1929. (Died aged 93 - 2022)

* US actress. She played Jerry Seinfeld's mother in TV's *Seinfeld*. She also appeared in 34 episodes of the *ALF* TV series. Sheridan died 5 days after her 93rd birthday in 2022.

* She wrote a book, *Dizzy & Jimmy: My Life with James Dean: A Love Story*, chronicling their time together in the early 1950s.

JANE CLIFTON born in Gibraltar, Spain - 1949 (75)

* Australian actress, comedienne and singer. She played Margo in the *Prisoner* TV series. In 1984 she had a hit with the song *Girl On The Wall*. She also provided backing vocals on Jo Jo Zep's 1982 hit *Taxi Mary*.

* In 2002 her novel *Half Past Dead* was published.

STEVEN SEAGAL born in Detroit, Michigan - 1952 (72)

* US actor and martial arts expert. He is the star of the '90s action films *Hard To Kill*, *Marked For Death*, *Out For Justice* and *Under Siege* plus sequels.

* He was married to actress/model Kelly LeBrock from 1987-1996.

BABYFACE (Kenneth Edmonds) born in Indianapolis, Indiana - 1959 (65)

* US singer and songwriter. He's had several top 10 US hits including *How Come How Long* ('97), *When Can I See You* ('94) and *This Is For The Lover In You* ('96). He wrote *I'll Make Love To You* which was a hit for Boyz II Men in 1994.

KATRINA (Leskanich) born in Topeka, Kansas - 1959 (65)

* Lead singer for band Katrina & The Waves. They had a world wide hit in 1985 with *Walking On Sunshine*. They won 1997's Eurovision Song contest when the group represented the UK with the song *Love Shine A Light*.

BRIAN SETZER born in Massapequa, New York - 1959 (65)

* Guitarist/vocalist with the American trio the Stray Cats. Their hits include *Runaway Boys* ('80), *Rock This Town* ('81) and *Stray Cat Strut* ('81). They broke up in 1984.

BRIAN TAYLOR born in Mandurah, Western Australia - 1962 (62)

* Former VFL footballer and now a TV and radio football commentator. 'BT' has worked in the media since 1991. He played for Richmond and Collingwood. In 1986 he kicked 100 goals and won the Coleman Medal.

DAVID HARBOUR born in New York City, New York - 1975 (49)

* US actor. He was a star in the Netflix TV Series *Stranger Things* playing Police Chief Jim Hopper. He played the recurring role of Elliot Hirsch in *The Newsroom* between 2012 and 2014.

STUART MacLEOD born in Fremantle, WA - 1977 (47)

* Australian musician. He is a guitarist and backup singer of the Australian band, Eskimo Joe. The band's best selling album is *Black Fingernails Red Wine* (2006).

SOPHIE ELLIS-BEXTOR born in London, England - 1979 (45)

* English singer. She had a No 1 hit in 2001 with *Murder On The Dance Floor*. In January 2024, following its use in the film *Saltburn*, the song again reached No 2 on the UK Singles Chart, becoming her first top-10 appearance since 2007. It also entered the US Billboard Hot 100 the same month, making it her first appearance on that chart. * In 2000 Sophie collaborated with Italian DJ Spiller on the song *Groovejet (If This Ain't Love)*.

JOEL PARKINSON born in Nambour, Queensland - 1981 (43)

* Australian surfer. He's won twelve ASP World Title Events, as well as nine ASP tour events. He's also been runner-up to the ASP World Title four times.

MANDY MOORE (Amanda Moore) born in Nashua, New Hampshire - 1984 (40)

* US singer and actress. Her hits include *Candy* (2000) - No 2 on Australian charts and *I Wanna Be With You* (2000). Her films include *The Princess Diaries* (2002) - as Lana Thomas and *A Walk To Remember* (2002). Since 2016 she's appeared in the TV program *This Is Us* playing Rebecca Pearson. * She provides the voice of Princess Rapunzel in the *Tangled* movies as well as *Tangled: The Series*.

HAYLEY WESTENRA born in New Zealand - 1987 (37)

* New Zealand singer. Her 2003 album *Pure* has sold two million copies to date. It topped the UK classical charts and in NZ it is the biggest-selling New Zealand album of all time. It sold more than 700,000 copies in just 3 months.

HALEY JOEL OSMENT born in Los Angeles, California - 1988 (36)

* US actor. His films include *The Sixth Sense* (1999), *Pay It Forward* (2000) and *AI* (2001). His first feature film role was playing a young Forrest Gump in the 1994 film *Forrest Gump*.

CALLAN WARD born in Melbourne, Victoria - 1990 (34)

* AFL footballer. He was appointed the Greater Western Sydney co-captain when the club debuted in the AFL in 2012. He kicked the club's first goal. He also played for the Western Bulldogs.

CHRIS LYNN (Christopher Lynn) born in Brisbane, Queensland - 1990 (34)

* Australian cricketer. He plays for the Queensland Bulls as well as the Adelaide Strikers. He made his Twenty20 international debut against England in Hobart in January 2014. He made 33 off 19 balls, including three sixes.

CHAZ MOSTERT born in Melbourne, Victoria - 1992 (32)

* Australian racing driver. He competes in the Repco Supercars Championship. Mostert was the winner of the 2021 Bathurst 1000 with Lee Holdsworth and has also previously won the 2014 Bathurst 1000 with Paul Morris and the 2010 Australian Formula Ford Championship.

DAISY RIDLEY born in London, England - 1992 (32)

* English actress. She is best known for her breakthrough role as "Rey" in the 2015 film *Star Wars: The Force Awakens*, *The Last Jedi* (2017) and *The Rise of Skywalker* (2019). She portrayed Mary Debenham in *Murder on the Orient Express* and was also the voice of Cottontail Rabbit in the animated movie *Peter Rabbit*.

THANASI KOKKINAKIS born in Adelaide, SA - 1996 (28)

* Australian tennis player. He won the Australian Open 2022 men's doubles title alongside Nick Kyrgios. They were the first wild cards in the Open Era to win the men's doubles title at the Australian Open.

Events

SAFETY PIN was patented by its US inventor Walter Hunt - 1849.

FIRST 3-D FEATURE MOVIE *House of Wax*, starring Vincent Price, premiered in New York - 1953.

STRATOCASTER guitar was patented by Leo Fender - 1956.

BOBBY DARIN recorded *Splish Splash* - 1958.

* It was co-written by Bobby Darin along with US DJ 'Murray the K' (Kaufman). Murray the K bet Darin that he could not write a song that began with "Splish Splash."

STU SUTCLIFFE, former Beatle, died aged 21 of a brain haemorrhage in the arms of his fiancée Astrid in Hamburg, Germany - 1962.

* He was one of the original members of the Beatles and played bass guitar.

PAUL McCARTNEY announced he was quitting The Beatles - 1970.

* A week later he released his first solo album *McCartney*. The world premiere of the Beatles film *Let It Be* was released a month later.

BOBBY GOLDSBORO recorded *Watching Scotty Grow* - 1970.

* It was written by Mac Davis and was inspired by his son Scotty.

LINDSAY DODD set a record in England by walking backwards 128 km in 24 hours - 1976.

NICK FALDO became the first English golfer to win the US Masters - 1989.

RICHIE BENAUD, Australian cricketer and longtime Channel 9 cricket commentator, died aged 84 - 2015.

ISRAEL FOLAU shared a Bible verse on social media that Rugby Australia immediately denounced the post as 'homophobic' - 2019.

BILLIE EILISH, 16, made No.1 on the UK chart with her debut studio album *When We All Fall Asleep, Where Do We Go?* - 2019.

* It made Eilish the youngest female solo act to chart at No.1 in the UK.

AL JAFFEE, American cartoonist, died aged 102 - 2023.

* He was notable for his work in the satirical magazine *Mad*, including his trademark feature, the *Mad Fold-in*.

Birthday Bulletin

Thursday 11th April 2024

Births

ETHEL KENNEDY (Ethel Skakel) born in Chicago, Illinois - 1928 (96)
* Widow of Senator and former Attorney General Robert F. Kennedy. They had 11 children.

JOEL GREY (Joel Katz) born in Cleveland, Ohio - 1932 (92)
* American actor. He won an Academy Award for Best Supporting Actor in the movie *Cabaret* ('72). He's had recurring roles in the TV series *Buffy The Vampire Slayer*.
* His daughter Jennifer Grey is a successful actress and was the female lead in *Dirty Dancing*.

LOUISE LASSER born in New York City, New York - 1939 (85)
* American actress. She starred in the '70s television series *Mary Hartman, Mary Hartman*.
* She was married to Woody Allen from 1966-1969. Never remarried.

PETER BEDFORD born in Victoria - 1947 (77)
* VFL footballer. He played for South Melbourne (Swans) and briefly for Carlton. Winner of the 1970 VFL Brownlow Medal. He also played State cricket as well as soccer for South Melbourne Hellas.

STUART ADAMSON born in Manchester, England - 1958. (Died aged 43 - 2001)
* Vocalist/guitarist with UK band Big Country. They had a number of hits in their homeland of the UK but in Australia their biggest sellers are *In A Big Country* ('83) and *Look Away* ('86).

JEREMY CLARKSON born in Yorkshire, England - 1960 (64)
* English broadcaster and journalist who specialises in motoring. He is best known for his role on the BBC TV show *Top Gear*. Since 2018, Clarkson has hosted the UK version of *Who Wants to Be a Millionaire?* and since 2016 he's hosted *The Grand Tour*. From 1998 to 2000 he hosted his own chat show, *Clarkson*.
* In March 2015, the BBC announced it would not renew Clarkson's contract after he verbally and physically attacked a *Top Gear* producer over a dispute at a hotel while filming on location.

BRENT 'BILLY' BOWDEN born in Auckland, New Zealand - 1963 (61)
* NZ cricket umpire. 'Billy' comes from his nickname Billy Bunter. He made his first-class umpiring debut in the summer of 1992/93, and was immediately recognisable for the variations he developed on the traditional umpiring signals.

LIZ SMYLIE (Elizabeth Smylie) born in Perth, WA - 1963 (61)
* Australian tennis player. She won her first of four Grand Slam women's doubles titles in at Wimbledon in 1985 with American Kathy Jordan.

LISA STANSFIELD born in Rochedale, England - 1966 (58)
* English singer. She had her debut Australian hit in 1989 with *All Around The World* which made the top 10. She also had a big hit in 1989 with *People Hold On*.

WHIGFIELD born in Denmark - 1970 (54)
* Danish singer. She had her biggest hit in 1997 with *Sexy Eyes*.

JOSS STONE (Joscelyn Stoker) born in Kent, England - 1987 (37)
* English soul and r&b singer-songwriter. She came to fame in 2003 with her debut album, *The Soul Sessions*. Her second album, the also-multi-platinum *Mind, Body & Soul*, topped the albums chart in the UK for one week. At the 2005 Grammy Awards she was nominated for "Best New Artist".

SCOTT BOLAND born in Mordialloc, Victoria - 1989 (35)
* Australian cricketer. He plays for Victoria and Hobart. In 2019, he was named the Sheffield Shield Player of the Year by Cricket Australia. As of December 2021, he is only the second male Aboriginal player to have played Test Cricket for Australia.

JAKE FRASER-MCGURK born in Box Hill, Victoria - 2002 (22)
* Australian cricketer. In 2019, he was named in Australia's squad for the 2020 Under-19 Cricket World Cup. However, he had to leave the tournament early, after being scratched by a monkey during a team trip to a nature reserve.
* He scored the fastest List-A hundred off 29 balls on 8 October 2023, surpassing the previous record of 31 balls by AB De Villiers.

Events

JOSEPH MERRICK, known as the 'Elephant Man', died aged 29 from a dislocated neck - 1890.
* His life story was told in the 1980 black and white movie *The Elephant Man* which starred John Hurt in the title role.

BERT HINKLER made aviation world history when he flew his plane non-stop from Sydney to Bundaberg, Queensland in 8 hours and 40 minutes - 1921.

APRIL 11 1954 has been identified by experts as the "*most boring day of the 20th century.*"
* After feeding 300 million facts into a new computer search engine it was found that there were no key news events or births and deaths of famous people. The best the machine could muster for the day was the fact that Belgium had its fourth post-war general election and a Turkish academic who taught electronics was born.

BOB DYLAN played his first professional gig - 1961.
* He was support act for blues musician John Lee Hooker. He played five songs including *House Of The Rising Sun*.

FRANK SINATRA recorded *Strangers In The Night* - 1966.
* Hal Blaine (Wrecking Crew musician) was the drummer on the record and Glen Campbell played rhythm guitar. One of the most memorable and recognisable features of the record is Sinatra's scat improvisation of the melody with the syllables "doo-be-doo-be-doo" as the song fades to the end.

APOLLO 13 launched - 1970.
* It was intended to be the third mission to land on the Moon, but instead is famous for the critical malfunction it suffered and its difficult but successful return home. The team eventually arrived safely back on earth on April 17. This event inspired the movie *Apollo 13*. Tom Hanks played Jim Lovell.

BOBBY GOLDSBORO recorded *Summer (The First Time)* - 1973.
* Goldsboro wrote the song and says the inspiration came from the film *Summer of '42*.

JAMES GRAY of California began his record 59 1/2 hour non-stop lecture entitled *'Everything You Ever Wanted To Know About People'* - 1980.

EDDIE VAN HALEN (Van Halen) married actress **VALERIE BERTINELLI** - 1981.
* They divorced in 2007.

GANDHI won eight Academy Awards, a record for a British film - 1983.

CHER won the Best Actress Oscar for her role in *Moonstruck* - 1988.

MISS SAIGON musical opened on Broadway - 1991.

RUBIN 'HURRICANE' CARTER was wrongly arrested as a murder suspect - 1996.
* The US boxer was jailed from 1966-86. He inspired Bob Dylan's '70s hit *Hurricane* and was played by Denzel Washington Jr in the movie *Hurricane*.

DEBORRA-LEE FURNESS, 35, married **HUGH JACKMAN**, 29, - 1996.
* In September 2023 they separated. In a joint statement they announced: "*We have been blessed to share almost 3 decades together as husband and wife in a wonderful, loving marriage. Our journey now is shifting and we have decided to separate to pursue our individual growth,*"
* The couple met in 1995 on the set of an Australian television show where both were actors.

PAULINE HANSON launched her **ONE NATION** political party - 1997.

HANSIE CRONJE admitted to dishonesty and accepting bribes and was sacked as captain of South Africa's cricket team - 2000.

SIR HARRY SECOMBE, Welsh singer, former Goon, actor and television presenter, died aged 79 - 2001.

JUNE POINTER, US singer with Pointer Sisters, died aged 52 - 2006.

HEATHER LOCKLEAR, US actress, divorced **RICHIE SAMBORA** (Bon Jovi) after 12 years of marriage - 2007.

JULIAN ASSANGE'S, WikiLeaks founder, had his asylum withdrawn and was arrested by London Metropolitan police - 2019.
* He had been holed up in the Embassy of Ecuador in London since 2012 in order to avoid a warrant against him. Ecuador withdrew Assange's diplomatic asylum.

Birthday Bulletin

Friday 12th April 2024

Births

JOHN LANDY born in Melbourne, Victoria – 1930. (Died aged 91 - 2022)

* Australian runner and former Governor of Victoria (2001-2005). In 1954 in Finland he became the second person and first Australian to run a mile in under 4 minutes.

JOHNNY “CHOOK” RAPER (William John Raper) born in Sydney, NSW - 1939. (Died aged 82 - 2022)

* Australian rugby league footballer. He played for St George in eight of their consecutive premierships (1959-1966) and represented Australia in 39 Tests including the Australian World Cup winning team of 1968. He also played six World Cup games between 1960 and 1968.

HERBIE HANCOCK born in Chicago, Illinois - 1940 (84)

* American jazz musician. He had his biggest pop hit in 1984 with the instrumental *Rockit*. He toured Australia in 2019.

JOHN KAY (Joachim Krauledat) born in Germany - 1944 (80)

* Lead singer for US rock band Steppenwolf. In 1968 they had hits with *Born To Be Wild* and *Magic Carpet Ride*.

TERRY WILLESEE born in Perth, WA - 1945 (79)

* Australian TV presenter and brother of Mike Willesee. He was a news presenter on the SKY television channel on Foxtel. He hosted *Terry Willesee Tonight* for the Seven network and also co-hosted *Good Morning Australia* with Kerri Anne and the *Today Show*, with Liz Hayes.

ED O'NEILL born in Youngstown, Ohio - 1946 (78)

* US actor. He starred as Al Bundy in the US TV comedy series *Married ...With Children* ('87-'97). From 2009-2020 he played Jay Pritchett on the TV sitcom *Modern Family*.

ALEX BRILEY born in Harlem, New York - 1947 (77)

* US singer. He dressed as the 'G.I.' in the Village People. Their disco hits include *Macho Man*, ('78), *YMCA* ('78), *In the Navy* ('79) and *Can't Stop The Music* ('80) - their final chart hit.

DAVID LETTERMAN born in Indianapolis, Indiana - 1947 (77)

* US comedian and TV host. He hosted his own late night show from 1982 to 2015. A now bearded Letterman hosts the Netflix series *My Next Guest Needs No Introduction with David Letterman*.

DAN LAURIA (Daniel Lauria) born in Brooklyn, New York - 1947 (77)

* US actor. He is best known for playing Jack Arnold in the TV series *The Wonder Years* ('88-'93).

DAVID CASSIDY born in Manhattan, New York - 1950. (Died aged 67 - 2017)

* American actor and singer. He became a teen idol playing Keith in *The Partridge Family*. They recorded several hits in the '70s which featured the vocals of David and Shirley Jones (his step-mother in real life) plus backing musicians. His biggest solo hit was a revival of the Association 1966 hit *Cherish*.

MIKE MUNRO born in Sydney, NSW - 1952 (72)

* Australian TV journalist. He hosted *This Is Your Life* (1995-2008), reported on *60 Minutes* from 1986-1992, hosted *A Current Affair* and is a former co-host of *Sunday Night* as well as an afternoon presenter on National Nine News.

ANDY GARCIA (Andres Arturo Garcia Menendez) born in Havana, Cuba - 1956 (68)

* Cuban-born American actor and director. He was nominated for an Academy Award for his role in *Godfather III*. His other films include - *Internal Affairs*, *The Untouchables*, *Dead Again*, *Hero*, *Ocean's Eleven* and the sequels.

VINCE GILL born in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma - 1957 (67)

* American country singer. In 2007 he was inducted into the Country Music Hall Of Fame. He has won 22 Grammy Awards - the most of any male country music artist. He hosted the CMA Awards every year from 1992 to 2003.

* In 2000 he married singer Amy Grant.

* In 2017, Vince Gill and Deacon Frey (son of Glenn) were hired by the Eagles to fill-in for the late Glenn Frey.

MAGDA SZUBANSKI born in Liverpool, England - 1961 (63)

* Australian comedienne and actress. She played the role of Sharon in the *Kath & Kim* TV series and has played various roles in other TV comedy shows including *Fast Forward* and *Full Frontal*. She also played Mrs Hoggett in the movie *Babe* and starred in the *Dogwoman* telemovies. Provided the voice of Miss Viola in the animated movie *Happy Feet*.

SHANNEN DOHERTY born in Memphis, Tennessee - 1971 (53)

* American actress. She played Brandon's twin Brenda in the 90s TV series *Beverly Hills 90210*. She started acting when she was a 10-year-old in the show *Little House: A New Beginning*.

SARAH MONAHAN born in Sydney, NSW - 1977 (47)

* Australian actress. She played Jenny Kelly in the TV sit-com *Hey Dad!*

CLAIRE DANES born in Manhattan, New York - 1979 (45)

* US actress. From 2011-2020 she played Carrie in the TV series *Homeland*. She also starred in the series *My So-Called Life* (1994-1995). She played Juliet opposite Leonardo Di Caprio in the '90s film remake *Romeo & Juliet* and also appeared in *Terminator 3: The Rise Of The Machines* (2003) and *Shopgirl* (2005).

BRIAN MCFADDEN born in Dublin, Ireland - 1980 (44)

* Irish singer. Former member of Westlife. In 2010 he made No 1 on the Australian chart with *Just Say So* (3 weeks at No 1.) He also had success with *Like Only A Woman Can* (No 13 in Australia). From 2005-2011 he was in a relationship with Delta Goodrem. They recorded *Almost Here*. It reached #3 in the UK charts and #1 in Australia.

JELENA DOKIC born in Belgrade, Serbia - 1983 (41)

* Australian tennis player and now TV commentator. In 2009 at the Australian Open she advanced to the quarterfinals of a Grand Slam tournament for the first time since 2002. She ranked No 4 in 2002.

* She was forced to walk away from her tennis career in 2014 due to an injury, the then 36-year-old struggled to adjust to normal life. Over the next four years, Dokic's weight slowly crept up until she'd put on more than 50kg. However in 2020 she revealed that that she had lost 53 kg.

Events

UNION JACK became the official flag of England - 1606.

AMERICAN CIVIL WAR began - 1861. (Ended in 1865)

BILL HALEY AND THE COMETS recorded the rock 'n' roll classics *Rock Around The Clock* and *Thirteen Women (And Only One Man In Town)* at Decca Records studio in New York City - 1954.

Russian astronaut **YURI GAGARIN** became the first man in space - 1961.

* He circled the earth in a flight lasting 108 minutes.

JAN BERRY (Jan & Dean) was badly injured in a car accident - 1966.

* He survived but suffered brain damage and went through years of physical and mental rehabilitation. He remained paralysed for over a year. He died in 2004.

COLUMBIA, the first space shuttle, launched from Cape Canaveral, Florida on its maiden flight - 1981.

* The final shuttle, Atlantis, was launched on July 8, 2011.

JOE LOUIS, American boxer, died aged 66 - 1981.

KEVIN “CATFISH” MCCARTHY (USA) commenced having a shower that lasted a world record 340 hours and 40 minutes - 1985.

SONNY BONO was elected Mayor of Palm Springs - 1988.

SUGAR RAY ROBINSON, US welterweight boxing champion, died aged 67 - 1989

A 1931 BUGATTI SPORTS COUPE sold for a record \$15 million - 1990.

LORENZO MONTESINI, Prince, Count, Knight, Baron and Qantas steward, left his bride-to-be, Primrose Dunlop behind in Venice - 1990.

* It was just four days before their planned wedding.

DISNEYLAND PARK (originally called Euro Disneyland) opened in France - 1992.

DAVID GERADA of Sydney watched *Titanic* on the big screen at the cinema for the 103rd time - 1998.

SIR STIRLING MOSS, British Formula One racing driver, died aged 90 - 2020.

Birthday Bulletin

Saturday 13th April 2024

Births

RON BLASKETT born in Brunswick, Victoria - 1922. (Died aged 96 - 2018)

* Australian ventriloquist. He is best remembered for his performances with his doll Gerry Gee. They appeared on numerous TV programs including *The Tarax Club* and GTV Channel 9's opening night.

DON ADAMS (Donald Yarmy) born in Manhattan, New York - 1923. (Died aged 82 - 2005)

* US comic actor. He starred as Maxwell Smart (Agent 86) with Barbara Feldon (Agent 99) in the '60s comedy series *Get Smart*. (Feldon turned 91 in March 2024.)

COL JOYE (Colin Jacobsen) born in Sydney, NSW - 1936 (88)

* Australian singer. He had four No 1 hits in Sydney from 1959-1960 with *Bye Bye Baby*, *Clementine*, *Oh Yeah Uh Huh* and *Yes Sir, That's My Baby*. In 1973 he had a hit with the country song *Heaven Is My Woman's Love*.

* Brother of well known entertainment entrepreneur Kevin Jacobsen. Kevin played with Col in the '50s and early '60s in his backing band The Joy Boys.

EDWARD FOX born in London, England - 1937 (87)

* British actor. He played the assassin in the movie *The Day Of The Jackal* (1973). He also appeared in the TV mini-series *Edward and Mrs. Simpson* playing Edward VIII. His brother James Fox is also a successful actor.

ALAN JONES born in Oakey, Queensland - 1941 (83)

* Australian radio announcer and TV journalist. He can be seen on the digital; platform ADH TV. In May 2020 he ended his 35 year commercial radio career at 2GB. Jones dominated the Sydney breakfast radio ratings and was No 1 for 15 years.

* In 2011 he made his musical theatre debut in a production of *Annie*. He played the role of President Roosevelt.

* He coached the Australian Rugby Union team (1984-'88), Balmain rugby league team ('91-'93) and served time as a Director of the South Sydney Rugby League club.

BILL CONTI born in Providence, Rhode Island - 1942 (82)

* US composer and orchestra leader. He had a No 1 hit in 1977 with *Gonna Fly Now* - theme to the first *Rocky* movie. He's written scores for numerous movies. He co-wrote the James Bond film *For Your Eyes Only* - a hit for Sheena Easton.

REV. AL GREEN (Albert Greene) born in Arkansas - 1946 (78)

* US soul singer. His signature song is *Let's Stay Together* (1972). In 1989 he and Annie Lennox had a hit with a revival of *Put A Little Love In Your Heart*. In 1976 he became an ordained Christian minister and since then he has recorded a number of gospel recordings.

JUDY NUNN born in Perth, WA - 1946 (78)

* Australian actress and author. She played Ailsa Stewart in *Home And Away* and appearing in *Sons And Daughters*. She has written children's books as well as books on behind-the-scenes look at the TV industry.

MIKE CHAPMAN born in Nambour, Queensland - 1947 (77)

* Australian record producer and songwriter. He was a major force in the British pop music industry in the 1970s co-writing numerous hits with Nicky Chinn. They wrote hit singles for artists including Sweet, Suzi Quatro, Smokie, Mud and Racey that became identified as the "Chinnichap" brand.

RON PERLMAN born in New York City, New York - 1950 (74)

* US actor and voice over artist. He played Vincent (The Beast) in the '90s television series *Beauty And The Beast*. Also well known for playing Hell Boy in the movies *Hell Boy* (2004) and the 2008 sequel.

TOMMY RAUDONIKIS born in Bathurst, NSW - 1950. (Died aged 70 - 2021)

* Australian rugby league footballer and coach. He played over 29 Tests and World Cup games for Australia and captained his country in two Tests. He played 202 games for the Western Suburbs Magpies before moving to the Newtown Jets. He worked on 2GB and Channel 9 as a football commentator.

PEABO BRYSON (Robert Bryson) born in Greenville, South Carolina - 1951 (73)

* American singer. In 1983 he had a big hit with Roberta Flack with *Tonight I Celebrate My Love*. He recorded a duet with Celine Dion, the theme song to the Disney animated movie *Beauty And The Beast*. In 1984 he had his biggest solo hit with *If Ever You're In My Arms Again*.

PETER DAVISON (Peter Moffet) born in England - 1951 (73)

* English actor. He played Tristan Farnham in *All Creatures Great And Small* and was the fifth actor to play *Doctor Who* in the BBC TV series ('82-'84). Also starred in the TV series *The Last Detective*.

GARRY KASPAROV (Garik Weinstein) born in Baku, Azerbaijan - 1963 (61)

* Russian chess grandmaster. At the age of 22 he became the youngest ever world chess champion in 1986. He was world champion until 2000.

MIKE HAMMOND born in - 1964 (60)

* Australian TV and radio presenter. As the "Face of Foxtel", he presented many Foxtel programs. He has also hosted several TV programs including: *Good Morning Australia*, *Star Search*, *Gladiators* and *Concentration*.

DAVIS LOVE III born in Charlotte, NC - 1964 (60)

* US golfer. He won the US PGA title in 1997. He was introduced to the game by his father, Davis Love II, who was tragically killed in a 1988 plane crash.

RICK SCHRODER born on Straten Island, New York - 1970 (54)

* American actor. Formerly 'Ricky', Rick replaced Jimmy Smits as the co-star of *NYPD Blue*.

LOU BEGA (David Lou Bega) born in Germany - 1975 (49)

* German singer. He had a No 1 hit in 1999 with *Mambo #5*.

JULIA STONE born in Sydney, NSW - 1984 (40)

* Australian folk-blues singer and musician. She also performs and records with her brother Angus Stone. They made No 1 in Australia with the albums *Down The Way* (2010) and *Angus & Julia Stone* (2014). Their biggest selling single is *Big Jet Plane* (2010). Her second solo album, *By the Horns*, peaked at No. 11 on the ARIA Albums Chart in 2012.

Events

SIDNEY POITIER (who died in 2022) became the first Bahamian and African American actor to win an Academy Award for his role in *Lilies Of the Field* - 1964.

THE BEATLES recorded *Help* at the Abbey Road studios - 1965.

ROGER MILLER won a then-record five Grammy Awards - 1965.

NANCY and **FRANK SINATRA** made No 1 in the UK with *Something Stupid*, becoming the first father and daughter to have a No 1 hit single as a team - 1967. * It was originally recorded in 1966 by C Carson Parks (who wrote the song) and his wife Gaile Foote, as Carson and Gaile.

BRISBANE'S LAST TRAM ran along Queen Street to the workshops at Milton - 1969.

* The last trolley buses ran on March 13, 1969.

GARRY McDONALD, 22 year old Australian actor, married actress **DIANE CRAIG**, 21, - 1971.

JACK NICKLAUS, aged 46, became the oldest golfer to win the US Masters, his sixth - 1986.

A COUNTRY PRACTICE returned to Australian television on Channel 10 - 1994.

* It finished at end of 1994.

'TIGER' WOODS, aged 21, became the youngest golfer to win the US Masters tournament - 1997.

PHIL SPECTOR, US record producer, was convicted for the murder of actress **LANA CLARKSON** - 2009.

* Clarkson was killed at Spector's LA mansion in February 2003. Spector died in jail aged 81 in 2021.

BLACK CAVIAR won its 25th consecutive race - 2013.

WINX took part in its final horse race winning the Queen Elizabeth Stakes at Randwick - 2019.

MARY QUANT, British fashion designer, died aged 93 - 2023.

* Her fashion designs became synonymous with the 'Swinging London' of the mid-'60s. Her boutique was one of the first to design specifically for the young. She is credited with starting the 'Mod Look': also for introducing hot pants and body stockings.

Birthday Bulletin

Sunday 14th April 2024

Births

LORETTA LYNN (Loretta Webb) born in Butcher Hollow, Kentucky - 1932. (Died aged 90 - 2022)

* American country singer. Her biggest hit was in 1973 with *One's On The Way*. She was married at 15 to 21 year old Oliver 'Doo' Lynn, was a mother of four at 18 (her claim) and a grandmother at 33. Her story was told in the movie *The Coalminer's Daughter* which starred Sissy Spacek. In the film they claimed that she was 13 when she married - but she was actually a few months shy of 16.

* Her 2004 album release *Van Lear Rose* was produced by Jack White from the band White Stripes.

* Country singer Crystal Gayle is her younger sister.

SHANI WALLIS born in London, England - 1933 (91)

* English actress. She played Nancy, Bill Syke's girlfriend, in the Academy Award winning film *Oliver!* ('68). At 14 she appeared in a couple of episodes of *Gunsmoke*. One of her last roles was in a 1995 *Columbo* telemovie.

* She is a naturalised citizen of the United States, where she has lived for more than forty years.

JAN ADELE (Janeece Adele) born in Melbourne, Victoria - 1936. (Died aged 64 - 2000)

* Australian actress and cabaret performer. She won two Mo Awards for Best Comedienne and for Best Production Show (*Jan Adele & Lucky Grills' Fun Follies*) and an AFI award for her supporting role in the film *High Tide*.

* For many years she was also a guest performer on *The Mike Walsh Show* and also had a role in the soapie *No 96*.

JULIE CHRISTIE born in India - 1941 (83)

* British actress. She was nominated for a Best Actress Oscar for her role in the 2007 movie *Away From Her*. Her other films include *Billy Liar* ('63), *Darling* ('65) - which won her an Academy Award for Best Actress, *Doctor Zhivago* ('65), *Far From The Madding Crowd* ('67) and *Don't Look Now* ('74). She also had a starring role in the 2004 films *Finding Neverland* and *Troy*.

TONY BURROWS born in Exeter, England - 1942 (82)

* British session singer. He provided lead vocals on the hits for the studio groups Edison Lighthouse (*Love Grows*), First Class (*Beach Baby*), White Plains (*My Baby Loves Lovin'*) and Brotherhood of Man (*United We Stand*).

RITCHIE BLACKMORE born in England - 1945 (79)

* Guitarist with UK rock band Deep Purple. *Black Night* and *Smoke On The Water* are two of the band's best known songs. In 1975 he formed Rainbow. Since 1997 he's been leading his own band, Blackmore's Night.

PETER CAPALDI born in Glasgow, Scotland - 1958 (66)

* Scottish actor and director. He is well known for being the 12th actor to play the lead role in in the long-running BBC science-fiction series *Doctor Who*, and for the role of Malcolm Tucker, a spin doctor in the BBC comedy series *The Thick of It* as well as its film spinoff *In the Loop*.

BRAD GARRETT (Brad Gerstenfeld) born in Woodland Hills, California - 1960 (64)

* US actor and cartoon voice artist. He is best known for playing Robert, brother of Raymond, in the TV sit-com, *Everybody Loves Raymond*. From 2006-2010 he co-starred with Joely Fisher in the TV sit-com *'Til Death*.

* Provided the voice of Bloat in the animated movie *Finding Nemo*.

ROBERT CARLYLE born in Glasgow, Scotland - 1961 (63)

* Scottish actor. He starred as Hamish McBeth in the TV series of the same name. His films include: *Angela's Ashes* ('99), *The Full Monty* ('97) *The World Is Not Enough* ('99), *Riff-Raff* ('90), *Eragon* (2006) and *The Legend Of Barney Thomson* (2015).

CRAIG McDERMOTT born in Ipswich, Queensland - 1965 (59)

* Queensland fast bowler and Test cricketer. He played in 71 Tests, taking 291 wickets and making 940 runs between 2011-2016. He was the bowling coach for the Australian cricket team from 2011-2016.

JANE FLEMMING born in Horsham, Victoria - 1965 (59)

* Australian athlete. During her career the dual Olympian won two Commonwealth Games Gold Medals, countless national titles and broke literally hundreds of records over a period of 15 years.

JULIA ZEMIRO born in France - 1967 (57)

* Australian television presenter, radio host, and comedian. She is best known as the host of *RockWiz*. Zemiro appeared as "Bronya" in *Eurovision, the Musical, Euromax 7 The Musical* and *Eurobeat: Almost Eurovision*. She also had a starring role in TV's *Fisk* that began in 2021.

ANTHONY MICHAEL HALL (Michael Anthony Hall) born in Boston, Massachusetts - 1968 (56)

* US actor. He played young Rusty in *National Lampoon's Vacation* (1983). Also can be seen in *The Breakfast Club* ('85), *Weird Science* ('85), *Edward Scissorhands* ('90) and played Microsoft founder Bill Gates in the 1999 TV movie *Pirates Of Silicon Valley*.

ADRIEN BRODY born in Woodhaven, New York - 1973 (51)

* US actor. In 2003, at the age of 29, he replaced Richard Dreyfuss as the youngest actor ever to win the Best Actor Academy Award, for his role in *The Pianist*. He played Salvador Dali in the 2011 Woody Allen film *Midnight In Paris*. He can also be seen in *The Grand Budapest Hotel* (2014).

SARAH MICHELLE GELLAR born in Long Island, New York - 1977 (47)

* US actress. She starred as Buffy in *Buffy The Vampire Slayer* and has appeared in several horror flicks. She's been married to Freddie Prinze Jr since 2002. They appeared together in *Scooby Doo* (2002) and the 2004 sequel.

PAUL O'BRIEN born in South Africa - 1978 (46)

* South African born Australian actor. He played Jack Holden in *Home And Away* and won a Silver Logie for Best New Talent in 2006.

ABIGAIL BRESLIN born in New York City, New York - 1996 (28)

* US actress. She is one of the youngest actresses to be nominated for an Academy Award. She received the nomination for her role in *Little Miss Sunshine* (2006). She was cast at the age of six, years before filming was started. She made her film debut aged 5 in *Signs* (2002).

Events

TITANIC struck an iceberg at 11.40pm on her maiden voyage in the North Atlantic sea - 1912.

First **VOLVO** car was completed in Sweden - 1927.

MONACO GRAND PRIX was first raced in the streets of Monaco - 1929.

* The Formula One event is usually held on the last weekend of May and is known as one of the largest weekends in motor racing, as the race occurs on the same Sunday as the Indianapolis 500 (IndyCar Series) and the Coca-Cola 600.

FIRST COMMERCIAL VIDEO RECORDER was demonstrated in Chicago by the Ampex company - 1956.

THE BEATLES met the **ROLLING STONES** for the first time following a Stones concert in Richmond - 1963.

THE BEATLES recorded *Paperback Writer* - 1966.

THE BEATLES recorded *The Ballad Of John And Yoko* - 1969.

GARY NUMAN's *The Touring Principle* became the first commercially available full length rock video - 1980.

KRAMER v KRAMER won five Oscars at the Academy Awards - 1980.

The UK's first **CORDLESS TELEPHONE** was introduced - 1983.

* Cordless phones began appearing in Australian homes in the early 1980s.

SYDNEY experienced a major hailstorm - 1999.

* It caused extensive damage making it possibly Australia's costliest ever natural disaster.

CYCLONE ILSA left a \$4 million damage bill in its wake in Port Hedland, WA - 2023.

* Trees were uprooted, trucks toppled and petrol pumps torn from the ground when the category 5 storm made landfall with wind gusts up to 289km/h. The Pardoo Roadhouse's owner and his business partner were forced to take shelter in a shipping container as the cyclone went over the venue, leaving extensive damage in its wake.

Birthday Bulletin

Monday 15th April 2024

Births

CLAUDIA CARDINALE born in Tunis, French Tunisia - 1938 (86)
* Italian actress. She can be seen with Peter Sellers and David Niven in the first *Pink Panther* film in 1964 and also played Inspector Clouseau's mother in the 1993 film *The Son Of The Pink Panther*. She had a starring role in Sergio Leone's spaghetti western *One Upon A Time In The West* ('68).
* She's still acting and in 2020, Cardinale headlined the Swiss miniseries *Bulle*. Later that year, she had a role in the Netflix film *Rogue City*.

MARTY WILDE (Reg Smith) born in London, England - 1939 (85)
* English singer, songwriter, producer and father of Kim Wilde. He had several hits in England but his only major hit in Australia was *Abergavenny* ('68). He co-wrote the '60s hit songs *Jesamine* (Casuals), *I'm A Tiger* (Lulu) and *Ice In The Sun* (Status Quo).

LORD JEFFREY ARCHER born in Somerset, England - 1940 (84)
* English author, playwright and politician. He began his literacy career in 1974 with *Not A Penny More*. *Kane and Abel* has proved to be his best-selling work, reaching number one on The New York Times bestsellers list.
* His 2019 book *Nothing Ventured* marked the start of novels introducing Detective William Warwick. He says: "I'll be writing seven books in total ... unless I die first. I'm (almost) 80 and I can't assume I'll be alive at 87."

DAVE EDMUNDS born in Cardiff, Wales - 1944 (80)
* Welsh singer, musician and producer. His hits include *Girls Talk* ('79) and revivals of *I Hear You Knocking* ('71) and *Promised Land* ('72).

KYM GYNGELL (Kim Gyngell) born in Melbourne, Victoria - 1952 (72)
* Australian actor and comedian. He appeared in TV's *Comedy Company*, *Full Frontal* and starred as the character Col'n Carpenter in his own TV sit-com. He played Father Harris in the TV comedy *The Librarians*.
* His second cousin is the former CEO of the Nine Network, David Gyngell.

DAME EMMA THOMPSON born in London, England - 1959 (65)
* British actress. For her role in *Howard's End* ('92) she won an Oscar for Best Actress. She played PL Travers, author of *Mary Poppins* in the 2014 film *Saving Mr Banks*. With her former husband Kenneth Branagh, she starred in *Henry V* ('89), *Dead Again* ('91) and *Much Ado About Nothing* ('93). Her other films include *The Remains Of The Day* ('93), *Sense And Sensibility* ('95), *Primary Colours* ('98), *Nanny McPhee* (2005) and *Beauty And The Beast* (2017).

LEE KERNAGHAN born in Corryong, Victoria - 1964 (60)
* Australian country singer/songwriter. He has won 38 Golden Guitar Awards as well as the Australian of the Year Award for 2008. His albums *The Outback Club*, *Three Chain Road*, *1959*, *Hat Town*, *Electric Rodeo*, *The New Bush*, *Spirit Of The Bush*, *Planet Country* and *Spirit Of The Anzacs* have all made No 1 on the Australian country music chart.
* In 2015 he had his first No 1 ARIA album on the pop charts with *Spirit Of The Anzacs*. It featured Guy Sebastian, Sheppard, Jon Stevens, Jessica Mauboy, Shannon Noll and Megan Washington.
* On stage he always wears a black Akubra hat.
* He's co-written many of his hit songs with ex-Sherbet member Garth Porter.
* His sister Tania is also a successful country singer.

DARA TORRES born in Beverly Hills, California - 1967 (57)
* US swimmer. Dara is the only American swimmer to win swimming medals at four consecutive Olympics and to compete at four Olympics. Won nine Olympic medals - four were Gold.

ED O'BRIEN born in Oxford, Oxfordshire - 1968 (56)
* English guitarist, singer and songwriter. He is best known as a member of Radiohead. Their last four albums *A Moon Shaped Pool*, *The King Of Limbs*, *In Rainbows* and *Hail To The Thief* all peaked at No 2 in Australia. They had a top 5 hit in Australia in 1993 with the single *Creep*. In 2020 he released his first solo album titled *Earth*.

LUIS FONSI (Luis Alfonso Rodríguez López-Cepero) born in Puerto Rico - 1978 (46)

* Puerto Rican singer and songwriter. He is best known for his worldwide hit song *Despacito* feat. Daddy Yankee. A remix version featuring Justin Bieber was released in April 2017, which helped to improve the song's chart performance in numerous countries. It ties as the longest-reigning No 1 on the Billboard US Hot 100 with 16 weeks.

LUKE EVANS born in Pontypool, Wales - 1979 (45)
* Welsh actor. He got his Hollywood breakthrough role starring in the *Clash of the Titans* 2010 remake. His other films include *Immortals* (2011), *The Raven* (2012), *The Three Musketeers* (2011), *The Hobbit* (2012) and in 2017, Evans starred as Gaston in *Beauty and the Beast*.

PATRICK CARNEY born in Akron, Ohio - 1980 (44)
* US drummer with The Black Keys. The band consists of Patrick and Dan Auerbach (guitar and vocals). They formed in 2001. In 2012 the most played song on Australian radio was their hit *Lonely Boy*.

SETH ROGEN born in British Columbia, Canada - 1982 (42)
* Canadian-American comic actor, screenwriter and producer. His films include: *The Green Hornet* (2010), *Anchorman: The Legend of Ron Burgundy* (2004), *The 40-Year-Old Virgin* (2005), *You, Me and Dupree* (2006), *Horton Hears a Who!* (2008) - Morton the Mouse voice, *Kung Fu Panda* (2008) - Master Mantis voice, *The Interview* (2014) and *The Lion King* (2019).

BROOKE BONEY born in NSW - 1987 (37)
* Australian TV presenter. She previously worked with SBS, NITV and triple j before landing a new role at Nine in 2019. She joined the revamped early morning *Today* show as entertainment reporter.

EMMA WATSON born in Paris, France - 1990 (34)
* French-born English actress. She played Margaret 'Meg' March in the new 2019 film of *Little Women* and the role of Belle in the 2017 movie *Beauty And The Beast*. She is also well known for playing Hermione Granger in the series of *Harry Potter* films. Watson was cast for the role of Hermione at the age of 9.

Events

A DICTIONARY OF THE ENGLISH LANGUAGE compiled by Samuel Johnson was published in London - 1755.

INSULIN was discovered by Canadian doctor Sir Frederick Banting - 1923.

PLENNIE WINGO of the USA began walking backwards from Santa Monica, California to Istanbul, Turkey - 1931.
* He completed the 8,000 miles (12,874 km) journey on October 24, 1932.

McDONALDS opened their first store in the US in Illinois - 1955.

SPECTRUM played their 'final' performance at the Dallas Brooks Hall in Melbourne - 1973.
* The concert was recorded as the double album *Terminal Buzz*.

FLASHDANCE, starring Jennifer Beals, opened in US cinemas - 1983.

TOKYO DISNEYLAND, the first Disney park to be located outside the United States, opened - 1983.

TOMMY COOPER, UK comedian, died aged 63 - 1984.
* He died of a heart attack while performing on the live television show *Live From Her Majesties*. Most of the 20 million viewers thought it was part of his act.

THE VOICE (Australian edition) debuted on Australian television - 2012.
* Keith Urban, Delta Goodrem, Seal and Joel Madden were the coaches for the first season. Karise Eden was the first winner.

BOSTON MARATHON bombings occurred in Massachusetts - 2013.
* Nearly three hours after the winners crossed the finish line, two explosions occurred. Three spectators were killed and more than 200 people were injured.

NOTRE DAME CATHEDRAL (Notre-Dame De Paris), a medieval Catholic cathedral, caught fire in Paris - 2019.

LIZ SHERIDAN (Elizabeth Sheridan), US actress, died aged 93 - 2022.
* She played Jerry Seinfeld's mother in TV's *Seinfeld* and also appeared in 34 episodes of the *ALF* TV series. Sheridan died 5 days after her 93rd birthday in 2022.

Birthday Bulletin

Tuesday 16th April 2024

Births

HENRY MANCINI (Enrico Mancini) born in Cleveland, Ohio - 1924. (Died aged 70 - 1994)

* American orchestra leader and composer. He wrote the music for more than 80 movies and has won more Grammy and Academy Awards than any other artist. His songwriting credits include - *The Pink Panther*, *Baby Elephant Walk*, *Peter Gunn*, *Days Of Wine And Roses* and *Moon River*.

BARRIE UNSWORTH born in Dubbo, NSW - 1934 (90)

* Former ALP Premier of NSW. He was in power 1986-1988. He was also an organiser for the Electrical Trades Union from 1961-1967; formerly MLA (NSW) for Rockdale; and Secretary of the NSW Labor Council, 1979-1984.

BOBBY VINTON (Stanley Vinton) born in Pennsylvania - 1935 (89)

* American singer. His hits include - *Roses Are Red* ('62), *Blue On Blue* ('63), *Blue Velvet* ('63) and *Sealed With A Kiss* ('72).

DUSTY SPRINGFIELD (Mary O'Brien) born in London, England - 1939. (Died aged 59 - 1999)

* English singer. In the early 1960s she sang with her brother Tom in The Springfields and then left to pursue a solo career. Her hit songs including *Wishin' and Hopin'*, *I Only Want To Be With You*, *You Don't Have To Say You Love Me* and *Son Of A Preacher Man*. In the late 1980s she combined with the Pet Shop Boys on the hits *What Have I Done To Deserve This* and *Nothing Has Been Proved*.

WAYNE JACKSON born in Adelaide, SA - 1944 (80)

* Former AFL Commissioner (1997-2003). He played 160 senior and reserve matches for West Torrens and was their coach in 1974. He was GM and later Managing Director of Thomas Hardy and Sons from 1977-1992.

KAREEM ABDUL-JABBAR born in New York - 1947 (77)

* US basketball player. The (218 cm tall player shot 38,387 career points and played a record 1,560 games. He also achieved the most field goals (15,837) and achieved 787 consecutive double-figure games.

GERRY RAFFERTY born in Scotland - 1947. (Died aged 63 - 2011)

* Scottish singer and songwriter. He was also in the '70s group Stealers Wheel who had a hit in 1973 with *Stuck In The Middle With You*. He had his biggest solo hit in 1978 with *Baker Street*.

COLLEEN HEWETT born in Bendigo, Victoria - 1950 (74)

* Australian singer and actress. The former TV Week Queen of Pop had her biggest '70s hit with *Day By Day* which was produced by Molly Meldrum. Her last top 10 hit was *Dreaming My Dreams With You* in 1980.

* She appeared in *The Flying Doctors* and played the role of Sheila Brady in *Prisoner*.

PETER GARRETT born in Sydney, NSW - 1953 (71)

* Australian rock singer and former politician. After 25 years as lead singer for Midnight Oil he quit the group in 2002 and went into politics. He served as a Minister for the Kevin Rudd and Julia Gillard governments. In 2017 he returned as the lead singer of Midnight Oil. Their album *10,9,8,7,6,5,4,3,2,1* spent over 3 years on the Australian album chart. Their No 1 albums include *Red Sails In The Sunset*, *Diesel And Dust* and *Blue Sky Mining*. Their hit singles include *US Forces*, *Power And The Passion*, *Beds Are Burning* and *Blue Sky Mine*.

ELLEN BARKIN born in The Bronx, New York - 1954 (70)

* American actress. Her films include - *Switch*, *Tender Mercies*, *The Big Easy* and *Blood Money*. She was in the TV series *The New Normal* (2012-2013).

RICHARD PLEASANCE born in Melbourne, Victoria - 1961 (63)

* Former bass guitarist with Australian band Boom Crash Opera. He wrote and produced the theme for the Australian TV series *SeaChange*.

NICK BERRY born in Essex, England - 1963 (61)

* English actor. He starred as PC Nick Rowan in the UK TV series *Heartbeat*. In the UK he made the charts with *Every Loser Wins* ('86) (No 1) and the theme from *Heartbeat* ('92).

JON CRYER (Jonathan Cryer) born in New York - 1965 (59)

* US actor. He played Alan Harper in the TV sit-com *Two And A Half Men* from 2009-2015.

MATTHEW WHITE born in Sydney, NSW - 1970 (54)

* Australian TV sports presenter. He is formerly Network Ten's Head of Sport and host of the motorsports panel show *RPM*. From 1993-2004 he hosted *Sports Tonight* on Network Ten and also presented *Today Tonight on 7*.

MATTHEW LLOYD born in Melbourne, Victoria - 1978 (46)

* AFL player. Captain of Essendon from 2006 - 2009. He's the Bombers leading goal kicker of all time. Lloyd was a member of Essendon's 2000 premiership team. He's now working as a football commentator on Channel 9 and on 3AW.

NATALIE BLAIR born in Brisbane, Queensland - 1984 (40)

* Australian actress and singer. In 2003 she joined the cast of *Neighbours* to play Carmella. In 2005 she won the Logie for Most Popular New Talent - Female. * She's the daughter of former VFL footballer John Blair.

CHANCE THE RAPPER (Chancellor Johnathan Bennett) born in Chicago, Illinois - 1993 (31)

* US rap artist. In 2020 he had a hit with the song *Holy* that he recorded with Justin Bieber. He featured on the DJ Khaled 2017 No 1 hit *I'm The One* along with Justin Bieber, Quavo, and Lil Wayne. The 2015 Snakehips hit *All My Friends* featured Chance and Tinashe.

ANYA TAYLOR-JOY born Miami, Florida - 1996 (28)

* American-born British-Argentine actress. She is well known for her performances as Emma Woodhouse in *Emma* (2020) and for playing Beth Harmon in the Netflix miniseries *The Queen's Gambit* (2020).

* She provides the voice of Princess Peach in the 2023 movie *The Super Mario Bros. Movie*.

TAYLA HARRIS born in Brisbane, Queensland - 1997 (27)

* Australian Rules footballer and boxer. She played for Carlton in the AFL Women's competition from 2018-2021. She then requested a move to Melbourne and joined the club in 2022. Harris also played briefly for Brisbane in the inaugural AFL Women's season in 2017.

Events

BUDDY HOLLY released his first single *Blue Day Black Nights/Love Me* - 1956.

* It wasn't a hit but a year later Holly and the Crickets went to No 1 with *That'll Be The Day*.

CHUCK BERRY recorded *Roll Over Beethoven* - 1956.

BOB DYLAN gave the first public performance of *Blowin' In The Wind* - 1962.

ROLLING STONES' first album *The Rolling Stones* was released in the UK - 1964.

* Two of the 12 songs were originals. It made No 3 in the UK and Australia.

THE BEATLES recorded the song *A Hard Day's Night* - 1964.

DESMOND DEKKER & THE ACES hit *The Israelites* became the first reggae single to make No 1 in the UK - 1969.

ELECTRIC LIGHT ORCHESTRA played their first live show in Croydon - 1972.

SKYHOOKS played their first gig at St Jude's Church hall in Carlton - 1973.

Thirteen people were injured at Sydney's **LUNA PARK** on the Big Dipper ride - 1979.

* A steel runner came loose, halting one of the three rollercoaster trains. The following train rammed the stationary one, causing the injuries.

BRYAN BROWN married **RACHEL WARD** in England - 1983.

BARRY O'FARRELL resigned as Premier of NSW - 2014.

* He quit after admitting he had misled an anti-corruption enquiry over a gift of a \$3000 bottle of wine that he had received shortly after winning government in 2011.

DUKE and **DUCHESS OF CAMBRIDGE** (Prince William and wife Kate) arrived in Australia with son Prince George - 2014.

KOREAN FERRY MV SEWOL capsized while carrying 476 people, mostly secondary students - 2014.

* 304 died. Of the 172 survivors many were rescued by fishing boats and other commercial vessels.

Birthday Bulletin

Wednesday 17th April 2024

Births

JAN HAMMER born in Czechoslovakia - 1948 (76)
* Jazz-rock keyboard player. He had an instrumental hit in 1985 with the theme to the television series *Miami Vice*. It made No 1 in the US.

OLIVIA HUSSEY (Olivia Osuha) born in Argentina - 1951 (73)
* Argentinean-born British actress. Her film credits include *Romeo And Juliet* (as Juliet) ('68), *Lost Horizon* ('73), *Death On The Nile* ('78) and the mini-series *Jesus Of Nazareth* ('77). Also starred in the 2005 movie *Mother Theresa*.

GREG EVANS born in Melbourne, Victoria - 1953 (71)
* Australian TV and radio host. He commenced his radio career at 3CS Colac in the early '70s. By 1974 he was working nights on the Melbourne rock station, 3XY. During his time with 3XY the station continually rated No 1. His television hosting credits include *Perfect Match* ('84-'86), *Star Search* and *Monday-Friday*.

MICHAEL SEMBELLO born in Philadelphia - 1954 (70)
* American session musician. He had his biggest solo hit in 1983 with *Maniac* that was featured in the film *Flashdance*.

FRED LONERAGAN born in - 1959 (65)
* Australian singer. He was lead vocalist with The Machinations. They played their first show at Garibaldi's in Sydney, in early 1980. Their hits include *Pressure Sway* ('83), *No Say In It* ('84) and *My Heart's On Fire* ('85).
* He was involved in a hit-and-run accident while cycling in Sydney in 1989. He was left unconscious in a gutter for more than three hours with a broken neck and concussion until a passing motorist found him.

SEAN BEAN (Shawn Bean) born in Yorkshire, England - 1959 (65)
* English actor. His movies include *The Lord Of The Rings* trilogy, *Patriot Games* ('92), *Golden Eye* ('95), *The Martian* (2015) and a starring role in the (*Richard Sharpe*) TV movies. He can also be seen in the *Game Of Thrones* TV series.

RIK SWINN born in England - 1959 (65)
* Vocalist with Australian band The Venetians. Their biggest hit was in 1986 with *So Much For Love*.

BARNABY JOYCE born in Tamworth, NSW - 1967 (57)
* Australian politician. He served as the leader of the National Party of Australia from 2016 to 2018 and again from 2021 to 2022. Joyce also was the 17th deputy Prime Minister of Australia during both his leadership tenures under Prime Minister Malcolm Turnbull and Scott Morrison from 2021 to 2022.
* In December 2017, Joyce announced that he had separated from his wife, and in February 2018 it was reported that he was expecting a child with his former staffer Vikki Champion. They wed on 12 November 2023 at his family estate.

AJAY ROCHESTER (Leigh Towler) born in Sydney, NSW - 1969 (55)
* Australian TV presenter and author. She was a host of *The Biggest Loser* TV program. Her books include *Blubberguts* and *Confessions Of A Reformed Dieter*.

MUTTIAH MURALITHARAN born in Kandy, Sri Lanka - 1972 (52)
* Sri Lankan cricketer and coach. Often referred to as 'Murali', he holds the record for the most Test wickets and the highest number of international wickets in Tests and ODIs combined. He retired from Test cricket in 2010, registering his 800th and final wicket from his final ball in his last Test match.

JENNIFER GARNER born in Houston, Texas - 1972 (52)
* US actress. She starred as Sydney A. Bristow in the TV series *Alias* and has also appeared in numerous other television productions as well as such films as *Pearl Harbor* (2001) and *Dude, Where's My Car?* (2000). She starred in the 2016 movie *Miracles From Heaven*.

VICTORIA BECKHAM (Victoria Adams) born in Hertfordshire, England - 1974 (50)
* Vocalist with the UK group the Spice Girls. They began their hit career in 1996 with *Wannabe*.
* In 1999 she married English soccer player David Beckham.

PHIL JAMIESON born in Wauchope, NSW - 1977 (47)
* Founder and frontman for the Australian rock band Grinspoon. The group's album *Thrills, Kills & Sunday Pills* won the 2005 Best Rock Album Award at the ARIA Music Awards. They performed their 2004 hits singles *Hard Act To Follow* and *Better Off Alone* at the 2006 Commonwealth Games Closing Ceremony in Melbourne.

TESSA JAMES born in Melbourne, Victoria - 1991 (33)
* Australian actress. She played Nicole Franklin in *Home And Away* and had a lead role in the TV mini-series *Love Child* (2015). She married rugby league player Nate Myles in 2011. In 2014, James was diagnosed with Hodgkin's lymphoma. She is now in remission.
* She is the daughter of former Richmond player Stephen James.

Events

MGM studios was born from a merger of Metro Pictures, Goldwyn Pictures, and Louis B Mayer Pictures - 1924.
* It's now owned by MGM Amazon Studios a subsidiary of Amazon.

DAFFY DUCK made his cartoon debut in *Porky's Duck Hunt* - 1937.

TONY BENNETT recorded his first ever track, *Boulevard of Broken Dreams*, which earned him a record contract with Columbia - 1950.

EDDIE COCHRAN, American rock 'n' roll singer, died aged 21 in an auto crash in England - 1960.
* Gene Vincent was also involved in the accident.

BAY OF PIGS invasion occurred as Cuban exiles aided by President Kennedy were defeated by the forces of Cuban leader Fidel Castro - 1961.

First **FORD MUSTANG** was unveiled at New York's World Fair - 1964.

The group **THEM** made their first concert appearance at Belfast's Maritime Hotel - 1964.
* Lead singer was 18 year old Van Morrison.

THE SOUND OF MUSIC movie opened in Australia in Sydney - 1965.
* It won the Academy Award for Best Film and Best Director.

TALKBACK (open-line) officially began on Australian radio - 1967.
* Mike Walsh is credited as being the first open-line program host when he went to air at 8.30am on 2SM Sydney.

PAUL McCARTNEY released his first solo album *McCartney* - 1970.
* The album featured Paul playing all the instruments and singing all the vocal tracks.

RAGE went to air on ABC television for the first time - 1987.
* It is the oldest TV music program still in production.

NICKY WINMAR, St Kilda Aboriginal footballer, was racially abused by football fans - 1993.
* At the conclusion of the game, which St Kilda won, Winmar lifted up his jumper and, facing to the crowd, pointed to his skin. The following day, a photograph of Winmar's gesture was published in the Sunday Age under the headline "*Winmar: I'm black and proud of it*".

LINDA McCARTNEY, US photographer/musician and wife of Paul, died aged 56 of breast cancer - 1998.

'**BALI NINE**' (nine Australians) were arrested in Bali for alleged heroin smuggling - 2005.
* Ringleaders Andrew Chan and Myuran Sukumaran were sentenced to death and executed on 29 April 2015. Six other members were sentenced to life imprisonment and another, to a 20 year sentence.

LONGEST FULL-BODY ICE-CONTACT ENDURANCE was achieved by Wang Jintu (China) who spent 1 hour 30 minutes in direct, full body contact with blocks of ice - 2008.

BLACK CAVIAR was retired by its Australian owners - 2013.
* She won 25 races out of 25 starts and won her final race on April 13, 2013.

DORIS ROBERTS, US actress who played Marie Barone in *Everybody Loves Raymond*, died aged 90 - 2016.

BRUCE MANSFIELD, 3AW radio announcer and Melbourne TV presenter, died aged 71 - 2016.

BARBARA BUSH, First Lady and wife of President George W Bush and mother of President George Bush Jr, died aged 92 - 2018.

Birthday Bulletin

Thursday 18th April 2024

Births

HAYLEY MILLS born in London, England - 1946 (78)

* British actress. She's the daughter of Sir John Mills and sister of Juliet Mills. She made her film debut at the age of 12, starring alongside her father in *Tiger Bay*. As a teenager she also starred in a number of Walt Disney '60s movies including *Pollyanna*, *That Darn Cat* and *The Parent Trap*.

* She had a top 40 hit in 1961 with *Let's Get Together* (from the film *The Parent Trap*).

JOHN KANE born in Glasgow, Scotland - 1946 (78)

* Vocalist with Australian trio New World. They charted with *Try to Remember* ('69), *Tom Tom Turn Around* ('71), *Sister Jane* ('72) and *Living Next Door To Alice* ('73).

JAMES WOODS born in Vernal, Utah - 1947 (77)

* US actor. He received Oscar nominations for his roles in *Salvador* ('86) and *Ghosts Of Mississippi* ('96). He also appeared in the films *The Way We Were* ('73) and *The Onion Field* ('79)

RICK MORANIS (Frederick Moranis) born in Toronto, Canada - 1953 (71)

* Canadian comic actor. He was one of the stars of *Ghostbusters* ('84) and the sequel that followed. He played Barney Rubble in the 1994 feature film *The Flintstones* and also can be seen in the comedy movies *Little Shop of Horrors*, *Spaceballs*, *Honey, I Shrunk The Kids* and *Honey, I Blew Up The Kids*. He starred with Steve Martin in *Parenthood* and *My Blue Heaven*.

* When his wife died, he left the film industry in 1997 to spend more time raising his children.

ERIC ROBERTS born in Biloxi, Mississippi - 1956 (68)

* US actor and brother of Julia Roberts. He starred with Olivia Newton-John in the 1996 film *It's My Party*. In the early part of his career he starred in the Australian film *The Coca-Cola Kid* ('85). Another of his major roles was in *Runaway Train* (1985). His sister Julia made her acting debut in his starring vehicle *Blood Red* ('87).

MALCOLM (Denzil) MARSHALL born in Barbados, West Indies - 1958. (Died aged 41 - 1999)

* West Indian fast bowler and cricket coach. He also played first class cricket in England for Hampshire.

JANE LEEVES born in London, England - 1961 (63)

* English actress. She played Daphne Moon in the TV sitcom *Frasier*. This role earned her the honour of becoming the highest paid British actress in a US TV series. From 2010-2015 she appeared in the sit-com *Hot In Cleveland*.

NICK FARR-JONES born in Carringbah, NSW - 1962 (62)

* Australian rugby union player and former Wallabies captain. He made his debut in the 1984 Grand Slam Tour and went on to represent Australia in 63 Test matches. He is most famous for leading Australia to their first ever World Cup win in 1991. He captained the Wallabies on 36 occasions.

CONAN O'BRIEN born in Massachusetts - 1963 (61)

* US TV host and comedian. Host of the late night talk show *Conan* which ran from 2010-2021. He was a writer for the TV program *Saturday Night Live* and the animated series *The Simpsons*.

ERIC MCCORMACK born in Ontario, Canada - 1963 (61)

* Canadian-American actor. He is best known for his role as Will Truman in the US sitcom *Will & Grace* and as Dr Daniel Pierce in the TV crime drama *Perception*.

MARIA BELLO born in Norristown, Pennsylvania - 1967 (57)

* US actress. She played Dr Anna DeAmico in the TV drama series *ER*. Since 2017 she's played Jacqueline "Jack" Sloane in *NCIS*.

DAVID TENNANT (David McDonald) born in Paisley, Scotland - 1971 (53)

* Scottish actor. He was the 10th actor to play Doctor Who in the BBC TV series of the same name. He is also well known for his role as DI Alec Hardy in *Broadchurch*. * His stage name of 'Tennant' was inspired by Pet Shop Boys frontman Neil Tennant.

MELISSA JOAN HART born in Long Island, New York - 1976 (48)

* US actress. She starred in the TV series *Sabrina The Teenage Witch* (1996-2003) and in *Melissa and Joey* (2010-2015).

BRENDON BOLTON born in Launceston, Tasmania - 1979 (45)

* Former AFL coach of Carlton Football Club (2016-2019). He was Hawthorn's caretaker coach for five weeks during 2014. Bolton was also a player and coach in Tasmania.

AMERICA FERRERA born in Los Angeles, California - 1984 (40)

* US actress. Star of the TV sitcom *Ugly Betty* which ran from 2006-2010.

SAMANTHA JADE (Samantha Jade Gibbs) born in Perth, WA - 1987 (37)

* Australian singer. She won TV's *X Factor* in November 2012. In that same year she had a No 1 hit in Australia with *What You've Done To Me* and a top 10 hit in 2013 with *Firestarter*. She played the role of Kylie Minogue in the TV mini series *Never Tear Us Apart: The Untold Story of INXS*.

VANESSA KIRBY born in London, England - 1988 (36)

* UK actress. She rose to international prominence with her portrayal of Princess Margaret in the Netflix series *The Crown*. She has appeared in *the Mission: Impossible* film series since 2018 and played Empress Joséphine in *Napoleon* (2023). For her performance in *Pieces of a Woman* (2020), she received a nomination for the Oscar for Best Actress.

Events

YANKEE STADIUM opened in The Bronx, New York - 1923.

* The final New York Yankees baseball game was played on September 21, 2008. The new stadium opened in April 2009.

A **CROSSWORD PUZZLE BOOK** was published for the first time in America - 1924.

According to **BBC RADIO**, April 18, 1930, was the dullest day of the 20th century after an announcer informed the nation at the 6.30pm bulletin: "*Good evening. Today is Good Friday. There is no news.*" - 1930.

* For the rest of the 15-minute time slot, the station played only piano music.

World's first **LAUNDROMAT** (then called a 'washeteria') opened in Texas - 1934.

ALBERT EINSTEIN, German scientist, died aged 76 in New Jersey - 1955.

* He usually wore slacks which were never ironed and sometimes wrapped an old (neck) tie around his waist instead of a belt. He once confessed that he never wore socks.

ACADEMY AWARDS were telecast in colour for the first time - 1966.

VFL PARK (later called Waverley Park) opened in Melbourne - 1970.

* In the first match played at the park, Geelong defeated Fitzroy. The final AFL matches were played at Waverley during the 2000 Ansett Cup pre-season competition.

HUNGRY JACK'S opened their first store in Innaloo, Perth - 1971.

* By the end of its first decade of operation, Hungry Jack's had expanded to 26 stores in three states.

ROLAND CORPORATION, the Japanese manufacturer of electronic musical instruments, electronic equipment and software, was founded in Osaka - 1972.

JOHN FARNHAM, aged 23, married Jillian Billman, aged 17, at St Matthews Church of England in Glenroy, Melbourne - 1973.

* Only one photo survives of their wedding. The photographer disappeared with all the negatives. * John met and proposed to Jillian during the production of 'Charlie Girl'.

JOSE CARRERAS returned to the stage at the Royal Opera House, Covent Gardens after a three year break due to leukaemia - 1989.

SHIRLEY STRICKLAND (aka Shirley de la Hunty) sold her collection of seven Olympic Medals (three of them gold), her 1956 Olympic blazer, running shoes and other items, to a single Australian bidder for \$400,000 - 2001.

DICK CLARK, US TV host, died aged 82 - 2012.

* He was the long time host of the US TV music program *American Bandstand* ('57-'87).

THE MOST BRIDESMAIDS TO ONE BRIDE, a total of 168, were present at the wedding of Tina Ackles in Florida, USA - 2015.

Birthday Bulletin

Friday 19th April 2024

Births

JAYNE MANSFIELD (Vera Jayne Palmer) born in Pennsylvania - 1933. (Died aged 34 - 1967)

* American actress. She appears in the films *The Girl Can't Help It* ('56) and *Will Success Spoil Rock Hunter* ('57). She was killed in an auto accident. Asleep in the back of the vehicle, was her daughter Mariska, and her brothers Miklós and Zoltán. All the children escaped with minor injuries.

* Her daughter Mariska Hargitay appears in the TV drama *Law And Order: Special Victims Unit*.

HAROLD 'DICKIE' BIRD born in Yorkshire, England - 1933 (91)

* English cricket umpire. He retired from umpiring in 1996. As of June 2021, Bird has officiated the most test matches in a single nation - 54 in England.

DUDLEY MOORE born in England - 1935. (Died aged 66 - 2002)

* British comic actor and musician. In the 1960s he teamed with Peter Cooke and they starred on record, stage and the TV comedy *Not Only But Also*. In the late 1970s he began to establish himself as a star in America appearing in the movies *Foul Play* ('78), *10* ('79) and *Arthur* ('81). The Dudley Moore Trio, featuring Dudley on piano, had a top 10 hit in Australia in 1971 with *A Song For Suzie*.

GRAHAM WEBB born in Sydney, NSW - 1936 (88)

* Australian radio and TV presenter. He hosted the TV game shows including *Blind Date* and *Jeopardy*. In 1974, he hosted and produced the pioneering Saturday morning music video TV shows, *Sound Unlimited*.

LINDSAY FOX born in Sydney, NSW - 1937 (87)

* Australian businessman. The former St Kilda footballer and club president is the founder of Linfox trucks which bear the logo "You are now passing another Fox." In 2022, it was announced that the new gallery, part of the National Gallery of Victoria (NGV) would be named The Fox: NGV Contemporary, in recognition of a \$100 million donation from the Fox family.

* He took ownership of Melbourne's Luna Park in 2005.

BOBBY RUSSELL born in Nashville, Tennessee - 1941. (Died aged 52 - 1992)

* US singer/songwriter. He wrote the hit songs - *Honey*, *Little Green Apples*, *The Joker Went Wild* and *The Night That The Lights Went Out In Georgia* - which was a hit for his former wife Vicki Lawrence. He also had '70s solo hits with *Saturday Morning Confusion* and *1432 Franklin Pike Circle Hero*.

ALAN PRICE born in County Durham, England - 1942 (82)

* British musician. He was the original keyboard player with the Animals. After leaving the Animals he formed The Alan Price Set who had hits in 1967 with *Simon Smith And The Amazing Dancing Bear* and *The House That Jack Built*.

EVE GRAHAM (Evelyn Beatson) born in Perth, Scotland - 1943 (81)

* Female vocalist with the New Seekers. The group was formed by original Seeker Keith Potger in 1969. Their 1970s hits included *I'd Like To Teach The World To Sing*, *You Won't Find Another Fool Like Me* and *I Get A Little Sentimental Over You*. She retired from performing in 2000.

TIM CURRY born in Cheshire, England - 1946 (78)

* English actor and voice artist. His films include *Rocky Horror Picture Show* ('75), *Annie* ('82), *The Hunt For Red October* ('90), *Oscar* ('91), *Home Alone 2* ('92) and *The Three Musketeers* ('93).

MARK VOLMAN born in Los Angeles, California - 1947 (77)

* Vocalist with '60s US band The Turtles. Their biggest hits were in 1967 and 1968 with *Happy Together*, *She'd Rather Be With Me* and *Elenore*.

RUBY WAX (Ruby Wachs) born in Evanston, Illinois - 1953 (71)

* US comedienne and TV interviewer. In her recent comedy stage show she's integrated her knowledge from her recent Masters Degree in mindfulness-based cognitive therapy at Oxford University. She has starred in several TV programs such as *Ruby Wax Meets*, *The Ruby Wax Show* and *Ruby*. She was a script editor for the TV comedy *Absolutely Fabulous*.

ASHLEY JUDD born Ashland, Kentucky - 1968 (56)

* US actress. Her mother and sister are country singers Naomi (who died in 2022) and Wynonna Judd. Starred in *Double Jeopardy* ('99) and *Someone Like You* (2001).

GEORGE GREGAN born in Zambia - 1973 (51)

* Australian rugby player. In 2001 he was appointed the captain of the Wallabies. He led the Wallabies to a World Cup final in 2003. He also played for the ACT Brumbies in the Super 12 series.

JASON GILLESPIE born in Darlinghurst, NSW - 1975 (49)

* Australian cricketer. He has played for Australia as well as South Australia and Yorkshire.

JAMES FRANCO born in California - 1978 (46)

* US actor. His films include *Spiderman* (2002) and sequels (playing Harry Osborn), *Date Night* (2010), *127 Hours* (2010), *Rise Of The Planet Of The Apes* (2011), *The Interview* (2014) and *The Disaster Artist* (2017).

AMBER LAWRENCE born in Mascot, NSW - 1978 (46)

* Australian country singer. Her 2019 album *Spark* made No 1 on the Australian Country Music chart. She is also a guest presenter on *Getaway*.

KATE HUDSON born in Los Angeles, California - 1979 (45)

* US actress and daughter of Goldie Hawn. She played Penny Lane in the 2000 film *Almost Famous* and starred with her then-boyfriend Owen Wilson in the 2006 film *You, Me and Dupree*. Her latest film is *Glass Onion: A Knives Out Mystery* (2022).

MATT JONES (Matthew Jones) born in Sydney, NSW - 1980 (44)

* Australian golfer. Jones won the Australian Open in 2015.

HAYDEN CHRISTENSEN born in Canada - 1981 (43)

* Canadian actor. He played Anakin Skywalker in *Star Wars: Episode II* and *Episode III* and also appeared in 22 episodes of *Higher Ground*.

MARIA SHARAPOVA born in Russia - 1987 (37)

* Russian tennis player. Former World No 1 tennis player. Her five Grand Slam titles wins are; two at the French Open and one each at the Australian Open, Wimbledon and US Open.

Events

The first **LOONEY TUNES** Warner Bros cartoon *Sinkin' in the Bathtub* was released - 1930.

The **SHIRLEY TEMPLE** movie *Stand Up And Cheer* premiered - 1934.

* 6 year old Shirley performed a song and dance rendition of *Baby Take A Bow*. It was this film which set her on the road to stardom.

CAROUSEL, written by Rodgers & Hammerstein, opened on Broadway - 1945.

GRACE KELLY married **PRINCE RAINIER** in Monaco - 1956.

* She met the Prince during the filming of *To Catch A Thief* which was set in Monaco.

AMWAY began in Australia - 1971.

* The company commenced in America in 1959. Amway is short for "American way."

ADVANCE AUSTRALIA FAIR was proclaimed as Australia's official national anthem - 1984.

* It was written by Peter McCormick in 1878.

GREEN and **GOLD** were announced as being Australia's official national colours - 1984.

THE SIMPSONS premiered as a short feature on *The Tracey Ullman Show* - 1987.

* The half hour cartoon programme debuted in 1990.

FUTI, became Africa's first animal clone, after being cloned from a champion Holstein dairy cow - 2003.

JIM STEINMAN, US songwriter/singer, died aged 73 - 2021.

* His best known work is Meat Loaf's *Bat Out of Hell* album. His most successful chart singles include Bonnie Tyler's *Total Eclipse of the Heart*, Air Supply's *Making Love Out of Nothing At All*, and Celine Dion's *It's All Coming Back to Me Now*.

PRINCE HARRY admitted that the UK was no longer his home in a US TV interview - 2022.

FATHER BOB MAGUIRE, Catholic priest and community worker, died aged 88 - 2023.

* From November 2005 to January 2006, he joined John Safran as co-host of *Speaking in Tongues* on SBS television. He was also a co-host of *Sunday Night Safran* on Triple J on Sunday nights.



Birthdays Bulletin

Record Store Day (Australia) – Saturday 20th April 2024

Births

LESLIE PHILLIPS born in England - 1924. (Died aged 98 - 2022)

* English actor. He's best known for his comedy roles and especially as Dr. Burke in the 60's films *Doctor In Clover* and *Doctor in Love*. Appeared in *Lara Croft: Tomb Raider* (2001) as Wilson.

GEORGE TAKEI born in Los Angeles, California - 1937 (87)

* American actor and voice over artist. He played Sulu in the *Star Trek* television series and the feature films that followed.

BETTY CUTHBERT (Elizabeth Cuthbert) born in Merrylands, NSW - 1938. (Died aged 79 - 2017)

* Australian athlete. She won four Olympic gold medals for Australia, the highest number won by any Australian track and field athlete. She won three at the 1956 Olympics in Melbourne and another in Tokyo in 1964.

* A statue of Betty Cuthbert was erected at the MCG in 2003. The series of statues are known as the Parade of Champions.

JOHNNY TILLOTSON born in Jacksonville, Florida - 1938 (86)

* American singer. He had several pop hits including - *Poetry In Motion* ('60), *It Keeps Right On A-Hurtin'* ('62), *Talk Back Tremblin' Lips* ('63) and *Judy, Judy, Judy* ('63).

ELSPETH BALLANTYNE born in Adelaide, SA - 1939 (85)

* Australian actress. She has appeared in numerous local TV programs including *Bellbird* and *Prisoner* (as Meg Jackson).

RYAN O'NEAL (Charles Patrick Ryan O'Neal) born in Los Angeles, California - 1941. (Died aged 82 - 2023)

* US actor. He began his acting career as a star of the '60s TV soap opera *Peyton Place*. His movies include *Love Story* ('70), *Barry Lyndon* ('75) – that won four Oscars, *What's Up Doc* ('72) and *The Main Event* ('79) - with Barbra Streisand. He also starred with his daughter Tatum O'Neal in *Paper Moon* ('73). O'Neal died in December 2023.

* He was in an off again/on again relationship with Farrah Fawcett from 1982-1997 and from 2001-2009.

ANDREW CARROLL born in - 1948 (76)

* Australian radio and TV presenter. He's worked as a host and reporter for several Australian TV programs including *Today Tonight*, *Beyond 2000* and *The 7.30 Report*.

JESSICA LANGE born in Cloquet, Minnesota - 1949 (75)

* American actress. She made her film debut in 1976 in the re-make of *King Kong*. Her other films include - *The Postman Always Rings Twice* ('81), *Frances* ('82), *Tootsie* ('82) and *Sweet Dreams* ('85). She won an Oscar for her role in the 1994 film *Blue Sky* and a best supporting actress Oscar for *Tootsie*.

LUTHER VANDROSS born in Manhattan, New York - 1951. (Died aged 54 - 2005)

* US singer. In 1992 he had a No 1 hit with *The Best Things In Life Are Free* (a duet with Janet Jackson). In 1994 he made No 2 in Australia with *Endless Love* - recorded as a duet with Mariah Carey. In 2004 he won four Grammys including Song Of The Year for *Dance With My Father* which he co-wrote with Richard Marx. It was written for his late father.

DEBBIE FLINTOFF-KING born in Frankston, Victoria - 1960 (64)

* Australian track and field champion. She won gold in the 400mm hurdle event at the 1988 Seoul Olympics.

NICHOLAS LYNDHURST born in Hampshire, England - 1961 (63)

* English actor. His TV credits include *Only Fools And Horses* (as Rodney), *Goodnight Sweetheart* (as Gary Sparrow) and *New Tricks* (as Dan Griffin).

ANDY SERKIS born in London, England - 1964 (60)

* English actor. He was the real life model for the computer-generated character of Gollum in the *Lord Of The Rings* movies as well as *The Hobbit: An Unexpected Journey*. His other movies include *King Kong* (2005 re-make), *Rise of The Planet Of The Apes* (2011), *Dawn Of The Planet Of The Apes* (2014), *Star Wars: The Force Awakens* (2015) and *Star Wars: The Last Jedi* (2017) - as Supreme Leader Snoke. *Batman* (2022)

JULIA MORRIS born in Sydney, NSW - 1968 (56)

* Australian comedienne and actress. She's the co-host of *I'm A Celebrity ... Get Me Out Of Here!* In 2023, Morris began narrating a brand new show on Network 10 called *Dogs Behaving (Very) Badly Australia* Her other TV credits include *Full Frontal*, *Spicks And Specks*, *Good News Week* and the TV drama *House Husbands*. She also hosted *Blind Date*.

WILL HODGMAN (William Hodgman) born in Hobart, Tasmania - 1969 (55)

* Tasmanian politician. The Liberal Party leader became the State's 45th Premier following the 2014 state election. He was re-elected to a second term in government following victory in the 2018 state election. He stood down as Premier in January 2020.

TINA COUSINS born in Essex, England - 1971 (53)

* English singer. She had top 10 hits in Australia with *Pray* ('98) and *Thank Abba For The Music* ('99) – recorded with Billie Piper, BWitched, and Steps.

CARMEN ELEKTRA (Tara Patrick) born in Cincinnati, Ohio - 1972 (52)

* US actress. She played the role of Lani McKenzie on *Baywatch*.

JOEY LAWRENCE born in Pennsylvania - 1976 (48)

* American actor and singer. He played Anthony Russo in the TV sitcom *Blossom*. He also co-starred in the TV series *Melissa and Joey*.

MIRANDA KERR born in Sydney, NSW - 1983 (41)

* Australian model. She began modelling in the fashion industry when she was 13. She has represented Australian fashion chains Portmans and David Jones Limited.

* In 2007 she began dating Orlando Bloom. They married in 2010 and separated in 2013. In 2017 she married billionaire Snapchat co-founder/CEO Evan Spiegel.

EMMA FREEDMAN born in Sydney, NSW - 1989 (35)

* Australian TV and radio presenter. She's a roving reporter across Seven Sport. She is the daughter of five-time Melbourne Cup winner Lee Freedman.

* She's a former co-host on Triple M Sydney's Grill Team breakfast show and co-hosted the radio programs *Hit 30* and *Take 40 Australia* with Angus O'Loughlin on the Hit Network.

Events

DOLLY PARTON, aged 13, released her first single *Puppy Love* - 1959.

* Her first album *Hello, I'm Dolly* was released in 1957.

The first jar of **NUTELLA** left the factory in Alba, Italy - 1964.

BUDGET RENT-A-CAR opened their first office in Melbourne - 1965.

DEEP PURPLE performed their first live show in Denmark - 1968.

England's **STEVE DAVIS**, 23, became the world snooker champion for the first time in Sheffield, England - 1981.

STEVE MARRIOTT, lead vocalist with the UK bands the Small Faces and Humble Pie, died aged 44 in a house fire (he fell asleep while smoking a cigarette) - 1991.

QPAC (Queensland Performing Arts Centre) was officially opened in Brisbane by His Royal Highness the Duke of Kent - 1985.

FUKASHI KAZAMI of Japan reached the North Pole on a motorbike! - 1987.

BENNY HILL, 67-year-old British comedian, was found dead in his modest London flat - 1992.

SHANIA TWAIN released her debut album *Shania Twain* - 1993.

* The album was a commercial flop during its original release, only reaching No 67 on the US Country Albums chart.

Australia's **CHARLIE BELL**, 43, became the first non-American to head **McDONALDS** - 2004.

* He started at the Kingsgrove McDonald's store at the age of 15.

DANICA PATRICK (USA) won the Indy Japan 300 becoming the first female driver in history to win an Indy car race - 2008.

AVICII (born Tim Bergling), Swedish musician, DJ, remixer and record producer, died (suicide) aged 28 in Oman - 2018.

SHADOW, A NEOPOLITAN MASTIFF, gave birth to a litter of 21 puppies, breaking the Australian record of 19 - 2020.

LES MCKEOWN, lead singer of the Bay City Rollers, died aged 65 - 2021.

Birthday Bulletin

Sunday 21st April 2024

Births

QUEEN ELIZABETH II (Elizabeth Alexandra Mary Mountbatten-Windsor) born in London, England - 1926. (Died aged 96 - 2022)

* Queen of England and wife to Prince Philip from 1947 to April 9, 2021. Her coronation took place in June 1953. She became the longest-living and longest-reigning British monarch as well as the world's longest reigning Queen regnant and female head of state.

* She owned more than 30 corgis, starting with Susan who was her 18th birthday present.

* She was the first reigning monarch to visit Australia.

CHARLES GRODIN born in Pennsylvania - 1935 (89)

* American actor, writer and director. He can be seen in the films *Catch 22*, *Heartbreak Kid*, *King Kong*, *Heaven Can Wait*, *The Lonely Guy*, *Midnight Run*, *The Woman in Red* and *Heart and Souls*. He also starred in *Beethoven 1 and 2*. He took a 13 year break but returned to acting in 2007.

SIR GEOFFREY PALMER born in Nelson, New Zealand - 1942 (82)

* New Zealand lawyer and past politician. He served as the 33rd Prime Minister of New Zealand from August 1989 until September 1990, leading the fourth Labour Government.

JUDITH McGRATH born in Brisbane, Queensland - 1947. (Died aged 70 - 2017)

* Australian actress. She played Von Ryan in all 493 episodes of the TV drama *All Saints*. She was the only cast member to appear in all episodes. She was also known for her television roles as Prison Officer/Deputy Governor Colleen Powell in *Prisoner* and *Bernice Hudson on A Country Practice*.

IGGY POP (James Osterberg) born in Ann Arbor, Michigan - 1947 (77)

* US singer. He had his first national hit in Australia in 1987 with *Real Wild Child (Wild One)*. The song was recorded by Johnny O'Keefe in 1958. In 1990 he had a hit with *Candy* which he recorded with B 52's vocalist Kate Pierson.

* He co-wrote David Bowie's 1983 hit *China Girl*.

TONY DANZA (Anthony Ladanza) born in New York - 1951 (73)

* US actor. The former middle weight boxer played Tony Banta in *Taxi*, Tony Micelli in *Who's The Boss?*, Tony Canetti in *Hudson Street* and Tony DiMeo in *The Tony Danza Show*. He also hosted his own TV talk show from 2004-2006.

JOHN BRUMBY born in Melbourne, Victoria - 1953 (71)

* Australian politician. He became Premier of Victoria assuming office in July 2007 after the resignation of Steve Bracks. He lost the November 2010 state election to Ted Baillieu.

PETER DEBNAM born in Sydney, NSW - 1954 (70)

* Australian politician. He is a former Leader of the NSW Liberal Party, Leader of the Opposition.

DENIESE MORRISON born in Tamworth, NSW - 1956 (68)

* Australian country singer. She had her biggest hit in 1974 with *No Charge*. Won Golden Guitars for Female Vocalist of the Year, 1987, 1988 and 1990.

ANDIE MacDOWELL (Rosalie MacDowell) born in Gaffney, South Carolina - 1958 (66)

* American actress. Her first film was *Greystoke: The Legend Of Tarzan, Lord Of The Apes* ('84). Her '90s films include *Green Card*, *Groundhog Day* and *Four Weddings And A Funeral*.

* She starred with her actress daughter Margaret Qualley in the TV series *Maid* (2021).

ROBERT SMITH born in Sussex, England - 1959 (65)

* Lead singer and guitarist for The Cure. They have made little impact in the US but in the UK and Australia they had chart success with *The Love Cats* ('83), *In Between Days* ('85), *Close To Me* ('85) and *Friday I'm In Love* ('92).

KIRSTIE MARSHALL born in Melbourne, Victoria - 1969 (55)

* Australian world champion aerial skier, winter Olympian and politician. First Australian to win a winter world title when she became the 1992 World Cup aerials champion.

* She won a seat in Victoria's state parliament in December 2002.

GEORGE BURGESS born in West Yorkshire, England - 1992 (32)

* English-born rugby league footballer. He played with the South Sydney Rabbitohs from 2012-2019. Burgess played in the Rabbitohs 2014 NRL Premiership winning team alongside his twin brother Tom Burgess and older brother Sam Burgess. Burgess is also the younger brother of former Manly-Warringah Sea Eagles player Luke Burgess.

Events

MARK TWAIN, American author, died aged 74 - 1910.

* He wrote *Tom Sawyer* and *The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn*.

'RED BARON' (Manfred von Richthofen), aged 25, was shot down in World War I by Australian Sergeant Cedric Popkin - 1918.

* For 80 years it was believed he was downed in a mid-air dogfight with Canadian Roy Brown. Experts now generally agree that Richthofen was killed by someone on the ground.

The first **ROTARY CLUB** in Australia opened in Melbourne - 1921.

* The movement began in the USA in 1905.

PLAYSCHOOL (UK TV version) made its debut on BBC 2 - 1964.

* The Australian version began in 1966 and is the longest-running children's show in Australia.

ABBA: THE ALBUM was released in Sweden - 1975.

ANNIE, based on the comic strip *Little Orphan Annie*, opened on Broadway - 1977.

Brisbane's 90-year-old **BELLE VUE HOTEL** was torn down causing a public outcry - 1979.

ANDREW WATTS, 15, of England, who had been sneezing constantly for 52 days, was cured after sessions of acupuncture - 1983.

100,000 **CHINESE STUDENTS** marched through Beijing's Tiananmen Square, ignoring government warnings and severe punishment - 1989.

* Troops with rifles and tanks fired at the demonstrators and those trying to block the military's advance into Tiananmen Square. Estimates of the death toll vary from several hundred to several thousand with thousands more wounded.

GAMEBOY was released by Nintendo in Japan - 1989.

AMY GRANT sued Marvel Comics for including her likeness in a Dr Strange comic - 1990.

BILL WYMAN, 56, married his third wife Suzanne Accosta, 33 - 1993.

* She inspired his 1982 solo hit *Come Back Suzanne*.

LA TOYA JACKSON was treated in hospital after husband Jack Gordon allegedly beat her during an argument - 1993.

* She refused to press assault charges and the case was dismissed by a judge.

BRENDAN GODDARD, aged 17, made his AFL debut for St Kilda - 2003.

* In his first year with the Saints he won the Best And Fairest award.

LOBBY LOYDE, Australian guitarist and record producer, died aged 65 of lung cancer - 2007.

* He played with the Aztecs and also lead the Coloured Balls.

CHARLES COLSON, US politician, died aged 80 - 2012.

* He was a Special Counsel to President Richard Nixon from 1969 to 1973, and later a noted Evangelical Christian leader and cultural commentator. He was the founder of the Prison Fellowship Ministry which began in 1976.

NEIL DIAMOND, 71, married his manager Katie McNeil, 42, - 2012.

* It was his 3rd marriage and her first. In addition to serving as Diamond's manager, McNeil produced the documentary *Neil Diamond: Hot August Nights NYC*.

PRINCE, US singer/songwriter and musician, died aged 57 of a fentanyl overdose - 2016.

* Prince released 39 albums during his life, with a vast array of unreleased material left in a custom-built bank vault.

VERNE TROYER, American actor and stunt performer, best known for playing Mini-Me in the *Austin Powers* film series, died aged 49 (suicide) - 2018.

* He was notable for having been only 81.2 cm (2 ft 8 in) tall which made him one of the shortest men in the world. Troyer had openly battled alcoholism.

KEN KERCHEVAL, US actor who is best known for his role as Cliff Barnes on the television series *Dallas*, died aged 83 - 2019.

Birthday Bulletin

Monday 22nd April 2024

Births

GEORGE COLE born in London, England - 1925. (Died aged 90 - 2015)

* English actor. He played Arthur Daley opposite Terry (Denis Waterman) in the British TV series *Minder*. (In the last season Gary Webster replaced Waterman and played McCann's nephew Ray). His other TV roles include *Root Into Europe* (as Henry Root), *An Independent Man* and *My Good Friend*.

ESTELLE HARRIS (Estelle Nussbaum) born in New York - 1928. (Died aged 93 - 2022)

* US actress. She is best known for playing George Costanza's mother in TV's *Seinfeld* and providing the voice of Mrs Potato Head in *Toy Story II*.

GLEN CAMPBELL born in Billstown, Arkansas - 1936. (Died aged 81 - 2017)

* US singer and musician. Five of his biggest '60s hits were written by Jimmy Webb. They were *By The Time I Get To Phoenix*, *Wichita Lineman*, *Galveston*, *Where's The Playground Susie* and *Honey Come Back*. His '70s hits include *Bonaparte's Retreat* and *Rhinestone Cowboy*.

* He appeared with John Wayne in the film - *True Grit* ('69) and also starred in *Norwood* ('70).

* According to Glen, in the early days of his music career he played on 586 sessions in a one year period.

JACK NICHOLSON (John Nicholson) born in New Jersey - 1937 (87)

* US actor. He has won the Academy Award for Best Actor twice, one for *One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest* (1975) and the other for *As Good as It Gets* (1997). He also won the Academy Award for Best Supporting Actor for *Terms of Endearment* (1983). His other successful films include - *Chinatown* ('74), *The Shining* ('79), *Batman* ('89) and *A Few Good Men* ('93). His 2000+ films include *The Departed*, *Anger Management*, *About Schmidt* (which earned him an Oscar nomination for Best Actor) and *The Bucket List*.

* He spent the first 10 years of his acting career in 'B' grade horror and action movies.

JEFF ST JOHN (Jeff Newton) born in Newtown, NSW - 1946. (Died aged 71 - 2018)

* Australian singer. With his band The Id he had a hit with *Big Time Operator* ('67). In 1969 he formed a new band Copperwine and they charted with *Teach Me How To Fly*. In 1972 he went solo and five years later released *Fool In Love* which was his last chart hit.

PETER FRAMPTON born in Kent, England - 1950 (74)

* English singer and guitarist. His first solo success came in 1975 with his top selling live album *Frampton Comes Alive*. It contained the hit singles - *Show Me The Way*, *Do You Feel Like I Do?* and *Baby I Love Your Way*. A near fatal car crash in 1978 halted his career.

* He was a member of the British band Humble Pie who had a hit in 1969 with *Natural Born Boogie*.

PAUL CARRACK born in London, England - 1951 (73)

* English singer. His biggest solo hit was in 1987 with *When You Walk In The Room*. He is also vocalist for Mike & The Mechanics and can be heard on their hits *All I Need Is A Miracle* and *The Living Years*. He was the lead singer for Ace who had a hit in 1975 with *How Long*.

LAWRENCE MOONEY born in Melbourne, Victoria - 1965 (59)

* Australian comedian, actor, radio and television presenter. From 2019-late 2021 he headed the Triple M radio program *Moonman in the Morning*, alongside Gus Worland, Chris Page and Jess Eva. He has featured regularly on such television programs as *Spicks and Specks*, *Can of Worms*, *The Studio 10*, *The Project* and *Hughesy*, *We Have a Problem*.

JO ANGEL born in Mt Lawley, WA - 1968 (56)

* Australian cricketer. 198cm tall 'Hells' is WA's leading wicket-taker in first-class cricket. In 120 first-class matches for WA Angel took 480 wickets. In 105 Sheffield Shield/Pura Cup games he took 419 wickets. He is the fourth highest wicket-taker in Sheffield Shield/Pura Cup history. Only Clarrie Grimmett has taken more with 513 wickets, a record unlikely to ever be beaten.

SALVATORE COCO born in Italy - 1975 (49)

* Australian actor. He played Con in the TV series *Heartbreak High*. His movies include *Looking For Alibrandi* (2000), *Walk That Talk* (2000) and the TV movie *South Pacific* (2001).

MATT ORFORD born in Gosford, NSW - 1978 (46)

* NRL player. In 2008 he captained Manly-Warringah to their record breaking 40-0 premiership win over Melbourne Storm.

* From 2001-2005 he played with Melbourne Storm and a season with Canberra Raiders in 2011.

DANIEL JOHNS born in Newcastle, NSW - 1979 (45)

* Australian singer and guitarist. In 2022 his second solo album *FutureNever* made No 1 on the ARIA chart. He actually missed his own album launch party due to crashing his car in a high-range DUI incident.

* In 2021, Johns released a podcast *Who Is Daniel Johns?*, of which he was both the host and subject. The five-part podcast, featured interviews with key figures in Johns' life.

* He fronted the Newcastle rock trio Silverchair. In March 2007 Silverchair's single *Straight Lines* debuted at No 1 nationally, giving them their third chart topping single, *Tomorrow* and *Freak* were the other two. Not since The Easybeats and The Seekers in the mid-1960's has an Australian group had more than two No.1 singles. (Sherbet had two in the 70's, and Skyhooks managed their second one in 1990.) In May 2011, Silverchair announced an indefinite hiatus.

Events

First **CHEQUE** known to have been drawn on a British bank was for the sum of £10 pounds made payable to Nicholas Vanacker - 1659.

ROLLER SKATES were patented by R.J. Tyers (UK) - 1823.

'**IN GOD WE TRUST**' was stamped on US coins for the first time - 1864.

Australia introduced **EIGHT-BALL OVERS** in cricket - 1924.

* It reverted to six balls in 1979.

JOHN WINSTON LENNON changed his name to **JOHN WINSTON ONO LENNON** - 1969.

THE WHO premiered the musical *Tommy* at an unannounced show in Dolton, England - 1969.

PIZZA HUT opened their first store in Australia at Belfield, NSW - 1970.

* First US store opened in Kansas in 1958.

CHARLEVILLE in Queensland was evacuated due to severe flooding - 1990.

First **INTERNET BROWSER** the NCSA Mosaic was released - 1993.

GRAHAM FARMER FREEWAY officially opened in Perth - 2000.

* It was named after WA football legend Graham "Polly" Farmer.

KERRIE LEWIS, 39, filed for divorce from **JERRY LEE LEWIS**, 66, two days shy of their 18th wedding anniversary - 2002.

* Kerrie, his 6th wife, had also filed for divorce in 1998.

ADAM BOLAND, TV executive producer, purchased Graham Kennedy's 1969 Logie crown for \$14,600 at an auction - 2007.

* A private collector found the crown in a second hand shop and bought it for just \$5.

MELBOURNE STORM rugby league club was found guilty of breaking the salary cap over a period of 5 years - 2010.

* The NRL team was stripped of its 2007 and 2009 premierships and minor premierships (2006-2008), fined \$500,000 and made to give back \$1.1 million in prize money.

THE PARIS AGREEMENT was signed by 174 countries and the European Union states at a ceremony in New York - 2016.

* The agreement was to strengthen the global response to climate change by creating an international network of government bodies, all dedicated to lowering emissions.

ERIN MORAN, US actress, died aged 56 of throat cancer - 2017.

* She is best known for playing Joanie Cunningham on the TV sitcom *Happy Days*.

BARRY HUMPHRIES, Australian entertainer, died aged 89 following complications from hip surgery at St Vincent's Hospital - 2023.

* He was responsible for the Australia characters including Dame Edna Everage, Sir Les Patterson and Sandy Stone.

Birthday Bulletin

Tuesday 23rd April 2024

Births

SHIRLEY TEMPLE born in Santa Monica, California - 1928. (Died aged 85 - 2014)

* American child actress and diplomat. She is still regarded as the greatest child star of all time starring in a number of popular films during the 1930s. She was the No 1 box office attraction in 1936, 1937 and 1938. Her movies include *Heidi*, *Bright Eyes*, *Curly Top*, and *Little Miss Marker*.

* At 17 she married actor John Agar, later divorcing him and marrying Charles Black. She then became active in Republican Party politics and became US Ambassador to Ghana.

ROY ORBISON born in Vernon, Texas - 1936. (Died aged 52 - 1988)

* American singer/songwriter. The 'Big O' is remembered for hit songs such as *Oh Pretty Woman*, *Crying*, *Only The Lonely*, *In Dreams*, *Running Scared*, *Dream Baby*, *Blue Bayou*, *Penny Arcade* and *You Got It*. Prior to his death he recorded the album *Mystery Girl*. It was released in 1989 and topped the Australian album charts. It contains the hits *You Got It*, *She's A Mystery To Me* and *California Blue*. In his final years he also recorded and charted with the Traveling Wilburys (as Lefty).

* His first wife Claudette died in a motorcycle accident. His second wife Barbara became his manager in 1985. She died on December 6, 2011 - 23 years to the day of Roy's death.

LEE MAJORS (Harvey Lee Yeary II) born in Wyandotte, Michigan - 1939 (85)

* American actor. He starred in the '70s TV series *The Six Million Dollar Man*. He made his television debut in the '60s western *The Big Valley*.

SANDRA DEE (Alexandra Zuck) born in Bayonne, New Jersey - 1942. (Died aged 62 - 2005)

* American actress. She starred in *Gidget* ('59), *Imitation Of Life* ('59), *A Summer Place* ('59) as well as many of the B-grade beach movies of the 1960s. Her last TV appearance was in *Lost* made in 1983.

* She was married to singer/actor Bobby Darin from 1960-1967.

JOHN MILES (John Errington) born in South Tyneside, England - 1949. (Died aged 72 - 2021)

* British guitarist and vocalist. He had his biggest hit in 1975 with *Music*. He recorded three singles that were written by Vanda & Young. None were hits.

MICHAEL MOORE born in Flint, Michigan - 1954 (70)

* US film director, author and liberal political commentator. He is the director and producer of *Bowling for Columbine*, *Fahrenheit 9/11*, *Sicko*, *Capitalism: A Love Story* and *Michael Moore in TrumpLand*.

JUDY DAVIS born in Perth, WA - 1955 (69)

* Australian actress. She was a singer in jazz and pop bands before pursuing an acting career achieving international recognition for her role in *My Brilliant Career* ('77). Her other films include *A Passage To India* ('84), *Woody Allen's Husbands And Wives* ('92), *The Man Who Sued God* (2001), *The Break Up* (2006) and *The Dressmaker* (2015).

* She married Australian actor Colin Friels in 1984.

VALERIE BERTINELLI born in Wilmington, Delaware - 1960 (64)

* US actress. She was one of the stars of the TV sit-com *One Day At A Time* as well as *Touched By An Angel* and *Hot In Cleveland*.

ELAINE SMITH born in Scotland - 1962 (62)

* Australian actress. Her TV credits include regular roles in *Neighbours* as Daphne (1985-'88), *RFDS*, *State Coroner* and *All Saints*.

JOHN HANNAH born in Glasgow, Scotland - 1962 (62)

* Scottish actor. His films include: *Sliding Doors* ('98), *The Mummy* ('99), *The Mummy Returns* (2001) and a starring role in the TV series *McCallum* as well as *Agents Of S.H.I.E.L.D.*. He hosts the TV program *Race Across The World*.

TARA MORICE born in Hobart, Tasmania - 1964 (60)

* Australian actress. She is well known for her role as Fran in *Strictly Ballroom* (1992) and playing the role of Pauline O'Halloran in the three *Dogwoman* (2000) telemovies.

JIM STYNES born in Dublin, Ireland - 1966. (Died aged 45 - 2012)

* Australian Rules footballer. The Melbourne football club ruckman won the Brownlow Medal award in 1991. He played a record 244 consecutive games from 1987 till 1998. His run ended in 1998 when he broke his hand and was unable to play. He retired at the end of season 1998 and went on to become chairman of the Melbourne Football Club.

* In March 2012 he lost his long battle with cancer. On March 28 a Victorian state funeral was held in his honour.

RACHEL HETHERINGTON born in Port Macquarie, NSW - 1972 (52)

* Australian golfer. She turned professional in 1994 and by the following year had won the Ladies German and Spanish Open titles. She won her first US LPGA title in 1998 and again in 1999.

JOHN OLIVER born in Birmingham, England - 1977 (46)

* English comedian and actor. He is well known in the US for his work on *The Daily Show with Jon Stewart* and *Last Week Tonight with John Oliver*. He played a recurring character, Professor, on the TV comedy series *Community*.

SYLVIA JEFFREYS born in Sydney, NSW - 1986 (38)

* Australian journalist and news presenter. She is news presenter on the Nine Network's *Today Australia* and hosts Nine's netball coverage.

* She married Peter Stefanovic - younger brother of Karl.

DAVID POCOCK born in Zimbabwe - 1988 (36)

* Zimbabwean-Australian rugby union player and politician. He played for the Wallabies as well as the Brumbies in Super Rugby.

* In the 2022 Australian federal election, Pocock was elected as an independent candidate for one of the Australian Capital Territory's two Senate seats.

DEV PATEL born in London, England - 1990 (34)

* English actor. His first role was in the UK TV series *Skins* (2007). His breakout role was in the Oscar winning film *Slumdog Millionaire* (2008) and he also had a starring role in *The Best Exotic Marigold Hotel* (2012) and its 2015 sequel as well as playing David Copperfield in *The Personal History Of David Copperfield* (2019). Also appeared in the US TV series *The Newsroom*.

Events

CAULFIELD RACECOURSE opened in Melbourne - 1859.

CHESTY BOND's (singlet) trademark was registered in Australia - 1956.

JAN & DEAN recorded *Surf City* - 1963.

* It was written by Dean (Torrence) along with Brian Wilson (Beach Boys). Glen Campbell played on the recording.

WILLIAM HARTNELL, English actor who played *Doctor Who* in the first series of BBC programs, died aged 67 - 1975.

McDONALD's opened their first restaurant in Beijing, China - 1992.

PAUL KEATING resigned from Parliament as the member for Blaxland - 1996.

P.L TRAVERS, Australian-born writer who wrote *Mary Poppins* in 1934, died aged 96 at her London home - 1996.

* She says the Disney 1965 musical was "too full of sugar and spice" for her liking. The 2014 film *Saving Mr Banks* deals with how Walt Disney was eventually able to get P L Travers permission to film a movie musical of her book.

The first **YOUTUBE VIDEO** entitled *Me At The Zoo* was uploaded - 2005.

* It shows co-founder Jawed Karim at the San Diego Zoo. It only runs for 18 seconds and can still be viewed on the site.

SIR JOH BJELKE-PETERSEN, former Queensland Premier, died aged 94 - 2005.

SIR JOHN MILLS, English actor and father of actresses Hayley and Juliet Mills, died aged 97 - 2005.

CHRIS GAYLE, West Indian cricketer, smashed the fastest century in history (30 balls) - 2013.

AUSTRALIA's POPULATION reached 23 million according to Australian Bureau of Statistics - 2013.

* In early 2024 Australia's population was estimated at approximately 27 million.

AVENGERS: INFINITY WAR premiered in Los Angeles - 2018.

* It was the highest-grossing film of 2018.

Birthday Bulletin

Wednesday 24th April 2024

Births

SHIRLEY MACLAINE (Shirley Maclean Beaty) born in Richmond, Virginia - 1934 (90)
* US actress, dancer and sister of Warren Beatty. In recent years she's appeared in the TV series *Downton Abbey* (2012-2013) and the 2013 movie *The Secret Life Of Walter Mitty*. She made her film debut in 1955 in Alfred Hitchcock's *The Trouble With Harry*. She won an Academy Award for Best Actress in *Terms of Endearment* in 1983. The sequel was released in 1997. Her other movies include *Steel Magnolias* ('90), *Mrs Winterbourne* ('96), *Bewitched* (2005) and *Coco Chanel* (2008).

ALLEN AYLETT born Melbourne, Victoria - 1934. (Died aged 88 - 2022)
* Former [Australian Rules football](#) player and administrator. He played 200 games for North Melbourne from 1952-1964. He was the chairman/president of the North Melbourne Football Club. In between, he had been the chairman of the then Victorian Football League (VFL) from 1977 to 1984.

JOHN WILLIAMS born in Melbourne, Victoria - 1941 (83)
* Australian classical guitarist. He formed the group Sky who recorded several successful instrumental albums. They had a hit single in 1980 with *Toccata*.

BARBRA STREISAND (Barbara Streisand) born in Brooklyn, New York - 1942 (82)
* American actress, singer and director. Her first film success came in 1968 with the hit movie *Funny Girl*. Her other major films include - *Hello Dolly* ('69), *What's Up Doc* ('72), *The Way We Were* ('73), *A Star Is Born* ('76), *Prince of Tides* ('92) - her real life son Jason Gould played the role of her son and *Yentl* ('93).
* She is the only female artist in America to have No 1 albums in the '60s, '70s, '80s and '90s. Her biggest hits include: *People* ('64), *The Way We Were* ('74), *Love Theme From A Star Is Born* ('77) and *Woman In Love* ('80).
* A former wife of Elliott Gould, in 1998 she married actor James Brolin.

JEAN PAUL GAULTIER born in France - 1952 (72)
* French fashion designer and past television presenter. He is also known for his line of signature perfumes. On January 17, 2020 he announced that he would be retiring.

DENISE SCOTT born in Melbourne, Victoria - 1955 (69)
* Australian comedienne. She played Trish Gross in the local drama series *Winners and Losers* on the Seven Network. She has appeared on comedy shows including *The Big Gig*, *Spicks and Specks*, *The Glass House* and *Good News Week*.

PAULA YATES born in Wales - 1959. (Died aged 41 - 2000)
* UK TV presenter. After splitting from her husband Bob Geldof she entered into a relationship with INXS vocalist Michael Hutchence. She was the mother of his only child, Tiger Lily. Hutchence died in November 1997. Nearly 3 years later she was found dead in her home in September 2000.

STEVE ROACH born in Sydney, NSW - 1962 (62)
* Australian rugby league player. 'Blocker' played for Balmain. In 2016 he signed on with Fox Sports as a commentator. He has also worked on *The Footy Show* on Channel 9 and as a rugby league commentator on 2UE and 2GB.

LUCINDA COWDEN born in Ballarat, Victoria - 1965 (59)
* Australian actress. She played Melanie Pearson in *Neighbours* (1987-1991).

DAMIEN FLEMING born in Perth, WA - 1970 (54)
* Australian cricketer. The former Test and Victorian pace bowler made a hat-trick on his Test debut in 1994.

JOHN FOREMAN born in Newcastle, NSW - 1972 (52)
* Australian musician and musical director. In 1992, he joined the *Good Morning Australia* with Bert Newton, serving as Music Director. During 2003-2008 he was Musical Director of *Australian Idol*. Since 2003 he's been the musical director for Melbourne's *Carols By Candlelight*.

SACHIN TENDULKAR born in Mumbai, India - 1973 (51)
* Indian cricketer. The former captain of India is widely regarded as one of the greatest batsmen in the history of cricket. He is the leading run-scorer and century maker in Test and One Day International cricket. He is the first male player to score a double century in an innings in the history of ODI cricket.
* Tendulkar played 664 international cricket matches in total, scoring 34,357 runs.

JULES LUND born in Melbourne, Victoria - 1979 (45)
* Australian radio and TV presenter. In 2014 he was a part of the new 2DAY FM breakfast program line up. However the show was axed later that same year. He's also a former co-host of the FOX FM networked drive program with Fifi Box. He was a presenter on *Getaway* from 2004-2012 for almost 400 programs.

KIMBERLEY COOPER born in Sydney, NSW - 1980 (44)
* Australian actress. She played Gypsy Nash in the TV soapie *Home And Away* ('98-2002). She won the Most Popular New Female Talent Award at the 1999 Logies.

KELLY CLARKSON born in Burleson, Texas - 1982 (42)
* US singer. She was the first winner of *American Idol* in 2002. Her hits include *Miss Independent*, *Mr Know It All* (#1 in Australia), *Low*, *Breakaway*, *Since U Been Gone*, *My Life Would Suck Without You* and *Because Of You*. Since 2019 she's hosted daytime TV program *The Kelly Clarkson Show*.
* In 2023 she released her 10th album *Chemistry*.

ASHLEIGH 'ASH' BARTY born in Ipswich, Queensland - 1996 (28)
* Australian tennis player and cricketer. Her last professional match was the Australian Open final in 2022 which was her third major singles title. She also won at Wimbledon in 2021 and the French Open in 2019. On March 15, 2022, she was ranked No. 1 in the world in singles by the Women's Tennis Association and the second Australian WTA singles No. 1 after Evonne Goolagong Cawley. About a week later she announced her retirement.
* In February 2023 she took part in the NZ Open golf tournament. She says golf remains a 'hobby'.
* In July 2022 she married her longtime partner Garry Kissick.

Events

THE MARSELLAISE, hymn of the French revolution and national anthem of France, was composed by Claude Rouget de Lisle - 1792.
* It can be heard on the opening bars of the Beatles hit *All You Need Is Love*. It's also used as the tune of the Brisbane Lions club song.

First **BAPTIST** church service in Australia was held at Sydney's Rose and Crown Inn - 1831.

BOB DYLAN made his recording debut playing harmonica on a Harry Belafonte album - 1961.
* He played on the title track of *Midnight Special*, for which he was paid \$50.

YOUNG TALENT TIME began on Australian television - 1971.
* The program, which was the brainchild of host Johnny Young, finally ended in 1989.

BUD ABBOTT (Abbott & Costello) died aged 78 - 1974.
* He appeared with his partner Lou Costello (who died in 1959) in more than 30 films.

COLD CHISEL released their self-titled debut album - 1978.
First **IBM** personal computer entered the marketplace - 1981.

TALKING HEADS' live concert film *Stop Making Sense* premiered in San Francisco - 1984.
* The film was re-released with a new restoration on September 11, 2023, in 4K on IMAX at the 2023 Toronto International Film Festival, followed by a Q&A hosted by Spike Lee with Byrne, Weymouth, Frantz and Harrison in attendance, reuniting the group for the first time since their induction into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame in 2002.

CROCODILE DUNDEE was released in Australia - 1986.
* It went on to become Australia's highest grossing movie.

DANIEL BUCZKO, aged 6 years and 362 days, became the youngest Australian to make a hole-in-one when he hit a golf ball into the 4th hole at a South Australian golf course - 1989.

PRINCESS ANNE divorced **CAPTAIN MARK PHILLIPS** - 1992.

PAUL GRAY, lead singer and keyboard player with Wa Wa Nee, died aged 54 - 2018.



Birthday Bulletin

Thursday 25th April 2024

ANZAC Day

Births

WILLIAM ROACHE born in Derbyshire, England - 1932 (92)

* English actor. He plays Ken Barlow in the long running British soap opera *Coronation Street*. Appearing in the first episode on December 9, 1960, he is the only remaining actor from that original episode to still appear in the series. He is now the world's longest-serving television actor in a continuous role (as of July 2014) after the cancellation of the American soap opera in 2010 *As the World Turns*.

JERRY LEIBER born in Baltimore, Maryland - 1933. (Died aged 78 - 2011)

* US songwriter. He co-wrote a number of rock 'n' roll songs with Mike Stoller including the Elvis' hits - *Jailhouse Rock*, *Hound Dog* and *Treat Me Nice*. They also wrote the Drifters hits - *Save The Last Dance For Me*, *On Broadway* and *Up On The Roof* plus the Coasters' novelty hits - *Charlie Brown*, *Yakety Yak* and *Poison Ivy*. The Broadway musical *Smokey Joe's Cafe* features their songs.

AL PACINO (Alfredo Pacino) born in Harlem, New York - 1940 (84)

* US actor. His major films include *The Godfather Part I, II and III*, *Serpico* ('73) *Dog Day Afternoon* ('75), *Sea Of Love* (89), *Frankie and Johnny* ('91), *The Scent Of A Woman* ('93) - which won him an Academy Award for Best Actor, *Heat* ('96), *The Insider* ('99) and *The Irishman* (2019).

* In 2000, he became the father of twins, when his 48-year-old girlfriend, Beverly D'Angelo, gave birth to a boy and a girl. He has a son, Roman (born June 15, 2023) with his producer girlfriend Noor Alfallah, who is 54 years younger than he is. Pacino, at age 83, is one of the oldest fathers on record. He has never been married.

* He introduced the Oscar for 'Best Picture' at the recent Academy Awards.

TONY CHRISTIE (Anthony Fitzgerald) born in Yorkshire, England - 1943 (81)

* English singer. His biggest hits are - *I Did What I Did For Maria* ('71), *Amarillo* ('72) and *Happy Birthday Baby* ('75).

STU COOK (Stuart Cook) born in Oakland, California - 1945 (79)

* Original bass guitarist with Creedence Clearwater Revival. He still tours with original drummer Doug Clifford in Creedence Clearwater Revisited which performs the CCR hits.

BJORN ULVAEUS born in Sweden - 1945 (79)

* Guitarist/songwriter with Abba. Bjorn combined with Abba member Benny Andersson to write their hits. In November 2021 Abba released *Voyage*, their first new album in 40 years along with *ABBA Voyage*, a concert residency in London featuring the motion capture digital avatars of the four band members alongside a 10-piece live band. Abba Voyage debuted in May 2022.

* He was formerly married to Abba's blonde-haired Agnetha. They wed in 1971 and divorced in 1979. Since 1981 he's been married to his second wife Lena.

TALIA SHIRE (Talia Coppola) born in Long Island, New York - 1946 (78)

* American actress and sister of film director Francis Ford Coppola. She played the wife of Rocky in the *Rocky* movies and the role of Connie, the sister of Michael Corleone, in the *Godfather* films.

JAMIE SIDDONS (James Siddons) born in Robinvale, Victoria - 1964 (60)

* Australian cricketer. He retired from first-class cricket in 2000, represented Australia in One Day Internationals, and captained both the Victorian and South Australian State teams. By the time of his retirement, his tally of 10,643 runs in 146 Sheffield Shield/Pura Milk Cup runs - making him the most prolific ever scorer in the competition's history.

HANK AZARIA born in Queens, New York - 1964 (60)

* US actor. He provides the voices of several characters in *The Simpsons* including - Apu, Police Chief Clancy Wiggum and Snake.

* He was briefly married to Helen Hunt and also appeared in *Mad About You* from 1996-'97 playing Nat. His movies include *Quiz Show*, *Run Fatboy Run*, *Godzilla* and *The Smurfs*.

RENEE ZELLWEGER born in Katy, Texas - 1969 (55)

* US actress. She played Judy Garland in the 2019 biographical drama film *Judy*. For the role she won an Academy Award for Best Actress. In 2004 she received an Oscar for Best Performance by an Actress in a Supporting Role for her part in *Cold Mountain* (2003). Her other films include *Bridget Jones's Diary* (and sequels), *Jerry McGuire*, *Chicago*, *Miss Potter* and *Cinderella Man*.

* In 2005 she married country singer Kenny Chesney. They separated a short time later and had their marriage annulled.

JASON LEE born in Orange, California - 1970 (54)

* US actor. He starred in the TV comedy *My Name Is Earl* as the title character Earl Hickey. Played Dave in the 2007 *Alvin and the Chipmunks* movie and its 2009 'squeakquel'.

DANIEL MACPHERSON born in Sydney, NSW - 1980 (44)

* Australian actor. From 2008-2014 he hosted *Dancing With The Stars*. In 2005 he hosted the Australian talent show, *The X Factor*. He appeared in *City Homicide* from 2007-2010, played Joe Samuels in *Neighbours* and PC Cameron Tait in the UK TV series *The Bill*. Daniel had a cameo role as Calvin's father in the movie *A Wrinkle in Time* and also appeared in the Australian film *The Cup*.

JOHNATHAN THURSTON born in Brisbane, Queensland - 1983 (41)

* NRL player. Former captain of the North Queensland Cowboys. He led them to their inaugural NRL Premiership in 2015. Thurston missed the conversion to win the premiership, resulting in golden point extra time. However he kicked a field goal in the 82nd minute, securing the Cowboys' first ever premiership. He was also named the Clive Churchill Medal man-of-the-match.

* He joined the Cowboys in 2005 and retired at end of season 2018. From 2002- 2004 he played for the Canterbury Bulldogs.

* In 2023, he was inducted into the Sport Australia Hall of Fame.

TAYLOR 'TEX' WALKER born in Broken Hill, NSW - 1990 (34)

* AFL player. Captain of the Adelaide Crows football club from 2015-2019. He made his AFL debut in 2009. In September 2020, he kicked his 441st goal to become Adelaide's leading goalkicker.

Events

ANZAC DAY was commemorated for the first time - 1916.

* It's held in remembrance of the heroic Australian and New Zealand troops who landed at Gallipoli on this day 1915.

ROCKY MARCIANO, US world heavyweight champion since 1952, retired undefeated - 1956.

ELVIS PRESLEY made No 1 in the US for the first time with *Heart-break Hotel* - 1956.

SNAKE TALES comic strip (aka *Snake*), written by Australian cartoonist Allan Salisbury (known professionally as Sols), debuted - 1974.

JANE FONDA's first 'Workout' video was released - 1982.

HUBBLE SPACE TELESCOPE was launched into orbit - 1990.

BILLY JOEL crashed his car into the New York home of a 94-year-old woman - 2004.

* It was his 3rd driving mishap in 3 years. No one was injured.

BEACONSFIELD MINE collapsed in Tasmania - 2006.

* Of the 17 people who were in the mine at the time, 14 escaped immediately following the collapse, one was killed, and the remaining two, Brant Webb and Todd Russell, were found alive after five days. They were freed on May 9, a full two weeks after being trapped.

The **ST GEORGE ILLAWARRA** and the **SYDNEY ROOSTERS** NRL game at Allianz Stadium was suspended for 27 minutes after hail and lightning near the stadium was deemed unsafe to continue the match - 2015.

HARRY BELAFONTE, American singer/actor and civil rights activist, died aged 96 - 2023.

* He ignited a craze for Caribbean music with hit records like *Day-O (The Banana Boat Song)* and *Jamaica Farewell*. His album *Calypso*, which included both those songs, reached the top of the US Billboard album chart shortly after its release in 1956 and stayed there for 31 weeks.

* In 1985, Belafonte helped organise the song *We Are the World*, in an effort to raise funds for Africa. He performed in the Live Aid concert that same year

Birthday Bulletin

Friday 26th April 2024

Births

KILLER KARL KOX (Herb Gerwig) born in Baltimore, Maryland - 1931. (Died aged 80 - 2011)
* American professional wrestler. He was well known to Australian audiences in the 1960s and 1970s on *World Championship Wrestling*.

CAROL BURNETT born in San Antonio, Texas - 1933 (91)
* American entertainer. She starred in her own television program *The Carol Burnett Show* which began in 1967 and ran for over 10 years. Her movies include *Pete 'n' Tillie* and the movie musical *Annie*.
* At the end of each of her TV shows she'd tug her ear which was her way of saying goodnight to her grandmother.

DUANE EDDY born in Corning, New York - 1938 (86)
* American guitarist. Accompanied by his 'twangy' guitar he had a string of instrumental hits beginning with *Rebel Rouser* in 1958. It was his biggest seller.
* He combined with Art Of Noise in 1986 on a revival of his 1959 hit *Peter Gunn*.

MAURICE WILLIAMS born in South Carolina - 1938 (86)
* US singer. With his band the Zodiacs they had a US No 1 hit in 1960 with *Stay* - which was one of his own compositions. He also wrote *Little Darlin'* which was a hit for the Diamonds.

GIORGIO MORODER born in Italy - 1940 (84)
* Italian record producer and songwriter. He produced several Donna Summer albums and various movie soundtracks including *Midnight Express*, *Top Gun* and *Never Ending Story*. He combined with Phil Oakey on the 1984 hit *Together In Electric Dreams*.
* He wrote the 1988 Olympic Games theme song *Hand In Hand*.

BOBBY RYDELL (Robert Ridarelli) born in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania - 1942. (Died aged 79 - 2022)
* US singer. His biggest '60s hits include - *Swingin' School*, *Wild One*, *Volare* and *The Cha-Cha-Cha*. His last big hit was in 1963 with *Forget Him*.

PRUE ACTON born in Benalla, Victoria - 1943 (81)
* Australian fashion designer. At 12 she was making her own clothes and at 19 began her own business. She established her first design business in Melbourne in 1963. She closed her business in 1991 to work as a painter.

GARY WRIGHT born in New Jersey - 1943. (Died aged 80 - 2023)
* US singer. A former vocalist with US band Spooky Tooth, he had a big solo hit in Australia in 1976 with *Dream Weaver*.
* He played piano on Nilsson's hit *Without You* ('71).

DICK JOHNSON born in Brisbane, Queensland - 1945 (79)
* Australian racing car driver. He began his racing career in 1964 in a Holden FJ, in 1977 he switched to Fords. He's a five-times Australian Touring Car champion and three-times Bathurst winner. His last victory was in 1994 (with John Bowe). In 1999 he finished his 35 year touring car career after racing at Bathurst.
* His son Steven is also a racing driver.

ROGER TAYLOR born in Birmingham, England - 1960 (64)
* Drummer with Duran Duran. The group formed in 1978. Their hits include *Hungry Like The Wolf*, *Is There Something I Should Know* and *A View To A Kill*.
* In 1985 he was a part of Arcadia with two other members of Duran Duran. They had a hit with *Election Day*.

JOAN CHEN (Chong Chen) born in Shanghai, China - 1961 (63)
* Chinese American actress. Her films include *The Little Flower* ('80), *The Last Emperor* ('87), *Heaven And Earth* ('93), *Judge Dred* ('95), *Mao's Last Dancer* (2009) and the TV series *Twin Peaks*.

TREVOR MARMALADE (Jason Van De Velde) born in Melbourne, Victoria - 1962 (62)
* Australian comedian and comedy writer. He was an original member on the Melbourne edition of *The Footy Show* on Channel 9 which debuted in 1994. His final show was in 2008. From 1991-1994 he was a regular on *Hey Hey It's Saturday*.

MICHAEL DAMIAN (Michael Damian Weir) born in California - 1962 (62)
* American actor and singer. He plays Danny Romalotti in *The Young And Restless* (1980-1998). In 1989 he had a hit with the David Essex song *Rock On*.

JET LI (Li Lianjie) born in Beijing, China - 1963 (61)
* Chinese born Singaporean actor and martial arts expert. He is the biggest Asian movie star after Jackie Chan. His English-speaking movies include *Romeo Must Die* (2000), *Lethal Weapon 4* (1998), *Forbidden Kingdom* (2008) and *The Expendables* (2010).
* He was the original choice to play the male lead role in *Crouching Tiger, Hidden Dragon*.

KEVIN JAMES (Kevin Knipping) born in Long Island, New York - 1965 (59)
* US comedian and actor. He played Doug Heffernan on the sitcoms *The King of Queens* and *Everybody Loves Raymond*. He also starred in *Kevin Can Wait* (2016-2018). His movies include *Paul Blart: Mall Cop* and *Grown Ups*.

T-BOZ (Tionne Watkins) born in Des Moines, Iowa - 1970 (54)
* Vocalist with US group TLC. They had No 1 hits in 1999 with *No Scrubs* and *Unpretty* (which was based on one of her poems.) In 2000 her book *Poetry, Thoughts* was published.

MELANIA TRUMP (Melanija Knavs) born in Slovenia (then part of Yugoslavia) - 1970 (54)
* Former US First Lady and the third wife of Donald Trump. They have a son Barron. Melania is the second foreign-born First Lady of the United States, following Louisa Adams in 1825.

TOM WELLING born in Putnam Valley, New York - 1977 (47)
* US actor. He starred as Clark Kent in the TV series *Smallville* (2001-2011). He also co-starred in the fantasy comedy-drama *Lucifer* as Lt. Marcus Pierce (2017-2018).

LUKE BRACEY born in Sydney, NSW - 1989 (35)
* Australian actor. He played Trey Palmer in the local soapie *Home And Away*. His films include *G.I. Joe: Retaliation* (as the Cobra Commander), *Point Break* and *Hacksaw Ridge*. He played the role of Jerry Schilling (Memphis Mafia) in the 2023 film *Elvis*.

Events

ROYAL NATIONAL PARK, Australia's oldest national park, was dedicated in NSW - 1879.

THE MAN FROM SNOWY RIVER was first published as a supplement in *The Bulletin* - 1890.

THROATIES trademark was registered in Australia - 1929.

ROBERT MENZIES, 44, became Australia's Prime Minister - 1939.

SID JAMES, British comic actor, died aged 62 - 1976.
* It was opening night of the stage play *The Mating Season* when he collapsed on a couch. Many thought it was part of the show and began laughing. He had actually suffered a heart attack. His wife was also in attendance and was standing in the wings. An hour later he died.

World's worst nuclear accident occurred at **CHERNOBYL** - 1986.
* Four days later the Soviets finally admitted the disaster. The accident destroyed the Chernobyl 4 reactor, killing 30 operators and firemen within three months and several further deaths later. About 49,000 people were evacuated from the area. The exclusion zone was later increased to a 30 km radius when a further 68,000 people were evacuated from the wider area.

STEVE WAUGH led his team off the field at Kennington Oval Barbados in the Australia v West Indies Test when hundreds of beer bottles were thrown on the ground shortly after West Indian batsman Sherwin Campbell was run out following a mid-pitch collision with Brendon Julian - 1999.

A coroner cleared **ROSE PORTEOUS** of any responsibility concerning the death of her late husband **LANG HANCOCK** - 2002.

A DRESS worn by Judy Garland (as Dorothy) in *The Wizard of Oz* sold for \$344,000 at auction - 2005.
* The blue and white gingham dress was one of six identical dresses.

DAYS OF OUR LIVES screened on Channel 9 for the final time - 2013.
* It had been running on Australian television on Channel 9 since 1965. The daytime soapie began on US television in 1962 and it is still running. It's now on Nine GEM in Australia.

Birthday Bulletin

Saturday 27th April 2024

Births

JOHN CAHILL born in Adelaide, South Australia - 1940 (84)

* Former coach of Port Adelaide who joined the AFL competition in 1997. He was replaced at the end of the 1998 season by Mark Williams. Cahill also coached Collingwood from 1983 to 1984.

* Father of Darren Cahill - tennis player and coach.

NICK GREINER born in Hungary - 1947 (77)

* Liberal Premier of NSW from 1988-1992. He was replaced by John Fahey when he resigned in 1992.

PETER HAM born in Wales - 1947. (Died aged 27 - 1975)

* Vocalist, guitarist and pianist with the UK group Badfinger who had hits with *Come And Get It* (written by Paul McCartney), *Day After Day*, *No Matter What* and *Baby Blue*. He took his life just three days before turning 28.

* He co-wrote *Without You* that was a huge hit for Nilsson in 1972.

KATE PIERSON born in New Jersey - 1948 (76)

* Female vocalist with B52s. Their hits include *Love Shack*, *Roam*, *Rock Lobster* and *Private Idaho*.

ACE FREHLEY (Paul Frehley) born in New York - 1951 (73)

* Former lead guitarist with Kiss. Ace dressed up as the "Spaceman". He left the group in 1982 but has joined the group for various reunion tours. He had a solo hit in 1979 with *New York Groove*.

MARK HOLDEN born in Adelaide, SA - 1954 (70)

* Australian singer, music manager and songwriter. From 1975-1977 he had hits with *Never Gonna Fall In Love Again* (written by Eric Carmen), *I Wanna Make You My Lady*, *Last Romance* (written by Beeb Birtles) and *Reach Out For The One Who Loves You*.

* He appeared as a judge on *Australian Idol* and *The X Factor*. He was also involved in the early career of Vanessa Amorosi and co-wrote her hits *Absolutely Everybody* and *Shine*.

* He appeared in the TV series *The Young Doctors* and the films *Blue Fire Lady* and *Newsfront*.

SHEENA EASTON (Sheena Orr) born in Glasgow, Scotland - 1959 (65)

* Scottish singer. In 1980 she had her first hit *9 to 5 (Morning Train)* which went to No 1 in the US and No 3 in UK. Her other hits include *Modern Girl* ('80), *For Your Eyes Only* ('81) and *We've Got Tonight* ('83) - a duet with Kenny Rogers.

* She played Caitlin, the wife of Sonny Crockett (played by Don Johnson), in a few episodes of *Miami Vice*.

PETER MCINTYRE born in Gisborne, Victoria - 1966 (58)

* Australian cricketer. The right arm leg spin bowler not only represented Australia in Test cricket but also played for Victoria and South Australia.

ERIK THOMSON born in Inverness, Scotland - 1967 (57)

* Scottish born-NZ based actor. He is best known for playing Hades in the television series *Hercules: The Legendary Journeys*, Dr Mitchell 'Mitch' Stevens in *All Saints* (1999-2003) and Dave Rafter in *Packed To The Rafters*.

ALASTAIR CLARKSON born in Kaniva, Victoria - 1968 (56)

* AFL coach and former player. In 2022 he was signed as the senior coach of North Melbourne on a 5 year contract. He coached Hawthorn from 2005 until the end of season 2021 - a total of 390 games for 228 wins. In his first year as coach they finished 14th with only 5 wins. He coached the Hawks to four premierships - firstly in 2008 and three in a row from 2013-2015. He played 93 games for North Melbourne and 24 games for Melbourne.

* In March 2024 he was fined \$20,000 for his "inappropriate" outburst towards St Kilda players Jimmy Webster and Dougal Howard.

PATRICK STUMP (Patrick Stumph) born in Evanston, Illinois - 1984 (40)

* US singer-songwriter with rock band Fall Out Boy. Their biggest hits in Australia are *This Ain't A Scene, It's An Arms Race* (2006) and *Thnks fr the Mmrs (Thanks for The Memories)* (2006). In February 2010 the band went into 'hiatus' but this ended three years later.

JENNA COLEMAN born Lancashire, England - 1986 (37)

* English actress. She is known for her roles as Jasmine Thomas in the TV soap opera *Emmerdale*, Clara Oswald in and *Doctor Who*, and Queen Victoria in the TV drama *Victoria*.

ANGUS STONE born in Sydney, NSW - 1986 (37)

* Australian singer and musician. He sometimes performs and records with his sister Julia Stone. They made No 1 in Australia with the albums *Down The Way* (2010) and *Angus & Julia Stone* (2014). Their 2010 single *Big Jet Plane* won the ARIA Award for Single of the Year. His second solo album, *Broken Brights*, peaked at No 2 in Australia in 2012.

LIZZO (Melissa Jefferson) born in Detroit, Michigan - 1988 (36)

* American singer-songwriter, rapper, and flutist. Her two biggest hits in Australia are *Good As Hell* (#6) and *Truth Hurts* (#15). She appeared in the 2019 film *Hustlers* and in the same year Time magazine named Lizzo as "Entertainer of the Year".

NICK KYRGIOS (Nicholas Kyrgios) born in Canberra, ACT - 1995 (29)

* Australian tennis player. In singles, he has a career high ATP singles ranking of world No. 13. In doubles, he has a career-high ranking of world No. 38, achieved on 11 February 2022 after winning the men's doubles title at the 2022 Australian Open, partnering with Thanasi Kokkinakis.

Events

LONDON ZOO, the world's oldest scientific zoo, opened in Regent's Park - 1928.

* It was originally intended to be used as a collection for scientific study.

HEARING AID was patented by Francis Clarke and M.G. Foster - 1880.

JOHN 'CHRIS' WATSON, 37, became Australia's third and first Labor Prime Minister - 1904.

* He was in office only until August 1904.

FOOTBALL RECORD was first published in Victoria - 1912.

* The Australian Rules publication (Now AFL Record) was created by the Cathie family, under the official patronage of the VFL.

ROBERT MENZIES, Australian Prime Minister, introduced a bill to outlaw the Communist Party - 1950.

FESTIVAL HALL opened in Brisbane - 1959.

* It was sold and demolished in 2003 and is now an apartment block - Festival Towers.

BEE GEES first overseas hit, *New York Mining Disaster 1941*, entered the UK charts - 1967.

KENTUCKY FRIED CHICKEN opened their first store in Australia at Guildford, NSW - 1968.

* The world's first KFC was established in 1939 in Corbin, Kentucky by Colonel Harland Sanders.

RINGO STARR, 40, married his second wife Barbara Bach, 33, - 1981.

JENNY BERGGREN, Ace of Base vocalist, was attacked by a disturbed fan at her Swedish home - 1994.

* She was unharmed but her mother suffered stab wounds from the woman who was armed with a knife.

RUTH HANDLER, who created the **BARBIE** doll, died aged 85 - 2002.

* She co-founded Mattel with her husband in 1945. The Barbie doll was launched in 1959. Barbie was named after her daughter Barbara. The doll Ken was named after her son who died in 1994.

WONDERLAND in Sydney closed after 18 years due to market conditions and skyrocketing insurance premiums - 2004.

* The 58ha site was turned into a business park.

DAVID SUCHET, English actor, fulfilled a 27 year ambition to make an audio recording of the whole Bible (New International Version translation) that was released on this day - 2014.

DAVID BIRNEY, US actor, died aged 83 - 2022.

* He portrayed Dr. Ben Samuels in *St. Elsewhere* from 1982 until 1983 and played the title role in the television series *Serpico*.

JERRY SPRINGER (Gerald Springer), US TV host, died aged 79 of pancreatic cancer - 2023.

* He hosted the trashy talk program *The Jerry Springer Show* that ran from 1991 until 2018, nearly 5,000 episodes.

Birthday Bulletin

Sunday 28th April 2024

Births

CAROLYN JONES (Carolyn Baker) born in Amarillo, Texas - 1930. (Died aged 53 - 1983)

* American actress. She is best remembered for playing Morticia in the 1960s TV comedy *The Addams Family*.

ANN-MARGRET (Ann-Margret Olsson) born in Sweden - 1941 (83)
* Swedish born actress and dancer. Her film roles include *Bye Bye Birdie* ('62), *Viva Las Vegas* ('64), *Carnal Knowledge* ('71), *Tommy* ('75), *Grumpy Old Men* ('93) and the sequel *Grumpier Old Men* ('95).

* She married actor Roger Smith in 1967. They didn't have any children of their own but had three children from Roger's prior marriage. Smith died in 2017.

MIKE BREARLEY born in Middlesex, England - 1942 (82)

* English cricketer. Former captain of the England and Middlesex cricket team. Captained England in 31 of his 39 Test matches.

JAY LENO (James Leno) born in New Rochelle, New York - 1950 (74)

* US comedian and TV host. He replaced Johnny Carson on America's long-running *Tonight Show* in 1992. He stepped down from the role in 2014.

* In his personal diary on April 28, 1972 when he was 22 he wrote: "Hope to host *The Tonight Show*." Finally in 1986 his dream came true when he was asked to be guest host.

* He owns over 30 classic cars and over 40 motorcycles.

STEVE GILPIN born in Lower Hutt, New Zealand - 1949. (Died aged 42 - 1992)

* Lead singer for NZ band Mi-Sex. They had a No 1 hit in 1979 with *Computer Games*. He was involved in a serious car accident in November 1991 and died in January 1992.

PAUL GUILFOYLE born in Boston, Massachusetts - 1949 (75)

* US actor. He starred in the TV series *CSI* as Captain Jim Brass (2000-2014). His films include *Wall Street*, *Quiz Show*, *Mrs. Doubtfire* and *L.A. Confidential*.

JOHN PANKOW born in St Louis, Missouri - 1954 (70)

* US actor. He played Ira Buchman (Paul's brother) in the '90s comedy *Mad About You*. It was revived for one season in 2019.

* His older brother James plays in the band Chicago.

JIMMY BARNES (James Swan) born in Scotland - 1956 (68)

* Australian singer. He sang with the band Cold Chisel who had hits including - *Choir Girl* ('79), *Cheap Wine* ('80), *When The War Is Over* ('82), and *Forever Now* ('82). As a solo artist he became the first Australian solo act to have a No. 1 album in every decade since the 1980s. His 2022 album *Blue Christmas* became his 15th No 1 solo album in Australia.

* He recently returned from a life-threatening condition. Less than two months ago in 2024, Barnes was in ICU, after undergoing open-heart surgery. In November 2023, after opening the Mushroom 50 Live concert at Melbourne's Rod Laver Arena, he contracted bacterial pneumonia.

* In 2020 during Covid-19 he was regularly on Facebook with his wife Jane and family members sharing songs.

* In 2016, Barnes unveiled his autobiography, *Working Class Boy*. It was followed by *Working Class Man*. His autobiography *Working Class Boy* was adapted into a film and premiered in 2018.

* He's the brother of singer John Swan and the father of singer David Campbell.

JOHN DALY born in Carmichael, California - 1966 (58)

* US golfer. Started playing golf at the age of 4. He took professional golf by storm when he came out of nowhere to win the 1991 PGA Championship in Indiana. He was named that year's PGA rookie of the year. In February 2004 he returned to the winner's circle on the PGA Tour, winning the Buick Invitational at Torrey Pines.

BRAD McEWAN born in Victoria - 1971 (53)

* Australian sports journalist. He has previously been a sport presenter on Melbourne's Ten Eyewitness News and is well known for his hosting duties on Network Ten's *Sports Tonight*.

PENELOPE CRUZ (Penelope Cruz Sanchez) born in Madrid, Spain - 1974 (50)

* Spanish actress. She won an Oscar for Best Supporting Actress for *Vicky Cristina Barcelona* (2008) and an Oscar nomination for Best Actress for her role in *Volver* (2006). Her other Hollywood films include *Woman On Top*, *All The Pretty Horses* and *Pirates Of The Caribbean: On Stranger Tides*.

JESSICA ALBA born in Pomona, California - 1981 (43)

* US actress. Starred in the '90s TV remake of *Flipper* and also was in *Dark Angel* (2000-2002). Also features in the *Fantastic Four* movies playing Susan Storm.

ROBIN SCHULZ born in Germany - 1987 (37)

* German record producer, musician and DJ. His hits include *Headlights* feat. Ilsey (2015), *Sugar* feat. Francesco Yates (2015), *Sun Goes Down* feat. Jasmine Thompson (2014) and *Prayer In C* feat. Lily Wood & The Prick (2014). Most of his songs make use of electric guitar riffs.

Events

COMEDY THEATRE opened in Exhibition Street in Melbourne - 1928.

CLIFF RICHARD recorded *Living Doll* written by Lionel Bart (who composed the musical *Oliver!*) - 1959.

THE BEATLES recorded *Eleanor Rigby* - 1965.

* Its original working title was *Daisy Hawkins* and it was going to be included on the *Sgt. Pepper's* album. Paul McCartney apparently came across the name Rigby at a clothes shop in Bristol.

MUHAMMAD ALI was stripped of his world heavyweight title after he refused to be drafted into the US army to fight in Vietnam - 1967.

OLIVER! musical movie opened in Australia - 1968.

* The musical was written by Lionel Bart. It won the Academy Award for Best Film.

US evangelist **BILLY GRAHAM** packed out the Sydney Showground - 1968.

* The total attendance during his crusades in Australia was 455,000.

CHICAGO's first album *Chicago Transit Authority* (double LP) was released in US - 1969.

SUTHERLAND NATIONAL PARK near Sydney, became the first reserve in the world to be named a National Park - 1979.

STEVE CURRIE, original T. Rex bass player, died in a car accident at age 33, - 1981.

* This was years after the group's lead singer Marc Bolan met his demise in a similar fashion.

DICK SMITH became the first person to fly to the North Pole in a helicopter - 1987.

* This was his third attempt. When he arrived he planted the Australian flag and danced around singing *Advance Australia Fair*. His wife Pip followed him in a Twin Otter.

ALAN JONES LIVE was axed after three months on Channel 10 - 1994.

TRAM LOOP, Melbourne's new city circle, officially opened - 1994.

* It was the first new tram track to be built in Melbourne in almost 40 years.

PORT ARTHUR MASSACRE occurred in Hobart, Tasmania resulting in the deaths of 35 people - 1996.

* 21 people were also seriously injured.

Brisbane's new \$350 million **SOUTHEAST BUSWAY** opened - 2001.

i TUNES online music store was launched by Apple - 2003.

The **LARGEST WATER-PISTOL FIGHT** involved 1,173 participants at Loyola Marymount University in California - 2005.

BLACK CAVIAR set an Australian and New Zealand record when she won her 20th straight victory - 2012.

* It was in front of a sell-out crowd of 30,000 in Adelaide at Morphettville. Retired in 2013.

GOTYE made No 1 on the US charts with *Somebody That I Used To Know* - 2012.

* It stayed at No 1 for 8 weeks.

AGAR.IO, a multi-player online action game, was launched - 2015.

MICHAEL COLLINS, US astronaut, died aged 90 - 2021.

* He was a member of the famous Apollo 11 expedition of 1969 which also included 'Buzz' Aldrin and Neil Armstrong.



Birthday Bulletin

Monday 29th April 2024
International Dance Day

Births

APRIL STEVENS (Carol Lo Tempio) born in Niagara Falls, New York - 1929. (Died aged 93 - 2023)
* American singer. In 1963 April and her brother Nino Tempo had a No 1 hit with *Deep Purple*. The song won the 1963 Grammy Award for Best Rock and Roll Recording.
* She only recorded four albums.
* She was born in April and died in April 2023 on April 17.

MAX CULLEN born in Wellington, NSW - 1940 (84)
* Australian film and stage actor. Brother of actor Cul Cullen. His films include: *The Odd Angry Shot*, *My Brilliant Career*, *Emerald City*, *Billy's Holiday* (in which he sings like Billie Holiday) and *Spider And Rose*.

TOMMY JAMES (Thomas Jackson) born in Dayton, Ohio - 1947 (77)
* American singer. His first hit was in 1966 with *Hanky Panky* (US No 1). Tommy (along with his band the Shondells) had their biggest hit in 1969 with *Crimson And Clover*. He also charted with *Mony, Mony* and *Draggin' The Line*.

PHIL NOYCE (Phillip Noyce) born in Griffith, NSW - 1950 (74)
* Australian film and TV director and writer. His films include *Dead Calm* ('88) and the US productions *Patriot Games* ('92), *Clear And Present Danger* ('94), *The Bone Collector* ('99), *Rabbit-Proof Fence* (2002), *The Quiet American* (2002) and *Salt* (2010).

JON STANHOPE born in Gundagai, NSW - 1951 (73)
* Australian politician. He was Labor Chief Minister of the Australian Capital Territory from 2001 to 2011.

JERRY SEINFELD born in Brooklyn, New York - 1954 (70)
* American comedian. He starred in his own long-running TV sit-com *Seinfeld*. It ran from 1990-1998. The final episode of Seinfeld was viewed by 40.4 million Americans. His Netflix series *Comedians In Cars Getting Coffee* debuted in 2012. He is touring Australia for a series of dates in June 2024.
* He co-wrote, produced and starred in the 2007 *Bee Movie*, an animated film about a bee called Barry B Benson.

KATE MULGREW (Katherine Mulgrew) born in Dubuque, Iowa - 1955 (69)
* US actress. She played Captain Kathryn Janeway in the TV sci-fi series *Star Trek: Voyager* and Mary Ryan in *Ryan's Hope*.

GRAEME CONNORS born in Mackay, Queensland - 1956 (68)
* Australian singer/songwriter. One of his best loved songs is *A Little Further North*. In 2011 he won the Golden Guitar award for Best Album. He also won the 1996 Country Music award for Song of the Year - *The Great Australian* and was also a major winner at the 1995 awards.

SIR DANIEL DAY-LEWIS born in London, England - 1957 (67)
* English-Irish actor. He often remains completely in character for the duration of the shooting schedules of his films. He has won three Academy Awards for Best Actor for his portrayals of Christy Brown in *My Left Foot* (1989), Daniel Plainview in *There Will Be Blood* (2007), and Abraham Lincoln in *Lincoln* (2012), making him the only male actor in history to have won three Oscars for Best Actor. He was nominated for an Academy Award for his role in the 2017 film *Phantom Thread*. He retired from acting in 2017.

MICHELLE PFEIFFER born in Santa Ana, California - 1958 (66)
* American actress. Her successful films include *Dangerous Liaisons*, *The Fabulous Baker Boys*, *Frankie And Johnny*, *Batman Returns* (as Catwoman), *Age of Innocence*, *Wolf, Up Close And Personal*, *One Fine Day* and *Hairspray*.
* Her sister De Dee had a small part in the film *Frankie And Johnny*.

EVE PLUMB born in Burbank, California - 1958 (66)
* US actress and painter. She played Jan Brady in the TV sit-com *The Brady Bunch*.

MICHELLE MARTIN born in Sydney, NSW - 1967 (57)
* Australian squash player. She was is a former No 1 squash player. In a 12 year career she won three world Open championships, two Commonwealth games gold medals and six British Open titles. In 1999 she retired.

CARNIE WILSON born in Bel Air, California - 1968 (56)

* US singer. One third of the music trio Wilson Phillips. Carnie and her sister Wendy (who were also in the trio) are the daughters of Beach Boy Brian Wilson. They had hits in 1990 with *Hold On* and *Release Me*.

UMA THURMAN born in Boston, Massachusetts - 1970 (54)
* American actress. Her films include *Kill Bill* (2003) plus sequel, *Dangerous Liaisons* ('88), *Pulp Fiction* ('94), *Batman & Robin* ('97) and *The Producers* (2005). She also played Emma Steed in the 1998 box-office bomb, *The Avengers*.

ANDRE AGASSI born in Las Vegas, Nevada - 1970 (54)
* US tennis player. He won his first Grand Slam title at Wimbledon in 1992. In 2003 he won his 4th Australian Open title. He also won 2 US Opens and a French Open. Andre is also a 1996 Olympic gold medalist and finished runner-up in seven other Grand Slam tournaments.

* In his 2009 autobiography, he admitted that his then-distinctive long hair was actually a wig.
* In 2003 he became the oldest men's tennis player to be ranked No 1.
* In 2001 he married former tennis great Steffi Graf.

CRAIG GOWER born in Penrith, Sydney - 1978 (46)
* Australian- Italian rugby league player. He captained the Penrith Panthers who won the NRL 2003 premiership. The half-back and hooker made his debut for Penrith in 1996. He switched to rugby union in 2008 playing for French and Italian clubs. In 2012 he returned to league playing with the London Broncos in the Super League. He finished his playing career with the Newcastle Knights.

MEGAN BOONE born in Petoskey, Michigan - 1983 (41)
* American actress. She is best known for her role as FBI agent and profiler Elizabeth Keen on the TV series *The Blacklist* and also had a recurring role in *Law & Order: LA*.

KATHERINE LANGFORD born in Perth, WA - 1996 (28)
* Australian actress. She played Hannah Baker in the Netflix TV series *13 Reasons Why* (2017-2018). She appeared in the films *Love, Simon* (2018) and *Knives Out* (2019).

Events

LIFESAVER Lollies trademark was registered in Australia - 1922.
* Life Savers were invented in Ohio, USA, in 1912 by candy-maker Clarence Crane.

Women **VOTED** for the first time in France - 1945.

JOHNNY FARNHAM was "discovered" by manager Darryl Sambell following a performance at the Cohuna Town Hall in Victoria - 1967.
* He went solo two months later and had his first hit with *Sadie* (*The Cleaning Lady*).

BRUCE SPRINGSTEEN was escorted away from Graceland after unsuccessfully trying to visit Elvis Presley - 1976.

STOCKMAN'S HALL OF FAME opened at Longreach, Queensland - 1988.

STEPHEN HENDRY, 21, of Scotland, became the youngest ever winner of the world snooker championship when he defeated Jimmy White - 1990.

A jury awarded the **ISLEY BROTHERS** 66% of all royalties of the sales of **MICHAEL BOLTON'S** single *Love Is A Wonderful Thing* plus 28% royalties of his album *Time, Love And Tenderness* - 1994.
* The Isley Brothers claimed that Bolton's *Time, Love And Tenderness* was too similar to their recording of the same name.

WOLLONGONG HAWKS (now Illawarra Hawks) won their first NBL title in 23 years when they defeated the Townsville Crocodiles - 2001.

OLDSMOBILE built its final car ending 107 years of production - 2004.

PRINCE WILLIAM OF WALES, 28, married **CATHERINE MIDDLETON**, 29, in Westminster Abbey - 2011.

ADAM GOODES played a club record 304th game for the Sydney Swans - 2012.
* He retired at the end of season 2015 after playing 372 games.

IRRFAN KHAN, Indian actor, died aged 53 - 2020.
* The famous Bollywood icon of the movies *Life of Pi* and *Slumdog Millionaire* died due to a colon infection.

Birthday Bulletin

Tuesday 30th April 2024

Births

SIR CAPTAIN TOM MOORE born in Yorkshire, England - 1920. (Died aged 100 - 2021)

* British Army officer. He raised money for charity in the run-up to his 100th birthday during the COVID-19 pandemic. In 2020 he performed *You'll Never Walk Alone* sung by Michael Ball, with proceeds going to charity. The single topped the UK music charts, making him the oldest person to achieve a UK No 1.

AL LEWIS born in Brooklyn, New York - 1923. (Died aged 82 - 2006)

* US actor. He played Grandpa in the '60s TV series *The Munsters* and also co-starred with Fred Gwynne (Herman) in the '50s comedy *Car 54 Where Are You?*

JOHNNY HORTON born in Tyler, Texas - 1925. (Died aged 35 - 1960)

* American singer. His three big hits were *Battle Of New Orleans* ('59) and the themes to the movies *Sink The Bismark* ('60) and *North To Alaska* ('60). He was killed in a car accident.

WILLIE NELSON born in Abbott, Texas - 1933 (91)

* US country singer. Some of his most popular recordings have been - *On The Road Again* ('80), *Blue Skies* ('78), *Always On My Mind* ('82) and *To All The Girls I've Loved Before* ('84) - a duet with Julio Iglesias. He wrote *Crazy* that was a hit for Patsy Cline in 1962. In 2023 he released the album *I Don't Know A Thing About Love: The Songs Of Harlan Howard*. It was released on March 3 the 21st anniversary of Howard's death.

* In 2010 he cut off his signature back-length braided hair for a bob cut after more than 30 years of growing.

* He still plays the same Martin six-string classical guitar that he's used since 1969. He calls the guitar Trigger.

JOHNNY GALECKI born in Belgium - 1975 (49)

* US actor. He is best known for his role as Leonard in the TV sitcom *The Big Bang Theory*. He played David Healy in the TV sitcom *Roseanne* and Rusty Griswold in the movie *National Lampoon's Christmas Vacation*.

BLAIR McDONOUGH born in Sydney, NSW - 1981 (43)

* Australian actor. He played Stuart 'Chooka' Parker in the *Neighbours* TV series.

KUNAL NAYYAR born in London, England - 1981 (43)

* English-born Indian actor. He is best known for his role as 'Raj' in the TV sitcom *The Big Bang Theory*.

* He was third on the list of world's highest-paid TV actors for 2015, tied with co-star Simon Helberg and with Mark Harmon and Ashton Kutcher, with earnings of US\$20 million after *The Big Bang Theory*.

KIRSTEN DUNST born in Point Pleasant, New Jersey - 1982 (42)

* US actress. Kirsten played Spiderman's love interest in *Spider-Man* (2002) and the 2004 and 2007 sequels. Her other movies also include *Interview With The Vampire* (1994), *Marie Antoinette* (2006) and *Melancholia* (2011).

GAL GADOT born in Israel - 1985 (39)

* Israeli actress and model. She is best known for her role as Gisele Yashar in *The Fast and the Furious* film series. In 2016, Gadot began playing the role of *Wonder Woman* in *Batman v Superman: Dawn of Justice* and continuing as the lead in *Wonder Woman*. She starred in the 2023 film *Heart Of Stone*.

* At age 18 she was crowned Miss Israel 2004.

DIANNA AGRON born in Savannah, Georgia - 1986 (38)

* US actress. She appeared in the TV series *Glee* in the role of Quinn Fabray. From 2006 to 2007, Agron had recurring roles on *Veronica Mars* as Jenny Budosh, and *Heroes* as Debbie Marshall.

NIKKI WEBSTER born in Sydney, NSW - 1987 (37)

* Australian singer. At 13, Nikki was one of the singing stars of the Sydney 2000 Olympic Opening Ceremony. In 2001 she had a No 2 hit with her debut single *Strawberry Kisses* and played Dorothy in a new stage production of *The Wizard of Oz*.

* In 2005 she appeared as a contestant on the TV program *Dancing With The Stars*.

Events

GENERAL GEORGE WASHINGTON

was inaugurated as the first President of the United States - 1789.

UNIVERSAL STUDIOS was founded - 1912.

* Universal is the oldest surviving film studio in the United States; and is the world's fifth oldest.

DAYLIGHT SAVING began for the first time. Germany and Austria were the first two countries to implement the practice - 1916.

AUSTRALIA'S FIRST OVERSEAS TELEPHONE SERVICE came into operation - 1930.

* Australian Prime Minister John Skullin spoke to Britain's P.M. Ramsay MacDonald.

BUGS BUNNY made his debut in the animated short film *Porky's Hare Hunt* - 1938.

ELVIS PRESLEY recorded the Jerry Leiber - Mike Stoller song *Jailhouse Rock* - 1957.

* It was recorded to coincide with the release of Presley's motion picture, *Jailhouse Rock*.

FATS DOMINO recorded *I'm Walking To New Orleans* - 1960.

K MART opened their first store in Australia in Burwood East, Victoria - 1969.

* Over 40,000 attended the opening. It is still operating.

EVITA had its Australian premiere in Adelaide - 1980.

BOBBIE GENTRY, aged 40, made her final public appearance at the Academy of Country Music Awards - 1982.

* Since that time she has not recorded, performed or been interviewed.

PINK FLOYD's album *Dark Side of The Moon* failed to make the US album chart for the first time in 725 weeks (three weeks short of 14 years!) - 1988.

WORLD EXPO '88 officially opened in Brisbane - 1988.

* The theme was "Leisure in the Age of Technology" and the mascot for the Expo was an Australian platypus named Expo Oz. The A\$625 million fair was the largest event of the 1988 Bicentennial celebrations and attracted more than 15,760,000 visitors.

TOM HANKS married actress **RITA WILSON** - 1988.

MONICA SELES was stabbed with a kitchen knife by an obsessive Steffi Graf fan at the Citizen Cup tournament in Hamburg - 1993.

CHER performed her 325th and final show at the Hollywood Bowl as part of her 'farewell tour' - 2005.

MARIAH CAREY, 37, married actor/comedian/rapper **NICK CANNON**, 27, in The Bahamas - 2008.

* They filed for divorce in 2014. In January 2016 she announced that she was engaged Australian billionaire James Packer. They separated just 9 months later.

DAVID BLAINE set a world record by holding his breath for 17 minutes and 4 seconds - 2008.

* The American illusionist performed the feat on *The Oprah Winfrey Show*. Before he entered the water-filled sphere he inhaled pure oxygen.

DOUBLE J ABC radio station launched - 2014.

BEN E KING, US singer, died aged 76 - 2015.

* The former Drifters vocalist had his biggest solo hits in 1960 with *Stand By Me* and *Spanish Harlem*.

NAOMI JUDD, US country singer, died aged 76 - 2022.

* She died by suicide from a self-inflicted gunshot wound. For many years she was treated for PTSD and bipolar disorder.

BRODERICK SMITH, English born Australian singer, died aged 75 - 2023.

* In the early '70s he began his music career as lead singer for the blues band Carson. He also sang for The Dingoes who had hit success in Australia and Canada with the song *Way Out West*. Smith also headed the band Broderick Smith's Big Combo. They had their biggest hit single in 1981 with *Faded Roses*.

JOCK ZONFRILLO, Scottish chef and a star on *MasterChef Australia*, died aged 46 - 2023.

* He was found dead in a Melbourne hotel room, leaving behind his wife Lauren and four children. A cause of death was never publicly stated, although sources close to the family said the chef, a former heroin addict, had died of natural causes.

2014

April

Jocks' Journal

Radio News from 10 Years Ago



Rob Loewenthal has resigned as Managing Director of the **Macquarie Radio Network** which own the Sydney stations **2GB** and **2CH**. Executive Chairman **Russell Tate** will now resume the position of Chairman and C.E.O and there will be no replacement appointed to the Managing Director role.

6PR's Graham Mabury has announced his retirement from the Nightline program. After a remarkable radio career spanning 33 years of continuous broadcasting on 6PR, Graham will hang up the headphones to spend more time with his wife Merle and family. Graham said he'd first discussed his decision with management over a year ago and now felt the time was right to pass the baton to someone else.

Jason McLean, ex-**4RO** Rockhampton can now be heard as a sports presenter on 'local grandstand' at **ABC Capricornia**.

Graham "Smokey" Dawson has been replaced on the **6PR** AFL footy calling team. The call team now includes 6PR breakfast presenter **Basil Zempilas** as well as Melbourne based-caller **Shane McInnes**.

Dale Thomas and **Luke Hodge**, join **Nova 100's Meshel & Tommy** for the 2014 AFL Premiership season from Friday 14 March. Hawthorn captain Hodgey will return to Nova 100 for his fourth year on Monday mornings while, in his fifth year with the station, Carlton's newest recruit Daisy Thomas will join the team at the end of the week.

2EC morning show host **Pete "Disko" Diskon** is recovering at home after undergoing heart surgery in Royal Canberra Hospital. Disko hopes to be back on air in late March.

Tom Bell is departing the **Tom & Rosie** breakfast show at **HOT FM** Bunbury. Station is currently seeking a replacement.

NOVA Entertainment has appointed **James Toovey** as Sydney Publicity Manager working across **Nova 96.9**, **smoothfm 95.3** and the company's digital and media brands.

TodayNetwork's national weekend breakfast presenter **Byron Cooke** is also doing television. He now hosts a new segment on **Seven Network's** AFL Game Day.

2WEB announcer **David Sharp** celebrates 12 years on air with Outback Radio which broadcasts from Bourke and covers a distance of more than 130,000 km.

ABC South West WA announcer **Ron Tait** has retired from radio. He says: *After a very enjoyable thirty two years flapping my gums on the radio, I have decided to retire from the ABC whilst I'm still young and fit enough to do other things that interest me.*

Derryn Hinch has walked free from prison after serving 50 days behind bars for contempt of court sporting a new clean-shaven look. The 70-year-old was locked up for 50 days after refusing to pay a \$100,000 for breaching a suppression order relating to Melbourne woman Jill Meagher's killer.

Mark Rosenberg is **3AW** Melbourne's new Agency Account Manager. He was previously a part of **Fairfax's** Metro Media Publishing

AIR News is sad, but pleased to advise that their young presenter **Michael Allen** has been appointed to the role of News director at **2WEB** in Bourke. Whilst it pokes a hole in their weekend roster, **Artie Bray** says it is still pleasing to see young talent come through their operation, and go on into a career in broadcasting. Air News wishes Michael all the best.

Fred Botica is farewelling **MIX94.5**, after 21 years with the station. The 67-year-old has been working in radio since 1969, when he started at pirate radio station called **Radio Hauraki**, broadcasting from a ship near Auckland, New Zealand. In his 44 year career he has worked on seven radio stations in NZ and Australia, and the longest time has been on Mix 94.5 - over 21 years. It comes only one month after Fred took on the station's weekday drive shift with long time co-host **Lisa Shaw**, following four months of long service leave."

Scott Menz is now Assistant Content Director at **Triple M** Brisbane. Scott can also be heard as afternoon host. He was previously Programming Operations Manager at Triple M Adelaide. He has nearly 20 years experience in media as Program Director, Executive Show Producer, Operations Manager and Announcer including **dmg Radio** (Nova) and **ACE Radio**.

Luke Bona from **2CC** Canberra has been appointed as the new host of **Australia Overnight** on Fairfax Radio stations **2UE**, **4BC** and network stations. Bona was signed as 2CC morning host in November 2013.



Nick Lowther is leaving **2ST/Power FM** and joining **97.3 ABC Illawarra** as their breakfast producer. He said on Facebook: *"It's been a bloody fantastic 7 1/2 years here but looking forward to another chapter. And I'll be working for the same company as Giggle and Hoot, which will please my nephew and nieces to no end. Starting after Easter."*

Kim Blair is leaving **Triple M** Brisbane to work in radio in Auckland. 'Bangers' had been with Triple M for 9 years. He'll be joined by his partner **Bec Northey** who has been working as **B105** Tactics Manager.

Candy Hertz has departed **Star FM** Shepparton. She co-hosted the breakfast show with **Tommy** (Jackett). She is looking to further her career in TV. In recent times she has presented and produced a weekly segment on Weeknights for **Southern Cross Ten**.

Jennifer Hansen, a well known TV news presenter on **Network Ten** and **ABC TV**, is now heard on **smooth 91.5** Melbourne. She presents news on **Mike Perso's** breakfast program. She replaces **Pip Mooney** who is joining Lifeview Residential as Media & Communications Manager.

Michael Harvey, formerly GM of **102.7 Zinc FM** and **4CA** Cairns, is now General Manager of **Hot 100/Mix 104.9** Darwin. He replaced longtime GM **Mark Johnson**.

NEW FM announcer **Jamie Thompson** has left Newcastle and accepted a role as an announcer, producer and salesperson with **Capital FM 107** in Vanuatu.

Stuart Macleod, musician, songwriter and guitarist from **Eskimo Joe**, will join **96FM** drive presenter, **Darren DeMello**, in presenting the weekly **96FM Rock List**. Stu, a resident of South Fremantle, said: *"I grew up in Freo listening to 96FM, so it makes sense that when I thought of doing some radio presenting, 96FM is where wanted to work"*.

Marcus Paul is the new host of **2CC** Afternoons. He has previously worked at **i98**, **Wave** and **Gold/Sea FM**. Also **Sarah Bannerman** is leaving 2CC and moving to **2GB** as EP for **Steve Price's** program.

Stephanie MacFie has been appointed as Afternoon Announcer, Music Director for **CHILLI FM** Launceston. The station said they received many high quality applications, but it was Stephanie who ticked all the boxes. Stephanie comes from **FM100.3** Armidale and will commence at CHILLI from April 28.

Sarah Griffith, Executive Producer of the **NX FM** Newcastle **Sophie, Heath** and **Normy** breakfast show is moving on. She's taken a position at **MIX 106.3** Canberra to produce the **Kristen & Rod** breakfast show.

NOVA Entertainment has announced the appointment of **Claire Marshall** to the new position of Music Marketing Director.

Frank Battaglia (ex Network Technical Operations Manager for WIN Television) has been appointed as Broadcast Engineer for **Wave-FM** Wollongong and **Power-FM/2ST** Nowra.

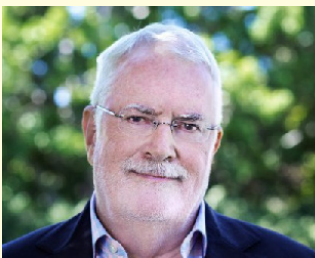
Dan Jones takes on the added title of Music Director to his Morning Announcer role at **104.7** Canberra.

More Radio News



Jase & Lauren kicked off their new show on **Nova 100** in Melbourne on Friday, March 8. Speaking about their radio return, Lauren shared in a statement, *"We've been genuinely overwhelmed by the response over the past few months and, in particular, the excitement of the last few weeks. No one is more excited to be back together and back on air than the two of us. We are counting down the minutes until next Friday. We've got plenty of stories to tell and lots of catching up to do. Melbourne, we are back and can't wait to have a laugh with you."* The station's former breakfast show **Ben, Liam & Belle** moved to host a new national show, *Late Drive with Ben, Liam and Belle*, from 6pm to 8pm weekdays.

David Schwarz is reportedly returning to Melbourne's **1116 SEN**. Schwarz has signed on to be part of the station's AFL coverage this season. The former Demon will sit in the experts' chair for one game each week. Despite past tensions, Schwarz says he and SEN boss **Craig Hutchison** have had a lot of conversations and have managed to work things out. *"Hutchy was good, he was like, 'Let's get going, what has happened in the past is gone, let's just look forward. I've always loved SEN and it feels like I'm going back home.'"* (Source: Herald Sun)



A familiar radio voice has returned to the airwaves, with former **ARN** newsreader **Alan Baskin** now being heard on **Air News**. After more than two decades with the network, Baskin parted ways with ARN last year, his position reading Breakfast news on Adelaide's **Cruise 1323** made redundant. His appointment followed discussions with Air News owner **Terry Daniel**. (Source: Radio Today)

After 86 years on the AM band, **Mudgee's 1449 2MG** is set to be the next commercial radio station to make the move to FM broadcasting, with its FM transmitters turned on from March 18th. 2MG's will now move to 97.1 and 101.5 FM after the AMCA made changes to the Mudgee Radio License area, allocating 2MG spectrum for both a primary transmitter along with a translator service to cover the Kandos and Rylstone areas. This means that the current 1449AM transmitter will end its coverage in April. Technicians **Ross Arcadia** and **Ross McClymont** from **Super Radio Network** have spent many months in Mudgee, refitting the main transmitter site that 2MG will share with sister station Real FM with 4 new Elenos transmitters as well as upgrading and refitting the on-air studio in Mudgee.

The commercial radio industry and media union are concerned that a proposed change to the Copyright Act could harm the sustainability of local radio in regional and remote communities and result in a further reduction of local media content. **The Media, Entertainment and Arts Alliance** and **CRA** have each made submissions to the Senate inquiry into the Private Member's Bill *Fair Pay for Radio Play* ahead of public hearings this month. The Bill would result in the removal of the cap on fees radio stations pay to the Phonographic Performance Company of Australia (PPCA) to play music. PPCA's shareholders are three multinational record labels.

RSN Racing and Sport has announced that several shows are now accessible via the live streaming platform. Breakfast With Harf, Racing Pulse and part of the Saturday Raceday morning coverage will be streamed live on rsn.net.au. Hosted by **Daniel Harford**, who played 162 games with Hawthorn and Carlton between 1995-2004, Breakfast With Harf airs between 6-8.30 weekdays. 'Harf' chats to the newsmakers across a range of sports. Come 8.30am, Harf passes the baton to **Michael Felgate** for Racing Pulse, which provides news and opinion across all three codes.

Esther Carlsen is the new Digital Commercial Director for **Nova Entertainment**. Carlsen has more than two decades experience, most recently as Commercial Director for **Nine Digital Audio**.



Chris Coleman has now worked on every station in Canberra! On Facebook he announced: *"Today, I complete the set. In November 1986 I did my first radio show. That was on (the now defunct) Triple S sports and racing station. Since then I've been on-air talent for Radio 1 RPH, (2CN/666) ABC Canberra, 2CA - Forever Classic, Talking Canberra 1206 2CC and Mix 106.3 Canberra. (In between various other gigs in other states.) As part of the countdown to Skyfire 2024, it's my first work appearance on Hit104.7 So that's all four Canberra commercial radio stations, and a total of seven local stations in this market. I'm not sure if that's a We Are CBR broadcasting record, but I know it's a lot."*

The Kyle & Jackie O Show will finally go to air in Melbourne on Monday April 29 on **KIIS 101.1**.

Community Radio Station **93.3FM** at North Gosford, on the Central Coast of NSW, is seeking the services of a Station Manager, to replace the retiring Station Manager. Full details at Jocks' Journal website: www.newmedia.com.au

Southern Cross Austereo has rejected radio rival ARN's takeover proposal, officially knocking back the offer. On October 18, ARN formed a consortium with **Anchorage Capital Partners** and lobbed a takeover bid, in which the two company's assets would be jumbled and restructured, with shareholders of both companies holding stock in a new venture called ARN Newco. The deal was a certainty to close before Christmas, ARN promised, but the new year started with radio silence. In an ASX statement, SCA announced it would not be accepting ARN's proposal. (Source: Mumbrella)

A former Queensland radio host who was prominent on the Sunshine Coast during the 1980s has been found guilty of historic sex offences against a child. **Peter Lang**, 65, was a radio personality at **4SS**, now **Mix FM**, in the late 1980s when the offences were alleged to have occurred. Jurors in the Maroochydore District Court trial took one day to return their verdict. Lang was found guilty of three counts of carnal knowledge of a girl under 16 and two counts of indecent treatment of a girl under 16, all in relation to one victim. The jury was dismissed in relation to the remaining four counts, that included rape, due to the jury being deadlocked. Lang was also found not guilty of four counts of carnal knowledge of a girl under 16 and three counts of indecent treatment of a girl under 16. He had pleaded not guilty to all 22 charges, including rape and indecent treatment of a child under 14. (Source: ABC news)