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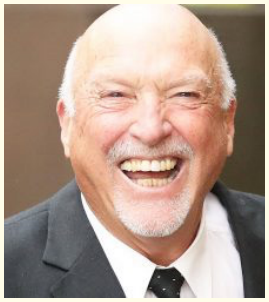
Alisson Longhurst New CD at 97.3FM and 4KQ

Barry Drinkwater has handed over his Content Director reins at **97.3FM** and **4KQ** to former **Hit 90.9** Gold Coast CD **Alisson Longhurst**. Barry began his radio career in the late 70s starting as a panel operator. He had a long career with Brisbane's Triple M before joining 4KQ as the drive announcer, a position he held for eight years, before moving to the role of Assistant Program Director and Music Director. In 2001, Barry became Content Director for 97.3FM and 4KQ. In 2007, Barry's Content Director role expanded to include 4KQ. Of her new role Alisson Longhurst said, *"After five years, I'm very pleased to be returning to ARN as the Content Director for 97.3 and 4KQ. To be given the opportunity to lead fantastic teams both on-air and off is a career highlight for me and I can't wait to get started."*

Radio News

Andrew Sichter has rejoined **SCA** after a 9 month absence. He is once again a part of the **Triple M** Music Team curating content for Triple M and their DAB+ offerings. He commenced on Monday 28th June and is based on the Gold Coast.



The Herald Sun reports: **Rex Hunt** has broken his silence after his controversial exit from 3AW, revealing he wanted to do a farewell show but was denied. Rex Hunt has promised he won't be lost to the airwaves despite his resignation from 3AW. Rex commented: *"Put it this way I was born to broadcast and don't think I'm silly enough to walk away if I didn't have something already in the system. And I will keep my powder dry in the short term."* His exit happened following an interview with Hawthorn star Robert DiPierdomenico that ran too long causing a scheduled ad-break to be dropped. That prompted 3AW head of football **Craig Moore** to jump in Hunt's ear, telling him he had to can the chat.

Trevor Sinclair is now hosting the Night Show on **ACE Radio's 3MP** in Melbourne. He was previously the Drive Show Presenter on **2CH DAB+**. He has been doing the station's Voice Imaging for the past year.

SCA has announced the appointment of **Cathrine McVeigh** to Head of Audio Production and Operations, as part of the Content leadership team. McVeigh has worked at the ABC, international production house Essential Media Group and most recently Southern Pictures. Her role is effective from August 9.

Grant Broadcasters has appointed **Louise Montafia** as the new General Manager for their two Cairns Radio stations - **4CA** and **Star 102.7**. Louise has a wealth of experience and business acumen in the areas of Management, Marketing and PR, mostly recently as the Marketing Manager for Lendlease.

Dannii Minogue has joined LiSTNR as the host of the *Oldskool 90s Hits* station and the LiSTNR exclusive podcast series *The 90s with Dannii Minogue* – a trip back through each year of the decade. *Oldskool 90s Hits* feature pop classics from artists that defined the decade.

Tim Bailey has quit his job at **2GB**, ten months after joining **Ben Fordham's** radio show as a weather presenter. He said he decided to leave after recently relocating from Sydney to the Gold Coast with his wife Samantha.

Casefile True Crime (Audioboom) remained in the #1 spot as the most downloaded podcast in the country in the month of June according to Triton's Podcast Metrics measurement service. At No 2 was **Hamish & Andy** with their SCA LiSTNR program. As for the All-Australian Top 100 Ranker, new entities this reporting period include Halfternoons with **Those Two Girls, Your Morning Agenda with Natarsha Belling, and FORTY** (SCA – LiSTNR). Casefile True Crime (Audioboom) remained in the #1 spot as the most downloaded Australian podcast in the country.

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Farewell Jono!

Jonathan 'Jono' Coleman, well loved UK born Australian radio and TV personality left us on July 10 after a 4 year battle with prostate cancer. He was 65. He was well known for his work on radio and TV with Ian 'Dano' Rogerson.

In 2016, Jocks' Journal interviewed Jono on the phone. I recall it was a weekend but he was quite happy to have a chat and very giving of his time and shared some wonderful anecdotes and stories. In this edition, we've featured an edited transcript of that conversation.

Jocks' Journal: *February 29 only comes around every 4 years so we thought in this JJ we'd profile a 'Leap Year' baby. Anthony Robbins wanted too much money and wasn't motivated to talk with us ... so we chose our favourite local celebrity Jonathan Coleman. Although Jono you were born in UK?*
Jono : I was actually born at lunchtime, in East London, Hackney. I don't know who it was but one of the members of the royal family is supposedly born on the 28th or 29th of February, I never know which one it is. (JJ research: The Queen's cousin, Princess Alexandra, gave birth to a son at her home in Surrey on February 29, 1964. The baby, who was more than a week overdue, is believed to be the first-ever royal baby to be born on 29 February.)

In your career what was the biggest cause of a celebration?
- Celebrating the birth of Virgin Radio in London with Richard Branson. So when it launched we sort of flew around the UK with Richard Branson celebrating the launch of the radio station and that was in 1993. Another big celebration was when I got married on January 5, 1990 to Margot at Taronga Zoo. We basically we went on a honeymoon and we didn't really come back much. Margot went to America to work on TV commercials and music videos with a guy called Alex Proyas who is now a movie director. He did I Robot and Gods of Egypt. So she went off to work with him. I went to London and within a year of being in London I was working on BBC London and then when Virgin Radio started I got a phone call and about three of us from BBC London radio got offered jobs on Virgin and they launched on the 30th April 1993 because I am actually holding the Virgin Radio launch laminate in my hand as we speak. So I guess getting married to Margo at Taronga Zoo was an amazing party and then working with Richard Branson for seven years on the radio was an incredible part of my life and the kids being born in London as well.

Working in UK radio ... you met so many personalities. It must have been great in the UK, meeting famous people everyday for your show?
- It was unbelievable, that was the thing about radio and being heard in the UK and having people like George Michael would know who you were and also Paul McCartney. I must have done about fiveinterviews with Paul because of the Virgin Radio thing and also being on the BBC. He is a fan of BBC because they were the first ones to play The Beatles. I would say my biggest, amazing nights was interviewing Paul McCartney, Pavarotti and George Michael on the same night at the Brit Awards. I mean this was a proper sit down interview where you have half an hour with each person. It was so funny because you had to try and pander to all the egos and make sure you didn't sort of subtly spend too much time talking to Paul McCartney and not enough time talking to Pavarotti. I have been so lucky in my life and also meeting people like David Bowie. I was introduced to David Bowie in London at a music charity lunch and the whole room just stood up and gave him a standing ovation.

Have you got an all time favourite film?
- It's a bit soppy but I love 'Boyhood' you know the movie with the kid, that came out in 2014 and it starts filming when the kids 10 years old. It the progresses through his life. So Boyhood is fantastic. And I will tell you Oscar and I together claim Alpha Papa as our favourite movie. 'Alan Partridge' where Steve Coogan plays a bad regional DJ. Coogan has been playing this character a long time in England. It's so funny. For anyone who is in radio, you will piss yourself.

One of the ones I loved from a few years ago was Hugo
- Oh yes, Hugo is beautiful. I was lucky enough to meet Martin Scorsese a couple of times and Robert Di Niro not that he was in that movie. But that's a brilliant movie Hugo and one he made out of love for his daughter. He wanted to make a movie that kids can enjoy. And the new Star Wars is pretty fantastic too as it's kind of like going back to the beginning. I really liked that.

Were you disappointed with the ending of your ARN drive show?
- Yeah, it's disappointing because unfortunately ARN, Nova and Triple M are all so similar now. I used to love Hamish and Andy and I loved that stuff by Jonesy and Amanda. But it's all so safe and they are all playing all the same B52s or Cold Chisel or the same Queen song. Smooth FM is okay if you are stuck in traffic. There is only so many Michael Buble songs you can listen to! I used to love listening to 2WS. I remember listening to it when it first went to air. I was the copy writer and the first show I ever did on 2WS before it was FM was with Graham Bond, we did a show together called the Rex & Bruce show which was a send up of country radio. That was before Jono and Dano. We did that for about 3 months and then they said it's too weird for 2WS. It wasn't weird it was just kind of an imaginary place with Rex and Bruce and were just Jono Coleman and Graham Bond having a bit of fun.

So there has got to be someone you interviewed who you thought, what a boring or rude or forgettable interview that was?
- There are quite a few of them actually. Well, one of them is in prison, so maybe not mention him. Actually two of them are in prison, actually three. One of them has been in prison. We have a bit of a joke on Studio 10, 'how many more of the people that Jonathan used to work with will go to prison'. Pam Ayres. Remember the poet lady she was a bit weird. I did a story with her on Wonder World and we took her to Taronga Zoo and she just kept saying, 'how much longer is this going to take?' So Pam was probably the most disappointing because I was thinking she was going to be good.

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Jocks' Journal Fun Files

AN IDAHO MAN recaptured a Guinness World Record by covering his wife's body in plastic wrap in only 1 minute and 2.44 seconds. David Rush, who has broken more than 150 Guinness records, originally set the record in 2019, when he covered his wife, Jennifer, in plastic wrap in 1 minute and 57 seconds. The couple's record was taken by another pair. Rush said it took nine rolls worth of plastic wrap to practice for their latest attempt, and the couple managed to refine their technique to accomplish the feat in 1 minute, 2.44 seconds.
(Anyone keen to break this record? Would your wife be 'glad' (if you'll pardon the pun) to be covered in plastic wrap? I think not.)

THE OWNER OF A PREHISTORIC-LOOKING HOUSE in a posh San Francisco suburb has settled a lawsuit with the town of Hillsborough. The agreement means that Fred Flintstone and his friends can remain. The retired publishing mogul Florence Fang defended her colourful, bulbous-shaped house and its elaborate homage to "The Flintstones" family, featuring Stone Age sculptures inspired by the 1960s cartoon, along with aliens and other oddities. The town, however, called the towering dinosaurs and life-size sculptures "a highly visible eyesore" and sued Fang, alleging she violated local codes when she put dinosaur sculptures in the backyard and made other landscaping changes that caused local officials to declare it a public nuisance. In the end Florence Fang was paid $125,000, and she dropped the lawsuit.
(Not sure what she said after getting a pay out of $125,000 ... maybe "gee that's fantastic" - but it was more likely "Yabba Dabba Doo!")

A MICHIGAN LIBRARY received a long-overdue book in the mail along with a letter from the daughter-in-law of the woman who checked it out in the 1940s. The Ann Arbor District Library said that the copy of 'Social Studies in the Public Schools of Ann Arbor, Michigan - Grades Three to Six' was returned via mail after being about 70 years overdue. The book was checked out by Mary Fischer, who worked as an art teacher in Ann Arbor until retiring in 1966. Her daughter-in-law, mailed the book back to the library along with a letter explaining the overdue tome. The library says it would not attempt to collect any fines for the late return.
(I'd also assume it won't attempt to put it back on the shelf either. I doubt a 1940s Social Studies book would be relevant in 2021.)

160 BOWLING BALLS were found in the back yard of Michigan man David Olson. Olson, 33, was smashing up the back step in his garden when he spotted a black ball in the sand. As he dug deeper, he discovered more and more balls - with a total of 160 discovered so far. The balls were made by Brunswick Bowling Products, who verified that the balls were made in the 1950s, and were safe to dispose of. Olson said there used to be a nearby bowling ball plant and ex-employees told him they used to take scrapped balls to use as an alternative to sand.
(I've never really thought about it but if you did get decide to give up bowling and owned half a dozen bowling balls what do you do with them? Chuck them in the recycle bin? Definitely not. Give them away as a Christmas present? That could prove to be dangerous. So maybe burying in the backyard isn't a bad option.)

A SMURF FAN has been collecting memorabilia based on the children's cartoon characters the Smurfs for about 40 years. The Wisconsin woman broke her own Guinness World Record when her collection nearly doubled to 11,455. Gerda Scheuers originally set the Guinness record for largest collection of Smurf memorabilia in 2014, when she was certified as having 6,320 unique items. Scheuers broke her own record when her collection was again counted and numbered 11,455 unique items. The woman said she started keeping her Smurfs items when she was 7 or 8 years old. Her collection includes toys, beach towels, plates, books, lollies and other items.
(I wonder if she owns one of those rare 1984 48 inch Smurf Ceiling Fans? They are fetching up to $650 on ebay. Or a rare Australian Smurf 3D Birthday Poster from 1980 ? Now going for over $1000!)

A BATON ROUGE FAMILY was surprised to find $50 billion mistakenly deposited to their bank account. Darren James found out about the $50 billion deposit through his wife who told him to sit down before showing it to him. The thing that was most baffling was, they don't even know where it came from. James called the bank immediately to report the mistaken deposit and find out what happened. The family took screenshots to remember the once-in-a-lifetime error, and the bank reversed the mistake within four days. Recipients of mistaken bank deposits are not allowed to keep the money. Banks usually spot the error and reverse the transaction, and those who spend the money may face criminal charges for theft of property lost by mistake.
(So keep that in mind next time you see a few extra billion dollars in your account.)

A LONG-LOST PAINTING BY FRAGONARD sold for $9 million after it was found in the possession of a family who had no idea it was a work by the French master. Antoine Petit, a French auctioneer said he was called to assess a family inheritance, and a dust-covered painting hanging on the wall caught his eye. Petit examined the painting and found Fragonard's name written on the back, which led him to have it assessed by experts. The experts verified the painting was 'A Philosopher Reading' by Fragonard. Petit said the family who owned the painting, which dates from 1768-1770, told him it had been passed down through multiple generations and the current owners did not know the identity of the artist. The auction house said the painting sold for $9.1 million.
(Wish I had a Fragonard painting in my collection. Not that I have a collection. And if you asked me about some bloke called Fragonard I'd probably reply ... "Isn't he one of those characters in Lord Of The Rings?")

ENGLISHMAN WILL CUTBILL, aged 23, said he had long dreamed of getting his name into the Guinness Book of World Records, but it wasn't until the COVID-19 lockdown that he decided to make his dream a reality by stacking M&M's. It was during the third lockdown in England in January and he was incredibly bored, and just decided to see how many of them he could stack on top of each other. He wondered if there was a world record for this, so he looked it up online and found out the most anyone had ever stacked was four. He then filmed his attempts for two or three hours before he managed to get his stack of five M&M's. The record of four M&M's had been jointly held by Silvio Sabba of Italy and Brendan Kelbie of Australia before the record-keeping organization verified Cutbill's video and issued him a certificate.
(Might be time for another Aussie to reclaim the record? So grab your 6 M & M's and good luck.)

More Fun Files

A TEXAS WOMAN WITH A MASSIVE COLLECTION OF VIDEO GAME SYSTEMS earned two Guinness World Records for her efforts. Linda Guillory was awarded the Guinness records for the largest collection of LCD gaming systems - 1,599 - and largest collection of playable gaming systems - 2,430. Guillory said her collection started at age 8 and her collection grew by leaps and bounds during her visits to Japan. Guillory said she is hoping to one day have her collection displayed in a museum. An engineer by trade, Guillory said she hopes to use her vintage systems to help teach children about electronics.
(And to put her collection into a bit more perspective - she now owns every game that Nintendo has released in North America.)

THE WORLD'S OLDEST LIVING MAN is now 112-year-old Emilio Flores Marquez of Puerto Rico. Marquez was born Aug. 8, 1908, in Puerto Rico. He was the second of 11 children born to his parents. Marquez was married to his wife Andrea for over 75 years prior to her death in 2010. The couple had four children, two of whom are still living. Known affectionately as "Don Millo", he believes that, to live happily, you need to have an abundance of love and to live life without anger.
(Let's finish this story with a good word from Emilio who says: "My father raised me with love, loving everyone. He always told me and my siblings to do good, to share everything with others. Besides, Christ lives in me.")

MARY MCCARTHY has spent most of her life often with a pain on the right side of her nose. Last year after an extremely painful Covid-19 test, her nasal problems deteriorated. The reason became obvious when a US surgeon extracted a yellow tiddlywinks piece – 37 years after it was lodged in her upper nose as a child. The surgeon also removed calcified material that had grown around the counter. She said she remembered playing tiddlywinks with her seven brothers and sisters and as an 8-year-old took the game on a tangent by putting one piece up each nostril and "blowing them out to see how they would go".
(The good news is she is now breathing through her right nostril for the first time in eight months and seeing the funny side of her ripsnorter of a story.)

A HEAVY METAL-LOVING MOTHER in New Zealand has named her three children Metallica, Slayer and Pantera. The woman, who remains anonymous says - "It's not easy raising three of the heaviest bands." Her son Metallica was given the middle name "And Justice For All", presumably in tribute to the band's fourth album. In New Zealand there are no restrictions on naming babies after bands or albums as long as the word used is not considered to be offensive or does not resemble an official rank or title.
(So if you are keen to name your child after a heavy metal band you have plenty of choices although I'd stay away from band names like Ethel The Frog, Grim Reaper and Pungent Stench.)

AN OVERDUE BOOK is on its way back to a California after being found by a man whose mother failed to return it by the June 2, 1950, due date. Tim Steele said his late mother, Gail, checked out the copy of 'Dancing Star' by Gladys Malvern during a trip to his local library when she was only 13 years old. Steele said he called the library to see how he should go about returning it. He was prepared to pay the fine for being 70 years late. However library officials said the facility did away with fines in 2019.
(And in case you're wondering ... the book 'Dancing Star' by Gladys Malvern tells the story of ballet star Anna Pavlova. And yes, the famous 'pav' was named in her honour.)

A NEW NUTBUSH DANCE RECORD was achieved on the last day of the Big Red Bash at the Simpson Desert. The Australian Book of Records has claimed that at the 2021 Big Red Bash 2,878 boot scooters kicked up the dust dancing to the Nutbush City Limits and beat the previous world record set in 2019 which was 2,330.
("Nutbush might be a little old town in Tennessee, with a quiet, little old community" ... but in Birdsville it's anything but quiet come time for the famous Big Red Bash.)

AN UNOPENED COPY OF NINTENDO'S THE LEGEND OF ZELDA that was made in 1987 has sold at auction for $870,000. Heritage Auctions in Dallas said it was a rare version that was created during a limited production run that took place during a few months in late 1987. The Legend of Zelda is a popular fantasy adventure game that was first released in 1986.
(And here's something you may not know. The late Robin Williams named his daughter Zelda after the character in the video game. Zelda Williams is now 31 and works as an actress and director.)

10 WEIRD STREET NAMES IN USA

1) This Ain't It Road
* This can be found in Alabama. It only has a couple of houses and that's it. There's not even a Google Street View.
2) Psycho Path
* This can be found in a private lane in Michigan. Hopefully it has no resident named Norman Bates.
3) Divorce Court
* This is found in Pennsylvania. Maybe not a good street for young couples to settle in.
4) Shades of Death Road
* It is in New Jersey supposedly passes by an old haunted lake.
5) Zzyzx Street
* Let me spell that. It sounds like this road in California was named after someone's cat fell asleep on the keyboard. But the name actually comes from the Zyzzyx genus of sand wasps!
6) Awesome Street
* A US resident originally wanted to name his private road Sesame Street, but the name was already both copyrighted and used for another road in his county. After several more unsuccessful naming attempts, he submitted an application for "Awesome Street." The name was available and it stuck. Awesome hey?
7) Kickapoo Drive
* This can be found in Fort Worth, Texas. And from what we understand it was probably named after a Native American tribe.
8) No Name Lane
* There are actually a whole bunch of No Name Lanes in the US. There's one in California and three in Colorado. Is this lane name a lack of imagination or just pure laziness? You decide.
9) Bucket of Blood Street
* It got its name from the Buckets of Blood Saloon that once stood by the road. We won't go into the full history but it does involve a shoot out at the saloon.
10) Hairy Man Road
* This is in Round Rock, Texas. Hairy Man Road may have gotten its name from an actual hairy man that was rumoured to wander down the street in the days gone by. Round Rock actually celebrates this unusual legend with the annual Hairy Man Festival.

2021 GfK Metro Radio Ratings

SURVEY 4/2021

Overall figures. All people 5.30 - Midnight, Mon-Sun. (Previous 2020 survey results in brackets.)

Sydney

Station	4/2021	3/2021	2/2021	1/2021	8/2020	7/2020	6/2020	2/2020
2GB	**11.8**	11.7	13.4	14.4	13.8	13.7	14.2	14.8
KIIS 106.5	**10.6**	9.6	8.9	7.9	9.7	8.7	8.2	8.5
smoothfm 95.3	**10.0**	10.8	9.3	9.4	9.9	10.8	9.9	9.0
ABC Sydney	**9.6**	10.1	11.8	12.2	8.5	8.3	10.5	9.6
WSFM	**8.3**	8.2	8.3	6.6	7.1	8.1	8.4	8.9
NOVA 96.9	**6.7**	6.5	6.2	6.4	6.8	6.1	6.6	7.0
2JJJ	**6.3**	7.1	5.5	5.7	4.7	5.2	5.1	5.5
104.9 Triple M	**5.0**	4.9	5.9	6.1	6.1	5.4	4.7	5.4
ABC Classic	**3.4**	3.4	3.5	2.9	3.8	4.5	3.5	3.7
104.1 2DAY	**3.3**	3.5	3.9	4.2	4.0	3.4	3.3	5.1
2UE 954	**3.0**	2.4	2.3	2.3	1.2	0.7	0.6	0.7
2RN	**2.1**	1.7	2.2	2.9	2.6	2.5	2.5	2.8
ABC NEWSRADIO	**1.6**	1.8	2.0	2.1	2.1	1.8	2.3	2.0
SKY Sports Radio	**0.7**	0.7	0.5	0.8	0.9	0.6	0.5	0.6

- KIIS No 1 in in breakfast (+2.6) - Kyle and Jackie O and in drive. 2GB No 1 in morning, evening and weekends.
- Smooth No 1 in afternoon. Smooth down in all sessions. 2GB No 2 in breakfast (Ben Fordham).

Melbourne

Station	4/2021	3/2021	2/2021	1/2021	8/2020	7/2020	6/2020	2/2020
3AW	**15.5**	15.6	16.9	16.3	19.6	20.6	16.9	13.9
ABC Melb	**11.1**	8.8	8.6	8.7	10.7	12.0	12.7	9.7
GOLD 104.3	**10.4**	11.1	11.3	11.0	9.0	8.9	8.7	10.7
smooth 91.5	**7.8**	7.6	8.4	8.9	7.8	6.5	7.5	9.7
101.9 FOXFM	**7.0**	7.8	7.2	7.5	6.7	5.2	5.9	8.1
NOVA 100	**6.7**	7.8	7.1	6.3	5.6	5.6	5.3	7.2
KIIS 101.1	**5.5**	6.4	5.5	5.8	4.5	4.4	5.0	5.9
3JJJ	**4.9**	5.2	5.5	5.9	4.9	4.5	3.8	7.2
105.1 TRIPLE M	**4.7**	5.2	5.3	5.2	6.2	6.2	5.9	5.0
SEN 1116	**2.8**	2.9	3.0	2.8	2.9	3.0	2.7	2.2
ABC Classic	**2.7**	2.9	2.7	2.7	2.2	3.1	4.1	2.9
3RN	**2.7**	2.1	2.4	2.4	3.5	3.5	4.0	3.0
ABC NEWSRADIO	**2.0**	1.6	1.7	1.8	1.9	1.7	2.1	1.8
Magic 1278	**1.3**	1.0	1.0	1.5	1.4	1.2	0.9	0.2
3MP1377	**1.0**	0.9	0.6	0.7	-	-	-	-
RSN 927	**0.3**	0.4	0.5	0.3	-	-	-	-

- 3AW No 1 in breakfast, morning, drive, evening and weekends. Gold 104.3 No 1 in afternoon.
- ABC No 2 in breakfast and evening. Gold No 2 in morning, drive and weekend. 3AW No 2 in afternoon.

Brisbane

Station	4/2021	3/2021	2/2021	1/2021	8/2020	7/2020	6/2020	2/2020
NOVA 106.9	**10.8**	11.1	10.6	11.4	12.5	11.9	11.5	10.4
97.3FM	**10.2**	9.8	10.2	9.9	8.8	9.3	10.5	10.5
104.5 TRIPLE M	**9.9**	10.2	10.0	9.9	11.0	10.1	10.5	9.9
4KQ	**9.3**	10.3	11.0	9.0	9.4	7.1	9.2	7.9
B105	**9.2**	9.9	11.1	10.2	9.7	10.5	10.4	10.5
ABC Brisbane	**8.2**	8.1	7.9	8.4	7.6	7.4	8.4	8.4
4JJJ	**7.0**	7.1	7.0	8.7	6.4	6.1	6.9	8.1
4BC	**6.4**	6.4	6.4	6.7	7.9	9.5	7.1	7.6
ABC Classic	**3.5**	3.6	2.9	2.3	2.6	3.5	2.9	2.7
4RN	**2.8**	2.4	2.0	2.0	2.3	2.6	2.1	3.2
4BH 882	**2.0**	2.1	2.2	2.1	1.1	1.1	1.6	0.4
ABC NEWSRADIO	**1.6**	1.4	1.8	1.7	1.6	1.6	1.6	1.8

- Nova No 1 in breakfast, drive. 97.3 No 1 in morning and drive. B105 No 1 in afternoon. ABC No 1 in evening (+3.7).
- Triple M No 1 in breakfast, morning and drive. Triple M and Nova equal No 2 in afternoon. 4BC No 2 in drive.

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Adelaide

Station	4/2021	3/2021	2/2021	1/2021	8/2020	7/2020	6/2020	2/2020
MIX102.3	**13.2**	13.0	13.5	13.0	11.7	13.4	13.0	11.9
FIVEaa	**12.3**	10.8	9.7	10.0	9.8	11.0	12.2	11.3
CRUISE 1323	**10.6**	11.1	11.2	10.8	10.9	10.5	9.0	11.1
NOVA 91.9	**10.4**	11.5	10.9	9.8	9.8	10.8	10.4	10.2
ABC Adelaide	**9.8**	10.0	10.5	10.8	11.2	9.8	9.9	11.3
5MMM	**9.2**	10.1	9.3	8.2	9.6	8.8	8.2	8.4
SAFM	**7.9**	7.1	8.6	9.0	9.3	8.4	8.6	8.1
5JJJ	**4.9**	5.4	4.8	6.6	5.7	5.6	5.0	8.0
ABC Classic	**3.2**	3.2	2.9	3.2	2.6	2.7	3.2	2.6
5RN	**1.5**	1.9	1.7	1.8	2.0	2.4	3.0	2.3
ABC NEWS	**1.3**	1.4	1.5	1.9	1.6	1.5	1.7	2.1

- FIVEaa No 1 in breakfast. MIX No 1 in morning, afternoon. Nova 91.9 No 1 in drive. FIVEaa No 1 in evening and weekend.
- ABC Adelaide No 2 in breakfast and nights. FIVEaa No 2 in morning. Cruise No 2 in afternoon. Mix 102.3 No 2 in drive

Perth

Station	4/2021	3/2021	2/2021	1/2021	8/2020	7/2020	6/2020	2/2020
NOVA 93.7	**12.7**	13.5	13.3	13.6	11.3	12.3	12.9	12.0
MIX 94.5	**11.7**	11.9	12.6	12.6	12.0	12.0	12.7	12.6
96FM	**11.5**	11.1	10.7	9.8	14.3	13.2	12.6	12.0
6PR	**9.1**	9.5	9.3	8.2	7.9	8.6	8.5	7.5
6JJJ	**8.8**	8.8	9.1	8.6	8.1	9.3	8.3	10.0
ABC PERTH	**8.2**	8.1	7.0	8.1	8.5	6.6	6.5	7.2
92.9 TRIPLE M	**7.1**	7.9	8.2	8.0	8.7	8.7	8.7	10.1
6IX	**6.1**	4.2	4.5	4.4	4.6	4.5	5.3	4.5
ABC Classic	**2.4**	3.2	2.8	3.2	3.5	3.1	2.8	2.7
6RN	**2.0**	1.8	1.6	2.2	1.7	2.6	2.3	1.9
ABC NEWS	**1.0**	1.1	1.1	1.3	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.2

- Nova 93.7 No 1 in breakfast, drive. 96FM No 1 in morning. MIX No 1 in afternoon. ABC No 1 in evening.
- 96FM and Nova equal No 1 on weekend. MIX No 2 in breakfast, morning and drive. 96FM No 2 in afternoon.

2021 GfK Canberra Ratings

STATION	2/2021	1/2021	1/2020	3/2019	2/2019	1/2019
MIX 106.3	**18.3**	17.6	16.8	18.3	18.2	17.0
ABC Canberra	**14.5**	14.9	11.2	11.5	11.5	12.1
hit 104.7	**12.9**	11.0	20.0	15.4	18.0	17.8
2JJJ	**9.9**	9.3	10.4	12.7	10.6	10.4
2RN	**8.4**	10.1	9.4	6.6	7.6	8.1
2CA	**7.7**	8.6	5.9	6.5	4.9	4.6
ABC Classic	**7.1**	7.1	7.3	7.6	7.3	7.6
ABC News	**5.2**	3.8	4.0	4.5	5.2	4.1
2CC	**4.4**	3.8	4.5	5.5	4.0	4.8

* Mix 106.3, ABC Canberra equal No 1 in breakfast. Mix 106.3 No 1 in morning, afternoon, drive and weekends.
* ABC Canberra No 1 in evening. 2CA + 4.4 in evening. Hit 104.7 + 4.9 in drive. ABC Canberra -5.6 in evening.

In the latest **GfK DAB+** Survey 4 the top rating digital radio stations were: **Edge Digital** (Sydney), **Smooth Relax** (Melbourne), **Coles Radio** (Adelaide, Brisbane) and **96FM 80s** (Perth).

Star 101.9 rated No 1 in the Xtra Insights Mackay survey. They had a share of 20.8% (+4.3). Next came **Triple M** with 19.45 (+1.9), then **ABC** Tropical North with 10.9% (-3.4). **4MK** had a share of 6.6% (-2.5).

Star 104.5 rated No 1 in the Gosford Xtra Insights Gosford Survey. They had a share of 18% (+1.6). Next came **Hit 101.3** with 16.2% (-2.4) and then sister station **Triple M** with 11.2% (-0.5).

Hot 100 rated No 1 in the Xtra Insights Darwin survey with 39.2% (+4.5). Next came sister station **Mix 104.9** with 21.6% . Then came **ABC Darwin** with 12.5% (-1.5). Hot 100 rated No1 in every session.

BIRTHDAY BULLETIN

Sunday 1st August 2021

Births

SIR FRANK WORRELL born in West Indies - 1924. (Died aged 42 - 1967)
* West Indies cricketer and Jamaican senator. He became the first black cricketer to captain the West Indies cricket team for an entire series. When he left professional cricket, he was appointed to the Jamaican Senate. As of the 1964-65 series the Frank Worrell Trophy has been awarded to the winner of the West Indies–Australia series.

LIONEL BART (Lionel Begleiter) born in London, England - 1930. (Died aged 68 - 1999)
* English songwriter. He wrote the stage musical *Oliver*! that became an Academy Award winning hit movie in 1968. He also wrote *Living Doll* that was a hit for Cliff Richard in 1959.

DOM DELUISE (Dominick DeLuise) born in Brooklyn, New York - 1933. (Died aged 75 - 2009)
* American comic actor. He appeared in the Mel Brooks' comedy movies *Blazing Saddles* ('73), *Silent Movie* ('76) and *Spaceballs* ('87). He also hosted *The All New Candid Camera* programs and appeared in the two *Cannonball* movies.

YVES ST LAURENT (Henri Mathieu) born in Algeria - 1936. (Died aged 71 - 2008)
* Algerian-born French fashion designer. He shocked many by introducing the above-the-knee skirt in 1959. During the 1960s and 1970s, he also popularised fashion trends such as the beatnik look, safari jackets for men and women, tight pants and tall, thigh-high boots. He retired in 2002.

ROBERT CRAY born in Columbus, Georgia - 1953 (68)
* American blues guitarist and singer. His band had one of their biggest sellers in 1988 with the single *Don't Be Afraid Of The Dark* from the album of the same name.

JOE ELLIOTT (Joseph Elliott) born in Sheffield, England - 1959 (62)
* Lead singer for rock group Def Leppard. Their album *Adrenalize* ('92) made No 1 on the Australian album chart.

COOLIO (Artis Ivey Jnr) born in Los Angeles, California - 1963 (58)
* US rap singer. He had a No 1 hit in 1995 with *Gangsta's Paradise* (adapted from Stevie Wonder's *Pasttime Paradise*).

ADAM DURITZ born in Baltimore, Maryland - 1964 (57)
* US singer. Lead vocalist with Counting Crows. Their hits include *Mr Jones* ('93) and *Accidentally In Love* (2004) from the soundtrack of *Shrek 2.* Their best selling album is *The Southern Harmony & Musical Companion* (1992). They combined with Vanessa Carlton on her 2003 revival of *Big Yellow Taxi.*

LES HILL born in Sydney, NSW - 1973 (48)
* Australian actor. He had a starring role in the TV drama series *Rescue: Special Ops*. He also played Blake Dean in *Home And Away* and is also known for his role as underworld figure Jason Moran in the 2008 TV series *Underbelly.*

HONEYSUCKLE WEEKS born in Cardiff, Wales - 1979 (42)
* Welsh actress. She is best known for her starring role as Samantha Stewart in the UK TV series *Foyle's War* (2002-2010).

JASON MOMOA (Joseph Jason Momoa) born in Honolulu, Hawaii - 1979 (42)
US actor. He is best known for portraying Aquaman/Arthur Curry in the movie *Aquaman* and other action movies including *Batman v Superman: Dawn of Justice* and *Justice League*. He also played Ronon Dex in the TV series *Stargate Atlantis* and Khal Drogo in *Game of Thrones*.

DEAN COX born in Dampier, Western Australia - 1981 (40)
* AFL player. The 204 cm tall ruckman played for the West Coast Eagles. He played in the Eagles 2006 premiership side and retired in 2014 after playing 290 games.

TRAVIS BOAK born in Geelong, Victoria - 1988 (33)
* AFL player. He served as captain of the Port Adelaide football from 2013-2018. He finished as runner-up in the 2020 Brownlow Medal with an equal-career-high 21 votes, ten votes behind winner Lachie Neale.

Events

HORSES BIRTHDAY
* All southern hemisphere horses celebrate on 1 August, all northern hemisphere horses on 1 January.

SLAVERY was abolished in the British Empire - 1834.

ROBERT BADEN-POWELL officially launched the **BOY SCOUTS** - 1907.

MARS BARS went on sale for the first time in England - 1932.
* They were named after the inventor Forrest E Mars.
* On this day 1969 the first pictures of the planet Mars were beamed back to earth!

GLENN MILLER and his band recorded *In The Mood* - 1939.

First **ARMY JEEP** was produced in US - 1941.
* The Jeep was born from a bid by the U.S. Army for a small, all-terrain vehicle with a four-wheel-drive. No one can say with certainty where the name "Jeep" first came from. Theories include Oklahoma oilman slang, a dimension-jumping character from a "Popeye" cartoon and the shortening of the letters G and P from the "general purpose" vehicle requested by the Army.

HENERY HAWK made his debut in the Warner Bros cartoon *Squawkin' Hawk* - 1942.

First practical **FELT-TIP PEN** went on sale in the US - 1960.

ARETHA FRANKLIN recorded her first pop music single *Today I Sing The Blues* - 1960.

ATV O (now Channel 10) began broadcasting in Melbourne - 1964.

ROY ORBISON recorded *Oh, Pretty Woman* - 1964.
* It was written by Orbison and Bill Dees. The title was inspired by Orbison's wife, Claudette, interrupting a conversation to announce she was going out. When Orbison asked if she had enough cash, his co-writer Bill Dees interjected, *"A pretty woman never needs any money."*

JOHNNY BURNETTE, American singer, died aged 30 in a boating accident - 1964.
* He is best remembered for his 1960 hit *You're Sixteen*.
* He's the father to Rocky Burnette who had hits in 1980 with *Tired Of Toein' The Line* and *Fallin' In Love.*

CONCERT FOR BANGLADESH began - 1971.
* The two shows were organised by George Harrison and were held at New York's Madison Square Garden. The line-up included Ringo Starr, Eric Clapton, Leon Russell, Billy Preston and Bob Dylan.
* George Harrison's second wife Olivia gave birth to a boy Dhani on this day seven years later - 1978.

SONNY AND CHER COMEDY HOUR began on US television - 1971.
* The series ran until 1974. It was axed when the couple divorced.

NIKI LAUDA, Austrian Formula One driver, was seriously burned in an accident during the German Grand Prix - 1976.

First **COCHLEAR IMPLANT** (bionic ear) was received by Rod Saunders - 1978.
* The breakthrough surgery was developed by Australia's Dr Graeme Clark.

MTV began on US TV - 1981.
* It was America's first TV station to feature music clips 24 hours a day. The first video clip aired was the Buggles hit single *Video Killed The Radio Star.*

RICK SPRINGFIELD made No.1 on the US singles chart with *Jessie's Girl* - 1981.

ROBERT DE CASTELLA and **LISA MARTIN** (Australia**)** won the men's and women's marathons at the Commonwealth Games in Edinburgh - 1986.

WCVG (Cincinnati) changed their music format to an all **ELVIS PRESLEY** format - 1988.
* The Elvis format lasted for just 54 weeks.

PETRONAS TOWERS officially opened in Kuala Lumpur as the world's tallest building - 1999.

SIGNING FOR CREDIT CARD and debit card transactions ended for most cards in Australia - 2014.

CILLA BLACK, UK singer and TV presenter, died aged 72 after a fall at her villa in Spain - 2015.
* Apart from her '60s hit songs she hosted *Cilla* (ran for 8 years), *Blind Date* and *Surprise Surprise.*

DAVID DARCY, VFL player with Footscray (now Western Bulldogs) and father of Bulldogs player Luke Darcy, died aged 76 - 2020.

BIRTHDAY BULLETIN

Monday 2nd August 2021

Picnic Day (Northern Territory)

Births

ALAN WHICKER born in Egypt - **1921**. (Died aged 91 - 2013)
* British TV presenter. He presented and produced his own travel program *Whicker's World.*

PETER O'TOOLE born in Connemara, Ireland - 1932. (Died aged 81 - 2013)
* Irish actor. His first starring role came in *Lawrence Of Arabia* ('62). His other movies include - *Becket* ('64), *The Lion In Winter* ('68), *Goodbye Mr Chips* ('69), *My Favourite Year* ('82), *The Last Emperor* ('87) and *Venus* (2006).

SIR LIEW EDWARDS born in Ipswich, Queensland - 1935. (Died aged 85 - 2021)
* Australian politician. He was a Queensland Liberal Party leader, Deputy Premier, Health Minister and Treasurer.

REG GORMAN born in Sydney, NSW - 1937 (84)
* Australian actor. One of his best known acting roles was playing the barman, Jack Fletcher, in *The Sullivans.* He also played Harry Patterson in the 2004 children's program *Fergus McPhail.*

MAX WRIGHT born in Michigan - 1943. (Died aged 75 - 2019)
* American actor. He played Willie Tanner in the US TV sit-com *ALF*.

ANNE PHELAN born in Melbourne, Victoria - 1948. (Died aged 71 - 2019)
* Australian actress. She played Dot Gross in the TV series *Winners And Losers.* Also played Myra Desmond in *Prisoner*, Doreen Cassidy in *Neighbours*, and Monica Taylor in *Something In The Air*.
* In 2017 she revealed that she gave up a baby for adoption when she was a teenager. 50 years later she was reunited with her daughter Sandra.

ALEX JESAULENKO born in Salzburg, Austria - 1945 (76)
* Australian Rules footballer. 'Jezza' played in four Carlton premierships ('68, '70, '72 and '79). He also coached the Blues to their premiership in 1979. He was the last player-coach in the VFL/AFL to win a premiership. He also coached and played with St Kilda.

ANDREW GOLD born in California - 1951. (Died aged 58 - 2011)
* US singer. His two biggest hits were *Lonely Boy* ('77) and *Thankyou For Being A Friend* ('78). The latter song was used as the theme to *The Golden Girls.* He also provided the theme song to the TV sit com *Mad About You.*
* He's the son of composer Ernest Gold. His mother is singer Marni Nixon. (She dubbed in the singing voice of Natalie Wood in *West Side Story* and Audrey Hepburn in *My Fair Lady.*)

BUTCH PATRICK (Patrick Lilley) born in California - 1953 (68)
* American actor. He's best known for playing Eddie Munster in the '60s TV series *The Munsters.*

PETER FARNAN born in Australia - 1962 (59)
* Guitarist with Boom Crash Opera. Their biggest hits were *Great Wall* ('86), *Hands Up In The Air* ('86) and *Onion Skin* ('89).

MARY-LOUISE PARKER born in South Carolina - 1964 (57)
* US actress. She played the role of Amy in the TV series *West Wing* and Nancy Botwin in *Weeds*. Her films include *Fried Green Tomatoes, The Client, Bullets Over Broadway* and *Red.*

MICHAEL MCCORMACK born in Wagga Wagga, NSW - 1964 (57)
* Australian politician. He was leader of the National Party and Deputy Prime Minister from February 2018 to June 2021. McCormack was removed as leader on 21 June 2021 in a National Party leadership spill, with Barnaby Joyce taking over.

JOE HOCKEY (Joseph Hockey) born in North Sydney, NSW - 1965 (56)
* Australian politician. He was the Treasurer of Australia in the Abbott Government from September 2013 until September 2015 when he resigned from Cabinet, having refused an alternative offer from the incoming Prime Minister, Malcolm Turnbull.

ANDREW BLACKMAN born in Brisbane, Queensland - 1965 (56)
* Australian stage and TV actor. He played Dr Harry Morrison in *A Country Practice* and Mike Healy in *Neighbours* ('98-'99).

JACINDA BARRETT born in Brisbane, Queensland - 1972 (49)
* Australian model turned actress. She's one of the stars of the US TV series *Bloodline*. She first became known to audiences as a cast member on the TV reality show *The Real World: London*, before appearing in films such as *Ladder 49, The Namesake, The Human Stain* and *Bridget Jones: The Edge of Reason.*

SUSIE O'NEILL (Susan O'Neill) born in Mackay, Queensland - 1973 (48)
* Australian swimmer and radio host. The 'Madame Butterfly of Swimming' won gold medals in Sydney and Atlanta. She also won ten gold Commonwealth Games medals. Nowadays she can be heard as a co-host on Brisbane's Nova 106.9 breakfast radio show Ash, Kip, Luttsy & Susie.

SAM WORTHINGTON born in Perth, WA - 1976 (45)
* Australian actor. He starred as Jake Sully in the James Cameron directed film *Avatar* (2009). It became the biggest box office movie of all time. His local credits include the TV series *Love My Way* and the 2003 movie *Somersault*. His international film career began with a series of small roles in Hollywood productions such as *Hart's War* (2002) and *The Great Raid* (2005). His other films include *Hacksaw Ridge* (2016) and *The Shack* (2017).
* He married Lara Bingle in 2014. They have two sons Rocket Zot and another named Racer.

EDWARD FURLONG born in Pasadena, California - 1977 (44)
* US actor. A star in *Terminator 2: Judgment Day* (1991). Also appeared in *Home Of Our Own* ('93). He made No 1 on the Japan music chart with *Hold On Tight.*

JANE BUNN born in Melbourne, Victoria - 1979 (42)
* Australian meteorologist and weather presenter. She is currently a weather presenter on Seven News Melbourne.

CHRIS SEBASTIAN born in Melbourne, Victoria - 1988 (33)
* Australian singer and younger brother of Guy Sebastian. In 2012, Sebastian took part in the 1st season of *The Voice Australia* but was eliminated in the quarter finals. He returned to *The Voice Australia* in the 9th season winning the title in July 2020. His biggest hit is *I Found You* that made the top 10 in Australia in 2019.

Events

SYDNEY GOLF CLUB was founded - 1893.
* It became the Royal Sydney Golf Club in 1897. In 1904 the club moved from Concord to Rose Bay.

ENRICO CARUSO, Italian tenor, died aged 48 - **1921**.
* He was the first singer to sell a million records. His life story was told in the film *The Great Caruso*, which starred Mario Lanza.

ALEXANDER GRAHAM BELL, Scottish-born inventor, died aged 75 - 1922.

IN THE HEAT OF THE NIGHT, starring Rod Steiger and Sidney Poitier, opened in US - 1967.
* The film won five Academy Awards, including the 1967 awards for Best Picture and Rod Steiger for Best Actor.

BADFINGER recorded the Paul McCartney composition *Come And Get It* - 1969.

SPYFORCE began on Australian television - 1971.
* The action wartime series starred Jack Thompson and Peter Sumner. 43 one-hour colour episodes were produced.

FLASHEZ began on ABC television - 1976.
* The pop music program was compered by Ray Burgess assisted by Mike Meade. The show was axed a year later.

IBM launched its personal computer in US - 1981.

IRAQ invaded **KUWAIT** causing an international crisis - 1990.

HANSON performed at Westfield Southland in Melbourne before a crowd estimated at between 15,000 to 20,000 - 1997.

PRINCE PHILIP, aged 96, made his final solo public appearance before retiring from public engagements - 2017.

TIKTOK, a Chinese video-sharing social networking service (founded in 2012), merged with Musical.ly - 2018.

ED SHEERAN's *Divide* tour became the most attended and highest grossing tour of all time overtaking U2 after he spent 893 days on the road - 2019.

BIRTHDAY BULLETIN

Tuesday 3rd August 2021

Births

TONY BENNETT (Antonio Benedetto) born in New York City, New York - 1926 (95)
* American singer. His best known recording is *I Left My Heart In San Francisco* ('62). His '50s hits include *Stranger In Paradise* ('56), *In The Middle Of An Island* ('57) and *Young And Warm And Wonderful* ('58). In 2014 he released a collaborative album with Lady Gaga called *Cheek To Cheek*. They first recorded in 2011 on the album *Duets II.*
* It has been revealed that Bennett was diagnosed with Alzheimer's disease in 2016, though he continued to perform and record until the COVID-19 pandemic in early 2020.
* In 2007 he married his longtime 47 year old girlfriend, Susan Crow. They'd been in a relationship for 18 years. He was 80 at the time.

MARTIN SHEEN (Ramon Estevez) born in Dayton, Ohio - 1940 (81)
* US actor. He starred as the US President in the TV hit series *West Wing* (1999-2006). He currently stars in the TV series *Grace And Frankie.* His best known film role is in *Apocalypse Now* ('79). His sons Charlie Sheen and Emilio Estevez are also actors. He appeared with Charlie in *Wall Street* ('87) and in a cameo role in *Hot Shots II.* He played Uncle Ben in the 2012 *Amazing Spider-Man* movie.

MARTHA STEWART (Martha Kostyra) born in Jersey City, New Jersey - 1941 (80)
* US television presenter and former model. She hosted the TV programs *Martha Stewart Living* and *Martha.* The shows featured Martha giving tips on everything from cooking and flower arranging to gardening and making homemade Christmas decorations.

JOHN LANDIS born in Chicago, Illinois - 1950 (71)
* US director. He is responsible for comedy films such as *The Blues Brothers, Trading Places, Spies Like Us* (which all featured Dan Aykroyd), *Three Amigos* and *Coming To America.* He directed the music videos of Michael Jackson's *Thriller* and *Black Or White.*

JAY NORTH born in Hollywood, California - 1951 (70)
* American child actor. From the age of 6 to 10 he starred in 146 episodes of *Dennis The Menace.*

JOHN C McGINLEY born in New York City, New York - 1959 (62)
* US actor. He starred as Dr Perry Cox in the TV series *Scrubs*.

SHELLEY TAYLOR-SMITH born in Perth, WA - 1961 (60)
* Australian swimmer. She won seven consecutive World Marathon Swimming titles, 15 world race records, completed a solo English Channel crossing and won a record five race titles around New York City's Manhattan Island.

GRAHAM ARNOLD born in Sydney, NSW - 1963 (58)
* Australian football manager and former player. He's the current coach of the Socceroos. He played 453 games and played for clubs including Sydney United and Northern Spirit.

JAMES HETFIELD born in Downey, California - 1963 (58)
* US singer, guitarist and founding member of the band Metallica. Metallica's best selling album is their fifth album *Metallica* (commonly known as *The Black Album*). It produced five singles that are considered to be among the band's best-known songs, which include *Enter Sandman, The Unforgiven* and *Nothing Else Matters*. In 2018 they made No 1 in Australia with the album *Hardwired ... To Self-Destruct.*

TASMIN ARCHER born in Yorkshire, England - 1963 (58)
* English singer. She had a UK No 1 hit in 1992 with *Sleeping Satellite.*

TOM LONG born in Boston, Massachusetts - 1968. (Died aged 51 - 2020)
* American-born Australian actor. He appeared in *SeaChange* (1998–2000) and the Nine Network police drama *Young Lions* (2002). He also can be seen in the local films *Two Hands* and *The Dish*.
* He was diagnosed in 2012 with an incurable blood cancer. In December 2018, Long was given an updated prognosis of 3–12 months to live.

GINA G (Gina Gardiner) born in Brisbane, Queensland - 1970 (51)
* Australian singer. She made No 1 in the UK in 1996 with her Eurovision song contest entry *Ooh Ahh Just A Little Bit*. Another two of her singles made the UK top 10.

TOM BRADY (Thomas Brady Jr) born in California - 1977 (44)
* American football (gridiron) player. He plays with the Tampa Bay Buccaneers of the NFL. He spent the first 20 seasons of his career with the New England Patriots. He joined the Buccaneers in 2020 and they won the Superbowl. He is widely considered to be the greatest quarterback of all time.

EVANGELINE LILLY (Nicole Evangeline Lilly) born in Alberta, Canada - 1979 (42)
* Canadian actress. She played Kate Austen in the TV series *Lost.* Her movies include *The Hobbit* (as Tauriel), *The Hurt Locker, Ant-Man* and *Avengers: End Game.*

MICHAEL 'MILE' JEDINAK born in Camperdown, NSW - 1984 (37)
* Australian soccer player. He played for the Australia national team as well as UK teams Aston Villa and Crystal Palace. Jedinak retired as captain of the Australian national team in October 2018.

SONNY BILL WILLIAMS (Sonny William Williams) born in Auckland, New Zealand - 1985 (36)
* New Zealand rugby/rugby league player and heavyweight boxer. He plays for the Sydney Roosters in the NRL. He returned to the club in 2020. He played rugby sevens for the New Zealand national team in 2016. He is only the second person to represent New Zealand in rugby union after first playing for the country in rugby league, and is one of only twenty players to have won two rugby union World Cups.

Events

THE HUTCHINS SCHOOL, Australia's oldest boy's school, opened in Hobart - 1846.

LONG BAY GAOL (now Long Bay Correctional Centre) opened in Sydney - 1909.
* Long Bay comprises five institutions, four maximum security and one minimum security.

GERMANY declared war on France - 1914.

First **AERIAL CROP SPRAYING** took place in Ohio - **1921**.

THE BEATLES made their final appearance at the Cavern Club in Liverpool - 1963.
* It was supposedly their 294th appearance. The club opened in 1957 and eventually closed in 1966 after running into debt problems.

MIRIAM HARGROVE (UK) passed her driving test after 40 attempts and 212 lessons - 1970.

LOS DEL RIO commenced a 14 week run at No.1 on the US singles chart with *Macarena* - 1996.

GABY KENNARD left Sydney to fly solo around the world - 1989.
* She returned 99 days later.

BRITAIN experienced one of its hottest days on record with temperatures reaching 37.1 ° C in Cheltenham and 35 ° C in London - 1990.

RODNEY ANSELL, an Australian bushman who claimed that Paul Hogan's character Mick 'Crocodile' Dundee was based on him, died aged 44 in a shoot-out with Darwin police - 1999.
* Ansell was a professional bull catcher as well as a philosopher, poet and author. He wrote the book *To Fight The Wild.*

MOST CLOTHES PEGS CLIPPED ON FACE record was achieved by the UK's Garry Turner who clipped 133 ordinary wooden clothes pegs on his face in London - 2001.
* In 2004 he bettered his record with 153 pegs.

PRINCE CHARLES was knocked unconscious during a charity polo match - 2001.

ROGER VOUDOURIS, US singer who charted with *Get Used To It* (1979), died aged 48 - 2003.

BOB CARR stepped down as Premier of NSW - 2005.
* Carr was the nation's longest serving incumbent premier. For 17 years he served as Labor leader.

PAMELA ANDERSON married singer **KID ROCK** (born Robert Ritchie) - 2006.
* The marriage was short lived and they divorced on November 27, 2006.

BOBBY HEBB, US singer who charted with *Sunny*, died aged 72 of lung cancer - 2010.

BIRTHDAY BULLETIN

Wednesday 4th August 2021

Births

QUEEN MOTHER (Elizabeth Bowes-Lyon) born in England - 1900. (Died aged 101 - 2002)
* Mother of Queen Elizabeth II. Up until 2002 she was the only survivor of the 14th Earl of Strathmore's 10 children. She had been a widow since 1952 when her husband George VI died. She achieved the record for being the longest living member of the Royal family in the history of the British monarchy.
* She was only five feet two inches tall (the Queen is two inches taller) and wore size 3 1/2 shoes.

LOUIS ARMSTRONG born in Louisiana State, New Orleans - 1901. (Died aged 69 - 1971)
* US trumpeter and 'scat' vocalist. 'Satchmo' had a No 1 hit in Australia in 1988 with the re-issue of *What A Wonderful World* that was featured in the movie *Good Morning Vietnam.* He appeared in the films *High Society* ('56) and *Hello Dolly* ('69) - and also had a hit with the theme song.

REG GRUNDY born in Sydney, NSW - 1923. (Died aged 92 - 2016)
* Australian TV producer and executive. In 1960 he began Reg Grundy Enterprises from his flat in Sydney and commenced his run of successful TV shows with *Wheel Of Fortune* as both producer and compere. The Grundy Organisation later launched Australian programs like *Neighbours, Sale Of The Century, Prisoner* and *Sons and Daughters.*

MAURIE FIELDS born in Manly, Sydney, NSW - 1926. (Died aged 69 - 1995)
* Australian actor and entertainer. He began his long career in show business in vaudeville. He and his actress wife Val Jellay were stars in the TV drama series *The Flying Doctors*. He played Vic Buckley. From 1967-'76 he played John Quinney in the ABC series *Bellbird.* He was also a resident comic on *Sunnyside Up* and in his latter years on *Hey Hey It's Saturday.*
* He wed his wife Val (Jellay) at Melbourne's Albert Park Methodist church in 1960. Val died in 2017. Their son Marty also went into show business.

LARRY KNECHTEL born in Bell, California - 1940. (Died aged 79 - 2009)
* US keyboard player and bassist. He is best known as a member of The Wrecking Crew, a collection of Los Angeles-based session musicians who worked with artists as Simon and Garfunkel (playing piano on *Bridge Over Troubled Water*), The Beach Boys, The Mamas & the Papas, The Monkees, The Partridge Family, and Elvis Presley and he was a member of the 1970s band Bread.

BILLY BOB THORNTON born in Hot Springs, Arkansas - 1955 (66)
* US actor and singer. His films include *Sling Blade* ('96), *The Apostle* ('97), *Armageddon* ('98), *Primary Colours* ('98) and *The Man Who Wasn't There* (2001). He also appeared in the TV series *Fargo* and currently stars in *Goliath.*
* In 2000 he married, his 5th wife, Angelina Jolie, daughter of actor Jon Voight. Divorced in 2003.

TIM WINTON born in Karrinyup, WA - 1960 (61)
* Australian writer. In 2002 he won his third Miles Franklin Award for his 7th novel *Dirt Music*. He had previously won awards for *Shallows* ('84) and *Cloudstreet* ('91). He's also written three plays.

BARACK OBAMA born in Honolulu, Hawaii - 1961 (60)
* Former US President. He was elected in November 2008 and became the first African American President of the United States. In November 2012 he was re-elected for a second term.
* Obama in Swahili means 'blessed'. He grew up in Hawaii but lived in Indonesia aged 6 to 10. He was the third US President in a row to only have daughters.
* He used to be known as 'Barry' but changed his name to his real name in college after reading the autobiography of Malcolm X.

ANDREW BARTLETT born in Brisbane, Queensland - 1964 (57)
* Australian politician. He was a Australian Democrats senator from 1997-2008 and leader from 2002 to 2004, then deputy leader from 2004 to 2008. From 2017-2018 he was a Senator for the Greens representing Queensland.

MARK BICKLEY born in POrt Pirie, South Australia - 1969 (52)
* Australian Rules footballer. The former Adelaide Crows captain led them to their first AFL premiership win in 1997 and their second successive flag in 1998.

ANDREW McLEOD born in Darwin, NT - 1976 (45)
* Australian Rules footballer. He is the games record holder for Adelaide Crows, having played 340 games. He was a major contributor in their 1997 and 1998 premierships winning the Norm Smith Medal for best on ground.

ROB COLLINS born in Darwin, NT - 1979 (42)
* Australian actor and singer. He is best known for his roles in the local TV series *Cleverman*, *The Wrong Girl* and *Glitch.* He also played Father Isaac in the 2019 film *Top End Wedding.*

JAMIE CROFT born in Sydney, NSW - 1981 (40)
* Australian actor and brother of actress Rebecca Croft. He began his acting career as Billy Moss in *A Country Practice*. Starred in the 1998 movie *The Real Macaw*.

MEGHAN, DUCHESS OF SUSSEX (Rachel Meghan Markle) born in Los Angeles, California - 1981 (40)
* A member of the British royal family and a former actress. She married Prince Harry in 2018. They have a son, Archie Mountbatten-Windsor and a daughter Lilibet Diana (born in 2021).
* From 2011-2018 she played Rachel Zane in the TV series *Suits.*
* In January 2020, Meghan and husband Harry announced that they were stepping back from their role as senior members of the royal family, and would balance their time between the UK and North America. Meghan's final solo engagement as a senior royal was a visit to Robert Clack School in March 2020.

JESSICA MAUBOY born in Darwin, NT - 1989 (32)
* Australian singer. The *Australian Idol* runner up (2006) made No 1 on the ARIA singles chart in 2009 with *Burn*. Her 2019 album *Hilda* debuted at No 1 in Australia. (Hilda is her middle name.) In 2014 she became the first guest to represent Australia at the Eurovision Song Contest when she sang *Sea Of Flags.* She was one of the stars in the 2012 film *The Sapphires* that earned her an AACTA Award.

Events

ANNE FRANK, 15, and her family were arrested by Nazi police after hiding in a secret room in Amsterdam for two years - 1944.

BILLBOARD magazine began its US Hot 100 Singles chart - 1958.
* The first No. 1 was *Poor Little Fool* by Ricky Nelson.

ROBERT PLANT (Led Zeppelin singer) and his family suffered broken bones in a car accident - 1975.
* Plant was unable to perform for over a year.

PRINCE started a 24 week run at the top of the US album charts with *Purple Rain* - 1984.

JESUS CHRIST SUPERSTAR stage musical opened in Sydney - 1992.
* The musical version starred John Farnham, Kate Ceberano, John Waters, Jon Stevens and Angry Anderson.

JEANNE CALMENT died aged 122 - 1997.
* The French woman was credited as the world's oldest person. She had no direct descendants.

WALL STREET suffered its third-biggest fall in history - 1998.

SUNDAY TRADING commenced in Brisbane and South East Queensland - 2002.

DICK EBERSOL, US TV executive, paid $77,400 at auction to find out whom **CARLY SIMON** was singing about in her 1972 hit *You're So Vain* - 2003.

LEE HAZLEWOOD, US singer/songwriter, died aged 78 - 2007.
* He recorded several hits with Nancy Sinatra and wrote her biggest hit *These Boots Are Made For Walkin'*.

RED DOG opened in Australian cinemas - 2011.
* It is now the 12th biggest box office Australian movie.

MICHAEL PHELPS, US swimmer, won an 18th Gold medal when he won the men's 4x100 medley relay final at the London Olympic Games - 2012.
* By winning 4 gold and 2 silver medals, Phelps concluded the 2012 Olympics as the most successful swimmer of the meet for the third Olympics in a row.

BIRTHDAY BULLETIN

Thursday 5th August 2021

Births

HAROLD HOLT born in Sydney, NSW - 1908. (Died aged 59 - 1967)
* Australia's Prime Minister from January 1966 until his death in December 1967 when he disappeared while swimming at Portsea back beach.

NEIL ARMSTRONG born in Wapakoneta, Ohio - 1930. (Died aged 82 - 2012)
* US astronaut. In July 1969 he became the first man to walk on the moon uttering those famous words - *"That's one small step for (a) man and one giant leap for mankind."* In his later years he was practically a recluse.

TOM HAFEY born in Victoria - 1931. (Died aged 82 - 2014)
* Coach and player with the Richmond football club. He coached the Tigers to four premierships. He also had coaching stints with Collingwood, Geelong and the Sydney Swans.

MARTIN ST JAMES born in WA - 1934. (Died aged 80 - 2014)
* Australian hypnotist. In 1952 he became a professional stage hypnotist at the age of 18. In 1967 he took up residency in the UK returning to Australia in 1982.

JOHN SAXON (Carmine Orrico) born in Brooklyn, New York - 1936. (Died aged 83 - 2020)
* US actor. His films include *Enter The Dragon* ('73), *The Electric Horseman* ('79) and the TV series *The Bold Ones* ('69). He also appeared in the TV series *The Six Million Dollar Man.* A former model, he had a black belt in karate.

PENNE HACKFORTH-JONES born in Greenwich, Connecticut - 1949. (Died aged 63 - 2013)
* Australian actress. She played Dr Nicola Hartley in the TV series *All Saints* and had roles in numerous Australian TV programs.

LONI ANDERSON born in St Paul, Minnesota - 1945 (76)
* American actress. She played the part of the receptionist Jennifer Marlowe in the TV series *WKRP In Cincinnati*.
* She was married to actor Burt Reynolds from 1988 to 1993.

ANGRY ANDERSON (Gary Anderson) born in Melbourne, Victoria - 1947 (74)
* Australian rock singer. He first came to fame in the '70s as lead vocalist for the band Rose Tattoo. In 1987 he had a national No 1 hit with his solo release *Suddenly.* In 1990 he had another top 10 hit with *Bound For Glory.*
* His son Liam Anderson died in 2018 after a friend stomped on his head repeatedly in a Sydney park while on a drug bender because he thought Liam had turned into a demon. During the trial, jurors heard Flame, 22, took up to 10 MDMA pills at a Darlinghurst party before ending up at a park with Liam on the northern beaches. He was found guilty of manslaughter in the NSW Supreme Court. Angry says: *"No day of celebration will ever be the same for us now, because Liam is not there to celebrate or be celebrated. I am condemned as we all are to a life of sadness. I now fully understand the meaning of the phrase having a hole in my heart. When he died part of me died with him."*

JOHN JARRATT born in Wollongong, NSW - 1952 (69)
* Australian actor. He played Terry Dodge in the TV series *McLeod's Daughters.* He used to co-host the TV program *Better Homes and Gardens* with his then wife Noni Hazelhurst. His film roles include - *Picnic At Hanging Rock* ('75), *We Of The Never Never* ('82), *Wolf Creek* (2005) and sequel. On television he's also appeared in the mini-series - *The Last Outlaw* - as Ned Kelly, *Naked Under Capricorn Sky*, *Fields Of Fire.*
* In 2018, Jarratt was accused of rape after a woman came forward to report an alleged 1976 incident. He was found not guilty in July 2019.

SAMANTHA SANG (Cheryl Sang) born in Melbourne, Victoria - 1953 (68)
* Australian singer. In 1969 she left for the US and changed her name to Samantha Sang, but it wasn't until 1978 that she had hit success with *Emotion* that was written by Barry Gibb - who also provided backing vocals. The follow-up *You Keep Me Dancing*, also a Gibb composition, was her last chart hit.

MAUREEN McCORMICK born in Los Angeles, California - 1956 (65)
* US actress. For 5 years she played Marcia in the television series *The Brady Bunch.* She was one of the 'celebrities' in the 2015 Australian edition of *I'm A Celebrity ... Get Me Out Of Here.*

JONATHAN SILVERMAN born in Los Angeles, California - 1966 (55)
* US actor. He starred in the '90s TV sit-com *The Single Guy.*

PAUL BURT born in Boonah, Queensland - 1972 (49)
* Queensland TV and radio weather presenter. He presents fishing and boating reports on radio stations as well as appearing on Channel 7 Brisbane and the Gold Coast. He hosts the TV program *Step Outside With Burty.*

CASSIE DAVIS born in Gnangara, WA - 1986 (35)
* Australian singer/songwriter and musician. In 2009 she had hits with *Like It Loud* and *Do It Again* and also released her debut album *Differently*.

Events

First **AUSTRALIAN RULES NIGHT GAME** was played at the MCG - 1879.
* It was between East Melbourne Artillery and the Collingwood Rifles. It was estimated that around 10,000 people watched the game with many others still outside while the game was on. Light was provided by five specially constructed lights.

First **AMERICAN EXPRESS** traveller's cheque was cashed - 1891.

The first **TRAFFIC LIGHT** was installed at a busy interchange in Cleveland, Ohio - 1914.

FROM HERE TO ETERNITY, starring Burt Lancaster and Deborah Kerr, opened in US cinemas - 1953.
* The film won eight Academy Awards out of 13 nominations, including awards for Best Picture, Best Director (Fred Zinnemann), Adapted Screenplay, Supporting Actor (Frank Sinatra), and Supporting Actress (Donna Reed).

AMERICAN BANDSTAND, a music show playing the hit songs and popular dances of the time, debuted on US TV - 1957.
* It was hosted until its final season in 1989 by Dick Clark.

MARILYN MONROE, US actress, died aged 36 - 1962.
* Her death, probably suicide, was caused by an overdose of barbiturates.

MEL BROOKS married **ANNE BANCROFT** - 1964.
* They remained happily married until Anne's death in 2005. They starred together in the 1983 re-make of *To Be Or Not To Be.*

PINK FLOYD released their first album, *Piper At The Gates Of Dawn* in UK - 1967.

PENALTIES were used as a tie-break for the first time in English soccer - 1970.

DICK SMITH began his solo flight around the world in a helicopter - 1982.
* His flight began in Texas. He finished the feat on 22 July 1983.

GLYNIS NUNN became the first Australian in 16 years to win a track and field gold medal at the Olympic Games - 1984.

WORLD'S LARGEST MUSICAL CHAIRS GAME was played with 8,238 people in Singapore - 1989.
* It lasted 3 1/2 hours.

TERENCE LEWIS, Queensland police commissioner, was sentenced to 14 years jail on corruption charges - 1991.

JEFF PORCARO, drummer with Toto, died aged 38 of a heart attack - 1992.

FRIENDS debuted on Australian television - 1996.
* The US sit-com began in America in 1994 and ran for 10 seasons. It starred Jennifer Aniston, Courteney Cox, Lisa Kudrow, Matt LeBlanc, Matthew Perry and David Schwimmer. *Friends: The Reunion* special aired in 2021.

CATHY FREEMAN became the first Aborigine and first Australian woman to win a world athletics championship when she took out the 400m event in Athens - 1997.

CHRISTOPHER SKASE, Australian businessman**,** died aged 52 of stomach cancer at his home in Majorca - 2001.

GOOGLE STREET images of Australian city streets were added to Google Maps and Google Earth software - 2008.

BIRTHDAY BULLETIN

Friday 6th August 2021

Births

LUCILLE BALL born in New York - 1911. (Died aged 77 - 1989)
* US comic actress and TV executive. Before making *I Love Lucy* she was in 54 films - most of them 'B' grade. She co-starred with her husband Desi Arnaz in the TV comedy *I Love Lucy* which went to air in 1951. It was followed by *The Lucy Show* and then *Here's Lucy*.

ROBERT MITCHUM born in Bridgeport, Connecticut - 1917. (Died aged 79 - 1997)
* US actor. He starred in the films *Ryan's Daughter* ('71), *Farewell My Lovely* ('75), *Night Of The Hunter* ('55) and *The Sundowners* ('60).

GEOFF HARVEY born in England - 1935. (Died aged 83 - 2019)
* Australian musician and composer. The former music director and pianist for the *Midday* show left Channel 9 in May 1999. He wrote the theme music to *The Sullivans, A Current Affair* and *The Mike Walsh Show.*

DAME BARBARA WINDSOR (Barbara Ann Deeks) born in London, England - 1937. (Died aged 83 - 2020)
* British actress. She played the dumb blonde in the series of *Carry On* comedy movies. She also is well known for her role as Peggy Mitchell in the *EastEnders* soapie. She died in December 2020.

OLIVER TOBIAS (Oliver Tobias Freitag) born in Zurich, Switzerland - 1947 (74)
* Swiss-born British actor and director. He starred in the television movie *Jesus of Nazareth* (1977) and the 1976 Australian TV series *Luke's Kingdom*.

DARYL SOMERS (Daryl Schultz) born in East Prahran, Melbourne - 1951 (70)
* Australian TV presenter. In 2021 he returned to a regular television role hosting *Dancing With The Stars*. He was the original co-host with Sonia Kruger from 2004-2007. He's best known as the host of the television program *Hey Hey It's Saturday* which was revived with a series of reunion specials in 2009 and a series of programs in 2010.

CATHERINE HICKS born in Scottsdale, Arizona - 1951 (70)
* American actress. She starred in the *7th Heaven* TV series and can be seen in the 1980s films - *Peggy Sue Got Married, Star Trek IV* and *Like Father, Like Son.*

STEPFANIE KRAMER born in Los Angeles, California - 1956 (65)
* American actress. She played Det. Sgt. Dee Dee McCall opposite Fred Dryer in the '80s TV series *Hunter.*

MICHELLE YEOH born in Malaysia - 1962 (59)
* Chinese-Malaysian actress. She starred in the 2000 hit film *Crouching Tiger, Hidden Dragon* and can also be seen in the 1997 James Bond film *Tomorrow Never Dies.*

SEAN GARLICK born in - Sydney, NSW 1969 (52)
* Australian rugby league player. He was a hooker with South Sydney's Rabbitohs. From 1994-'97 he played with Sydney City but rejoined South Sydney in 1998.

GERI HALLIWELL born in Watford, England - 1972 (49)
* English singer with the Spice Girls known as 'Ginger Spice'. In 1996 the Spice Girls released their debut single *Wannabe*. The song made No 1 in 37 countries. In 1999 she had her debut solo hit with *Look At Me* and in 2001 had a hit with *It's Raining Men.*

DONNA LEWIS born in Cardiff, Wales - 1973 (48)
* Welsh singer. Her biggest hit is *I Love You Always Forever* (1996). It was inspired by the romantic novel *Love For Lydia* by H. E. Bates. The chorus line - *"I love you always forever, near and far closer together"* is featured in the book.

DAVID CAMPBELL born in Adelaide, SA - 1973 (48)
* Australian singer and radio host. The son of Jimmy Barnes had his debut pop hit in 2003 with *Hope*. He co-hosted *Mornings* with Sonia Kruger. They now host *Today Extra*. He is also a fill-in presenter for Karl Stefanovic on *Today* and a radio presenter on smooth FM.
* He starred in *Dream Lover: The Bobby Darin Musical* which opened in Melbourne in December 2017.

MELISSA GEORGE born in Perth, WA - 1976 (45)
* Australian actress. She played Angel Parrish in the TV series *Home And Away*. She relocated to Los Angeles in 1998 and starred alongside ex-*Full House* star John Stamos in the US TV series *Thieves.* Starred in the 2005 Hollywood remake of *The Amityville Horror.*
* Now based in Paris, in 2020 she says she had to sell her clothes and jewellery to survive after she was left with nothing following her separation from French entrepreneur Jean-David Blanc.

REBECCA MADDERN born in Geelong, Victoria - 1977 (44)
* Australian TV journalist. She is one of the hosts of *Ninja Warrior* and was a co-host of Nine Network's *AFL Footy Show*. She has also been a Melbourne correspondent on *Sunrise* as well as a reporter on *Seven News.*
* She married Seven news camera man Trent Miller in 2014.

Events

The **SANDWICH** made its debut - 1762.
* It was named after the Earl Of Sandwich who'd been gambling until late and was reluctant to leave the table to eat. He ordered a large piece of beef to be served wrapped in two slices of bread - and the 'sandwich' was born.

SAVOY HOTEL opened in London - 1889.

GERTRUDE EDERLE, a 19 year old American, became the first woman to swim the English Channel - 1926.

HARRY HOUDINI, US magician, was entombed in a bronze coffin and lowered into a hotel swimming pool where he stayed for 90 minutes - 1926.

An **ATOMIC BOMB** was dropped on Hiroshima resulting in an estimated 140,000 deaths - 1945.

Australia's **HERB ELLIOTT** ran a new world record for the mile clocking 3 mins 54.5 secs in Dublin - 1958.

STEVIE WONDER was seriously injured in a car crash in US - 1973.
* He was in a coma for four days but made a full recovery. The only damage he suffered was a temporary loss of his sense of smell.

KEVIN BARTLETT played his 400th VFL game for the Richmond Football Club - 1983.

SYDNEY experienced a record 328 millimetres (13 inches) of rain in a day - 1986.

ROBERT HARVEY, aged 16, played his first game for St Kilda - 1988.
* Harvey holds St Kilda's record for most career games with 383.

ACE OF BASE gave their first performance in Sweden - 1990.

First **WEBSITE**, designed by Tim Berners-Lee, went on the internet - 1991.
* It provided an explanation of what the World Wide Web was, and how one could use a browser and set up a web server.

SRI LANKA achieved the highest Test innings ever when they made 6-952 against India - 1997.

BETTY CUTHBERT, Australian athlete, died aged 79 - 2017.
* Australia's "Golden Girl" won four Olympic Gold medals

RONNIE BIGGS was released from prison on 'compassionate grounds' - 2009.
* He is best known for his role in the Great Train Robbery of 1963.

DIGITAL RADIO launched in Australia - 2009.

VIDEO HITS aired its last program after 24 years on Network Ten - 2011.
* The final program was hosted by Dylan Lewis and Faustina Agolley.

WIDESPREAD RIOTING, LOOTING AND ARSON took place in several London boroughs commencing on this day and ending 4 days later - 2011.
* The protests started following the death of Mark Duggan, a local man who was shot dead by police on 4 August.

SIA made No 1 on the US Billboard singles chart with *Cheap Thrills* - 2016.
* It took 23 weeks to make No 1. It had been 16 years since a female artist over the age of 40 had scored a US number one single.

WAYNE FONTANA, UK singer, died aged 74 of cancer - 2020.
* His biggest hits were *The Game Of Love* (with the Mindbenders), *Pamela Pamela* and *24 Sycamore*.

BIRTHDAY BULLETIN

Saturday 7th August 2021

Births

JENNY CRAIG (Genevieve Guidroz) in Berwick, Louisiana - 1932 (89)
* American weight loss guru and founder of Jenny Craig, Inc. She married Sidney Craig in 1979. In 1983, she and her husband created a nutrition, fitness, and weight loss program in Australia and began offering the program in the United States in 1985. The company became a part of Nestlé Nutrition in 2006.

B J THOMAS (Billy Joe Thomas) born in Houston, Texas - 1942. (Died aged 78 - 2021)
* American singer. He had his first hit in 1966 with *Mama.* In 1969 he shared the record sales in Australia with John Farnham on the song *Raindrops Keep Fallin' On My Head.* His best seller in the 1970s was *Another Somebody Done Somebody Wrong Song* and in the 1980s, *Whatever Happened To Old Fashioned Love.* He also had a few best selling gospel albums including *Home Where I Belong.*

GRAEME BLUNDELL born in Melbourne, Victoria - 1945 (76)
* Australian stage and film actor. His movies include *2000 Weeks*, *Don's Party, The Odd Angry Shot* and *The Year My Voice Broke*. He was one of the stars of the Australian TV drama *Medivac.*

GREG CHAPPELL born in Unley, SA - 1948 (73)
* Australian cricketer. Brother of cricketers Ian and Trevor. The former Australian Test captain retired in 1984 after scoring 7,110 runs at an innings average of 53.86. He has been a selector for national and Queensland teams, a member of the Australian Cricket Board, and a coach. Chappell coached South Australia for five seasons. He's also the grandson of Victor Richardson, a former Australian Test captain.

ALEXEI SAYLE born in Liverpool, England - 1952 (69)
* British comedian and actor. He appeared in the TV comedy series *The Young Ones* and starred in his own program *Stuff* and *The All New Alexei Sayle Show*. His film credits include - *Gorky Park, Indiana Jones And The Last Crusade* and the Australian film *Reckless Kelly*.

WAYNE KNIGHT born in Cartersville, Georgia - 1955 (66)
* American actor. He played 'Newman' on the TV sit com *Seinfeld* and Don Orville in *3rd Rock From The Sun*. His movies include *Jurassic Park, Basic Instinct*, *Toy Story 2* (providing the voice of Al McWhiggin) and *Rat Race*.

BRUCE DICKINSON (Paul Bruce Dickenson) born in England - 1958 (63)
* English singer, songwriter and musician. He is best known for his role as the lead singer of the heavy metal band Iron Maiden. They released 12 albums. He's released six solo albums.
* He learned to fly recreationally in the US in the 1990s and now holds an airline transport pilot's licence.

DAVID DUCHOVNY born in New York, New York - 1960 (61)
* US actor. From 1993-2001 he starred as Fox Mulder in the TV sci-fi series *The X Files.* He also starred with Gillian Anderson in the new series that aired in 2018. He's appeared in the films - *Working Girl, Twin Peaks, Chaplin* and *The X Files* feature film.
* In 1997 he married actress Tea Leoni star of *The Naked Truth.*
* His name Duchovny (doo-kuv-nee) is from the Russian "spiritual."

ALAIN 'SPIDERMAN' ROBERT born in France - 1962 (59)
* French stuntman. Known as 'Spiderman', he's climbed more than 70 of the world's tallest buildings. He uses no tools or safety devices and uses only his bare hands and climbing shoes.
* On 30 August 2010, he was arrested after climbing the 57-storey Lumiere building in Sydney.
* On September 4, 2007 he climbed Europe's tallest building - Moscow's 242 m high Federation building.

SOPHIE LEE born in Newcastle, NSW - 1968 (53)
* Australian actress and children's author. Her television career began as a presenter of the Bugs Bunny cartoons (*What's Up Doc?*) on Channel 9. She played Penny Wellings in *The Flying Doctors* and was one of the stars in the local movies *Muriel's Wedding* ('94) and *The Castle* ('97).

TREVOR HENDY born in Melbourne, Victoria - 1968 (53)
* Australian ironman. He was World Ironman Champion '88-'89, '90-'91 and '92-'93 and in 1994 became the greatest ironman in Australian history when he claimed his sixth national ironman gold medal. He has now retired from professional sport.

CHARLIZE THERON born in South Africa - 1975 (46)
* South African actress. In 2003 she won an Academy Award for her role in *Monster* (2003). For the role she gained 13 kilograms. Her other films include *The Legend of Bagger Vance*, *The Cider House Rules*, *Hancock*, *The Life and Death of Peter Sellers* and *Snow White And The Huntsman*. She was also one of the stars of the 2015 hit film *Mad Max: Fury Road*.
* She was named after her late father Charles.

MEGAN GALE born in Perth, WA - 1975 (46)
* Australian model. She was one of the stars of the 2015 hit film *Mad Max: Fury Road* (as Valkyrie) and also appeared in the 2014 film *The Water Diviner*. Megan hosted the TV program *Body Work* and has been a guest host on *Getaway.*
* In 2009 she appeared in her first local feature film the romantic comedy *I Love You Too.*

Events

First **AUSTRALIAN RULES FOOTBALL** match was played - 1858.
* This is generally considered the first game of what we now call AFL (Australian Rules Football). The contest was between Scotch College and Melbourne Grammar School. The goal posts were about a mile apart.

REVOLVING DOOR was patented by Theophilis Van Kannel of Philadelphia - 1888.

OLIVER HARDY, Laurel & Hardy fame, died aged 65 of complications following a stroke - 1957.

BEACH PARTY, starring Frankie Avalon and Annette Funicello, opened in US cinemas - 1963.

LINDA McGILL became the first Australian woman to swim the English Channel - 1965.
* She completed the swim in a time of 11 hours and 12 minutes.

CANNED HEAT began recording *Going Up The Country* - 1968.
* They finished the recording the following day. Al 'Blind Owl' Wilson featured on lead vocals.

PHILIPPE PETIT, a 24 year old French high wire artist, illegally walked a tightrope strung between the twin World Trade Centre Towers in New York, 110 floors up (417 m) - 1974.
* With the help of a clutch of assistants and friends, he managed to gain access to the 110th storey of the then tallest building in the world.

JOHN CAIN resigned as Premier of Victoria and was replaced by **JOAN KIRNER** - 1990.

Twins **PHIL** and **DOUG MALM** of Idaho married twins **JENNA** and **JILL LASSEN** of Michigan at the 18th Annual Twins Day Festival at Twinsburg, Ohio - 1993.
* 1500 sets of twins witnessed the ceremony.

WATER RATS final TV episode (177th) went to air following a six year run on Australian television - 2001.

NANCY WAKE, British Agent in World War II, died aged 98 in London - 2011.

AUSTRALIA recorded just 7 wickets for 38 runs in the first hour of play v England in the 4th Test at Trent Bridge - 2015.
* Australia ended up with just 60 runs. At the end of the day England led by 214 runs.

BERNARD 'MIDGET' FARRELLY, Australian surfer, died aged 71 - 2016.
* He was the first Australian to win a major surfing title, the 1962 Makaha International Surfing Championships,

POPULATION OF AUSTRALIA reached 25 million according to the Australian Bureau of Statistics - 2018.
* In 1918 it was 5 million, in 1981 15 million, and in 2021 it is now 25.37 million.

TASMANIA recorded its lowest temperature with the small town of Liawenee experiencing -14.2C just after 6am - 2020.
* This is the lowest temperature ever reliably recorded in Tasmania and the equal lowest temperature in Australia since 2011.

BIRTHDAY BULLETIN

Sunday 8th August 2021

Births

EDWIN 'TED' STREET born in Corrimal, New South Wales - 1891. (Died aged 84 - 1975)
* Australian ice-cream manufacturer. In 1920 Street, with the help of his wife and brother, laid the foundations for what would ultimately become Australia's biggest and best-known ice cream manufacturer. The ice cream was originally made in the back shed by Ted, at his home. Today Streets ice cream is sold throughout Australia and New Zealand with well known brands such as Magnum, Paddle Pop and Blue Ribbon.

BOB ANSETT born in Hamilton, Victoria - 1933 (88)
* Australian businessman and son of Sir Reginald Ansett. He's the former head of Budget Rent-A-Car and one-time president of the North Melbourne football club.

JOHN LAWS (Richard John Sinclair Laws) born in New Guinea - 1935 (86)
* Australian radio announcer. He first began broadcasting in 1953. Most of his radio career has been spent in Sydney where he's worked for stations including 2UE, 2GB, 2UW and 2SM. He turned off his golden microphone on November 30 2007 but returned to the airwaves in 2011 on 2SM and the group of Caralis-owned Super Radio stations.
* In February 2020 he lost his wife Caroline who he lovingly referred to as 'The Princess'. She had fought cancer for a number of years. The couple met as teenagers in 1951 before reuniting two decades later and marrying in 1976. It was John's third marriage and Caroline's second.

JOHN-MICHAEL HOWSON born in Elwood, Victoria - 1936 (85)
* Australian showbiz reporter and writer. Co-writer of *Dusty: The Original Diva*, based on the life of Dusty Springfield. He's also co-writer of the musical *Shout* - based on the life of Johnny O'Keefe. For many years he resided in Los Angeles where he provided reports on Hollywood back to Australia. He created the children's TV programs *The Magic Circle Club* and *Adventure Island*.

DUSTIN HOFFMAN born in Los Angeles, California - 1937 (84)
* American actor. He has won Academy Awards for Best Actor in *Rainman* and *Kramer v Kramer.* His other hit films include *The Graduate, Midnight Cowboy, All The President's Men, Tootsie*, *Hook*, *Last Chance Harvey, Wag The Dog* and *Finding Neverland.* He made his directorial debut with *Quartet* (2012).

CONNIE STEVENS (Concetta Ingolia) born in Brooklyn, New York - 1938 (83)
* American actress. She played Cricket Blake in the TV series *Hawaiian Eye*. She had a pop hit in 1960 with *Sixteen Reasons.* She was married to Eddie Fisher.

NIGEL MANSELL born in England - 1953 (68)
* UK racing driver. He won both the Formula One World Championship (1992) and CART World Series (1993). He is the only person in history to hold both titles simultaneously, and was the first person to win the CART title in his debut season.

DONNY MOST born in New York City, New York - 1953 (68)
* US actor. He played Ralph Malph in the long running TV series *Happy Days* ('74-'84).

DEBORAH CONWAY born in Toorak, Melbourne - 1959 (62)
* Australian singer and former model. The ex-Do Re Mi vocalist had her first solo top 20 hit in 1991 with *It's Only The Beginning* from the album *String of Pearls*. Her band Do Re Mi had their biggest hit in 1985 with *Man Overboard.*

CHEYNE HORAN born in Sydney, NSW - 1960 (61)
* Australian surfer. On four occasions he was the runner-up for the world title.

THE EDGE (David Evans) born in Essex, England - 1961 (60)
* Irish lead guitarist with U2. Band lead singer Bono gave him his nickname in reference to the shape of his head being "sharp" - like his mind. Edge sang on their 1993 hit *Numb* from their No 1 selling album *Zooropa*. The group toured Australia in 2019 as a part of their Joshua Tree World Tour.

KATE LANGBROEK born in Boonah, Queensland - 1965 (56)
* Australia TV/radio presenter and actress. For many years she was co-host with Dave Hughes on Melbourne's NOVA 100 breakfast show. She's now the co-host of the 3PM Pick Up on KIIS FM. Her brother John Paul Langbroek is the state MP For Surfers Paradise.

SHANE LEE born in Wollongong, NSW - 1973 (48)
* Australian cricketer and brother of Brett. He's played for Australia, NSW, Somerset and Worcestershire.

TOBY ALLEN born in Papua New Guinea - 1973 (48)
* Australian singer. He's a part of the vocal group Human Nature. For many years the group has been based in Las Vegas where they perform *Smokey Robinson Presents Australia's Human Nature: The Ultimate Celebration of the Motown Sound.*

VANESSA AMOROSI born in Melbourne, Victoria - 1981 (40)
* Australian singer. In 2009 she had her first No 1 hit single in Australia with *This Is Who I Am*. She's also had hit success with *Absolutely Everybody*, *The Power*, *Shine, Mr Mysterious* and *Perfect.*

ROGER FEDERER born in Switzerland - 1981 (40)
* 193 cm tall Swiss tennis player. Federer has won 20 Grand Slam singles titles - the same amount as Rafael Nadal and Novak Djokovic. He held the world No. 1 spot in the ATP rankings for a record total of 310 weeks.
* In 2009, his wife Mirka gave birth to identical twin girls. The Federers had another pair of identical twins in 2014, this time boys.

KANE WILLIAMSON born in Tauranga, New Zealand - 1990 (31)
* New Zealand cricketer. He is currently the captain of the NZ national team in all formats.

LAUV (Ari Leff) born in San Francisco, California - 1994 (27)
* US singer/songwriter. He is best known for his singles *I Like Me Better* (No 8 in Australia) and *Chasing Fire*.

SHAWN MENDES born in Toronto, Ontario - 1998 (23)
* Canadian singer. In 2019 he had a No 1 hit in Australia with Camilla Cabello with the single *Senorita.* His 2018 album *Shawn Mendes* made No 1 in Australia.

Events

The first **DAVIS CUP**, named after Dwight Davis, began in Massachusetts - 1900.

RUGBY LEAGUE was born in Australia when a meeting of 50 people assembled at Bateman's Hotel in George St, Sydney - 1907.

ROY ORBISON recorded *Blue Angel* - 1960.

The famous photo of the **BEATLES** crossing the road outside the Abbey Road studio was taken. It was used for the cover of their album *Abbey Road* - 1969.

GRIFFITH UNIVERSITY opened in Queensland - 1971.

RICHARD NIXON announced his resignation as President of the United States, effective the following day - 1974.

SYDNEY DRIVE-INS at Parklea, Penrith, Warriewood, Fairfield and Matraville screened movies for the final time - 1984.

BEATRICE ELIZABETH was born to the Duchess Of York and Prince Andrew, on this 8th day of the 8th month at 18 past 8 - 1988.

GERRY AND TONI CARDINALLI of New Zealand had their twin daughters on this 8th day of the 8th month 1988 (8/8/'88) and their son was born on the 9th day of the 9th month 1999 (9/9/'99).

PRINCE PHILIP on a walkabout in Scotland asked a local driving instructor - *"How do you keep the locals off the booze long enough to get them to pass the test?"* - 1995.

TOM CRUISE and **NICOLE KIDMAN** officially divorced - 2001.

McLEOD's DAUGHTERS began on Australian television - 2001.
* It ended in 2009 after 224 episodes.

ALL BLACKS won the Bledisloe Cup for the 8th year in a row - 2010.

ROBERT HUGHES, star of Australian TV sit-com *Hey Dad*, was arrested in London after a two-year investigation and a three-month global hunt by police, accused of molesting five girls more than 25 years ago - 2012.

GLEN CAMPBELL, US singer and musician, died aged 81 - 2017.

BIRTHDAY BULLETIN

Monday 9th August 2021

Births

ROD LAVER born in Rockhampton, Queensland - 1938 (83)
* Australian tennis champion. The 'Rockhampton Rocket' was the first Australian to win the Grand Slam in 1962. He won again in 1969. He holds the Australian record for most wins in men's singles at Wimbledon with four (1961, 1962, 1968 and 1969.)
* The Rod Laver Arena in Melbourne is named after him. It is the main venue for the Australian Open in tennis since 1988, replacing the Kooyong Stadium.
* He was the first tennis player to become a millionaire from match earnings and first person to achieve the Grand Slam twice.

SAM ELLIOTT born in Sacramento, California - 1944 (77)
* American actor. Most of his acting roles have been in television movies. However, he did star with Cher in the 1985 feature film *Mask* and a starring role in the 2018 movie *A Star Is Born*. In 1989 he co-starred with Patrick Swayze in *Roadhouse.*
* He is married to actress Katharine Ross. They met on the set of *Butch Cassidy and The Sundance Kid.*

MELANIE GRIFFITH born in New York City, New York - 1957 (64)
* US actress and daughter of Tippi Hedren. In 1989 she received an Academy Award nomination for her role in the film *Working Girl.*
* She starred with former husband Don Johnson and John Goodman in the 1993 film remake of *Born Yesterday.*
* In 1989 she wed Don Johnson for the second time at their Aspen ranch. Their first marriage to one another in 1976 only lasted 18 months. She married Antonio Banderas in 1996. They divorced in 2015.

SIR JOHN KEY born in Auckland, New Zealand - 1961 (60)
* New Zealand politician. He served as the 38th Prime Minister of New Zealand and leader of the New Zealand National Party. He was elected leader of the party in November 2006 and appointed Prime Minister in November 2008, resigned from both posts in December 2016.

WHITNEY HOUSTON born in Newark, New Jersey - 1963. (Died aged 48 - 2012)
* US singer. Some of her biggest hits in Australia include - *How Will I Know* ('85), *The Greatest Love Of All* ('86), *I Wanna Dance With Somebody* ('87), *I Will Always Love You* ('92) and *Step By Step* ('97). In America she had seven consecutive No 1 hit singles.
* On February 11, 2012, she was found dead in a suite at the Beverly Hilton Hotel, submerged in the bathtub. The coroner's office reported the cause of Houston's death was drowning and the *"effects of atherosclerotic heart disease and cocaine use".*
* On January 31, 2015, her daughter Bobbi Kristina Brown was found face down in a bathtub in her Georgia home. She remained in a medically induced coma until her death in July 2015.
* She made her movie debut in *Bodyguard* which co-starred Kevin Costner. She also was in the films *Waiting To Exhale* and *The Preacher's Wife.*

BARTON LYNCH born in Sydney, NSW - 1963 (58)
* Australian surfer. He was the World Champion surfer in 1988. Retired in 1998 - with 12 appearances in the top 10, the most of any male surfer.

GILLIAN ANDERSON born in Chicago, Illinois - 1968 (53)
* US actress. She is best known for her role as FBI Special Agent Dana Scully on the sci-fi drama series *The X-Files* for all ten seasons (1993–2002). She also co-starred in the revived 2018 series.

ERIC BANA (Eric Banadinovic) born in Tullamarine, Melbourne - 1968 (53)
* Australian actor. His latest starring role is the 2021 Australian film *The Dry.* His Hollywood films include *Troy* (2004), *The Hulk* (2003), *Black Hawk Down* (2001), *Munich* (2005), *Star Trek* (2009) and *The Time Traveler's Wife* (2009). In 2016 he co-starred with Ricky Gervais in *Special Correspondents*.
* His Australian TV credits include: *The Castle* (1997) and the TV series *Something In The Air*. He also starred in the 2007 movie *Romulus My Father*.

EMMA HARRISON born in Christchurch, NZ - 1968 (53)
* New Zealand actress. She played Joanna Hartman Evans in *Neighbours* ('95-'97). Since moving to Hollywood she's appeared in *Intolerable Cruelty* (2003) and *The Company* (2003).

MARK PRIESTLEY born in Perth, WA - 1976. (Died aged 32 - 2008)
* Australian actor. He is best known for playing Dan Goldman in *All Saints*. He committed suicide after jumping from a high level floor of the Swissotel in Sydney. For a long period he had suffered from depression.

AUDREY TAUTOU born in France - 1976 (45)
* French actress. Tautou (pron: toe-two) starred as Coco Chanel in the 2009 French movie *Coco avant Chanel*. Her other movies include *Amelie* (2001) and *The Da Vinci Code* (2006).

SAMPA THE GREAT (Sampa Tempo) born in Zambia - 1993 (28)
* Zambian songwriter and rapper. He was raised in Botswana but is now based in Australia. His best selling album is *The Return* which peaked at No 12 in Australia.

Events

The **SISTINE CHAPEL** in Italy was consecrated - 1483.

GOLD was discovered near the Victorian town of Ballarat - 1851.

First **ESCALATOR** was patented - 1859.

MELBOURNE TOWN HALL opened - 1870.

Sydney's Town Hall **GRAND ORGAN** was played in recital for the first time - 1890.

EDWARD VII was crowned King of Great Britain and Ireland at Westminster Abbey - 1902.

TARZAN'S GRIP (glue) trademark was registered in Australia - 1935.

An **ATOM BOMB** was dropped on the Japanese city of Nagasaki killing 39,000 bringing an end to World War II - 1945.

CLIFF RICHARD, 17, made his showbiz debut by signing with EMI records in Britain - 1958.
* One month later he had his first British hit with *Move It.*

ROBERT ZIMMERMAN legally changed his name to **BOB DYLAN** - 1962.

SHARON TATE, American actress, was murdered aged 26 - 1969.
* The wife of film director Roman Polanski was found in her Beverly Hills home. She was eight months pregnant.

GERALD FORD was sworn in as US President - 1974.
* Under threat of impeachment for obstruction of justice, Richard M Nixon became the first US President to resign with the then Vice-President Gerald Ford succeeding him.

WINGS recorded *Mull Of Kintyre* in Scotland - 1977.
* It was written by Paul McCartney and Denny Laine.

First **MOBILE PHONE CALL** in Australia was made on Australia's first public mobile network built by Telstra (then Telecom) - 1981.
* It was made in Melbourne on a car phone system weighing 14 kilograms with a 45cm handset and costing nearly $5000 (equivalent to $17,000 in 2011).

A CESSNA 210 plane with five people on board disappeared over the Barrington Tops in NSW - 1981.
* It was apparently sighted on June 6 2021. It remains Australia's only unsolved civil aviation incident.

MINI-DISC was launched in Sydney - 1993.
* It was the world's first recordable and erasable digital audio disc.

BILL and **ELIZABETH GREECHAN** of England, were jailed for 21 days for arguing too loudly! - 1993.
* It's reported that one of their rows lasted for over 12 hours.

FESTIVAL HALL in Brisbane held its final concert - 2003.
* The hall was torn down in August 2003 to make way for a high rise building named Festival Towers.

KATE LANGLEY, aged 9, became the youngest female to hit a hole in one when she made the score on a 134 yard par three hole at the Forest Pines golf course in Scunthorpe, UK - 2005.

USAIN BOLT, Jamaican sprinter, became the first athlete in Olympic Games history to successfully defend both the 200 m and 100 m titles - 2012.

BIRTHDAY BULLETIN

Tuesday 10th August 2021

Births

NOAH BEERY JR born in New York City, New York - 1913. (Died aged 81 - 1994)
* US actor and son of Noah Beery Snr. He played 'Rocky' in the US television series *The Rockford Files*. His films include *The Spirit of St Louis, Inherit The Wind* and *Sergeant York*.

RHONDA FLEMING (Marilyn Louis) born in Hollywood, California - 1923. (Died aged 97 - 2020)
* American actress. Red-headed Rhonda appeared in many films during the '40s and '50s including *Spellbound* ('45) and *The Spiral Staircase* ('45). One of her last roles was in the *Get Smart* feature film *The Nude Bomb* ('80).

JIMMY DEAN (Seth Ward) born in Texas - 1928. (Died aged 81 - 2010)
* US singer and businessman. He is best known for the 1961 hit *Big Bad John.*

EDDIE FISHER born in Pennsylvania - 1928. (Died aged 82 - 2010)
* American singer and actor. While his film roles were very ordinary he did manage a few hit songs in the '50s such as *Dungaree Doll* ('56) and *Cindy, Oh Cindy* ('57).
* His former wives include Debbie Reynolds (their daughter is actress Carrie Fisher), Connie Stevens and Elizabeth Taylor.

TOM LAUGHLIN born in Minneapolis, Minnesota - 1931. (Died aged 82 - 2013)
* American actor and director. He is best known for playing the half-breed karate expert Billy Jack in a series of four movies which he also directed and wrote (some under the name of T.C. Frank). His wife Dolores Taylor also starred in three of the films.

BOBBY HATFIELD (Robert Hatfield) born in Beaver Dam, Wisconsin - 1940. (Died aged 63 - 2003)
* American singer. Bobby and Bill Medley made up the Righteous Brothers. They had two huge hits in 1965 with *You've Lost That Lovin' Feelin'* and *Unchained Melody* (a hit again in 1990). *Soul And Inspiration* became their second US No 1 hit in 1966.
* Died of a drug overdose.

RONNIE SPECTOR (Veronica Bennett) born in New York City, New York - 1943 (78)
* US singer with The Ronettes vocal trio which consisted of her sister Estelle (who died in 2009) and cousin Nedra. Their two biggest hits were *Be My Baby* ('63) and *Baby I Love You* ('64) - both produced by Ronnie's former husband Phil Spector.

IAN ANDERSON born in Edinburgh, Scotland - 1947 (74)
* UK musician and vocalist. He's the lead singer/flautist with Jethro Tull. The group began in 1968 and has had over 12 line-up changes. About 22 musicians have been in Jethro Tull at different times. Their biggest selling album in Australia is *Thick As A Brick* ('72) and single is *Living In The Past* ('73).

ROSANNA ARQUETTE born in New York City, New York - 1959 (62)
* American actress. She co-starred with Madonna in *Desperately Seeking Susan* ('85). Her other films include - the Australian production *Wendy Cracked A Walnut* ('90), *Nowhere To Run* ('93), and *Crash* ('96).
* Her actress sister Patricia Arquette married Nicolas Cage. Her brother David married Courteney Cox in 1999.

ANTONIO BANDERAS (Jose Antonio Bandera) born in Malaga, Spain - 1960 (61)
* Spanish actor. His films include *Mambo Kings, Philadelphia, Evita, The Mask of Zorro* and the series of *Spy Kids* children's movies. He provides the voice of Puss In Boots in the *Shrek* animated movies and the full length feature *Puss In Boots* (2011).
* He married Melanie Griffith in 1996. It was his second marriage. They separated in 2014.

JON FARRISS (Jonathon Farriss) born in Perth, WA - 1961 (60)
* Drummer with INXS. His brother Tim is lead guitarist and brother Andrew plays keyboards and guitar. The three Farriss boys have been a part of the group since its beginning in 1979.
* INXS became only the second Australian-based band (after Men At Work) to reach No 1 on the American singles chart with *Need You Tonight.*

RIDDICK BOWE born in New York City, New York - 1967 (54)
* American boxer and former heavyweight boxing champion. He won the title in 1992 when he defeated Evander Holyfield. In 1997 he announced his retirement but in September 2004 after seven and a half years away from boxing, he returned with a second round knockout over Marcus Rhode. He has a record of 43 wins and 1 loss. 33 wins by knock out.

EMILY SYMONS born in Sydney, NSW - 1969 (52)
* Australian actress. She played Marilyn Chambers Fisher in the local soapie *Home And Away* and in 2001 joined the cast of the UK series *Emmerdale Farm* (2001-2008). She also spent some time as a host of *Video Smash* hits.

TIMOTHY BLACKWELL born in Hobart, Tasmania - 1981 (40)
* Australian radio broadcaster. Blackwell's first job in radio at Nova was in 2001. He is currently part of Nova FM's national drive show, Kate, Tim & Joel with Kate Ritchie and Joel Creasey. Blackwell has regularly appeared on Network Ten's *The Project*, Nine Nine's *Today Extra* and *Getaway.*

BRENTON THWAITES born in Cairns, Queensland - 1989 (32)
* Australian actor. He played Stu Henderson in *Home and Away*. Since moving to the United States, Thwaites has had major roles in *Blue Lagoon: The Awakening* (2012), *The Giver* (2014), *Gods of Egypt* (2016), and *Pirates of the Caribbean: Dead Men Tell No Tales* (2017) as Henry Turner.

KYLIE JENNER born in Los Angeles, California - 1997 (24)
* US reality TV personality, model and socialite. The daughter of Bruce and Kris Jenner has starred in *Keeping Up with the Kardashians* since 2007 and is the founder and owner of cosmetic company Kylie Cosmetics. She is America's youngest self-made billionaire.

Events

THE LOUVRE MUSEUM opened in Paris, France - 1793.

BHP (Broken Hill Pty Ltd) was registered as a business in Australia - 1885.

SCREW BOTTLE TOP was patented by Dan Rylands of Hope Glass Works in Yorkshire - 1889.

First **DAVIS CUP** (named after Dwight F Davis) was won by the American team - 1900.

SUNSET BOULEVARD, starring William Holden and Gloria Swanson, opened in US - 1950.
* It was nominated for 11 Academy Awards, winning three.

PRINCES HIGHWAY, linking Sydney and Melbourne, officially opened at Warragul - 1970.

MR TICKLE, the first book in the Mr Men series by Roger Hargreaves, was published - 1971.
* The story was originally based on a question by his 6 year old son, Adam Hargreaves, who asked what a tickle would look like. Harvgreaves, who died in 1988, also wrote and illustrated the Little Miss books and others. The books are now written by his son Adam.

ABBA's *Mamma Mia* film clip first aired in Australia on ABC TV's *Countdown* - 1975.

TED STREET, founder of Australia's Street's Ice Cream, died aged 84 - 1975.

SHOPPING on Friday nights and Saturday afternoon commenced in NSW for the first time - 1984.

MARY DECKER tripped on the heel of **ZOLA BUDD** during the 3,000m Olympic run - 1984.

THE MAGELLAN spacecraft reached Venus - 1990.

NICOLAS CAGE married **LISA MARIE PRESLEY** in Hawaii - 2002.
* They broke up 3 months later.

BRITAIN recorded a temperature of 38.5 C (100F) in Kent for the first time in modern history - 2003.

A SOUTH KOREAN GAMING ADDICT died from exhaustion after playing on the internet for 50 straight hours - 2005.

ISAAC HAYES, US singer-songwriter, actor, and musician, died aged 65 - 2008.

NORTH MELBOURNE AFL team kicked their lowest ever score of 1 goal 8 behinds 14 points losing to Geelong by 55 points - 2019.

JEFFREY EPSTEIN, US financier, was found dead of an apparent suicide in his jail cell in New York. while awaiting trial for sex trafficking charges - 2019.

BIRTHDAY BULLETIN

Wednesday 11th August 2021

EKKA Show Holiday (Brisbane)

Births

LADY FLORENCE BJELKE-PETERSEN born in Brisbane, Queensland - 1920. (Died aged 97 - 2017)
* Australian politician and wife of Queensland Premier Sir Joh Bjelke-Petersen (who died in 2005). They were married in 1952. For 10 years a National Party senator, she retired from politics in June 1993. She was also well known for her famous pumpkin scones!

ARLENE DAHL born in Minneapolis, Minnesota - 1925 (96)
* US actress and model. She was in *My Wild Irish Rose* ('47), *Reign Of Terror* ('49), *Woman's World* ('54) and *Journey To The Centre Of The Earth* ('59). She later became the head of her own perfume company and wrote several books on health and beauty.

TONY MURPHY born in Sydney, NSW - 1942 (79)
* Australian radio and TV presenter. The two-time Logie winner, known as 'Murph The Surf' in his early radio days, he went on to become the weatherman on *Good Morning Australia*.

ERIC CARMEN born in Cleveland, Ohio - 1949 (72)
* American singer. He was lead vocalist with the Raspberries. In 1975 he went solo and had a huge hit with *All By Myself* ('76) followed by *Never Gonna Fall In Love Again* ('76) - covered in Australia by Mark Holden. In 1988 after 10 years of little chart success, he had further hits with *Hungry Eyes* and *Make Me Lose Control.*

STEVE WOZNIAK born in San Jose, California - 1950 (71)
* US engineer and a co-founder of Apple computers. In 1976 Apple Computer was founded by Wozniak, Steven Jobs and Ron Wayne. Their first computer, Apple I, went on sale for $US666.66 in May 1976.
* Wozniak has a tradition of being the first in line to buy Apple products, but he usually waits outside one of the Apple stores in California. However in 2012 he was 7th in line at an Apple store in Brisbane so he could be one of the first in the entire world to get a new iphone. He purchased two phones.

HULK HOGAN (Terry Bollea) born in Augusta, Georgia - 1953 (68)
* US wrestler. The 195 cm (6ft 5ins) former wharfie wrestled Rocky Balboa in the film *Rocky III* and starred as Shep Ramsey in the 1992 sci-fi comedy *Suburban Commando.* In 2005 he headed the reality show *Hogan Knows Best* which centred around Hogan and his family. After 24 years of marriage his wife Linda filed for divorce in 2007. He married his second wife Jennifer McDaniel in December 2010.

JOE JACKSON born in Burton-on-Trent, England - 1954 (67)
* UK singer/songwriter. He had his first hit in 1979 with *Is She Really Going Out With Him.* His other hit singles include *Real Men* ('82) and *Steppin' Out* ('82).

SARAH CHADWICK born in Sydney, NSW - 1960 (61)
* Australian actress. She played Trish Westaway in the TV series *Packed To The Rafters*. She is also well known for playing Dr Catherine Mitchell in the series *G.P* and a doctor (Dr Rowie) in *The Flying Doctors*. (Her mother was a real life GP.) Also a former presenter on *Playschool.*

CHARLIE SEXTON born in San Antonio, Texas - 1968 (53)
* American singer and guitarist. At the age of 18 he had two hits in 1986 with *Beats So Lonely* and *Impressed.* He later headed the Charlie Sexton Quartet. For many years he's played in Bob Dylan's backing band.

ASHLEY JENSEN born in Scotland - 1969 (52)
* Scottish actress. She stars as the main character in the comedy-drama detective TV series *Agatha Raisin*. She appeared with Ricky Gervais in *Extras* and was in the cast of the US TV sit-com *Ugly Betty.*

SANDI THOM (Alexandria Thom) born in Aberdeenshire, Scotland - 1981 (40)
* UK singer. She had a No 1 hit in 2006 with *I Wish I Was A Punk Rocker (With Flowers In My Hair)*. It spent 8 weeks at No 1 in Australia.
* She found international acclaim through the website My Space.

CHRIS HEMSWORTH born in Melbourne, Victoria - 1983 (38)
* Australian actor. He is best known for playing Thor in the Marvel movies such as *Thor* (2011), *The Avengers* (2012), *Avengers: End Game* (2018) and others. He was also the co-star of the 2019 *Men In Black: International* movie. He portrayed James T Kirk's father, George Kirk, in J T Abram's 2009 *Star Trek* film and the 2013 release *Star Trek Into Darkness.* His other movies include *Snow White And The Huntsman* (2012), *Red Dawn* (2012) and *Rush* (2013). In Australia he is well known for playing Kim Hyde in *Home And Away* (2004-2007).
* His brother Liam is also an actor.

JOEL CREASEY born in Sydney, NSW - 1990 (31)
* Australian stand-up comedian, television and radio presenter. In September 2020, Creasey joined Nova FM's national radio show Kate, Tim & Joel as a co-host with Kate Ritchie and Tim Blackwell.

Events

ESSENDON AIRPORT (Essendon Fields) opened in Melbourne - **1921**.
* This is the airport that the Beatles arrived at in 1964. In 1970, Tullamarine Airport replaced Essendon as Melbourne's main airport. Since the 1970s, Essendon Airport has operated as a general aviation facility and today hosts regular passenger transport to regional locations, charters and tourist flights, emergency services, freight and private aircraft.

JOHN LENNON held a press conference in Chicago apologising for stating that the Beatles were *"more popular than Jesus"* - 1966.

THE BEATLES launched Apple records - 1968.
* The first Beatles' release was *Hey Jude.*

DON'S PARTY, written by David Williamson, premiered at Melbourne's Pram Factory - 1971.

RONALD REAGAN tested a mic by saying - *"My fellow Americans, I am pleased to tell you I just signed legislation which outlaws Russia forever. The bombing begins in five minutes."* - 1984.
* Unfortunately his little joke was picked up by live TV cameras and microphones and was heard by millions worldwide.

LORNA PEDERSON threw a **ROLLING PIN** weighing 907 grams a record 33.09 metres at the WA Tom Price Nameless Festival - 1985.

ALAN PIERCE of Jimboomba, Queensland rode a conventional bicycle in reverse for 4 hours, 5 minutes, a distance of 100.09km, while sitting on the handlebars! - 1985.
* The ride took place at the Yatala Industrial Estate.

LECKI ORD, Melbourne's first woman Lord Mayor, began her first day in office - 1987.

STEVE MONEGHETTI won his fourth successive Sydney City to Surf Fun Run and set a course record of 40.03 - 1991.

PETER CUSHING, English actor, died aged 81 - 1994.
* He co-starred with Christopher Lee in numerous Hammer horror films and also played Grand Moff Tarkin in *Star Wars.*

AIR BED AND BREAKFAST. COM (Airbnb) website officially launched - 2008.
* The enterprise began in October 2007 by two roommates, Brian Chesky and Joe Gebbia, who, at the time, were having trouble affording the rent on their loft apartment in San Francisco. They came up with the idea of placing an air mattress in their living room ... thereby, turning their apartment into a bed and breakfast. The following year, a former schoolmate joined the operation which was now growing, and called it "AirBed and Breakfast."

ROBIN WILLIAMS, US actor and comedian, died (suicide) aged 63 - 2014.
* It was later revealed that he had been suffering from severe depression, Parkinson's disease and Lew body dementia. His final film *Boulevard* was released in July 2015.

A GREENLAND SHARK was declared by an international team of scientists as the oldest vertebrate animal in the world at the age of 392 years - 2016.

TRINI LÓPEZ, American singer and actor, died aged 83 of Covid-19 - 2020.
* He is best known for his '60s hits *If I Had a Hammer* and *Lemon Tree*. He had an acting role in the 1967 war movie *The Dirty Dozen.*

BIRTHDAY BULLETIN

Thursday 12th August 2021

Births

JOHN DEREK (Derek Harris) born in Hollywood, California - 1926. (Died aged 71 - 1998)
* US actor and director. His movies include *The Ten Commandments, Exodus* and *All The Kings Men*. He also directed a few films starring his wife Bo Derek but none were box office successes.
* His wives include actresses Ursula Andress and Linda Evans. His 4th wife was Bo Derek.

MIKE McCOLL-JONES born in Melbourne, Victoria - 1937 (84)
* Australian comedy writer. He's written numerous one-liners for TV variety hosts including Graham Kennedy, Bert Newton, Steve Vizard and Don Lane. He gave Bert Newton the nickname 'Moonface.'

GEORGE HAMILTON born in Memphis, Tennessee - 1939 (82)
* American actor. He made his first movie in 1958 but most know him via the comedy spoof *Love At First Bite, which* he made in 1979. He was also one of the stars in *The Godfather III* ('90).

MERV BENTON (Mervyn Bonson) born in Preston, Victoria - 1942 (79)
* Australian singer. He had a string of local hits from 1964-1967. One of his biggest hits was *I Got Burned* in 1965. He retired from music in late 1966 due to throat problems

MARK KNOPFLER born in Glasgow, Scotland - 1949 (72)
* Dire Straits vocalist and guitarist. Their biggest hits include - *Sultans of Swing, Money For Nothing, Walk of Life*, *So Far Away* and *Twisting By The Pool.* In 1990 he formed the Notting Hillbillies and had further hit success with an album and the single *Your Own Sweet Way.*

JAMIE DUNN born in Kent, England - 1949 (72)
* Australian radio and TV presenter. For many years he headed Brisbane's B105 breakfast show. His puppet creation Agro was seen each weekday morning on *Agro's Cartoon Connection* from 1989-1997 and also featured on *Wombat.* In the 1970s he was a member of the band Burke & Wills and also had a solo hit in 1975 with *Jamie Come Home*.

ROB BORBIDGE born in Ararat, Victoria - 1954 (67)
* Former Premier of Queensland. The National Party leader was in power from 1996 - 1998. Rob had been leader of the Queensland National Party since 1991 but quit at the end of 2001.

HEINTJE (Hendrik Simons) born in The Netherlands - 1955 (66)
* Dutch singer and actor. In 1970 he had his biggest hit with *I'm Your Little Boy*. Appeared in a number of German movies in the '60s and '70s.

LEE FREEDMAN (David Lee Freedman) born in NSW - 1956 (65)
* Australian horse trainer. He established his own training operation in 1983 at Warwick Farm and then at Flemington in 1984. In 1992-93 he became the first trainer to win the Caulfield Cup, Melbourne Cup, Cox Plate and Golden Slipper in one season.

AMANDA REDMAN born in Sussex, England - 1957 (64)
* English actress. She is best known for her role as Sandra Pullman in the UK series *New Tricks* (2003–13). She received BAFTA TV Award nominations for *At Home with the Braithwaites* (2000–03).

CAMPBELL NEWMAN born in Canberra, ACT - 1963 (58)
* Former Queensland Premier (2012-2015) and Brisbane Mayor (2004-2011). His Liberal National Party government lost the 2015 state election to the ALP.

MICHAEL HAGAN born in Brisbane, Queensland - 1964 (57)
* Australian rugby league player turned coach. He played with Canterbury-Bankstown and also captained Newcastle. He also coached the Newcastle Knights as well as the Parramatta Eels.

PETE SAMPRAS born in Washington DC - 1971 (50)
* US tennis player. He was the No 1 men's tennis player from 1993-'98. In 2000 he defeated Pat Rafter to win his 7th Wimbledon Men's title. He was the youngest US Open champion when he first won the title in 1990, aged 19. He won five US Open titles and two Australian Open titles.

KARL STEFANOVIC born in Darlinghurst, NSW - 1974 (47)
* Australian TV presenter and news reporter. In 2020 he returned as co-host of the *Today* program with Allison Langdon. He co-hosted the program with Georgie Garner for almost 14 years but was axed at the end of 2018. In June 2020, he celebrated 20 years with the Nine Network.
* At the 2011 Logie Awards, he won the Gold Logie for Most Popular Personality and the Silver Logie for Most Popular Presenter.
* His brother Peter also works in television.

ARJ BARKER (Arjan Singh) born in San Francisco, California - 1974 (47)
* US-born stand-up comedian and actor. He resides in Australia. He appeared in the US sitcom *Flight of the Conchords*, playing Bret and Jemaine's indifferent friend Dave.

CASEY AFFLECK (Caleb Casey Affleck-Boldt) born in Falmouth, Massachusetts - 1975 (46)
* US actor. His films include *Good Will Hunting* (1997), *Ocean's Eleven* (2001) plus sequels and *The Assassination of Jesse James by the Coward Robert Ford* (2007), which earned him an Academy Award nomination for Best Supporting Actor and *Interstellar* (2014).

ANGIE ASIMUS born in Australia - 1985 (36)
* Australian news presenter and journalist. She is a weather presenter on Seven News Sydney and presents Seven News at 5. She is also a regular fill in presenter on *Sunrise* and *Weekend Sunrise*.

CARA DELEVINGNE born in London, England - 1992 (29)
* English model and actress. She started her acting career with a minor role in the 2012 film adaptation of *Anna Karenina*. She played Margo Roth Spiegelman in the romantic mystery film *Paper Towns* (2015) and played the Enchantress/Dr June Moone in *Suicide Squad* (2016).

Events

PERTH (named after the town in Scotland) was founded by Sir James Stirling - 1829.

MELBOURNE was officially incorporated as a town - 1842.
* The city was named after the British Prime Minister William Lamb, 2nd Viscount Melbourne.

ISAAC SINGER was granted a patent for his **SEWING MACHINE** - 1851.

THOMAS EDISON made the first sound recording when he recited *Mary Had A Little Lamb,* which he recorded on a phonograph - 1877.

First **MODEL T FORD** was manufactured - 1908.

OVALTINE (drink powder) was registered in Australia - 1908.
* It was developed in Switzerland in 1904.

EAST GERMANY began construction of the **BERLIN WALL** - 1961.
* In an effort to stem the tide of refugees attempting to leave East Berlin, the communist government of East Germany begins building the Berlin Wall to divide East and West Berlin. It was dismantled in November 1989.

DAYS OF OUR LIVES began on Channel 9 in Australia - 1968.
* The soap opera began in the US in 1965. It's still going.

JOHN GORTON, Australia's Defence Minister, was sacked by Prime Minister William McMahon over articles in The Australian titled *I Did It My Way* - 1971.

ARRON MARSHALL completed having a **SHOWER** that lasted 336 hours - 1978.

IBM introduced their first **PC** (personal computer) with **BILL GATES'** MS-DOS version 1:0 operating system - 1981.
* A starter system cost $4273 in Australia and featured 64k of memory and a 160 kb disc drive.

JOHN DENVER married his 2nd wife Australian girl, Cassandra Delaney, in Colorado - 1988.
* They divorced in 1993.

SERGEY KARJAKIN (Ukraine), aged 12, became the youngest chess player to qualify as an International Grand Master - 2002.

CHRISTIE ALLEN, Australia singer who had her biggest hit with *Goose Bumps* ('79), died aged 55 of pancreatic cancer - 2009.

RENEE GEYER, Australian singer, was placed on a 12 month good behaviour bond and ordered to pay $500 to the Cancer Council relating to two inner-city road crashes - 2011.

BIRTHDAY BULLETIN

Friday 13th August 2021

Births

ALFRED HITCHCOCK born in Leytonstone, England - 1899. (Died aged 80 - 1980)
* British film director. His career as a filmmaker began with the silent picture *The Lodger* ('26). He moved to Hollywood in 1939 - his first film was *Rebecca* - which won a Best Picture Oscar. Some of his other suspense classics include - *Rear Window* ('54), *Vertigo* ('58), *North By Northwest* ('59), *Psycho* ('60) and *The Birds* ('63). From 1955-'61 he hosted *Alfred Hitchcock Presents* as well as the *Alfred Hitchcock Hour.*
* His daughter Pat Hitchcock is now 91. She had small roles in several of his films including *Stage Fright* (1950) and also appeared in his TV program *Alfred Hitchcock Presents.*

BEN HOGAN (William Benjamin Hogan) born in Stephenville, Texas - 1912. (Died aged 84 - 1997)
* American golfer. He won four US Open golf championships, two PGA titles, two Masters and a British Open. He had 63 PGA tour victories placing him 3rd behind Sam Snead (81) and Jack Nicklaus (70). His greatest year was 1953 when he won three of the four Grand Slam tournaments.

FIDEL CASTRO born in Cuba - 1926. (Died aged 90 - 2016)
* Cuban premier, president and revolutionary leader. He led a guerilla campaign in the early '50s to rid his country of the Batista regime and came to power in 1959. He retired in February 2008 and his younger brother Raúl then became President.

DAVE 'BABY' CORTEZ (David Cortez Clowney) born in Detroit, Michigan - 1938 (83)
* US keyboard player and composer. His two big instrumental hits were *The Happy Organ* ('59) - No 1 in US and *Rinky Dink* ('62).

JOHN NICHOLLS born in Maryborough, Victoria - 1939 (82)
* Australian Rules footballer. 'Big Nick' captained and coached Carlton and played in three of their premiership teams in 1968, 1970 and 1972 (as captain/coach). He played a total of 328 games.

LES HIDDINS (Leslie Hiddins) born in Brisbane, Queensland - 1946 (75)
* ABC television's *Bush Tucker Man*. The program ran from 1988 - 1995.

KATHLEEN BATTLE born in Portsmouth, Ohio - 1948 (73)
* US soprano. She is one of the world's highest paid sopranos.

PHILIPPE PETIT born in France - 1949 (72)
* French high-wire artist. He gained fame for his high-wire walk between the Twin Towers of the World Trade Center in New York City, on the morning of August 7, 1974. In 2008, *Man on Wire*, a documentary about Petit's walk between the towers, won numerous awards. *The Walk*, a movie based on Petit's walk, was released in September 2015.
* In 1973 he walked a wire rigged between the two north pylons of the Sydney Harbour Bridge.

DAN FOGELBERG (Daniel Fogelberg) born in Peoria, Illinois - 1951. (Died aged 56 - 2007)
* American singer. He had his biggest hit single in 1980 with *Longer.* His other popular songs include *Leader Of The Band, Same Old Lang Syne* and *Hard To Say.*

DANNY McMASTER born in Queensland - 1954 (67)
* Australian comedian and voice impressionist. For several years he provided the character voices on the TV program *Australia's Funniest Home Videos.*

FEARGAL SHARKEY (Sean Feargal Sharkey) born in Londonderry, Ireland - 1958 (63)
* Irish singer. He went to No 1 in Australia in 1985 with *A Good Heart* and had a further hit with *You Little Thief.*

DANNY BONADUCE (Dante Daniel Bonaduce) born in Woodlands, California - 1959 (62)
* American actor and radio host. He played Danny Partridge in *The Partridge Family* television series. He says - *"I was always very happy that I'd done The Partridge Family. Better to have been somebody once than never be anybody at all."* Nowadays he works as a radio announcer and stand-up comic.

MATTHEW HARDY born in Melbourne, Victoria - 1972 (49)
* Melbourne comedian and radio presenter. Author of the AFL inspired book *Saturday Afternoon Fever*.

JOHN SAFRAN born in Melbourne, Victoria - 1972 (49)
* Australian TV presenter and radio journalist. His first experience of national fame came as a contestant on the ABC documentary program *Race Around the World.* Since then he's presented various TV and radio programs including *John Safran v God* and *Speaking In Tongues* (with Father Bob Maguire).

MICHAEL KLIM born in Golynia, Poland - 1977 (44)
* Australian swimmer, Olympic gold medallist and former record holder. He migrated to Australia with his family when he was 11. At the 2000 Olympics he won gold in the 4 x 100m freestyle relay and the 4 x 200m relay. His other achievements include a world swimming record when he swam the 100m butterfly at 52.15 sec at the Chandler Aquatic Centre in 1997.

JAMES MORRISON (James Morrison Catchpole) born in Warwickshire, England - 1984 (37)
* English singer/songwriter and guitarist. His 2006 single *You Give Me Something* was a top 10 hit in Australia and made No 1 in NZ. His debut album, *Undiscovered*, went straight to No 1 in the UK and has sold more than two million copies worldwide.

Events

First **METERED TAXI CAB** took to the streets of New York City - 1907.

First demonstration of a **WIRELESS** was given in Australia by Ernest Fisk at the offices of the AWA in Clarence St Sydney - 1919.
* It consisted of a gramophone record rendering of *God Save The Queen* to an audience at the Royal Society of NSW in Elizabeth St.

WILLIE MAE "BIG MAMA" THORNTON recorded the original version of *Hound Dog* - 1952.
* It was Thornton's only hit record, selling over 500,000 copies. The best-known version is Elvis Presley's 1956 hit.

THE SUPREMES recorded *Baby Love* - 1964.

JEFFERSON AIRPLANE played their first concert in San Francisco at the opening night of The Matrix - 1965.

FLEETWOOD MAC (then known as Peter Green's Fleetwood Mac) played their first concert at Royal Windsor Racecourse, England - 1967.

JOHN LENNON flew from Heathrow Airport to New York and never stepped on British soil again - 1971.

GALLIPOLI premiered in Sydney - 1981.
* It starred Mel Gibson and Mark Lee. It premiered about 66 years to the day of the Battle of Nek which was depicted in the final battle scene in the film.

Australia's **STEVE ELKINGTON** won the US PGA title - 1995.

SUNDAY PRESS was printed in Melbourne for the final time after 16 years - 1989.

Worst **HOT-AIR BALLOON** disaster in history occurred in Alice Springs when two balloons collided - 1989.
* One remained airborne, the other plunged 600 feet to the ground, killing the pilot and 12 passengers.

TONY LOCKETT (Sydney Swans) kicked a personal best, 16 straight goals (no behinds), against Fitzroy at the Western Oval in his 199th game - 1995.

MICK JAGGER, 56, and **JERRY HALL**, 43, had their marriage annulled by a London Judge - 1999.

BJÖRK wore a dress that unfurls about 10,000 feet of fabric, which is stretched to cover the viewing area where a world map is then projected at the opening ceremonies of the 2004 Summer Olympics in Athens, - 2004.

MICHAEL PHELPS (USA) won his 23rd Olympic gold medal in the 4 x 100 metre relay at the Summer Olympics in Rio De Janeiro - 2016.
* He ended his career with 28 medals overall.

Police charged a 41-year-old man with the murder and abduction of missing Sunshine Coast schoolboy **DANIEL MORCOMBE** - 2011.
* The 13-year-old boy went missing in 2003, sparking Queensland's biggest missing persons investigation.

BIRTHDAY BULLETIN

Saturday 14th August 2021

Births

DASH CROFTS born in Cisco, Texas - 1940 (81)
* US singer. One half of the US music duo Seals & Crofts. Their three biggest Australian hits were *Summer Breeze* ('73), *Diamond Girl* ('73) and *We May Never Pass This Way Again* ('74).

DAVID CROSBY (David van Cortlandt) born in Los Angeles, California - 1941 (80)
* US singer. He was an original member of the '60s group The Byrds and in 1968 joined with Stephen Stills and Graham Nash to form the trio Crosby, Stills & Nash.

LAURIE OAKES born in Newcastle, NSW - 1943 (78)
* Australian news reporter. Former Political Editor with Channel 9. He retired in 2017.

STEVE MARTIN (Stephen Martin) born in Waco, Texas - 1945 (76)
* American actor. The former stand-up comic quit live comedy in the mid '70s to pursue a movie career. His movies include - *The Man With Two Brains* ('83), *Lonely Guy* ('83), *Planes Trains and Automobiles* ('87), *Dirty Rotten Scoundrels* ('88), *LA Story* ('91), *House Sitter* ('92), *Father Of The Bride* plus sequel and *Cheaper By The Dozen* (2003) plus sequel.
* He is an accomplished banjo player and is in the American Banjo Museum Hall Of Fame.

SUSAN SAINT JAMES (Susan Miller) born in Los Angeles, California - 1946 (75)
* American actress. She co-starred with Rock Hudson in the '70s TV series *McMillan And Wife.*

REG MOMBASSA (Chris O'Doherty) born in New Zealand - 1951 (70)
* Australian musician and artist. Former guitarist with the band Mental As Anything. His brother Peter also played in the band. They left the group in 1999. The two brothers have also recorded and played together as Dog Trumpet.
* He's an accomplished artist and has staged several solo exhibitions. Worldwide, he is well known for his designs for the surfwear company Mambo Graphics.

ALLAN PEASE born in Victoria - 1951 (70)
* Australian author known as 'Mr Body Language'. He's written about 15 books including *Why Men Don't Listen* and *Women Can't Read Maps* which he co-wrote with his wife Barbara.

PETER COSTELLO born in Melbourne, Victoria - 1957 (64)
* Australian politician. Deputy Leader of the Liberal Party from 1994 to 2007, and served as Treasurer of Australia from 1996 to 2007, making him the longest serving treasurer in Australian history.
* His brother Tim Costello is a former CEO of World Vision.

EARVIN 'MAGIC' JOHNSON born in Minnesota - 1959 (62)
* US basketball player. He won five NBA championships with the Los Angeles Lakers ('79-'91) and '96). He first retired in 1992 due to testing positive to the HIV virus.

SARAH BRIGHTMAN born in London, England - 1960 (61)
* English singer and former wife of Sir Andrew Lloyd Webber. She met Lloyd-Webber when she was 19 and a chorus girl auditioning for a West End musical. She sang lead in his production of *Phantom Of The Opera*.

SUSAN OLSEN born in Santa Monica, California - 1961 (60)
* US actress. She played Cindy in the TV sit com *The Brady Bunch.*

JASON DUNSTALL born in Coorparoo, Brisbane - 1964 (57)
* Former captain and full forward with AFL club Hawthorn. He's the third highest goalkicker in AFL history. He was Hawthorn's leading goalkicker every year from 1986-1996. Now working in the media on Foxtel hosting *Bounce* and is heard on Triple M.
* In 1992 he kicked a personal best 17 goals.

HALLE BERRY born in Cleveland, Ohio - 1966 (55)
* US actress and Miss World USA (1986). Her films include *Die Another Day*, *Catwoman, X Men* (as Ororo Munroe/Storm) and sequels, *Swordfish*, *Boomerang*, *The Flintstones* (as Sharon Stone) and *Monster's Ball.*

CATHERINE BELL born in London, England - 1968 (53)
* US actress. She can be seen in the US TV series *JAG* and the Jim Carrey film *Bruce Almighty* (2003).

KIEREN PERKINS born in Brisbane, Queensland - 1973 (48)
* Australian swimmer. He's achieved numerous swimming records including the 400m, 800m and 1500m freestyle world records. Kieren won a silver medal in the 1500m at the 2000 Olympics, gold at the 1996 Atlanta Olympics plus gold and silver at the 1992 Olympics.

KATE RITCHIE born in Goulburn, NSW - 1978 (43)
* Australian actress and radio presenter. In 2014 she joined Tim Blackwell and Marty Sheargold on the NOVA national drive radio show. On TV she is best known for playing Sally Keating Fletcher in TV's *Home And Away*. Kate was one of the original cast members.

PAUL GALLEN born in Sydney, NSW - 1981 (40)
* NRL footballer and heavyweight boxer. He captained the Cronulla-Sutherland Sharks in their 2016 NRL Grand Final win. It was the Sharks' first premiership in their 49 year history. He is also an Australian international representative and the NSW state of Origin captain.
* In June 2021 he fought Justis Huni for the Australian heavyweight title. He was defeated when the referee stopped the bout in the final round. It was his first loss in his career. In 13 fights he's won 11.

MILA KUNIS (Milena Kunis) born in Soviet Union - 1983 (38)
* US actress. Her first significant role at age 14 was playing Jackie Burkhart on the TV series *That '70s Show*. Since 1999, she has voiced Meg Griffin on the animated series *Family Guy.* Her films include *Black Swan* (2010), *The Book of Eli* (2010), and *Bad Moms* (2016).

MONTAIGNE (Jessica Cerro) born in Sydney, NSW - 1995 (26)
* Australian singer/songwriter. Her debut album, *Glorious Heights*, was released in 2016, and peaked at No. 4 on the ARIA Chart. In 2016 she also was featured vocalist on the Hilltop Hoods' hit single, *1955*. In May 2021 she competed in the first semi final of Eurovision 2021 performing *Technicolour,* however she did not qualify for the final, as she didn't finish within the top 10 countries.

Events

WORLD WAR II officially ended when Japan surrendered to the Allies - 1945.
* Due to time differences, the news was made known in Australia on August 15, 1945.

DON BRADMAN played in his last Test match at The Oval, London - 1948.
* He needed four runs to make a Test batting average of 100. Unfortunately he failed and history records that his average is 99.94.

DECORE trademark was registered in Australia - 1961.

PIRATE RADIO was declared illegal in accordance to the UK Marine Broadcasting Offences Act - 1967.

BILL NEAL became the first person to paddle across the English Channel in a bath tub - 1982.
* It took him 13 and a half hours.

HILLSONG CHURCH (originally Hills Christian Life Centre) had their first service at Baulkham Hills Public School in Sydney - 1983.
* A congregation of only 45 attended the first worship service.

MICHAEL JACKSON outbid Paul McCartney and Yoko Ono for the ATV music-publishing catalogue which included 251 Beatles songs - 1985.

Melbourne's **CITY LINK** freeway's first connection opened - 1999.

JOHN FARNHAM became the only local artist to have a No. 1 hit in the 5 decades since the 1960s - 2000.
* His 2000 album *33 1/3* debuted at No. 1. The title refers to the fact that it had been 33 1/3 years since his first hit with *Sadie (The Cleaning Lady).*

A **POWER FAILURE** in north eastern America occurred and turned out to be the biggest blackout in North American history - 2003.
* 50 million people in major US and Canadian cities were inconvenienced for up to two days.

BOY GEORGE commenced 5 days of court-ordered community service by picking up rubbish on New York city streets - 2006.

GRAHAM 'POLLY' FARMER, WA born Australian Rules footballer, died aged 83 - 2019.

BIRTHDAY BULLETIN

Sunday 15th August 2021

Births

JIM DALE (James Smith) born in Rothwell, England - 1935 (86)
* English actor. He appeared in several of the *Carry-On* comedy movies and is also the co-writer of The Seekers' hit *Georgy Girl.*

JIMMY WEBB born in Elk City, Oklahoma - 1946 (75)
* US songwriter and singer. During his early 20s he wrote some of the biggest hits of the late '60s including *Wichita Lineman, By The Time I Get To Phoenix, Galveston, Where's The Playground Susie* (Glen Campbell), *Up, Up and Away* (5th Dimension) and *Macarthur Park* (Richard Harris).

SIR TONY ROBINSON (Anthony Robinson) born in London, England - 1946 (75)
* English comic actor. He is best known for playing Baldrick in the series of *Black Adder* TV comedy programs. In recent years he's been a presenter on the TV programs *Time Team*, *Worst Jobs In History* and *Tony Robinson Explores Australia.*
* He's written 16 children's books.

TOM JOHNSTON (Charles Thomas Johnston) born in Visalia, California - 1948 (73)
* US guitarist/vocalist. He sang and played with the Doobie Brothers. He wrote their hits include *Listen To The Music, China Grove,* and *Long Train Runnin'*.

PRINCESS ANNE born in London, England - 1950 (71)
* Daughter of Queen Elizabeth II and Prince Philip. Married Rear Admiral Timothy Laurence in 1992. Her first husband was Mark Phillips. They divorced in 1992. They have two children, a son Peter and a daughter Zara.
* A respected three-day event rider, she won the individual gold at the 1971 European championships and represented Britain at the 1976 Olympics.

IAN HENDERSON born in Melbourne, Victoria - 1952 (69)
* Melbourne ABC TV newsreader. He worked at the ABC for over 20 years and in the late '80s was their European Correspondent. He read his final ABC News Victoria bulletin in October 2018.

TERRY DANIHER born in West Wyalong, NSW - 1957 (64)
* Australian Rules footballer. He played with Essendon from 1982-1988. His brothers Tony, Neil and Chris also played with the Bombers.

MATT JOHNSON born in London, England - 1961 (60)
* UK multi-talented instrumentalist and vocalist who records under the name The The. Their biggest hits in Australia are *Uncertain Smile* ('83) and *Infected* ('87).

MARK "THE BEAST" LABBETT born in Devon, England - 1965 (56)
* UK TV personality and "Chaser" on the TV game show *The Chase* in the UK. He became one of six Chasers on the Australian version in 2016.

DEBRA MESSING born in Brooklyn, New York - 1968 (53)
* US actress. She co-starred in the TV sit-com *Ned & Stacey* (1995–1997) and played Grace Adler, an interior designer, in the TV sitcom *Will & Grace* (1998–2006).

BERNARD FANNING born in Brisbane, Queensland - 1969 (52)
* Australian vocalist and guitarist. He headed the Queensland band Powderfinger. They played their final concert in their hometown of Brisbane in 2010. The group's biggest hit single was *My Happiness* (2001). Their No 1 albums include *Internationalist, Odyssey Number Five* and *Vulture Street*. As a solo artist he made No 1 in 2005 with his album *Tea And Sympathy*. It contained the hits *Wish You Well* and *Watch Over Me.*
* In May 2020, Powderfinger performed an historic one-off reunion concert filmed in isolation and streamed on the internet. *The One Night Lonely* charity event.

BEN AFFLECK (Benjamin Affleck) born in California - 1972 (49)
* American actor. He played Batman/Bruce Wayne in the 2016 movie *Batman v Superman: Dawn Of Justice* and sequels. His other films include *Good Will Hunting*, *Armageddon, Shakespeare In Love, Pearl Harbor, Hollywoodland* and *Argo.*
* In 2005 he married actress Jennifer Garner. Divorced in 2018.

WALEED ALY born in Melbourne, Victoria - 1978 (43)
* Australian TV presenter and writer. He is the current host of Network Ten's *The Project* program. In 2016, he won the Gold Logie Award for Best Personality on Australian Television.

NATALIE LOWE born in Sydney, NSW - 1980 (41)
* Australian dancer. She joined Seven Network's *Dancing with the Stars* in 2004, partnering athlete Matt Shirvington. She then partnered Ian Roberts, and won the 2006 series with AFL footballer Anthony Koutoufides. Lowe then partnered *Home and Away* actor Tim Campbell, and, in 2008, partnered boxer Danny Green.

JOE JONAS (Joseph Jonas) born in Casa Grande, Arizona - 1989 (32)
* US singer, musician and actor. He shares the lead singer role with his younger brother Nick in the Jonas Brothers. The group also features their other brothers, Nick and Kevin. In 2019 they had a No 1 hit in Australia with *Sucker.*
* In 2018, he joined the Australian version of *The Voice* as a coach, a year after being a mentor on the American TV version.
* He married *Game Of Thrones* actress Sophie Turner in May 2019.

JENNIFER LAWRENCE born in Louisville, Kentucky - 1990 (31)
* US actress. She won Academy Award for Best Actress for her role in the 2012 film *Silver Linings Playbook.* She also starred in *The Hunger Games* as heroine Katniss Everdeen (plus sequels) and as Raven in the *X-Men* movies.

TONES & I (Toni Watson) born in Mornington Peninsula, Victoria - 2000 (21)
* Australian singer/songwriter. Known professionally as Tones and I, she released her debut single, *Johnny Run Away*, in March 2019. The follow-up *Dance Monkey* was released in May 2019 and reached No 1 on numerous worldwide charts. *Dance Monkey* also broke the record for most weeks at No 1 (24 weeks) on the ARIA Singles Chart by an Australian artist. Her follow up single *Fly Away* made No 4 in Australia.

Events

First **RUGBY TEST** between Australia and New Zealand was played at the Sydney Cricket Ground - 1903.
* It was won by the Kiwis 22-3.

THE WIZARD OF OZ premiered at Grauman's Chinese Theatre in Hollywood - 1939.
* It is the most commercially successfull adaptation of L. Frank Baum's 1900 children's book *The Wonderful Wizard Of Oz.*

VP DAY (Victory in the Pacific) - 1945.
* This date commemorates Japan's acceptance of the Allied demand for unconditional surrender 14 August 1945.

ELVIS PRESLEY signed with **COLONEL TOM PARKER** - 1955.

BUDDY HOLLY, aged 21, married Maria Santiago, aged 19, - 1958.
* They had known one another for just two months. He proposed to her on their first date. Buddy died in February of the following year.

PETE BEST played his last concert with The Beatles at the Cavern Club - 1962.

THE BEATLES performed in front of 56,000 people at Shea Stadium in New York - 1965.

NATIONAL LIBRARY was opened in Canberra by Prime Minister John Gorton - 1968.

WOODSTOCK music and arts fair began - 1969.
* Over 400,000 gathered for three days at the late Max Yasgur's farm near Bethel, New York.

BIG PINEAPPLE opened on Sunshine Coast - 1971.
* It was added to the Queensland Heritage Register on 6 March 2009.

NEVILLE BONNER, Liberal Senator of Queensland, became the first Aboriginal member of any Australian parliament - 1971.

CANING was officially banned in Britain schools (excluding independent schools) - 1987.

PAUL SIMON played a free concert for over 750,000 people in New York's Central Park - 1991.

NEWS RADIO, the ABC's 24-hour news service, began - 1994.

BRISBANE LIONS kicked a record first half-time AFL score - 1999.
* They had kicked 21.5.131 against Fremantle by half time but only managed to kick 7 goals after halftime to win by 114 points and finish the game with 28.13.181.

BIRTHDAY BULLETIN

Monday 16th August 2021

Births

ROBERT CULP born in California - 1930. (Died aged 79 - 2010)
* American actor. He co-starred with Bill Cosby in the TV series *I Spy* (1965-'67). He was also in *The Greatest American Hero* ('81-'83).

JULIE NEWMAR (Julia Newmeyer) born in California - 1933 (88)
* American actress. She played Catwoman in the *Batman* '60s television series. Her screen debut was in *Seven Brides For Seven Brothers* ('54).

DR GRAEME CLARK born in Camden, NSW - 1935 (86)
* Australian ear and throat surgeon. Developed the bionic ear in 1978. Rod Saunders received the first cochlear implant in August 1978.

BRUCE BERESFORD born in Sydney, NSW - 1940 (81)
* Australian film director. His local credits include *The Getting Of Wisdom* ('78), *Don's Party* ('76), *Breaker Morant* ('80) and *The Club* ('80). His US films include *Tender Mercies* ('83), *King David* ('85), *Driving Miss Daisy* ('89), and *Mao's Last Dancer* (2009).

JEFF THOMSON born in Sydney, NSW - 1950 (71)
* Australian cricketer and former coach of the Queensland cricket team. He was one of Australia's fastest bowlers. His bowling release speed was measured at up to 160.45 km/p/h. He took 33 wickets in five Tests in 1974-'75.

JAMES 'J.T' TAYLOR born in South Carolina - 1953 (68)
* American singer. Former lead vocalist for Kool And The Gang. Their biggest hits in Australia are *Celebration* ('80) and *Cherish* ('85).

JAMES CAMERON born in Ontario, Canada - 1954 (67)
* Canadian director and writer. Director and writer of the 2009 film *Avatar* which became the biggest box office movie of all time. It was nominated for nine Academy Awards. It beat the record held by *Titanic* (1997) which Cameron also directed. His other hit films include *Terminator 1 and 2* and *Aliens*. He created the TV series *Dark Angel.*

TIM FARRISS born in Perth, Western Australia - 1957 (64)
* Lead guitarist and keyboard player with INXS. The band was started in 1979 by Tim and his brothers Andrew and John under the name of the Farriss Brothers. They went on to have international success making No 1 in America with *Need You Tonight*. Singer Michael Hutchence died on the eve of their 20th anniversary tour.
* In 2015, he severed a finger whilst operating a winch on his boat. He underwent operations to attempt to reattach the finger, followed by physiotherapy. Farriss began legal action in 2019 against the owners of the boat for damages, and says that he is only able to play a few beginner level chords on the guitar since the accident.

ANGELA BASSETT born in New York City, New York - 1958 (63)
* US actress. She played Tina Turner in the film biography *What's Love Got To Do With It* ('93) and starred in *Waiting To Exhale* ('95), *How Stella Got Her Groove Back* ('98), *Music of the Heart* ('99), *Green Lantern* (2011) and *Black Panther* (2018).

MADONNA (Ciccone) born in Bay City, Michigan - 1958 (63)
* US singer and actress. She began her pop music career in 1983 with the hit *Holiday*. Her other hits include *Material Girl, Angel, Crazy For You, Papa Don't Preach, Vogue*, *Music, Beautiful Stranger*, *American Pie*, *Ray of Light*, *Hung Up* and *Sorry.* In 2019 she released her 14th studio album *Madame X*. It debuted at No 1 on the US Billboard 200 and peaked at No 2 in Australia.
* According to the Guinness Book Of Records she is the best selling 'female artist of all time.'

STEVE CARELL born in Concord, Massachusetts - 1962 (59)
* US actor and comedian. He starred for seven seasons as Michael Scott in the US TV version of *The Office.* He has also starred in films including *Anchorman: The Legend of Ron Burgundy*, *The 40-Year-Old Virgin, Little Miss Sunshine, Evan Almighty, Get Smart*, *Date Night,* and *Battle Of The Sexes.*
* He's the voice of Gru in the *Despicable Me* animated movies.

VIRGINIA TRIOLI born in Bendigo, Victoria - 1964 (57)
* Australian radio/TV journalist and author. She's the morning host on ABC Radio Melbourne. She replaced Jon Faine in 2019.

EMILY ERWIN born in Pittsfield, Massachusetts - 1972 (49)
* Vocalist with Texas country music trio the Chicks. Her sister Martie is also in the group. They were originally called the Dixie Chicks. Their hit singles include *Landslide* (2003*)* and *Wide Open Spaces* ('98).

LEAH HAYWOOD (Leah Cooney) born in Whangarei, New Zealand - 1976 (45)
* NZ born singer who grew up in Perth. She had her debut hit in 2000 with *We Think It's Love*.

VANESSA CARLTON born in Milford, Pennsylvania - 1980 (41)
* US singer. She had a big hit in 2002 with *A Thousand Miles* and was a backing vocalist on the Counting Crows' revival of *Big Yellow Taxi.*

KYAL MARSH born in Clare, SA - 1987 (34)
* Australian actor and gymnast. He played Boyd Hoyland in *Neighbours* (2002-2007). He quit acting after his stint on *Neighbours.*

Events

LOOP-DE-LOOP ROLLER COASTER was patented by Edwin Prescott (USA) - 1898.

WOMAN'S DAY was first published in Australia when Home magazine merged with Woman magazine - 1948.

AUSTRALIAN FINANCIAL REVIEW began publication in Sydney - 1951.

SPORTS ILLUSTRATED magazine was first published in America - 1954.

EVERLY BROTHERS recorded *Wake Up Little Susie* - 1957.
* It spent 4 weeks at No 1 on US singles chart.

CHANNEL 9 (QTQ 9) opened in Brisbane - 1959.
* The first voice on air was Hugh Cornish. On the first day of broadcast they showed *Leave It To Beaver* and the John Wayne film *The Quiet Man.*

RINGO STARR replaced **PETE BEST** as the Beatles drummer - 1962.

(LITTLE) STEVIE WONDER released his first single *I Call It Pretty Music But The Old Folks Call It The Blues (Part 1 and 2)* - 1962.

THE RAMONES played their first concert in a New York club - 1974.

ELVIS PRESLEY died aged 42 of a *"heart ailment",* at his Graceland mansion - 1977.
* He was discovered lying on the floor of his bathroom by his 20 year old fiancee Ginger Alden.

PETER GABRIEL quit Genesis and drummer **PHIL COLLINS** became their new lead vocalist - 1975.

Australian band **MENTAL AS ANYTHING** played their first concert at Sydney's Cell Block Theatre - 1977.

PAUL SIMON, 41, married actress **CARRIE FISHER**, 26, - 1983.
* It was Paul's second marriage. They divorced in 1992.

ZSA ZSA GABOR married her 8th husband Prince Frederick Von Anhalt of Munich - 1986.
* It was her final marriage.

RAY BROWN, Australian singer, died aged 51 - 1996.

PAUL BURRELL, a former butler to Diana, Princess Of Wales, was charged with stealing more than 300 items worth $US10 million, from the English royal's household - 2001.

USAIN BOLT (Jamaica) broke the 100m world record with a time of 9.58sec in the final of the World Athletics Championship - 2009.

JASON DAY became the fifth Australian to win the US PGA golf title - 2015.

ARETHA FRANKLIN, US singer known as The Queen Of Soul, died aged 76 - 2018.
* The 18 time Grammy winner had her biggest '60s hits with *Respect, Natural Woman* and *I Say A Little Prayer*. She also charted with *Freeway Of Love* ('84) and *I Knew You Were Waiting* (with George Michael) ('87).

PETER FONDA, US actor, died aged 79 - 2019.
* Son of Henry Fonda, younger brother of Jane Fonda, and father of Bridget Fonda.

BIRTHDAY BULLETIN

Tuesday 17th August 2021

Births

MAUREEN O'HARA (Maureen Fitzsimons) born in Ireland - 1920. (Died aged 95 - 2015)
* Red-haired Irish actress. She is remembered for films like *Hunchback Of Notre Dame* ('39), *How Green Was My Valley* ('41), *The Black Swan* ('42) and *The Quiet Man* ('52) - playing the wife of John Wayne. She made five movies with Wayne.

SHANE PORTEOUS (John Shane Porteous) born in Coleraine, Victoria - 1942 (79)
* Australian actor. He played Dr Terence Elliot in the long running TV series *A Country Practice* (1981-1993). He moved into scriptwriting and wrote for *Neighbours* as well as *Home and Away*.

ROBERT DE NIRO born in Manhattan, New York - 1943 (78)
* US actor. He won a Best Actor Oscar for his role in *Raging Bull* ('80). His role in *The Godfather Part II* ('74) won him an Academy Award for Best Supporting Actor. His recent films include *The Irishman* and *Joker* - both in 2019. Some of his other major films include - *Taxi Driver* ('76), *The Deer Hunter* ('78), *King of Comedy* ('83), *The Mission* ('86), *GoodFellas* ('90), *Awakenings* ('91), *Backdraft* ('91), *Meet The Parents* (2001), *Silver Linings Playbook* (2012) and *The Intern* (2015).

TONY LLEWELLYN-JONES born in London, England - 1949 (72)
* Australian actor. He played Dr Ian Browning in the ABC TV series *G.P.* and appeared in the *Rogue Nation* series. His films include *Picnic At Hanging Rock* ('75), *Fatty Finn* ('80) and *A Woman's Tale* ('91). In recent years he's played Colonel Hugh Pickering in the 60th anniversary Australian stage production of *My Fair Lady.*

NELSON PIQUET (Nelson Piquet Souto Maior) born in Rio De Janeiro, Brazil - 1952 (69)
* Brazilian motor racing driver. He was the Formula One world champion in 1981, 1983 and 1987.
* He was the son of a Brazilian government minister. He started using his mother's maiden name, Piquet, in his motor racing career to hide his identity.

KEVIN ROWLAND born in England - 1953 (68)
* Lead vocalist with UK band Dexy's Midnight Runners. Their biggest hits were *Geno* ('80), *Come On Eileen* ('82) and *Jackie Wilson Said* ('83).

MICHAEL MALTHOUSE born in Ballarat, Victoria - 1953 (68)
* Former VFL player and AFL coach. 'Mick' played just on 200 senior games of league football for Richmond (1980 premiership) and St Kilda. His coaching career spanned 718 senior games. He coached Collingwood from 2000-2011. In 2010 he took them to a premiership. He is also a former West Coast Eagles premiership coach and also a coach of Footscray (now Western Bulldogs) and Carlton.

NONI HAZLEHURST (Leoni Hazlehurst) born in Melbourne, Victoria - 1953 (68)
* Australian actress and TV presenter. She wrote and presented the TV show *Better Homes And Gardens.* Her former husband John Jarratt was also a presenter on the program. In 2016 she was inducted into the Logie Hall Of Fame.
* Her films include - *Waiting* ('90), *Fran* ('84), *The Getting of Wisdom* ('77), and *Bitter And Twisted* (2008). She's also been a regular co-presenter on *Playschool.*

BELINDA CARLISLE born in Hollywood, California - 1958 (63)
* American singer. Lead singer for the all female group the Go-Gos. Their biggest hit was *Our Lips Are Sealed*. She has also had solo success with the hits *Mad About You* ('86), *Heaven Is A Place On Earth* ('88), *Leave A Light On* ('90) and *Summer Rain* ('90).

IAN 'DANO' ROGERSON born in Sydney, NSW - 1958 (63)
* Sydney radio and TV presenter. He's well known for his radio and TV work with Jonathan Coleman as Jono & Dano. They began their partnership together on 2JJ in the early '80s and then moved into commercial radio working for 2SM, Triple M and the ARN Network.
* Ian hosted the TV game show *All Star Squares* and with Jono co-hosted the TV shows *Have A Go* and *Saturday Morning Live*.

SEAN PENN born in Los Angeles, California - 1960 (61)
* US actor. He won an Oscar for Best Actor for his role in *Milk* (2008). His other films include *The Falcon And The Snowman, Shanghai Surprise* (with ex-wife Madonna), *We're No Angels, Dead Man Walking, The Game, I Am Sam, Into The Wild, Mystic River* and *21 Grams.*

MARIA McKEE born in Los Angeles, California - 1964 (57)
* US singer/songwriter. She had a hit in 1990 with *Show Me Heaven* (from *Days Of Thunder*) and wrote *A Good Heart* which was a hit for Feargal Sharkey in 1985.

DONNIE WAHLBERG born in Boston, Massachusetts - 1969 (52)
* Vocalist with the US group the New Kids On The Block. They had several top 10 hits from 1988-1990 including *You Got It (The Right Stuff)* and *I'll Be Loving You (Forever).* He's the brother of actor Mark Wahlberg.

JIM COURIER born in Sanford, Florida - 1970 (51)
* American tennis champion. Winner of the 1992 and 1993 Australian Open men's singles titles. After his 1993 win he dived into Melbourne's Yarra River (then rated as the world's 18th dirtiest river). He's also won two French Open titles and was runner-up in the 1993 Wimbledon men's singles final.

RACHEL HURD-WOOD born in Surrey, England - 1990 (31)
* English actress. Since 2017 she's played Rachel Maddox in the TV series *Clique*. She played the role of Wendy in the 2003 movie *Peter Pan* and appeared in *The Intern* (2015).

Events

BLONDIN crossed the Niagara Falls while carrying his manager, Harry Colcord, on his back - 1859.
* Colcord was possibly the first person to go across the Niagara Falls by piggyback on another person.

MRS BRIDGET DRISCOLL became Britain's first motor vehicle fatality when she was struck by a car travelling at 5km/h - 1896.
* Eyewitnesses state that Mrs Driscoll panicked at the sight of the car driven by Arthur Edsell and didn't get out of the way, which she could have easily done.

First **RUGBY LEAGUE** match under the auspices of the NSW Rugby League was played between NSW All Blues and New Zealand All Golds (aka All Blacks) at Moore Park - 1907.

GEORGE ORWELL's novel *Animal Farm* was published - 1945.

PATSY CLINE recorded the Willie Nelson composition *Crazy* - 1961.

CHRISTINE McVIE joined Fleetwood Mac - 1970.
* Prior to joining she was lead singer for her own group The Christine Perfect Band. She left the group in 1998 and rejoined in 2014.

LINDY and **MICHAEL CHAMBERLAIN's** 9-week-old daughter **AZARIA** disappeared from a tent at Uluru - 1980.
* In early 1986, police investigating another incident, found Azaria's matinee jacket in a dingo's lair at the foot of Ayer's Rock. Lindy, who had been in jail on a charge of murder, was released from prison.

WADE FRANKUM, 33, shot and killed seven people at Strathfield shopping centre in Sydney, before turning the gun on himself - 1991.

TED WHITTEN, VFL footballer and media commentator, died aged 62 of cancer - 1995.

PRESIDENT BILL CLINTON apologised to the American people for his *"inappropriate relationship"* with White House intern Monica Lewinsky - 1998.

An **EARTHQUAKE** measuring 7.4 on the Richter Scale devastated North West Turkey - 1999.
* They experienced yet another major earthquake 3 months later.

COSTCO opened their first Australian store at Docklands in Melbourne - 2009.

DELTA GOODREM made No 1 with her single *Wings* which became her first Australian No 1 hit in 8 years - 2015.
* She co-wrote the song that became her ninth No 1 hit.

PAULINE HANSON wore a burqa in Parliament while expressing support for banning the garment - 2017.
* She spurred a rebuke from Australian Attorney-General George Brandis, who called her actions "a stunt."

BIRTHDAY BULLETIN

Wednesday 18th August 2021

Vietnam Veteran's Day

Births

ROMAN POLANSKI (Roman Liebling) born in Paris, France - 1933 (88)
* Polish director. In 2003 he won an Oscar for Best Achievement in Directing for the movie *The Pianist*. However, he was not present at the awards ceremony, being a fugitive from U.S. justice since fleeing the country in 1978. His other films include *Rosemary's Baby* ('68), *Chinatown* ('74) - in which he plays a small part, *Tess* ('80) and *Frantic* ('88).
* His actress wife Sharon Tate was brutally murdered by Charles Manson and his followers in 1969. In 1989 he married 22-year-old Emmanuelle Seigner, female lead in his film *Frantic.* They are still together.

GERALD STONE born in Columbus, Ohio - 1933. (Died aged 87 - 2020)
* TV producer and former Editor-in-Chief of The Bulletin; Head of TV Current Affairs, Seven Network Australia; Executive Producer *60 Minutes*, and Head of Network News, Nine Network. In 1967 he established the ABC current affairs program *This Day Tonight*.

ROBERT REDFORD (Charles Robert Redford Jr) born in Santa Monica, California - 1936 (85)
* US actor and director. His first major success came as the co-star of *Butch Cassidy and the Sundance Kid* ('69). He also teamed with Paul Newman in the 1973 hit movie *The Sting.* He directed *Ordinary People*, which won him Academy Awards for Best Director and Best Picture of 1980. His other films include *The Way We Were* ('73), *All The President's Men* ('76), *The Natural* ('84), *Out Of Africa* ('85), *Quiz Show* ('94) - which he directed, and *Up Close And Personal* ('96). He also directed and starred in the 1998 film *The Horse Whisperer.* He starred in the 2013 movie *All Is Lost* as a man lost at sea. Redford was the only cast member, and the film had just a few spoken words.

JOHNNY PRESTON (John Preston Courville) born in Port Arthur, Texas - 1939. (Died aged 71 - 2011)
* American singer. His biggest hit was in 1960 with *Running Bear* which went to No 1 in the US, UK and Australia.

EDWIN HAWKINS born in California - 1943. (Died aged 74 - 2018)
* US gospel singer, musician and choir master. The Edwin Hawkins Singers (with Dorothy Combs Morrison on lead vocals) had a million seller in 1969 with *Oh Happy Day.* The group also backed Melanie Safka on her 1970 hit *Lay Down (Candles In The Rain).*

VINCE MELOUNEY born in Sydney, NSW - 1945 (76)
* Australian guitarist. He played with the Bee Gees from 1967 to early 1969 and the Aztecs from 1963 to 1965. He also played with Ashton, Gardner and Dyke before returning to Australia to play with the short-lived rock band Fanny Adams.

PATRICK SWAYZE born in Texas - 1952. (Died aged 57 - 2009)
* US actor and dancer. He starred in the hit films *Dirty Dancing* ('87) and *Ghost* ('89). His favourite movie role was in *City of Joy* ('92). He was diagnosed with Stage IV pancreatic cancer in January 2008 and died of the illness in 2009.
* He had a hit song with *She's Like The Wind*, which was featured in the soundtrack to *Dirty Dancing.*
* He turned down lead roles in *The Right Stuff* and *Sleepless in Seattle*.

RON STRYKERT born in Korumburra, Victoria - 1957 (64)
* Lead guitarist with Australian band Men At Work. Their '80s hits include *Down Under* (which he co-wrote), *Who Can It Be Now*, *Overkill* and *Johnny Be Good*. From 1979 to 1985 he provided guitar, vocals and bass guitar for that group.

MADELEINE STOWE born in Eagle Rock, California - 1958 (63)
* US actress. Her films include *Bad Girls, Short Cuts* and *Last Of The Mohicans*. She also starred in the TV series *Revenge* (2011-2015).

EDWARD NORTON born in Boston, Massachusetts - 1969 (52)
* US actor. His films include *Primal Fear* ('96) - his movie debut, Fight Club (2000), *Kingdom Of Heaven* (2005), *The Illusionist* (2006), *The Incredible Hulk* (2008) and *Birdman* (2015). He also directed and starred in the 2000 film *Keeping The Faith.*

CHRISTIAN SLATER (Christian Hawkins) born in New York City, New York - 1969 (52)
* American actor. From 2015-2019 he was a star in the TV series *Mr Robot*. His films include *The Name Of The Rose*, *Young Guns II*, *Robin Hood: Prince of Thieves* (as Will Scarlett), *Broken Arrow* and *Moonrise Kingdom.*

DAMIEN HARDWICK born in Victoria - 1972 (49)
* AFL coach of Richmond and a former AFL player. He played with Essendon Football Club from 1994 - 2001 and then Port Adelaide 2002-2004. He played in Essendon's 2000 premiership side as well as Port Adelaide's 2004 victory. In August 2009 he was appointed as the senior coach of the Richmond Football Club and in 2017 he coached the Tigers to their first premiership since 1980. They also won the flag in 2018 and 2020.

MIKA (Michael Penniman Jr) born in Lebanon - 1983 (38)
* Lebanon-born UK-based singer. In 2007 he had a worldwide No 1 pop hit with *Grace Kelly*. Also had success with the follow-up *Love Today* and *Big Girl.*

BROOKE HARMAN born in Orange County, California - 1985 (36)
* Australian actress. She has guest starred on a number of TV programs including *Home And Away, All Saints, White Collar Blue* and *Flipper*. She also became a permanent cast member of *The Secret Life of Us.*

Events

COOLANGATTA in Queensland was named after the ship the "Coolangatta" which was wrecked on the beach - 1846.

CONDENSED MILK was patented by Gail Borden (USA) - 1856.

GEORGE REID became Australia's fourth Prime Minister - 1904.
* He was in power 1904-1905.

KING KONG, starring Fay Wray, premiered in Australia at Sydney's State Theatre - 1933.

BIRTH CONTROL PILL (oral contraceptive) was launched in America - 1960.

SOUTH AFRICA was banned from participating in the Olympic Games because of its racial policies - 1964.

BATTLE OF LONG TAN took place in South Vietnam during the Vietnam War - 1966.

AUSTRALIA and **NEW ZEALAND** announced they would withdraw their troops from Vietnam - 1971.

POLICE played their first gig together as a trio (Sting, Andy Summers and Stewart Copeland) in Birmingham - 1977.

DICK SMITH completed the first solo crossing of the Atlantic by helicopter - 1982.

The poorly performed **FINE COTTON** was substituted by **BOLD PERSONALITY** in a race meeting at Eagle Farm in Brisbane - 1984.

MANCHESTER UNITED soccer club was sold for £20 million - 1989.
* In May 2005 US sports tycoon Malcolm Glazer won control of Manchester United in a £790m ($1.47bn) takeover bid.

KARRIE WEBB won her second British Open golf title - 1997.
* She won with a record score of 19 under par. Her first title was won in 1995.

COUNTRY-LIBERAL PARTY coalition, after 26 years in power in the Northern Territory, lost the election to the Labor Party - 2001.
* Clare Martin replaced Denis Burke.

TONY JACKSON, bass player and vocalist with The Searchers, died aged 63 - 2003.

JAVA, an Indonesian island, experienced a massive power blackout that affected 100 million people - 2005.

BLACK CAVIAR was foaled - 2006.
* The Australian racehorse is considered to be the best sprinter in the world.

WINX broke Black Caviar's record with a 26th consecutive win at Randwick - 2011.
* Winx triumphed in her last-ever start in the Queen Elizabeth Stakes on 13th April 2019, scoring a third successive victory, which matched the feats of Carbine and David.

SCOTT McKENZIE, US singer who had a No 1 hit in 1967 with *San Francisco*, died aged 73 - 2012.

IMRAN KHAN, former Pakistan cricket captain, took office as the Prime Minister of Pakistan - 2018.

BIRTHDAY BULLETIN

Thursday 19th August 2021

Births

GENE RODDENBERRY born in El Paso, Texas - **1921**. (Died aged 70 - 1991)
* American TV producer and creator of *Star Trek.* Up until the time of his death, he was also the executive producer of *Star Trek: The Next Generation.*
* His wife Majel played Nurse Chapel in the original series and Lwaxanna Troi in *Star Trek: The Next Generation*. She also provides the voice of all Federation computers.

JILL ST JOHN (Jill Oppenheim) born in California - 1940 (81)
* American actress. She played one of the Bond girls in *Diamonds Are Forever* ('71) and starred with Frank Sinatra in *Tony Rome* ('67).
* She married actor Robert Wagner in 1990.

ROGER COOK born in Bristol, England - 1940 (81)
* British singer/songwriter. He and his songwriting partner Roger Greenaway recorded as the duo David & Jonathan. He also sang with the '70s group Blue Mink. With his songwriting partner Roger Greenaway he's written numerous hits including *I'd Like To Teach The World To Sing, Long Cool Woman (In A Black Dress)* and *Good Times.*

JOHNNY NASH (John Nash Jr) born in Houston, Texas - 1940. (Died aged 80 - 2020)
* American singer. His biggest hit was in 1972 with *I Can See Clearly Now* which he wrote and produced. His second biggest seller was another reggae-flavoured song, *Hold Me Tight*, which he released in 1968. He died in October 2020.

BILLY J KRAMER (William Ashton) born in England - 1943 (78)
* English singer. His '60s hits include *Little Children* as well as *Do You Want To Know A Secret*, *I'll Keep You Satisfied, From A Window* that were all penned by Lennon-McCartney.

DINAH LEE (Diane Jacobs) born in Waimate, Christchurch - 1943 (78)
* New Zealand singer. Dubbed 'Miss Mod', she had her two biggest hits in 1964 with *Don't You Know Yockomo* and *Reet Petite.*

IAN GILLAN born in Middlesex, England - 1945 (76)
* English rock singer. He joined Deep Purple in 1969 as lead vocalist. Their best selling album is *Machine Head* and their biggest hit single is *Black Night.*

BILL CLINTON (William Jefferson Blythe IV) born in Hope, Arkansas - 1946 (75)
* 42nd President of the USA. He was in power for two terms (1993 - 2000). His wife Hillary was the Democratic candidate for the 2016 presidential election.

MARYANNE FAHEY (Mary-Anne Waterman) born in - 1955 (66)
* Australian comedienne. She played Kylie Mole and other characters in the *Comedy Company* TV program and also starred with fellow comedienne Jean Kittson in the ABC program *Fahey-Kittson.*

PETER GALLAGHER born in New York City, New York - 1955 (66)
* US actor. He played Sandy Cohen in the TV series *The O.C.*, Arthur Campbell in the series *Covert Affairs* and also appeared in *Law And Order: Special Victims Unit*.

ADAM ARKIN born in Brooklyn, New York - 1956 (65)
* US actor and son of actor Alan Arkin. He played Dr Aaron Shutt in the '90s TV drama *Chicago Hope*.

JOHN STAMOS born in Cypress, California - 1963 (58)
* US actor and drummer. He played Jesse in the US TV series *Full House* and for a few years appeared in *General Hospital.* He was in Australia in 1998 as a guest drummer with the Beach Boys.

DERMOTT BRERETON born in Melbourne, Victoria - 1964 (57)
* Australian Rules footballer and TV presenter. 'The Kid' played in five Hawthorn premiership teams. He's now a commentator on Foxtel Footy and also SEN 1116. He has also been a presenter on the Channel Nine holiday show *Getaway.*

KYRA SEDGWICK born in New York City, New York - 1965 (56)
* US actress. Starred as Brenda Leigh Johnson in the TV series *The Closer*.
* She married Kevin Bacon in 1988.

KEVIN DILLON born in New York - 1965 (56)
* American actor and brother of Matt Dillon. He was a star in the TV series *Entourage.* He can be seen in the films *Platoon, The Blob* and *Remote Control.*

DARRYN LYONS born in Geelong, Victoria - 1965 (56)
* Former paparazzo and entrepreneur was elected mayor of Geelong in November, 2013. On 16 April 2016, the Victorian Government dismissed Lyons along with the rest of the Greater Geelong City Council.

MATTHEW PERRY born in Massachusetts - 1969 (52)
* US actor. He played Chandler Bing in the *Friends* TV sit-com (1994-2004).

MARY JOE FERNANDEZ (Maria Joe Fernandez) born in Dominican Republic - 1971 (50)
* US tennis player. She won her first Grand Slam doubles title at the 1991 Australian Open. She also won a French Open (1996) and a gold medal at the 1992 Olympics in doubles.

TASMA WALTON born in Geraldton, WA - 1973 (48)
* Australian actress and wife of Rove McManus. She played Dash McKinley in *Blue Heelers* and appeared in the series *City Homicide*.

CAMERON WHITE born in Bairnsdale, Victoria - 1983 (38)
* Australian cricketer. He plays for the Melbourne Renegades and is a former Australian Twenty20 and Victorian Bushrangers captain. In 2003–04, he became Victoria's youngest ever captain at the age of 20 when he took over leadership of their one-day side, and the first-class captaincy followed the season after.

MISSY HIGGINS (Melissa Higgins) born in Melbourne, Victoria - 1983 (38)
* Australian singer. In 2004 she first made No 1 in Australia with her debut release *Scar* (EP) and also spent several weeks at No 1 with her debut album *The Sound Of White.* She won 5 ARIA awards including Best Female Artist. In 2007 she released the album *On A Clear Night*. It also made No 1 as well as the first single release *Steer*. In 2012 she released the album *The Ol' Razzle Dazzle*. It debuted at No 1 on the ARIA Albums Chart.

Events

The two halves of **SYDNEY HARBOUR BRIDGE** were joined together - 1930.
* Construction of the bridge began in 1924, and took 1400 men eight years to build. Sixteen lives were lost during its construction.

FOUR CORNERS began on ABC television - 1961.
* It is the longest-running Australian television program in history. The program is one of only five in Australia inducted into the Logie Hall of Fame. It was first hosted by Michael Charlton and is now hosted by Michael Brissenden. Former hosts include Mike Willesee, Caroline Jones, Andrew Olle, Liz Jackson and Kerry O'Brien.
* It is based on the concept of the British current affairs program *Panorama.*

ALEX STEPNEY, Manchester United goalkeeper, dislocated his jaw whilst shouting at a team mate - 1975.

GROUCHO MARX (Marx Brothers), US comedian and TV host, died aged 86 - 1977.

SEBASTIAN COE ran the mile in a new world record of 3 minutes and 48.53 seconds in Switzerland - 1981.

PICASSO's painting *Weeping Woman* was recovered at a locker at Spencer Street railway station in Melbourne - 1986.
* The $2 million painting had been stolen from the National Gallery of Victoria a fortnight previous.

MIKHAIL GORBACHEV was deposed as leader of the USSR in a dawn coup by Communist hard-liners - 1991.
* The coup collapsed and a few days later he returned to Moscow.

WORLD 4 KIDS toy and entertainment superstore opened their first shop in Australia at Sydney's Chatswood Chase Shopping Centre - 1993.

JUDITH DURHAM won a 12 month intervention order against a former Seekers fan club president who stalked her and deluged her with door mats - 1998.

GARY O'CALLAGHAN, top rating Sydney radio breakfast announcer, died aged 83 - 2017.
* He was on 2UE from 1956-2003.

BIRTHDAY BULLETIN

Friday 20th August 2021

Births

JIM REEVES (James Reeves) born in Galloway, Texas - 1923. (Died aged 40 - 1964)
* American country singer. The former radio station manager and professional basketball player had his biggest hit in 1960 with *He'll Have To Go.* He died in a single engine plane crash that he pioted.

DON KING (Donald King) born in Cleveland, Ohio - 1931 (90)
* US boxing promoter. He has promoted boxing greats such as Muhammad Ali, Mike Tyson and Sugar Ray Leonard. It was Ali who invited him to become a fulltime promoter. King was responsible for Ali's famous 'Rumble In The Jungle' and 'Thrilla In Manilla' fights.

ISAAC HAYES born in Tennessee - 1942. (Died aged 65 - 2008)
* American singer, songwriter and producer. His biggest hit was in 1971 with the *Theme From Shaft*. He wrote the Sam & Dave hits *Soul Man* and *Hold On! I'm A Comin'.*

SYLVESTER McCOY (Percy Kent-Smith) born in Dunoon, Scotland - 1943 (78)
* Scottish actor. He was the 7th actor to star as Doctor Who ('87-'89) in the long-running BBC TV series of the same name.

JAMES PANKOW born in Chicago, Illinois - 1947 (74)
* Trombonist with US band Chicago. He's been with the band since their beginning in 1966. He wrote their hits *Make Me Smile* ('70) and *Just You 'N' Me* ('73).
* His brother is actor John Pankow who was in the TV series *Mad About You* playing Ira.

ROBERT PLANT born in West Bromwich, England - 1948 (73)
* Lead vocalist with UK band Led Zeppelin. Their biggest hit single was in 1970 with *Whole Lotta Love*. In their 12 years together they released 10 albums which were all huge sellers. *Led Zeppelin IV* was their most successful. In 2003 the group returned to the top of the US charts for the first time in 24 years with the triple CD live album *How The West Was Won*.
* His solo albums include *Big Log*, *Manic Nirvana* and *Now And Zen*.

AL ROKER (Albert Roker) born in New York - 1954 (67)
* American weatherman. For many years he was a presenter on the NBC *Today* program. He also co-hosted *Wake Up With Al* on the Weather Channel in the US.
* He lost 45kg after gastric bypass surgery. At the time he was 150 kg.

JOAN ALLEN born in Rochelle, Illinois - 1956 (65)
* US actress. Her films include *Pleasantville* ('98), *Face/Off* ('97), *Nixon* ('95), *Tucker: The Man And His Dreams* ('88), *The Bourne Supremacy* (2004) and sequels.

MARK 'CAL' CALLAGHAN born in England - 1957 (64)
* Vocalist/guitarist with Australian band GANGgajang. They had their biggest hit in 1985 with *Sounds of Then (This Is Australia)*. It became a hit again in 1996 when it was used as a promotion for the Nine Network. He wrote it after his family moved to a canefield near Bundaberg after emigrating from the UK.

ANTHONY "LEHMO" LEHMANN born in Peebinga, South Australia - 1969 (52)
* Australian comedian, television and radio presenter. In 2020 he joined SAFM Adelaide (formerly Triple M). He's worked on TV programs including *Before The Game, The Project*, and *The Footy Show*.

DAVID WALLIAMS (David Williams) born in Surrey, England - 1971 (50)
* UK comedian. He co-starred with Matt Lucas in the British TV comedy program *Little Britain.* Since 2012 Walliams has been a judge on the TV talent show *Britain's Got Talent*. He is also a writer of children's books. To date he has sold more than 12.5 million copies. He has been described as "the fastest growing children's author in the UK": his literary style has been compared to that of Roald Dahl.
* On the 4th of July 2006 he successfully swam the English Channel to raise money for Sport Relief.
* He changed his stage name to David Walliams when he joined the actors' union Equity, as there was already a member named David Williams.

AMY ADAMS born in Italy - 1974 (47)
* US actress and singer. Her first starring role was in *Catch Me If You Can*. In 2007, she starred as the lead character in the Disney musical film *Enchanted*. Her other films include *Doubt* (2008), *The Fighter* (2010), *The Master* (2012), *Arrival* (2016), and *Nocturnal Animals* (2016). She played reporter Lois Lane in *Man of Steel* as well as *Batman v Superman: Dawn of Justice*.

JAMIE CULLUM born in Essex, England - 1979 (42)
* English jazz-pop singer and pianist. His 2003 album *Twenty Something* became the fastest selling jazz album in UK chart history. It made No 2 in Australia. In 2002 he released his debut album *Pointless Nostalgic* and in 2019 released his 8th album *Taller.*

BEN BARNES born in London, England - 1981 (40)
* English actor. He played Prince Caspian in the 2008 movie *The Chronicles of Narnia: Prince Caspian* and can be seen in *The Words* (2012) and *The Big Wedding* (2013).

ANDREW GARFIELD born in Los Angeles, California - 1983 (38)
* British-American actor. He was born in America but was raised in England. He starred as Spider-Man in the 2012 movie *The Amazing Spider-Man* as well as the 2014 sequel. He also had a major role in the 2010 film *The Social Network* and in 2016 starred in *Hacksaw Ridge* as well as *Silence.*

DEMI LOVATO (Demetria Lovato) born in New Mexico - 1992 (29)
* US singer, songwriter and actress. After appearing on the children's television series *Barney & Friends* as a child, she received her breakthrough role as Mitchie Torres in the TV film *Camp Rock* (2008) and its sequel *Camp Rock 2: The Final Jam* (2010). Her biggest hits are *Sorry Not Sorry* (2017) and *Cool For The Summer* (2015).

Events

GERTRUDE THE EMIGRANT, written by Caroline Atkinson, was published, becoming the first book by an Australian born female author - 1857.

GENERAL WILLIAM BOOTH, founder of the Salvation Army, died aged 83 - 1912.

ERIC LIDDELL, Scottish runner, refused to take part in the heats of the 100m at the Paris Olympic Games because it fell on a Sunday which conflicted with his Christian convictions - 1924.
* However, he did win the 400m on a weekday, setting a new record. (These events are covered in the film *Chariots Of Fire*).

WINSTON CHURCHILL said the line; *"Never in the field of human conflict was so much owed by so many to so few"* - in reference to the Battle of Britain - 1940.

SMOKEY DAWSON made his first recording, *I'm A Happy-Go-Lucky Cowhand*, at the Columbia Studios in Sydney - 1941.

SHIRLEY BASSEY recorded the *James Bond* theme song *Goldfinger* - 1964.

R & D W DOLBY introduced their noise-reduction system for recording audiotapes - 1967.

The new **NATIONAL GALLERY OF VICTORIA** opened in Melbourne - 1968.
* It opened as the Cultural Centre.

First **ELECTRONIC POCKET CALCULATOR** was introduced by Texas Instruments - 1971.

MELBOURNE SUNDAY HERALD, SUNDAY SUN NEWS-PICTORIAL and **SUNDAY AGE** were all launched in Melbourne - 1989.

ALAN BOND was sentenced to three years jail for defrauding his company of $9 million in an art scam - 1996.

PAULINE HANSON, former leader of the One Nation party, and **DAVID ETTRIDGE**, One Nation co-founder, were sentenced to three years in jail for electoral fraud - 2003.
* In November 2003 both were released after an appeal court quashed their convictions amid allegations that their jailing had been politically motivated.

A record 21 people crammed into a **MINI CAR** in Athens, Greece - 2004.

JERRY LEWIS, US comedian, died aged 91 - 2017.
* For many years he worked on stage and in movies with Dean Martin. His most successful comedy film was *The Nutty Professor.*

BIRTHDAY BULLETIN

Saturday 21st August 2021

Births

KENNY ROGERS born in Houston, Texas - 1938. (Died aged 81 - 2020)
* US singer. His first Australian hit came in 1969 with *Ruby Don't Take Your Love To Town* - that he recorded with the First Edition. They also had success with *Ruben James* ('69) and *Something's Burning* ('70). Seven years later he had the first of many solo hits beginning with *Lucille.* His other hits include *The Gambler, Coward of the County* and *Lady.* His biggest hit in Australia was with the Bee Gees composition *Islands In The Stream* which he recorded as a duet with Dolly Parton. Rogers retired from touring in 2017 aged 79 and died in March 2020 of natural causes.
* His 1978 hit *The Gambler* inspired a 1980 film of the same name in which he starred (plus the sequels that followed).

CLARENCE WILLIAMS III born in New York City, New York - 1939. Died aged 81 - 2021)
* US actor. He played Linc Hayes in the TV series *Mod Squad* (1968-1973).

JAMES BURTON born in Dubberley, Louisiana - 1939 (82)
* US guitarist. He played lead guitar in Elvis Presley's backing band during the late '60s and early '70s. Also played on recordings for artists including Rick Nelson and Frank Sinatra.

ROGER OAKLEY born in Auckland, New Zealand - 1943 (78)
* New Zealand actor. He played Doug Rutherford in the ABC series *Something In the Air* and Tom Fletcher in *Home And Away*.

PETER WEIR born in Sydney, NSW - 1944 (77)
* Australian film director. After a 5 year break from directing in 2003 he brought out *Master and Commander: The Far Side of the World* (2003). He directed the Australian movies - *Picnic At Hanging Rock* ('75), *Last Wave* ('77), *Gallipoli* ('81) and *Year of Living Dangerously* ('82). His overseas credits include - *Witness* ('85), *Mosquito Coast* ('86), *Dead Poets Society* ('88), *Russia House* ('90) and *The Truman Show* ('98).

JACKIE DE SHANNON (Sharon Myers) born in Hazel, Kentucky - 1941 (80)
* US singer/songwriter. She co-wrote the hit songs *Needles and Pins*, *When You Walk In The Room* and *Bette Davis Eyes.* In 1969 she recorded *Put A Little Love In Your Heart* which she also wrote and became her biggest seller.

JOE STRUMMER (John Mellor) born in Ankara, Turkey - 1952. (Died aged 50 - 2002)
* Vocalist and guitarist with UK band The Clash. Their biggest hits in Australia were *London Calling* ('80) and *Rock The Casbah* ('82).

ANNE LOUISE LAMBERT born in Brisbane, Queensland - 1955 (66)
* Australian actress. She played Miranda in the internationally successful film *Picnic At Hanging Rock* ('75). Her TV credits include *Class of '74, The Dirtwater Dynasty,* and *Tanamera - Lion Of Singapore.*

KIM CATTRALL born in Liverpool, England - 1956 (65)
* English-Canadian actress. Appeared in the Hollywood films *Mannequin* ('87) and *Masquerade* ('88). Appeared in the TV series *Sex In The City.*

KIM SLEDGE born in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania - 1957 (64)
* US singer. Kim and her three sisters made up Sister Sledge who had disco hits in 1979 with *We Are Family* and *He's The Greatest Dancer.*

GARY ELKERTON born in Ballina, NSW - 1964 (57)
* Australian surfer. Known as 'Kong', he is a three time world masters champion (2000-01, 2003), and three time world professional runner-up.

CARRIE-ANNE MOSS born in Canada - 1967 (54)
* Canadian actor. Plays Trinity in the *Matrix* movies. Also can be seen in *Chocolat*, *Memento* and *Red Planet*. She is also one of the stars of the TV series *Jessica Jones.*

GLEN BOSS born in Caboolture, Queensland - 1969 (52)
* Australian jockey. He rode Makybe Diva to victory in its three Melbourne Cup wins in 2003, 2004 and 2005.

ROBERT HARVEY born in Seaford, Victoria - 1971 (50)
* AFL footballer and current caretaker coach of the Collingwood football club. The former St Kilda captain and club games record holder won successive Brownlow Medals in 1997 and 1998. He ended his career with the third-highest total career games in VFL/AFL history, having played a total of 383 games.
* He was the first VFL/AFL player to ever play in 21 consecutive seasons. He debuted aged 16.
* Grandson of Test cricketer Merv Harvey and grandnephew of Test cricketer Neil Harvey.

SIMON KATICH born in Middle Swan, WA - 1975 (46)
* Australian cricketer. He scored 1,506 runs to break Michael Bevan's all-time Pura Cup/Sheffield Shield record for runs in a season. He is the Football Operations Manager of the Greater Western Sydney Giants AFL club. He is also a commentator for the ABC and the Seven Network.

JARROD LYLE born in Shepparton, Victoria - 1981. (Died aged 36 - 2018)
* Australian golfer. He played a number of seasons on the PGA Tour; his best finish being tied for 4th place in the 2012 Northern Trust Open. Soon after this performance, he was diagnosed with a recurrence of leukemia.

USAIN BOLT born in Jamaica - 1986 (35)
* Jamaican sprinter. He was regarded as the fastest human in the world. He is the first person to hold both the 100 metres and 200 metres world records He also holds the world record as a part of the 4 × 100 metres relay. He's an eight-time Olympic gold medallist.
* In 2018 he started training with Australian A-League soccer club Central Coast Mariners. However after just 8 weeks he left the club in November 2018. In January 2019 he announced that he would not be pursuing a career in football saying his *"sports life is over."*

KACEY MUSGRAVES born in Golden, Texas - 1988 (33)
* US singer and songwriter. She has won six Grammy Awards, six Country Music Association Awards, and three Academy of Country Music Awards. Her fourth album *Golden Hour* won in all four of its nominated categories at the 61st Grammy Awards.

Events

MONA LISA painting was stolen by a former Louvre employee from The Louvre in Paris - 1911.
* Two years later it was found when Vincenzo Peruggio attempted to sell the painting to an antique dealer.

JOSEPH SCHENK, President of United Artist films, made this statement on this day 1928, *"People will not want talk pictures long".* He added that he only made talking pictures to *"satisfy the passing interest!"*

KEN MAYNARD'S first **ETTAMOGAH PUB** cartoon for the Australian Post magazine was published - 1958.

HAWAII became the 50th state of America - 1959.

MOTOWN records released what would be its first No 1 hit, *Please Mr Postman* by The Marvelettes - 1961.

GARY PUCKETT & THE UNION GAP recorded *Woman, Woman* - 1967.

BEE GEES reunited - 1970.
* After a brief split which resulted in Robin pursuing a solo career, the three Gibb brothers ironed out their differences and immediately made plans to record a new album, *Two Years On.*

KELLY UNDERWOOD became the first female football caller on Australian commercial radio on 3AW - 2005.
* She called one quarter of football.

FEDERAL ELECTION in Australia ended with a hung parliament (first since 1940) - 2010.
* The ALP ended up forming government thanks to three independent MPs and one Australian Greens MP.

RON TUDOR, Australian record producer, died aged 96 - 2020.
* He was the founder of Australia's famous Fable label and the Bootleg record label. It was the first independent label to achieve notable success. This included the first all-Australian international hit, *The Pushbike Song* (Mixtures). John Williamson also received his first gold record for *Old Man Emu*. It was Ron who recognised the potential of The Seekers and gave them their first recording contract with W & G Records.

BIRTHDAY BULLETIN

Sunday 22nd August 2021

Births

HONOR BLACKMAN born in London, England - 1925. (Died aged 94 - 2020)
* English actress. She played Cathy Gale in the early series of the British television program *The Avengers* and had a starring role in the 1964 film *Goldfinger.* She was also in the TV sit-com *The Upper Hand* (1990-1996).

VALERIE HARPER born in New York - 1939. (Died aged 80 - 2019)
* American actress. For several seasons she played Rhoda, Mary's best friend in *The Mary Tyler Moore Show* and then starred in her own TV series *Rhoda.*

RON DANTE (Carmine Granito) born in New York - 1945 (76)
* US session singer and producer. He was the male vocalist on The Archies hits including their top-selling 1969 hit single *Sugar Sugar.* He also sang lead on The Cufflinks' hits *Tracy, When Julie Comes Around* and *Run Sally Run* and was a background vocalist on *Hang On Sloopy* (McCoys).
* He was Barry Manilow's record producer for 8 years and provided background vocals on many of Barry's hits.

CINDY WILLIAMS born in Los Angeles, California - 1947 (74)
* American actress. She co-starred with Penny Marshall playing Shirley in the '70s TV comedy series *Laverne and Shirley.* The program was a spin-off from *Happy Days.* She was one of the stars in *American Graffiti* ('73) as well as the sequel *More American Graffiti* ('79).

DREW MORPHETT (Andrew Morphett) born Sydney, NSW - 1948. (Died aged 69 - 2017)
* Australian radio and TV football commentator. He joined the ABC in 1966. He hosted *The Winners* VFL TV program and was heard on ABC radio as a part of the Grandstand team. In 2015 he lost his job with ABC Radio as part of budget cuts. He also worked at Channel 7 from 1988 to 2000.
* He died suddenly at his Melbourne home a few days after turning 69. He passed away with a class of red wine in his hand while watching the football.

MICHAEL GUDINSKI born in Caulfield, Victoria - 1952. (Died aged 68 - 2021)
* Australian entrepreneur and businessman. He died in his sleep in March 2021. A private funeral held in Melbourne was attended by numerous music artists. On 24 March, a Gudinski memorial concert was held at Rod Laver Arena. It featured performances by artists including Kylie Minogue, Ed Sheeran, Jimmy Barnes and Paul Kelly.
* He was the founder of the Australian record label Mushroom, founding director of the Victorian Rock Foundation and co-founder of Liberation Records. Mushroom got its big break in 1974 with the release of Skyhooks debut album *Living In The Seventies.* Its biggest selling artists have been Kylie Minogue and Jimmy Barnes.

STEVE DAVIS born in London, England - 1957 (64)
* British snooker player. He has won more professional titles in the sport than any other player. He was world champion six times between 1981-1987.

MARK WILLIAMS born in England - 1959 (62)
* English actor. Since 2013 he's been the star of the *Father Brown* TV detective series. He's also known for his role as Arthur Weasley in seven of the *Harry Potter* films, Brian Williams in *Doctor Who*, and Olaf Petersen in *Red Dwarf*.

ROLAND ORZABAL (Raoul Orzabal de la Quintana) born in Hampshire, England - 1961 (60)
* Guitarist/vocalist of the UK duo Tears For Fears. He has retained the duo's name since splitting with Curt Smith. In 1985 Tears For Fears had three hits in Australia with *Shout* - which went to No 1, *Everybody Wants to Rule The World* and *Head Over Heels.* In 1990 they had another hit with *Sowing The Seeds Of Love.*

DEBBI PETERSON (Deborah Peterson Botting) born in Los Angeles, California - 1961 (60)
* Vocalist with US band The Bangles. Her sister Vicki was also in the group. Their biggest hits were *Eternal Flame*, *Walk Like An Egyptian* and *Manic Monday*.

TORI AMOS (Myra Ellen Amos) born in North Carolina - 1963 (58)
* US singer and songwriter. Her hits include *Cornflake Girl, I Wanna Get Back With You* (a duet with Tom Jones) and *Professional Widow.*

MATS WILANDER born in Sweden - 1964 (57)
* Swedish-born tennis champion. At the age of only 17 he won the French Open tennis championship in 1982. He also won again in '85 and '88. His other major wins include - Australian Open ('83, '84, '88) and US Open ('88).

WENDY BOTHA born in South Africa - 1965 (56)
* South African born Australian surfer. She was Australia's first ever female professional surfer. A four-time world champion she won in 1987, 1989, 1991 and 1992.

HOWIE DOROUGH born in Orlando, Florida - 1973 (48)
* US singer with the Backstreet Boys. The group made No 1 in Australia in 2005 with their single *Incomplete*. Their 1999 album *Millennium* sold 500,000 copies in America on the day of its release.

KRISTEN WIIG born in Canandaigua, New York - 1973 (48)
* US comedienne and actress. She is best known for her work on the US comedy program *Saturday Night Live*. Her films include *Bridesmaids* (2011), *Girl Most Likely* (2013), *The Secret Life Of Walter Mitty* (2013), *Ghostbusters* (2016), *Wonder Woman 1984* (2020) and the animated *Despicable Me* animated movies.

JAMES CORDEN born in London, England - 1978 (43)
* English actor, comedian and TV host. He currently hosts the US late-night television talk show *The Late Late Show with James Corden*. His other credits include the UK TV sit-com *Gavin And Stacey* playing Smithy, and the movies *Telstar* (playing drummer Clem Cattini) and *One Chance* (playing singer Paul Potts). He provided the voice of Peter Rabbit in the 2017 movie *Peter Rabbit and the sequel.*

DUA LIPA born in London, England - 1995 (26)
* English singer/songwriter. She released her self-titled debut solo album in 2017. Her singles include *New Rules* (2017) - both peaked at No 2 in Australia. She won the Grammy Award for Best New Artist in 2019.

Events

The yacht **AMERICA** won the Royal Yacht Squadron Cup - now known as the **AMERICA'S CUP** - 1851.
* The trophy was originally known as the 100 Guineas Cup.

World's first **HOTEL ELEVATOR** was installed at the 5th Avenue Hotel in New York City - 1859.

GENEVA CONVENTION was signed by 12 nations - 1864.

LIQUID SOAP was patented by William Sheppard (USA) - 1865.

ROYAL SHOW (Intercolonial Exhibition), now known as the "Ekka", was held for the first time in Brisbane - 1876.

CINEMATOGRAPHE MACHINE was demonstrated by Carl Hertz at Melbourne's Bourke St Opera House - 1896.
* It was Melbourne's first demonstration of moving pictures. A crowd of more than 1,000 watched moving pictures of scenes of London and Brighton Beach.

CADILLAC automobile company was formed in Detroit - 1902.
* The Cadillac was named after the French explorer Antoine sieur de Cadillac.

TOMMY ROE recorded *Dizzy* - 1968.
* The instrumental backing was provided by the LA session musicians who later became known as the Wrecking Crew.

LIONEL ROSE (Australia) lost his World Boxing crown to Mexican Ruben Olivares - 1969.

THE TIMES newspaper had a record 97 misprints on page 19 which included a reference to Pop (Pope) Paul VI! - 1978.

BOND CORPORATION HOLDINGS LTD reported a profit of $355.7 million (increase of 255%) - 1988.

ROSSANA GIUSTI was awarded the job of grave digger at a cemetery in Prato, Italy, after the ten men competing against her all fainted and failed the test - 1997.
* The test was exhuming a body.

TIM FISCHER, Australian politician who served as leader of the National Party and Deputy Prime Minister in the John Howard Government died aged 73 - 2019.

BIRTHDAY BULLETIN

Monday 23rd August 2021

Births

GENE KELLY born in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania - 1912. (Died aged 83 - 1996)
* US actor, dancer and choreographer. He was one of Hollywood's top musical stars of the '40s and '50s appearing in *For Me And My Gal* ('42), *Anchors Aweigh* ('45), *Words And Music* ('48), *An American In Paris* ('51) and his best known movie - *Singin' In The Rain* ('52).

VERA MILES (Vera Ralston) born in Boise City, Oklahoma - 1929 (92)
* American actress. Her film roles include *The Searchers* ('56) and the Alfred Hitchcock films *The Wrong Man* ('57) and *Psycho* ('60).

BARBARA EDEN (Barbara Morehead) born in Tucson, Arizona - 1931 (90)
* American actress. She played Jeannie a 2000-year-old genie in the '60s TV comedy series *I Dream Of Jeannie.* 139 episodes were made from 1965-1970 with Larry Hagman playing her 'Master'.
* Starred in the *Harper Valley PTA* TV series ('81-'82).
* She says: *"I still have the original Jeannie bottle; it sits on my bookshelf."*

DON TALBOT born in Barnsley, NSW - 1933. (Died aged 87 - 2020)
* Former Australian and Canadian swimming coach. He quit as Australia's head coach at the end of 2001. He coached some of Australia's greatest swimmers including Susie O'Neill and Hayley Lewis. He also coached national teams for Canada and the United States.

ROGER GREENAWAY born in Bristol, England - 1938 (83)
* UK songwriter and singer. He had hit success as David in the duo David & Jonathan who charted with *Softly Whispering I Love You* and *Lovers of The World Unite.* 'Jonathan' was his song writing partner Roger Cook. They wrote hits for several artists including the New Seekers (*I'd Like To Teach The World To Sing*), The Fortunes (*You've Got Your Troubles*), The Drifters (*Kissing In The Back Row Of The Movies*) and The Hollies *(Long Cool Woman In A Black Dress)*.

KEITH MOON born in England - 1946. (Died aged 32 - 1978)
* Drummer with The Who. Their hits include *My Generation, I'm A Boy, Happy Jack* and *Pinball Wizard.* His early death in 1978 was caused by an overdose of prescription pills which were being used to help him withdraw from alcohol.

ROBERT COLEBY (Robert Taylor) born in Suffolk, England - 1947 (74)
* Australian film and stage actor. He had roles in the TV series' *Patrol Boat* and *For The Term of His Natural Life*.

ROWENA WALLACE born in Coventry, England - 1947 (74)
* Australian actress. Her most famous TV roles include playing Pamela Crawford in *Cop Shop* and 'Pat The Rat' in *Sons And Daughters.* She was also one of the stars of *Pacific Drive* and *Home And Away* playing June Reynolds.

WILLY RUSSELL born in Liverpool, England - 1947 (74)
* English playwright. He penned the popular stage plays *Educating Rita*, *Shirley Valentine* and *Blood Brothers.*

GIL TUCKER born in Sydney, NSW - 1947 (74)
* Australian actor. He is best known for playing Constable Roy Baker in the long running television series *Cop Shop.* In 1999 he had a guest role in *Neighbours*.

RICK SPRINGFIELD (Richard Springthorpe) born in Sydney, NSW - 1949 (72)
* Australian singer/songwriter and actor. A member of the band Zoot, in 1972 he released his first solo record *Speak To The Sky* which made No 14 in the US. Nine years later he made No 1 with *Jessie's Girl* and a year later made No 2 in the US with *Don't Talk To Strangers.*
* He was a regular on the US soapie *General Hospital* playing Noah Drake and also starred in the series' *The Human Target.*

DREW FORSYTHE born in Sydney, NSW - 1949 (72)
* Australian film and stage actor. His stage appearances include the Gilbert and Sullivan Savoy operas *HMS Pinafore* and *The Mikado*.

SHELLEY LONG born in Ft Wayne, Indiana - 1949 (72)
* US actress. She played Diane Chambers in the *Cheers* television series. Her films include; *The Money Pit* ('85), *Outrageous Fortune* ('87) and *The Brady Bunch Movie* ('95) plus sequel.

IAIN FLETCHER born in England - 1966 (55)
* English actor. For six years he played Det Rod Skase in the UK police drama *The Bill*.

RIVER PHOENIX (River Bottom) born in Metolius, Oregon - 1970. (Died aged 23 - 1993)
* American actor. His films include *My Own Private Idaho, Stand By Me, Mosquito Coast* and *Indiana Jones and The Last Crusade.* He died in 1993 after collapsing outside a nightclub. A coroner's report revealed that he died of a massive drug overdose.
* His brother Joaquin was one of the stars in *The Gladiator*.

LUKE BEVERIDGE born in - 1970 (51)
* AFL coach with Western Bulldogs. The former Melbourne, Footscray (Bulldogs) and St Kilda player played a total of 118 games. He was appointed Bulldogs coach in November 2014. In 2016 he coached the Bulldogs to their second premiership.

KARINA BROWN born in - 1971 (50)
* Australian model and TV presenter. She was a co-host on *New Sale of the Century* and a presenter on *Body + Soul.* She wed TV presenter Lochie Daddo.

KOBE BRYANT born in Pennsylvania - 1978. (Died aged 41 - 2020)
* US basketball player. He died in a helicopter crash when it slammed into a hillside outside Los Angeles in January 2020. The crash also claimed the life of his 13-year-old daughter, Gianna, the pilot, and five others who were heading to a youth basketball tournament.
* Bryant played with the LA Lakers from 1996-2016. He ranks third on both the American league's all-time regular season scoring and fourth on the all-time postseason scoring lists. He's the all-time leading scorer in Lakers franchise history.

JONATHON DUTTON born in Geelong, Victoria - 1982 (39)
* Australian actor. He played Wayne 'Tad' Reeves in *Neighbours* (1998-2002).

Events

SLAVERY was outlawed in Britain - 1833.
* English anti-slavery campaigner William Wilberforce was very much responsible for the Abolition of Slavery Act. On his death-bed, he was informed of the passing of the Act. His story is told in the 2007 film Amazing Grace.

JAPAN declared war on **GERMANY** - 1914.

2GB opened in Sydney - 1926.
* It was named after the Italian philosopher Giordini Bruno and was originally owned by the Theosophical Society.

LEN HUTTON completed a (then) record innings of 364 for England in the fifth cricket Test against Australia - 1938.
* In celebration, nearby church bells were rung 364 times.

JOHN LENNON married his first wife Cynthia Powell (who died aged 75 in 2015) - 1962.

THE BEATLES performed at the Hollywood Bowl - 1964.
* This concert was eventually released as an album in 1977. They also performed on August 29 and 30.

TINA - a Siamese cat from Wallabadah, NSW gave birth to a litter of 16 (11 of which survived) - 1985.

WESTERN BULLDOGS played their final game at Whitten Oval (formerly Western Oval) - 1997.

CANTERBURY BULLDOGS were stripped of 37 NRL premiership points and fined $500,000 for breaking the salary cap - 2002.

MERV NEAGLE, Essendon premiership player (1984), died aged 54 when his truck flipped over and crushed the cabin after he lost control and left the road near Tharbogang in southern NSW - 2012.

LINDA RONSTADT, US singer, announced she was suffering from Parkinson's Disease which had left her unable to sing - 2013.

BRAD PITT, aged 50, married **ANGELINA JOLIE**, aged 39, in France - 2014.
* The couple first got together in 2005. They separated in 2016.

BIRTHDAY BULLETIN

Tuesday 24th August 2021

Births

WILLIAM WILBERFORCE born in Hull, England - 1759. (Died aged 73- 1833)
* English anti-slavery campaigner. In 1833 Wilberforce's efforts were finally rewarded when the Abolition of Slavery Act was passed. Wilberforce, on his death-bed, was informed of the passing of the Act in the nick of time. His story is told in the 2007 film *Amazing Grace.*

KENNY BAKER born in Birmingham, England - 1934. (Died aged 81 - 2016)
* English dwarf actor. He played R2-D2 in the series of *Star Wars* films. His other films include *The Elephant Man, Amadeus* and *Time Bandits.*

MASON WILLIAMS born in Abilene, Texas - 1938 (83)
* American musician and comedy writer. He had one of the biggest selling instrumentals of 1968 with *Classical Gas.* In that same year he had further hit success as the songwriter of the novelty song *Cinderella Rockafella.* It was recorded in Australia by Ann and Johnny Hawker and overseas by Esther and Abi Ofarim.

VINCE McMAHON born in North Carolina - 1945 (76)
* US professional wrestling promoter, former commentator and wrestler. He currently serves as the majority owner, chairman, and CEO of WWE.

MIKE McCLELLAN born in Melbourne, Victoria - 1945 (76)
* Australian singer/songwriter. The former schoolteacher had a hit in 1974 with *Song and Dance Man* and in 1980 with *The One I Love*. He's also worked as a journalist and ran his own advertising and jingles agency.

JEAN-MICHEL JARRE born in Lyon, France - 1948 (73)
* French musician and composer. He had a hit single in 1977 with *Oxygene IV* from his album *Oxygene* which sold six million copies. He composed the music to the film *Dead Poet's Society.* His father Maurice Jarre wrote the theme music to numerous films including *Lawrence of Arabia*.

JULIE ANTHONY (Julie Lush) born in Lameroo, SA - 1949 (72)
* Australian singer. Her first big break in show business came in 1974 when she starred in the London production of the musical *Irene.* She's also starred in *Lush* (her maiden name) - a musical based on her life story.
* From 1989 to 1990 she sang with the reformed Seekers.

JOE REGALBUTO born in Brooklyn, New York - 1949 (72)
* American actor. He played Frank Fontana in the US TV sit-com *Murphy Brown.*

BARTHOLOMEW JOHN born in Christchurch, N.Z. - 1952 (69)
* NZ born Australian actor and singer. He played Dr Chris Piper in *The Young Doctors* followed by a lead role in *Skyways*. In 2015 he played Wall Street banker Elisha J. Whitney in the stage production of *Anything Goes.*

STEPHEN FRY born in London, England - 1957 (64)
* British comedian and playwright. From 2003-2016 he hosted the TV quiz show *QI*. He starred on television with Hugh Lawrie in *A Bit Of Fry & Laurie*. The two also appeared in the comedy program *Blackadder.* He also starred in the TV series *Absolute Power* and has written and presented several documentary series' including the 2008 television program *Stephen Fry in America.*
* He has been diagnosed with bipolar disorder. He suffered a nervous breakdown in 1995.

STEVE GUTTENBERG born in Brooklyn, New York - 1958 (63)
* US actor. His first major role came in *Police Academy*. He was also in next three sequels. His other movies include *CocoonI Short Circuit*, *Three Men And A Baby* and *Three Men And A Little Lady.*

MARLEE MATLIN born in Morton Grove, Illinois - 1965 (56)
* Deaf American actress. She co-starred with William Hurt in *Children Of A Lesser God* ('86). For this role, which was her film debut, she won an Oscar for Best Actress. She also co-starred with Mark Harmon in the TV series *Reasonable Doubts.*

JON SIEBEN born in Hurstville, Sydney - 1966 (55)
* Australian swimmer. He won gold at the 1984 Olympic Games for the 200m butterfly.

DAVID CHAPPELLE born in Washington, DC - 1973 (48)
* US comedian. He began his film career in 1993 as Ahchoo in Mel Brooks' *Robin Hood: Men in Tights*. He can also be seen in the movies *The Nutty Professor, Con Air, You've Got Mail* and *Blue Streak*.

ALEX O'LOUGHLIN born in Canberra, ACT - 1976 (45)
* Australian actor. From 2010-2020 he starred in the US remake of the TV series *Hawaii Five-O*. Now based in Hollywood, he is also well known for his roles as Kevin Hiatt in the *The Shield* and as Mick St. John in *Moonlight.*

RUPERT GRINT born in Hertfordshire, England - 1988 (33)
* English actor. He played the role of Ron Weasley in the series of *Harry Potter* movies.
* He appears in the music video for Ed Sheeran's song *Lego House.*

Events

First **POTATO CHIPS** were prepared by George Crum in New York after a customer complained that his French Fries were too thick - 1853.

WAFFLE IRON was patented by Cornelius Swarthout (USA) - 1869.

THOMAS A. EDISON (US) received a patent for a movie camera - 1891.

ELVIS PRESLEY recorded *Love Me Tender* - 1956.
* The song was adapted from the Civil War ballad *Aura Lee.*

BOBBY DARIN recorded *Beyond The Sea* - 1958.
* Music was written by French songwriter Charles Trenet.

STEVIE WONDER topped the US album chart with his second album release *Recorded Live: The Twelve Year Old Genius* - 1963.

NEIL DIAMOND recorded the album *Hot August Night* - 1972.
* The double album captured one of his live performances at the Greek Theatre in LA.
* It was one of the best selling albums in Australia during the '70s. It stayed on our local Top 100 album charts for 224 weeks!

CAROLE KING married Rick Evers - 1977.
* It was her third marriage but tragedy struck seven months later when Evers died aged 34 of an "acute heroin overdose".

CHURCH OF ENGLAND officially became **ANGLICAN CHURCH OF AUSTRALIA** in Australia - 1981.

JERRY LEE LEWIS' wife Shawn Stephens died from an overdose of methadone - 1983.
* It was his fifth marriage. They had been husband and wife for just two months.

JOHNNY FAMECHON, Australian boxing champion, was hit by a car outside Sydney's Warwick Farm racecourse - 1991.

UKRAINE declared independence from the USSR - 1991.

CATHY FREEMAN became the first Aboriginal woman to win an individual gold medal at the Commonwealth Games, winning the 400m run - 1994.

GARY CROSBY, US actor and eldest son of Bing, died aged 62 - 1995.
* He wrote the 1983 autobiography *Going My Way* in which he accused his father of abusing him. Gary began his career as a child actor. He played Ed Wells in the TV series *Adam 12*. His final acting role was in 1987 in *The Night Stalker*

IAN THORPE broke his third world swimming record when he broke his own 200m freestyle record by 0.34 seconds - 1999.

LANCE ARMSTRONG, US cyclist, was stripped of all competitive results dating back to 1998 and also issued a lifetime ban from any activity or competition for which it has jurisdiction by the United States Anti-Doping Agency - 2012.

SCOTT MORRISON became Prime Minister of Australia - 2018.
* In August 2018, Peter Dutton challenged Malcolm Turnbull for the leadership of the Liberal Party. Turnbull defeated Dutton but the party voted in favour of holding a second ballot; Turnbull chose not to be a candidate. In that second vote on 24 August, Morrison emerged as a compromise candidate, defeating Dutton and Julie Bishop.

ROBIN LEACH, host of TV's *Lifestyles of the Rich and Famous* died aged 76 - 2018.

BIRTHDAY BULLETIN

Wednesday 25th August 2021

Births

LEONARD BERNSTEIN born in Lawrence, Massachusetts - 1918. (Died aged 72 - 1990)
* US composer and orchestra leader. He wrote the music to *West Side Story.* It was based on Shakespeare's *Romeo and Juliet.*

SIR SEAN CONNERY (Thomas Connery) born in Edinburgh, Scotland - 1930. (Died aged 90 - 2020)
* Scottish actor. He was the first actor to play James Bond starring in *Dr No* ('62). After five Bond films he vowed he would make no more but was lured back in 1971 to star in *Diamonds Are Forever* and donated his $1 million acting fee to the Scottish International Education Trust. In 1982 despite saying 'never again', he starred as 007 in *Never Say Never Again!*
* His other films include - *The Man Who Would Be King, The Untouchables* (which won him an Oscar), *Hunt For Red October, Indiana Jones And The Last Crusade, Russia House, First Knight, The Rock, Entrapment* which co-starred Catherine Zeta Jones and *Finding Forrester.*

REGIS PHILBIN born in The Bronx, New York - 1931. (Died aged 88 - 2020)
* US TV presenter. He co-hosted *Live With Regis and Kelly* (for several years it was Kathie Lee) and also the US edition of *Who Wants To Be A Millionaire?* He also made cameo appearances in numerous TV shows and movies. He achieved the Guinness World Record for the most time spent in front of a television camera.

TOM SKERRITT born in Detroit, Michigan - 1933 (88)
* American actor. He played Sheriff Brock in the TV series *Picket Fences.* His films include *M*A*S*H* ('70), *Alien* ('79), *Top Gun* ('86) and *Steel Magnolias* ('89).

JIMMY HANNAN born in Sydney, NSW - 1934. (Died aged 84 - 2019)
* Australian TV and radio host. He retired from on-air camera work at the age of 52 so that he could spend more time with his family.
* He had some success as a singer with the pop singles *Beach Ball* ('63) and *Curly* ('70).

FREDERICK FORSYTH born in Kent, England - 1938 (83)
* English author. He wrote the best-selling adventure thrillers *The Day Of The Jackal, The Odessa File* and *The Fourth Protocol.*

ANNE ARCHER born in Los Angeles, California - 1947 (74)
* American actress. She played Michael Douglas' wife in *Fatal Attraction* ('87) and Harrison Ford's wife in *Patriot Games* ('92).

GENE SIMMONS (Chaim Witz) born in Israel - 1949 (72)
* Bass guitarist and co-founder of US rock band Kiss. The biggest hit for Kiss in Australia was in 1979 with *I Was Made For Lovin' You*. Their other hits include *Sure Know Something*, *Beth* and *Shandi.* After several years absence they returned to the charts in 1992 with the hit single *God Gave Rock and Roll To You Pt II.* The band then comprised of Paul Stanley, Gene Simmons, Tommy Thayer, and Peter Criss.
* He says he's never been high, drunk or smoked.
* Simmons can speak Hungarian, German, English, Hebrew and some Japanese.

MARTIN AMIS born in Swansea, Wales - 1949 (72)
* British novelist. His best-known novels are *Money* (1984) and *London Fields* (1989).
* His father, was noted English novelist Sir Kingsley Amis.

JAMES WARREN born in - 1951 (70)
* Singer and musician with UK band the Korgis. They had a top 10 hit in 1980 with *Everybody's Got To Learn Sometime.*

ELVIS COSTELLO (Declan McManus) born in London, England - 1954 (67)
* UK singer and songwriter. His debut hit was in 1977 with *Watching The Detectives* - recorded with his band The Attractions. His other hits include *Oliver's Army* and *Veronica* (co-written with Paul McCartney).
* He appeared with Burt Bacharach in a cameo role in the 1999 *Austin Powers* movie.
* He married singer Diana Krall in 2003 at the home of Elton John. They have twins.

LEIGH HATCHER born in - 1955 (66)
* Australian journalist and a news presenter for Sky News Australia (2000-2013). He was a bureau chief for the Macquarie Radio Network in the Canberra Press Gallery and ia former host of the national talk program *Open House* on Sydney's Hope 103.2.

MATT AITKEN born in Coventry, England - 1956 (65)
* English songwriter and producer. He was a part of the famous Stock-Aitken-Waterman production team who wrote and produced a string of hits for such artists as Dead Or Alive, Rick Astley, Mel & Kim, Kylie Minogue and Jason Donovan. He's now retired.

TIM BURTON born in Burbank, California - 1958 (63)
* US director and producer. His most recent film is a live adaptation of *Dumbo* (2019). His other films include *Beetlejuice* ('88), *Batman* ('89), *Edward Scissorhands* ('90), *Ed Wood* ('94), *Planet Of The Apes* (2001), *Charlie And The Chocolate Factory* (2005), *Alice In Wonderland* (2010) and *Miss Peregrine's Home for Peculiar Children* (2016). Johnny Depp and Burton's girlfriend Helena Bonham Carter have starred in several of his movies.

BILLY RAY CYRUS born in Flatswood, Kentucky - 1961 (60)
* American country singer and father of Miley Cyrus. He had the biggest selling single in Australia in 1992 with *Achy Breaky Heart.* It was from his album *Some Gave All* which became the first debut album ever to top the US country and pop charts simultaneously.

JOANNE WHALLEY born in Manchester, England - 1964 (57)
* UK actress. Her credits include *Willow* ('88), *Scandal* ('89) and the TV mini-series *Scarlett* ('94) - the sequel to *Gone With The Wind.*

RACHEL BILSON born in Los Angeles, California - 1981 (40)
* US actress. She played Summer Roberts in the TV series *The O.C.* and Dr. Zoe Hart in *Hart of Dixie.*

BLAKE LIVELY (née Brown) born in California - 1987 (34)
* US actress. She starred as Serena van der Woodsen in the television series *Gossip Girl* (2007–2012). Her films include *The Sisterhood of the Traveling Pants* (2005), *Green Lantern* (2011), and *A Simple Favor* (2018).

Events

First **CHURCH SERVICE** in Australia that was held in a church building met at Johnson Place, Sydney - 1793.

AMELIA EARHART became the first woman to fly solo non-stop across the US from Los Angeles to Newark, New Jersey - 1932.

ALLIES liberated Paris from the Germans during WW II - 1944.

CASSIUS CLAY (later called Muhammad Ali) won a gold medal for boxing at the Olympic Games in Rome - 1960.
* He threw it away but at the 1996 Olympic Games he was presented with a replacement medal.

ELTON JOHN played his debut concert in America, appearing at The Troubadour in Los Angeles - 1970.

BRUCE SPRINGSTEEN released his album *Born In The USA* - 1975.

JEFF SCHWARTZ, 19 year old American, achieved a solo record for bouncing on a trampoline for 266 hours and 9 minutes - 1981.

MARK CHAPMAN, who murdered John Lennon, was sentenced to 20 years in jail to life with a stipulation that mental health treatment would be provided - 1981.
* He's been denied eleven times, lastly in 2020.

WINDOWS '95 for PCs was launched in Australia - 1995.

AALIYAH, US singer/actress, died aged 22 in a plane crash - 2001.
* Her hits include *Back And Forth* and *At Your Best (Your Are Love).* She starred in the action film *Romeo Must Die*.

DREW MORPHETT, Australian radio and TV sports broadcaster, died aged 69 - 2017.

NEIL SACHSE, Australian Rules footballer and disability advocate, died aged 69 - 2020.
* In his second VFL match for Footscray in 1974 Sachse was left a quadriplegic after an accidental collision with a Fitzroy player. He was left with no use of his legs, and little movement in his hands. In 1994, Sachse and Dawn Ferrett founded an organisation to raise funds for research into the treatment of spinal cord injury.

BIRTHDAY BULLETIN

Thursday 26th August 2021

Births

MOTHER TERESA (Agnes Bojaxhiu) born in Yugoslavia - 1910. (Died aged 87 - 1997)
* Roman Catholic missionary nun. She moved to a Calcutta convent when she was 19 but left in 1946 to pursue more direct work with India's poor. At the age of 40 she established the Missionaries of Charity.
* In 1979 she won the Nobel Peace Prize.

VIC DANA born in Buffalo, New York - 1942 (79)
* American singer. He had several hits in the early '60s such as *I Will, Shangri-La* and *Red Roses For A Blue Lady.*

BOB COWSILL born in Portsmouth, Virginia - 1949 (72)
* American singer and guitarist. A member of The Cowsills who comprised of brothers Bob, Barry (died 2005), Bill (who died aged 58 in 2006), John and Paul along with their mother Barbara and sister Susan. The family group inspired *The Partridge Family* TV series. They had hits in the late '60s with *Hair*, *Indian Lake, Silver Threads And Golden Needles* and *The Rain, The Park And Other Things*.

DELVENE DELANEY born in Mackay, Queensland - 1951 (70)
* Australian TV presenter and actress. She was a hostess on *Sale Of The Century* (1983-'85), a regular on *The Paul Hogan Show* and also played Nurse JoJo Adams in *The Young Doctors* (1976-'77).
* She's been married to Paul Hogan's good friend and former manager John Cornell since 1976. (Cornell played the character Strop in *The Paul Hogan Show*).

GENERAL DAVID HURLEY born in Wollongong, NSW - 1953 (68)
* Former senior officer in the Australian Army. 27th Governor-General of Australia since 1 July 2019. He was previously the 38th Governor of New South Wales, serving from 2014 to 2019.

SHIRLEY MANSON born in Edinburgh, Scotland - 1966 (55)
* Lead singer with Scottish band Garbage. Their hit singles include: *Vow, Only Happy When it Rains* and *Stupid Girl.*

ANTHONY GRIFFIN born in Rockhampton, Queensland - 1966 (55)
* Australian rugby league player and coach. He's a former coach of Brisbane Broncos (2011-2014) and the Penrith Panthers (2016-2018). Anthony played in the Brisbane Rugby League premiership (Brothers) during the 1980s before taking up coaching.

ADRIAN YOUNG born in Long Beach, California - 1969 (52)
* US musician. He's a member of the band No Doubt. Their hits include *Don't Speak, Hella Good* and *It's My Life*.

JASON LITTLE born in Dalby, Queensland - 1970 (51)
* Australian rugby player. In 1993 he became the youngest player in the history of Queensland rugby union to earn 50 caps. He won 75 caps with one as captain playing at centre for the Australian rugby union side between 1989 and 2000. He played for Queensland Reds and the NSW Waratahs.

REBECCA MORSE born in Adelaide, SA - 1977 (44)
* Australian journalist and news presenter. Morse is currently presenter of Adelaide's Ten *Eyewitness News*. She is married to Nine News reporter James 'Jimmy' Wakelin.

MACAULAY CULKIN born in New York City, New York - 1980 (41)
* US actor and musician. He first came into showbiz at the age of 4, appearing in a string of Off-Broadway shows such as *The Nutcracker*. He went on to star in *Home Alone* ('90) and the sequel *Home Alone II* ('92). His other films include *Uncle Buck* ('89), *My Girl* ('91) and *Richie Rich* ('94).
* He is currently the publisher and CEO of a satirical pop culture website and podcast called Bunny Ears.

CHRIS PINE born in Los Angeles, California - 1980 (41)
* US actor. He starred as James T Kirk in the 2009 film *Star Trek* and in the sequels. He has also appeared in the romantic comedies *The Princess Diaries 2: Royal Engagement* (2004), *Just My Luck* (2006), *Into The Woods* (2014), *Wonder Woman* (2017) and *A Wrinkle In Time* (2018).

JESSE MARTIN born in Dachau, Germany - 1981 (40)
* Australian adventurer. In 1999 he became the youngest person to sail around the world non-stop and solo. On December 6, 1998, he sailed off in Lionheart, a yacht just 10.23 metres long. On board he had dried food to last him 9 months if he caught no fish, and just enough water to give him a cup a day to drink. Solar panels gave him power so he could make telephone calls and send e-mails back to Australia.

Events

TYPEWRITER was patented by Charles Thurber - 1843.

Indonesian volcanic island **KRAKATOA** erupted - 1883.
* The eruption was heard up to 4,800 km away and created tidal waves 35 m high. 36,000 people were killed.

HARRY HOUDINI escaped from chains underwater in just 57 seconds at San Francisco's Aquatic Park - 1907.

AMERICAN WOMEN received the right to **VOTE** - 1920.

BBC broadcast their first high definition television pictures - 1936.

THE BEATLES held a press conference at University College in Bangor, North Wales with Maharishi Mahesh Yogi - 1967.
* The group announced that they had become disciples of the guru and renounced the use of drugs. The four had become members of the Maharishi's 'Spiritual Regeneration Movement', which obligated them to donate one week's earnings each month to the organisation.

THE BEATLES released *Hey Jude* in the UK - 1968.
* It was their first release on their Apple record label.

10CC made their stage debut on the Isle Of Man - 1973.
* The four piece English group comprised of Graham Gouldman, Eric Stewart, Kevin Godley and Lol Creme. Godley and Creme departed the group in 1976.

The University of Texas at Arlington became the first accredited school to offer studies in **BELLY DANCING** - 1973.

CHARLES LINDBERGH, American aviator, died aged 72 - 1974.

TED KNIGHT, American actor, died aged 62 of cancer - 1986.
* He played newsreader Ted Baxter in *The Mary Tyler Moore Show.*

SONNY BONO, who once said that he never voted until he was 53, announced that he was running for mayor of Palm Springs, California - 1987.
* He won the election in 1988 and went on to win a seat in Congress in 1996.

INTERNATIONAL RUGBY BOARD overturned the game's amateur status - 1995.

LAURA BRANIGAN, US singer, died aged 47 of a brain aneurism (same illness that killed her father) - 2004.
* Her biggest hit was *Gloria* ('82).

PACKED TO THE RAFTERS, Australian television series, began on the Seven Network - 2008.
* It starred Rebecca Gibney as Julie Rafter, Erik Thomson as Dave Rafter, Angus McLaren as Nathan Rafter, Michael Caton as Ted Taylor and Hugh Sheridan as Ben Rafter.

ELLIE GREENWICH, US songwriter, died aged 68 from a heart attack - 2009.
* She penned many '60s pop hits with her husband Jeff Barry. They include *Be My Baby, Christmas (Baby Please Come Home), Da Doo Ron Ron, Leader of the Pack, Do Wah Diddy Diddy* and *River Deep, Mountain High.*

KATE BUSH performed her first live concert in 35 years - 2014.
* The tickets for her 22 night residency at the Hammersmith Odeon sold out in 15 minutes when they were released early in 2014 (total of 80,000 seats). The *'Before The Dawn'* tour was her first since 1979.

NEIL SIMON, US playwright and screenwriter, died aged 91- 2018.
* His stage plays include *Barefoot in the Park* (1963), *The Odd Couple* (1965) and *Chapter Two* ('77).

BEN STOKES, English cricketer, hit 135 not out to lead England to their record chase of 359 against Australia at Headingley - 2019.
* It was the biggest successful run chase in the team's history - to stay alive in the Test series which became tied at 1-1 thanks to Stokes's innings.

BIRTHDAY BULLETIN

Friday 27th August 2021

Births

SIR DONALD BRADMAN born in Cootamundra, NSW - 1908. (Died aged 92 - 2001)
* Australian cricketer. He was the first cricketer to be knighted and is considered to be Australia's greatest batsman. When he retired in 1948 his Test batting average was 99.94.
* He met his future wife, Jessie, when he was 12 and she moved into his family home as a boarder. They were married for 65 years.
* His 220 against England in Melbourne in 1936-37 is still the greatest Test innings of all time according to cricket bible Wisden. It ranks the innings as the greatest because Australia was down 2-0 in the series and was 5-97 on a rain affected wicket when he came to the crease.

ED DEVEREAUX (Edward Devereaux) born in Sydney, NSW - 1925. (Died aged 78 - 2003)
* Australian actor, director and scriptwriter. He was best known for playing the part of Matt Hammond the head ranger in the TV series *Skippy the Bush Kangaroo*. He lived in the United Kingdom for many years. He appeared as Mr Gubbins in the 1963 British comedy film *Ladies Who Do* and appeared in several *Carry On* films.

KEV GOLSBY (Kevin Golsby) born in Sydney, NSW - 1935 (86)
* Sydney voice over specialist and actor. He was one of the stars of the TV comedy *The Naked Vicar Show* ('77-'78).

DARYL DRAGON born in Los Angeles, California - 1942. (Died aged 76 - 2019)
* American musician. He and his former wife Toni were best known as Captain & Tennille. Tennille filed for divorce from Dragon in January 2014 after 39 years of marriage. Dragon was unaware of this until he was served with the divorce papers. Captain & Tennille had a No 1 hit in 1975 with the Neil Sedaka/Howard Greenfield song *Love Will Keep Us Together.* (At the end of the record you can hear Toni singing "*Sedaka is back*.") Their other hits include - *The Way I Want To Touch You, Lonely Night* and *Do That To Me One More Time.*

KERRY O'BRIEN born in Brisbane, Queensland - 1945 (76)
* Australian TV presenter. He was host of ABC TV's *Four Corners* from 2011-2015. He also hosted ABC TV's *The 7.30 Report* and *Lateline*. He also anchored and moderated the ABC's election telecasts. In 2019 he was inducted into the Logie Hall of Fame.

PETER McKENNA born in Brunswick, Victoria - 1946 (75)
* Australian Rules footballer. He played full forward for Collingwood and topped the goalkicking in 1972 and 1973. He also had a brief stint with Carlton. For many years he worked as a football commentator with Channel 7.
* He was Daryl Somers original co-host on *Hey Hey It's Saturday!*

LEN THOMPSON born in Victoria - 1947. (Died aged 60 - 2007)
* VFL footballer with Collingwood. Magpies captain in 1978 and Brownlow Medal winner in 1972 (which he sold in 1999). He played 272 games - mostly with Collingwood.
* He died of a heart attack in 2007 at the home of his former wife.

BARBARA BACH (Barbara Goldbach) born in Queens, New York - 1947 (74)
* American actress and wife of Ringo Starr. She played the female lead in the James Bond movie *The Spy Who Loved Me* ('77), starred with her husband Ringo in *Caveman* ('81) and also appeared in Paul McCartney's film *Give My Regards To Broad Street* ('83).

PAUL REUBENS born in Peekskill, New York - 1952 (69)
* US actor. He is best known for playing the comic character Pee-wee Herman. He starred in the movies *Pee-wee's Big Adventure* and *Big Top Pee-wee.*

BERNHARD LANGER born in Germany - 1957 (64)
* German golfer. He won the US Masters in 1985 and 1993. He ranked No 1 in 1986.

GERHARD BERGER born in Austria - 1959 (62)
* Austrian Formula 1 motor racing driver. He's won ten grands prix including the 1997 German Grand Prix.

STACEY THOMSON born in Brisbane, Queensland - 1964 (57)
* Australian television presenter. Known as 'Ranger Stacey', she is a host on the long-running nature and science themed TV program *Totally Wild*. She has been with the show since it began in 1992.

CHANDRA WILSON born in Houston, Texas - 1969 (52)
* US actress. She played Dr Miranda Bailey in the TV drama *Grey's Anatomy*.

ANDY BICHEL born in Laidley, Queensland - 1970 (51)
* Australian cricketer. Since retiring from playing, Bichel has been a coach and a selector. He made his Test debut for Australia in 1996. He's also played for Queensland, Worcestershire and Essex.

MARK WEBBER born in Queanbeyan, ACT - 1976 (45)
* Australian professional racing driver. He's a nine times grand prix winner. His first Grand Prix win was the 2002 Australian Grand Prix. In 2012 he won the British Grand Prix.

SARAH CHALKE born in Ontario, Canada - 1976 (45)
* Canadian actress. She took over the role of Becky on *Roseanne* (1988) from Alicia Goranson in 1993. Sarah played the role of Dr Elliot Reid in *Scrubs* and appeared in *How I Met Your Mother* as Stella.

ANGELA TSUN born in Darlinghurst, NSW - 1982 (39)
* Australian television and radio presenter. Tsun is currently weekend news presenter on Seven News in Perth. She also currently co-hosts *The Dead Set Legends* on Mix 94.5.

MARIO (Mario Barrett) born in Baltimore, Maryland - 1986 (35)
* US singer. In 2005 he had a top 5 hit in Australia with *Let Me Love You.* Also charted in 2007 with *How Do I Breathe*. He was only 15 when he first charted in the US with *Just A Friend.*

JORDAN SPIETH born in Dallas, Texas - 1993 (28)
* US golfer. A former world No 1, he won his first major at the Masters in 2015 earning him $1.8 million. He then won the 2015 U.S. Open. He was the youngest U.S. Open champion since Bobby Jones in 1923. Spieth won his third major at the 2017 Open Championship.

Events

TARZAN made his first appearance in a magazine serial - 1912.

GUINNESS BOOK OF RECORDS was produced and bound for the first time in UK - 1955.

MARY POPPINS, starring Julie Andrews and Dick Van Dyke, premiered in Los Angeles - 1964.
* It received a total of 13 Academy Awards nominations, including Best Picture - a record for any film released by Walt Disney Studios - and won five.

THE BEATLES were guests of **ELVIS PRESLEY** at his home in Beverly Hills - 1965.

BRIAN EPSTEIN, The Beatles' manager, died aged 32 in London - 1967.
* He accidentally took an overdose of sleeping pills. The Beatles, who were in Wales with the Maharishi Yogi, immediately returned to England.
* He first saw the group in 1961 while he was managing a record store.

HOW GREEN WAS MY CACTUS radio comedy was first recorded in Sydney - 1986.

STEVIE RAY VAUGHAN, American blues guitarist, died aged 35 in a helicopter crash - 1990.

ALAN BOND was released from prison after serving 90 days in jail - 1992.

1,592,744 **BALLOONS** were released by Disney Home Video across England, setting a new world record - 1994.

GREG MORRIS, US actor who played Barney in the original *Mission Impossible* TV series, died aged 62 of cancer - 1996.

McDONALDS added healthy foods (fruit, vegetarian burgers etc.) to their Australian restaurant menus - 2003.

FLOYD MAYWEATHER, aged 40, beat mixed martial artist and boxer **CONOR MCGREGOR**, aged 29, in Las Vegas - 2017.
* Mayweather ended his career with a 50-0 record after beating McGregor with a 10th round TKO. Mayweather came out of retirement for a potential $300 million purse.

BIRTHDAY BULLETIN

Saturday 28th August 2021

Births

CLEM CATTINI (Clemente Cattini) born in England - 1937 (84)
* UK drummer. He played with The Tornados who had a worldwide No 1 hit in 1962 with *Telstar*. He became a session musician and has played drums on 43 No 1 UK hits including *Release Me* (Engelbert Humperdink), *Something In The Air* (Thunderclap Newman), *You Don't Have To Say You Love Me* (Dusty Springfield), *Hot Love* (T Rex), and *Ernie* (Benny Hill).

JOE OSBORN born in Louisiana - 1937. (Died aged 81 - 2018)
* US bass guitar player. He was known for his work as a session musician. His playing can be heard on records by such groups as The Mamas & the Papas, The Association and The 5th Dimension. Osborn also played on many of Neil Diamond's hits in the late 1960s and played on the hits of The Carpenters.

DAVID SOUL (David Solberg) born in Chicago, Illinois - 1943 (78)
* American actor. He played undercover cop Ken 'Hutch' Hutchinson in the '70s TV series *Starsky And Hutch.* In 1977 he had a No 1 hit in Australia, US and UK with *Don't Give Up On Us.* His only other hits were *Going In With My Eyes Open* and *Silver Lady*, which were also released in 1977.

HUGH CORNWELL born in London, England - 1949 (72)
* UK singer and musician. He is best known for being the vocalist and guitarist for The Stranglers from 1974 to 1990. Their biggest hits in Australia were *Golden Brown* (1982) and *Skin Deep* (1984).

MARK WARREN born in Avalon, NSW - 1953 (68)
* Australian surfer and TV sports presenter. He was a 2008 Hall of Fame Inductee at the 23rd annual Australian Surfing Awards.

DANIEL STERN born in Bethesda, Maryland - 1957 (64)
* US actor. His films include *City Slickers 1 & 2* plus *Home Alone 1 & 2.*
* He provided the narration in the TV series *The Wonder Years.*

MARK WILLIAMS born in South Australia - 1958 (63)
* Former AFL footballer and coach of Port Adelaide. 'Choco' is the son of South Australian legend Fos Williams. In December 2020, he was appointed the new head of development at the Melbourne Football Club. Mark captained Collingwood and also had a stint playing with the Brisbane Bears. In 1999 he was appointed coach of Port and in 2004 he coached them to their first AFL premiership.

KIM (Appleby) born in London, England - 1961 (60)
* English singer. Kim and her late sister Mel had two big hits in 1987 with *Showing Out (Get Fresh At The Weekend)* and *Respectable* - which made No 1 in Australia.

STEVE WALTERS born in Ipswich, Queensland - 1965 (56)
* Australian rugby league player. He played for the Canberra Raiders (playing in three of their premierships), as well as the Cowboys and Knights. His younger brother Kevin is a former Broncos skipper (and now coach of Broncos) and his twin brother Kerrod also played for the club.

SONIA KRUGER born in Toowoomba, Queensland - 1965 (56)
* Australian TV presenter and actress. She is the host of the Nine Network's revamp of *Big Brother Australia* and co-hosts *Today Extra* (formerly *Mornings*) with David Campbell that airs between 9am and 11:00am weekdays. She's also been a co-host of *Dancing With The Stars*.
* She played the role of Tina Sparkle in the movie 1992 movie *Strictly Ballroom*.

SHANIA TWAIN (Eileen Edwards) born in Ontario, Canada - 1965 (56)
* Canadian singer. She had her debut hit in 1997 with *If You're Not In It For Love (I'm Outta Here)* and in 1998 made No 1 down under with *You're Still The One*. Her other hits include: *That Don't Impress Me Much*, *Man, I Feel Like A Woman* and *Up.*
* Twain she played the role of the mother of gospel singer Jeremy Camp in the 2020 biographical film *I Still Believe.*

BILLY BOYD born in Glasgow, Scotland - 1968 (53)
* Scottish actor and musician. He played Peregrin 'Pippin' Took in the three *Lord Of The Rings* movies. Also appeared in the 2003 movie *Master And Commander: The Far Side Of The World.*
* He fronts the band Beecake.

JACK BLACK (Thomas Jacob Black) born in California - 1969 (52)
* US comic actor. Starred in the movies *King Kong* (2005), *School Of Rock* (2003), *Nacho Libre* (2006), *Shallow Hal* (2001), *High Fidelity* (2000), *Bernie* (2011) and *Jumanji: Welcome To The Jungle* (2017*) and sequel*. He provided the voice of Po in the animated movie *Kung Fu Panda* (2008) and sequel.
* He's one half of the music duo Tenacious D who had a big hit in 2002 with *Tribute.*

HAMISH McLACHLAN born in Adelaide, SA - 1975 (46)
* Australian sports broadcaster. He has been a host/presenter/ reporter at multiple sports events. He co-hosts *AFL Game Day* and also calls AFL matches. He is also a host and commentator of the Australian Open tennis tournament.
* His older brother Gillon is CEO of the AFL.

LeANN RIMES (Margaret LeeAnn Rimes) born in Jackson, Mississippi - 1982 (39)
* US country singer. In 2001 she spent six weeks at No 1 in Australia with *Can't Fight The Moonlight* (written by Diane Warren).
* She had her first hit in 1996 with *Blue* - a song that Patsy Cline was supposed to record. Leann's other successes include *How Can I Live* and *Commitment.* Her album *Blue* went gold in just three weeks.

FLORENCE WELCH born in London, England - 1986 (35)
* UK singer. She leads the group Florence And The Machine. Their 2012 hits include *Spectrum* (No 1 in UK) and *Never Let Me Go*. Their 2009 album *Lungs* made No 1 in the UK. The single *You Got The Love* was a top 10 hit in Australia in 2009.

SIMON MANNERING born in Napier, New Zealand - 1986 (35)
* NZ rugby league player. New Zealand international player and former captain of the New Zealand Warriors. He played in the 2008 World Cup Kiwis winning team.

Events

PEPSI-COLA became the new name of what was first called 'Brad's Drink' - 1898.

WORLD'S FIRST RADIO COMMERCIAL went to air in America - 1922.
* It was a 10 minute advertisement for 'Apartments For Sale' and was broadcast on WEAF New York.

COURIER MAIL was published for the first time in Brisbane (under that name) - 1933.

MARTIN LUTHER KING made his famous *"I Have A Dream"* speech at a civil-rights gathering attended by more than 250,000 in Washington, DC - 1963.
* At the time it was the largest political demonstration in US history.

BOB DYLAN was booed off stage for playing the electric guitar at Forest Hills Stadium, New York - 1965.

First **SUBWAY** (fast food sandwiches) opened for business in Connecticut - 1965.

KYLIE MINOGUE's album *Kylie* became the biggest selling female debut album of all time in the UK - 1988.

SHOPS opened legally on a Sunday for the first time in Britain - 1994.

PRINCE CHARLES and **PRINCESS DIANA** (later Diana, Princess of Wales) announced their agreement to divorce - 1996.

RICK BURNETT hosted his final edition of TV's *Brisbane Extra* (later called *Extra*) - 2006.

CBS entered a binding agreement with **NETWORK TEN'S** receivers, managers and voluntary administrators to purchase the company - 2017.

CHADWICK BOSEMAN, US actor, died aged 43 of colon cancer - 2020.
* He landed his first major role as a series regular on the TV program *Persons Unknown* (2010). He became well known for playing superhero Black Panther in the Marvel movies from 2016 to 2019.
* In 2016, Boseman was diagnosed with colon cancer. He kept his condition private. Following a four year battle, he died on this day.

BIRTHDAY BULLETIN

Sunday 29th August 2021

Births

LORD RICHARD ATTENBOROUGH born in Cambridge, England - 1923. (Died aged 90 - 2014)
* British director, producer and actor. He was the older brother of David Attenborough, a naturalist and broadcaster.He starred in the British films *In Which We Serve* ('42), *Brighton Rock* ('47), *The Great Escape* ('63), *Guns At Batasi* ('64) and *Jurassic Park* ('93) - his first acting role in 15 years.

ELLIOTT GOULD (Elliott Goldstein) born in New York - 1938 (83)
* American actor. He can be seen in movies such as *Bob And Carol And Ted and Alice* ('68), *M*A*S*H** ('70), *Capricorn One* ('78) and *Ocean's Eleven* (2001). He also had a TV role playing Ross and Monica's dad in *Friends*.

JAMES HUNT born in England - 1947. (Died aged 45 - 1993)
* English Formula One world champion. He won the world championship in 1976 but after that it was his high-living social life which often made the headlines. In 1980 he began working as a BBC motor racing commentator. In 1993 he died of a heart attack in London.
* A film based on Hunt's rivalry with Niki Lauda titled *Rush* was released in 2013.

MICHAEL JACKSON born in Gary, Indiana - 1958. (Died aged 50 - 2009)
* American singer/songwriter. Jackson died at the age of 50 on June 25 in Los Angeles after suffering from cardiac arrest. His memorial service was broadcast live around the world. Prior to his death, Jackson was scheduled to perform 50 sell out concerts to over one million people, at London's O2 arena. The concerts would have commenced on July 13, 2009.
* He began his showbiz career with his brothers in the Jackson Five. *ABC* was their first hit in Australia in 1970. In 1971 he released his debut solo single, *Got To Be There.*
* His album *Thriller* with sales of over 40 million copies became the best selling album in the history of popular music. *Thriller* contains seven hit singles.

SIR LENNY HENRY (Lenworth Henry) born in West Midlands, England - 1958 (63)
* British comic and impressionist. He starred on TV in *The Lenny Henry Show* and *Chef.*
* He married comedienne Dawn French in 1984. They divorced in 2010.

EDDI READER (Sadenia Reader) born in Glasgow, Scotland - 1959 (62)
* Scottish singer. Former vocalist with Fairground Attraction. The group had a No 1 hit in 1988 with *Perfect*.

REBECCA DE MORNAY (Rebecca Pearch) born in Santa Rosa, California - 1959 (62)
* US actress. Her films include *Trip To Bountiful* ('85), *Backdraft* ('91), *The Hand That Rocks The Cradle* ('92) and *Wedding Crashers* (2005).

CHARLIE PICKERING born in Melbourne, Victoria - 1977 (44)
* Australian comedian and TV presenter. He currently hosts *The Weekly With Charlie Pickering*, a weekly news satire television show on ABC. He was the co-host of *The 7pm Project* and was also the Gen X team captain on *Talkin' 'Bout Your Generation*.

JAY RYAN (Jay Bunyan) born in Auckland, New Zealand - 1981 (40)
* NZ born actor. He played Jack Skully in *Neighbours* (2002-2005). Also appeared in the TV drama *Sea Patrol* and the American series *Beauty And The Beast.*

LIAM PAYNE born in West Midlands, England - 1993 (28)
* UK singer. A vocalist with the boy band One Direction. In 2011, One Direction released their debut album *Up All Night*, which became the fastest-selling debut album in the UK of 2011. In 2012, it debuted at No 1 on the U.S. Billboard 200. *Up All Night*. Their hit singles include *What Makes You Beautiful*, *One Thing*, *Live While We're Young*, *Little Things, Story Of My Life* and *One Way Or Another*. In 2015 they made No 1 in Australia with *Drag Me Down* and peaked at No 4 with *Perfect.*
* In 2017 he had his debut solo hit with *Strip That Down* (feat Quavo). It peaked at No 2 in Australia.

Events

CAPE OTWAY LIGHTHOUSE in Victoria beamed for the first time - 1848.

BLONDIN, French daredevil**,** walked tightrope across Sydney Harbour - 1874.
* The following night he cooked an omelette on a tightrope 50 feet above ground level. He also repeated the feat blindfolded.

AUSTRALIA defeated **ENGLAND** for the first time in Test cricket - 1882.
* The Aussies won by only seven runs. The next day an obituary appeared in London's Sporting Times which read; *"In affectionate remembrance of English Cricket, which died at the oval ...the body will be cremated and the ashes taken to Australia."* - and so the series which came to be known by the term "*The Ashes*", was born.

First **MOTOR CYCLE**, invented by German Gottlieb Daimler, was patented - 1885.

CHOP SUEY was invented in New York by a chef employed by the visiting Chinese ambassador - 1896.

GOODYEAR TIRE company was founded in Ohio - 1898.

SPEEDY GONZALEZ made his debut in the Warner Bros' cartoon *Cat-tails For Two* - 1953.

THE BEATLES gave their last official live performance at Candlestick Park, San Francisco - 1966.
* It was also on this day 1958 that George Harrison became a member of the Quarrymen. The others were - John Lennon, Paul McCartney and drummer Ken Brown.

THE FUGITIVE final episode screened on US television and achieved a record as the most watched episode of a TV series (beaten by the "*Who Shot JR*?" *Dallas* episode) - 1967.

A **KITE** finally touched ground after staying in the sky a record 180 hours and 17 minutes in Washington - 1982.

TINA ARENA's hit *Chains* was released - 1994.
* It made No 4 in Australia, No 6 in the UK and was a top 10 hit in Holland and Ireland.

PHANTOM OF THE OPERA became the longest running theatre production in Melbourne - 1992.

HARBOUR TUNNEL in Sydney was formally opened. (It was opened to traffic two days later) - 1992.

NETFLIX, INC. entertainment company was founded in California by Reed Hastings and Marc Randolph - 1997.
* It began as an online DVD rental business.

GRAEME 'SHIRLEY' STRACHAN, Australian singer and TV presenter, was killed aged 49 in a helicopter crash near Kilcoy, northwest of Brisbane - 2001.
* He crashed on Mt Archer in his first solo helicopter flight while training to earn his chopper's pilot licence. The crash was caused by air turbulence. He had been flying light planes since 1976.

BRISBANE FESTIVAL HALL closed in Brisbane - 2003.
* It opened in 1910 as Brisbane Stadium. It was demolished in 1958. It reopened 27 April 1959 as Festival Hall. The building was subsequently sold and demolished to make way for an apartment development.

SKYPE was released (the first public beta version) - 2003.
* Skype was founded by Niklas Zennström (Sweden) and Janus Friis (Denmark).

HURRICANE KATRINA devastated the Gulf Coast of the US from New Orleans, Louisiana to Mobile, Alabama - 2005.
* There were 1,080 deaths in Louisiana and 231 in Mississippi.

ROLF HARRIS, aged 83, was formally charged by Scotland Yard in London with 9 counts of indecent assault and four counts of making indecent images of a child - 2013.

MALCOLM TURNBULL was sworn in as Australian's 29th Prime Minister - 2015.

EDWIN DALY became the first Australian contestant (and the fourth worldwide) on Channel 9's *Millionaire Hot Seat* to win the top prize of AU$1,000,000 - 2016.

GENE WILDER, US comic actor, died aged 83 - 2016.
* Starred in *Willy Wonka and The Chocolate Factory* (1971).

BIRTHDAY BULLETIN

Monday 30th August 2021

Births

JOHN PHILLIPS born in Parris Island, South Carolina - 1935. (Died aged 65 - 2001)
* US singer and songwriter. Founder of the vocal group The Mamas & The Papas. He wrote their '60s hits including *Monday, Monday, California Dreamin'* and *Creeque Alley.* He also penned *San Francisco* which was recorded by Scott McKenzie, and he was a co-writer of the Beach Boys' hit *Kokomo.*
* He had a solo hit in 1970 with *Mississippi.*

JOHN McNALLY born in Liverpool, England - 1941 (80)
* UK rhythm guitarist and co-founder of the band The Searchers. Their '60s hits include *Needles And Pins, When You Walk In The Room, Don't Throw Your Love Away* and *Sweets For My Sweet.*

PEGGY LIPTON (Margaret Lipton) born in New York City, New York - 1947. (Died aged 72 - 2019)
* US actress. She played Julie Barnes in the '60s TV series *The Mod Squad* and also appeared in *Twin Peaks* ('92). She died of colon cancer in 2019.
* She was married to record producer Quincy Jones from 1974-1990. Their daughter Rashida Jones is an actress and can be seen in the TV comedy *Parks And Recreation.*

MARK JACKSON born in Melbourne, Victoria - 1959 (62)
* Australian Rules footballer turned entertainer. After playing for the Melbourne, Geelong, St Kilda and Richmond (seconds) football clubs he found greater fame by appearing in television commercials for Energiser batteries and playing Jetto in the short-lived US TV series *The Highwayman* ('88). He had a No 1 novelty hit record in 1985 with *I'm An Individual*.

MICHAEL CHIKLIS born in Lowell, Massachusetts - 1963 (58)
* US actor. Starred in *The Commish* ('91-'95) and played Det Vic Mackey in the TV series *The Shield* (2002-2008). Also appeared in the *Fantastic Four* movies as The Thing.

LINDA BULL born in Melbourne, Victoria - 1967 (54)
* Australian singer. Linda and her sister Vika are former vocalists with the Black Sorrows. The duo scored their first No 1 album in Australia in 2020, with their retrospective *Akilotoa: Anthology (1994-2006).*

CAMERON DIAZ born in Long Beach, California - 1972 (49)
* US actress. After appearing in Will Gluck's 2014 film adaptation of *Annie*, Diaz confirmed she was formally retiring from acting. Her first major role was opposite Jim Carrey in *The Mask* ('94). She starred in the 1998 film *There's Something About Mary*. (Matt Dillon, her boyfriend of three years, was also in the film.) She also appeared with Julia Roberts in *My Best Friend's Wedding* ('97), played Natalie in the *Charlie's Angels* movies and appeared in *Knight And Day*, *The Green Hornet*, and *The Other Woman*.
* She married musician Benji Madden in California in 2015.
* Provides the voice of Princess Fiona in *Shrek* plus sequels.

KIMBERLEY JOSEPH born in Canada - 1973 (48)
* Australian actress. She played the role of Cindy Chandler in the US TV series *Lost*. Her adopted hometown is now Los Angeles. She appeared in the UK TV series *Cold Feet* and played Cassie Barsby in the TV soapie *Paradise Beach*. She was a co-host of the *Gladiators* TV program was the runner-up of the 1992 Miss Universe Australia quest.

ANDY RODDICK born in Omaha, Nebraska - 1982 (39)
* US tennis player. He won the 2003 US Open men's final. Roddick reached four other Grand Slam finals (Wimbledon in 2004, 2005 and 2009, and the US Open in 2006), losing to Roger Federer each time.

EAMON SULLIVAN born in Perth, WA - 1985 (36)
* Australian sprint swimmer. He's a three-time Olympic medallist, and former world record-holder in two events. In July 2014 he announced his immediate retirement from competitive swimming due to ongoing shoulder injury concerns.

LEISEL JONES born in Katherine, NT - 1985 (36)
* Australian swimmer. Aged 15, she was a participant in the 2000 Summer Olympics. She was also a part of the Gold medal winning Australian team in the Women's 4 x 100 metre Medley Relay at the Athens Games in 2004. She completed a clean sweep of the breaststroke events at the 2006 Commonwealth Games. She competed at the 2012 Summer Olympics in London, and became the first Australian swimmer to compete at four Olympic games. There, she won her ninth Olympic medal, a silver medal.

BLETA "BEBE" REXHA born in Brooklyn, New York - 1989 (32)
* American singer, songwriter and record producer. Her hit singles include *Meant To Be* (feat. Florida Georgia Line) (2017) and *That's How You Know* (Nico & Vinz feat. Kid Ink and Bebe) (2015) which both peaked at No 2 in Australia.

PHIL DAVIS born in Canberra, ACT - 1990 (31)
* AFL footballer. A former Adelaide player (2009-2011), on February 14, 2012, he was named as one of three inaugural co-captains of the Greater Western Sydney Giants, alongside former Brisbane Lions veteran Luke Power and Western Bulldogs import Callan Ward.

Events

MELBOURNE was settled by a party of free settlers from Van Diemen's Land - 1835.

VACUUM CLEANER was patented (British patent) by Hubert Booth - 1901.

World's first **RADIO NEWS** program was broadcast on 8MK in Detroit Michigan - 1920.

DONALD DUCK appeared for the first time in a comic strip - 1936.
* He was created by the Walt Disney studios in 1934 and made his first appearance in an animated film called *The Wise Little Hen*. He was voiced by Clarence Nash who died in 1985.

BRITISH TROOPS liberated Hong Kong from Japan - 1945.

HOTLINE (a telex machine) between the US President and the Soviet Premier was established to reduce the risk of an accidental nuclear war - 1963.

IAN STEWART (Richmond) won his 3rd Brownlow Medal - 1971.
* His previous two medals were won when he was playing with St Kilda.

THE DOORS disbanded - 1973.
* The group had continued as a trio after the death of Jim Morrison in 1971.

JOHN LENNON's old school exercise book fetched £17,700 at a Sotheby's auction - 1984.

JOHN MACLEAN, 32, swam the English Channel in 12 hr, 55 min to become the first Australian quadriplegic to achieve the feat - 1998.

ROY BERGER (Canada) performed 3,416 push ups in one hour in Ottawa - 1998.
* The most push ups in one hour is 3,054 and was achieved by Jarrad Young (Australia) in 2021.

EAST TIMOR voted for independence from Indonesia - 1999.
* It was officially recognised in May 2002.

DAMIR DOKIC, 42, father of tennis player Jelena Dokic, 17, was ejected from the US Open in New York after an argument about the price of fish sold in the player's restaurant - 2000.

CHARLES BRONSON, US actor, died aged 81 - 2003.
* He made 93 films. Married for 22 years to Jill Ireland, they made 15 films together. He married his 3rd wife Kim Weeks in 1998. She was 40 years his junior.

ALAIN 'SPIDERMAN' ROBERT was arrested after climbing the 57-storey Lumiere building in Sydney - 2010.

KANYE WEST announced at the MYV Video Music Awards he would run for President in 2000 - 2015.

WES CRAVEN, US director, died aged 76 - 2015.
* He is best known for creating the *A Nightmare on Elm Street* franchise featuring the Freddy Krueger character.

VALERIE HARPER, US actress, died aged 80 of cancer - 2019.
* She is best remembered for her role as Rhoda on *The Mary Tyler Moore Show* (1970–1977) and its spin-off *Rhoda* (1974–1978).

BIRTHDAY BULLETIN

Tuesday 31st August 2021

Births

JERRY ALLISON born in Hillsboro, Texas - 1939 (82)
* US musician. He was the drummer with Buddy Holly and The Crickets. Their hits include *That'll Be The Day, Oh Boy, Maybe Baby* and *Think It Over.* He also co-wrote many of their hit songs including *Peggy Sue* and *That'll Be The Day*. He's the sole surviving member.

JACK THOMPSON (John Hadley Pain) born in Manly, Sydney - 1940 (81)
* Australian actor. He co-starred in the '60s TV series *Spy Force* and has starred in a number of local movies including *Sunday Too Far Away* ('75), *'Breaker' Morant* ('80), *The Man From Snowy River* ('82), *Australia* (2008) and *The Great Gatsby* (2013). His other roles include *Star Wars Episode 2: Attack of The Clones,* the TV mini-series *My Brother Jack* and the TV movie *South Pacific*. He also had a role in the 1997 Clint Eastwood film *Midnight In The Garden of Good And Evil.*
* He was adopted by John and Pat Thompson.
* His son Patrick is also an actor.
* In the mid-'60s, Jack and his then wife won a stomp dance competition at Surf City in Sydney.

SIR CLIVE LLOYD born in Queenstown, Guyana - 1944 (77)
* West Indies cricketer, coach and ICC match referee. Easily recognised by his height (195 cm), large moustache and thick glasses (his eyes were damaged when he was 12 as he attempted to break up a fight at school), he was a crucial ingredient in the rise of West Indian cricket. From 1974 to '85 he led the West Indies in 74 Tests.

BOB WELCH born in California - 1945. (Died aged 66 - 2012)
* US singer and musician. He was a guitarist with Fleetwood Mac from 1971-'74, then left to pursue a solo career. His first hit was *Sentimental Lady* ('77) - which featured backing vocals by Christine McVie and Lindsey Buckingham. His biggest Australian hit was the follow-up *Ebony Eyes* ('78).
* He died in June 2012 (suicide - related to health issues).

VAN MORRISON (George Ivan Morrison) born in Belfast, Northern Ireland - 1945 (76)
* Irish singer. His solo hits include - *Brown Eyed Girl* ('67), *Domino* ('70), *Bright Side Of The Road* ('79) and *Have I Told You Lately* ('89). In the '60s he was lead singer for the group Them who charted with *Gloria, Baby Please Don't Go* and *Here Comes The Night.*
* He recorded a collection of duets with Linda Gail Lewis, the sister of Jerry Lee Lewis.

RICHARD GERE (Richard Tiffany Gere) born in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania - 1949 (72)
* US actor. His films include *Looking For Mr Goodbar* ('77), *An Officer and A Gentleman* ('82), *Pretty Woman* ('90), *Sommersby* ('93), *Primal Fear* ('96), *Runaway Bride* ('99) and *Chicago* (2002).
* His middle name 'Tiffany' is his mother's maiden name.

EDWIN MOSES born in Dayton, Ohio - 1955 (66)
* US athlete. He won gold in the 400m hurdles at the 1976 and 1984 Olympic games. Between 1977 and 1987, Moses won 107 consecutive finals (122 consecutive races) and set the world record in his event four times.

TONY DE FRANCO born in Ontario, Canada - 1959 (62)
* Canadian singer and record producer. At the age of 14 he was lead vocalist for the De Franco Family who managed one hit with *Heartbeat It's A Lovebeat* in 1973.

DEBBIE GIBSON born in Brooklyn, New York - 1970 (51)
* American singer. Her 1989 single *Lost In Your Eyes* is her biggest hit in Australia making the national top 10. In the US her album *Electric Youth* held the No 1 spot on the pop album charts for five straight weeks.
* She co-starred with Craig McLachlan in the 1993 London stage production of *Grease.*

CHRIS TUCKER born in Atlanta, Georgia - 1971 (50)
* American comedian and actor. He co-starred with Jackie Chan in the film *Rush Hour* ('98) - as Detective James Carter plus sequels. He also appeared in the 2012 film *Silver Linings Playbook.*

ANDREI MEDVEDEV born in Kiev, Ukraine - 1974 (47)
* Ukranian tennis player. The right-handed, 192cm tall champion was ranked No 6 in 1993.

CRAIG NICHOLLS born in Sydney, NSW - 1977 (44)
* Australian lead singer, songwriter and guitarist with The Vines. The band formed in 1994. Their hit albums include *Highly Evolved*, *Winning Days*, *Melodia* and *Empire Of The Sun.*

CHADD SAYERS born in Adelaide, SA - 1987 (34)
* Australian cricketer. He began playing first-class cricket for South Australia in the Sheffield Shield in 2011. He has played matches for Australia A since 2013 and made his debut playing Test cricket for Australia in March 2018 against South Africa at Johannesburg.

Events

CHARLES DICKENS' newspaper, The Daily News, became the first newspaper to print daily weather forecasts - 1848.

FOGHORN LEGHORN made his debut in the Warner Bros cartoon *Walky Talky Hawk* - 1946.

HURRICANE CAROL (which hit Rhode Island) became the first **STORM** to be given a name - 1954.

CHANNEL 9 (NWS 9) opened in Adelaide - 1959.
* The studios were demolished in 2018. Over the decades the Tynte Street Adelaide site had been home to local shows including *Nine News, The Curiosity Show, Channel Niners, Here's Humphrey* and *Pick Your Face*.

DYNAMO trademark was registered in Australia - 1961.

ROCKLEA MARKETS opened for first time at Rocklea in Brisbane - 1964.

West Indies cricketer **GARFIELD SOBERS** scored 36 in a single six-ball over - 1968.
* He was batting for Nottinghamshire against Glamorgan. (This record was equalled in 1985 by India's Ravi Shastri and again in 1979 by England's Mike Procter).

MARK SPITZ won the 5th of his seven gold medals at the Munich Olympics - 1972.

BOB GELDOF married TV personality **PAULA YATES** in Las Vegas - 1986.
* The bride wore scarlet and Simon Le Bon (Duran Duran) was Bob's best man. They divorced in 1996. Their marriage ended when Yates entered a relationship with INXS lead singer Michael Hutchence.

SOUTHGATE opened in Melbourne - 1992.

PLANET HOLLYWOOD opened in Melbourne - 1997.

DIANA, PRINCESS OF WALES was killed in a car accident, aged 36, along with her male companion **DODI FAYED,** Egyptian-born multi-millionaire, in Paris - 1997.
* An estimated 2 billion people watched her funeral on television.
* According to experts Diana and Dodi would have survived if they had worn seat-belts.

VIRGIN BLUE's inaugural flight took off from Brisbane flying to Sydney - 2000.

MICHAEL JACKSON gave a speech of thanks regarding the "Artist of the Millennium Award', which didn't exist! - 2002.
* Jackson misinterpreted Britney Spears introduction. She was only announcing his birthday and a cake was brought out to celebrate his 44th birthday.

CARLTON suffered one of their biggest defeats when they were thrashed by **NORTH MELBOURNE** by 124 points - 2003.
* This was their biggest loss until July 2015 when they were defeated by Hawthorn by 139 points (173-35).

GEOFFREY EDELSTEN, former Sydney Swans club owner, won a $74,050 Saab convertible in a Carlton Football Club raffle - 2003.

Australia's **JANA PITTMAN**, aged 20, won the 400m hurdles title to become world champion at the World Athletic Championships in Paris - 2003.

EDVARD MUNCH'S painting 'The Scream' was recovered in a raid by Norwegian police - 2006.
* It had been stolen on August 22, 2004.

RICHARD ANDERSON, US actor who played Oscar Goldman in TV's *The Six Million Dollar Man* as well as *The Bionic Woman*, died aged 91 - 2017.

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Radio News from 10 Years Ago

B105 Brisbane has announced that **Abby** (Coleman) from **SA FM** Adelaide is the new female member of the breakfast show along with regulars **Labby & Stav**. She replaces Camilla who finished up on August 4.

After 10 years on **Nova 969's** breakfast show, **Merrick Watts** announced that he and **Scott Dooley** will be moving on from the breakfast timeslot. The final Merrick & Dools Breakfast show will be broadcast live from the Sydney Opera House on Friday September 2nd.

Aussie broadcaster **Simon 'Mitch' Mitchell** is returning home to Australia in November after 4 years overseas in Canada and the UK. He's currently Music Director and Afternoon Drive Announcer at **98.5 Virgin Radio**.

Ed Cowlishaw, drive announcer/sports director, is moving into a news role. He has accepted the position of journalist for **Mix 1049** and **Hot 100** Darwin.

Greg Allan has resigned his position with **LAFM** Launceston. However he'll be staying within the network and is rejoining **Mel** in Darwin on **MIX 104.9** breakfast. Greg replaces **Jason McLean** who is hitting the road.

ARN is launching a new network program on their **MIX** Network. Titled the **"The 3pm Pick-Up",** it will be hosted by **Chrissie Swan** and **Yumi Stynes** (featured on TV's *The Circle*). The show is aimed at women in the 25-44 and will begin on Monday September 5.

Ali Donnellan of **Star FM** Shepparton has been appointed Assistant Content Director at Local Works **Southern Cross Austereo's** Albury Hub.

dmg Radio Australia has appointed **Mike Cass** to the position of Program Director for **Nova 100** in Melbourne.

Comedian **Peter Helliar** and former AFL star **Scott Cummings** will host a new sports show on Saturday mornings at 8am on Melbourne's **91.5FM** from 27 August. Helliar is renowned for his iconic Bryan "Strauchanie" Strauchan character and is a passionate Collingwood supporter.

Former **SAFM** breakfast announcer **Amber Petty** will join **Jason "Snowy" Carter** and **John Riddell** on **Mix 102.3** Adelaide to replace **Jodie Oddy** while she takes maternity leave.

After two and a half years on **MIX** Mornings, breakfast announcer **Lisa Pellegrino** is leaving **MIX 1049** Darwin. Lisa chose to leave MIX 1049 to pursue further creative, personal and professional endeavours.

It is confirmed that **Andrew Rochford** will be leaving **Mix 106.5** Sydney at the end of 2011, to join **Channel Ten's** new TV breakfast program in 2012. He is currently Mix 106.5's "Brighter Side of Breakfast" co-host along with **Claire Hooper**. **101.3 Sea FM's** breakfast journalist and news presenter, **Mitch Clifton**, has resigned. Clifton has been offered a role at **Sky News** Australia.

Triple M Melbourne's **Mieke Buchan** is leaving the breakfast show. Recently engaged, she said that she was sad to leave behind the other men in her life - Triple M's Eddie McGuire, Mick Molloy and Luke Darcy.

Laura McDowell has been appointed to the full time position as evenings producer at **4BC** Brisbane.

3AW's Neil Mitchell is having a good week. He's signed a new three year contract to continue with 3AW until the end of 2014. He's also returned to No 1 in the latest radio ratings.

After moving to Canada 2 years ago to take on a radio programming role, Queensland radio guy **Justin "Drex" Wilcomes** is now the new PD for Vista's flagship station **103.9 The Juice.**

After more than 20 years of doing the breakfast show at Perth's **98.5 Sonshine FM, Arthur Muhl** is stepping aside to focus more on his role as Program Manager. Arthur will still be heard regularly on-air as the 'station' voice. Sonshine FM Drive announcer **Tim Long** moves into the breakfast slot while **Ash Wright** takes over the 4-6.30pm shift.

Mix 94.5 Perth afternoon presenter **Ian Blackley** is moving on. The 53 year old handed in his resignation and is excited about taking a step into the unknown. He said a heart attack in January 2010 was a turning point.

Bill Jacobs, former **3AW** Melbourne football broadcaster, has died aged 93. He was at the station for 24 years. He was also a cricketer, and administrator and in 19 seasons, he played 266 consecutive games for Fitzroy as a wicketkeeper.

Nova 106.9 Brisbane breakfast producer **Nick Daly** will be leaving on Friday 19 August.

ARN has appointed **Chris Cotton** as the new Content Director for **MIX 102.3** and **Cruise 1323** in Adelaide. Chris was formerly with **Breeze** in Wellington, New Zealand. Chris replaces **Stuart Endersby**.

Pia Nowland, **HOT 100 and Mix 104.9** Darwin news director is taking up a career in television. In recent months Hot 100 and Mix 104.9 have also lost breakfast announcers **Amanda Pernechele** and **Rick Knight**.

David 'Chappy' Chapman is leaving **SEA FM** Wide Bay. He is taking a break from his alarm clock to do some travelling through Europe.

Sam Thompson, former **NOVA 100/Classic Rock 91.5** Melbourne GM is now **mcm media's** new Group Content Director. Sam was Nova/Classic Rock (Vega) GM when the station launched in 2005.

Stuart Endersby, Mix 102.3 Adelaide PD, is moving on. His final day with the **ARN** music station was Friday July 29. The station's new PD will commence in August.

Tom Coull has been appointed as Regional Content Manager for **ABC** Bunbury. Most recently he was acting manager at ABC Riverland and ABC Townsville.

After a 9 year break from radio former **Easy Listening Radio 531**-Port Macquarie manager **Rob Martin** returns to his old station in sales and relieving on air. The station now called FM93.5/Radio 531AM is part of the **Super Radio Network** owned by Bill Caralis.

Scott Menz has been appointed Program Director at **Star 104.5FM** on the NSW Central Coast. Scott was most recently as the Assistant Music Director at **Nova 100**.

Farewell Jono!

You began on radio at triple j - do you listen to much of triple J nowadays?

- Dano and I did a show on triple J to celebrate their 40 birthday. We were in that 40 years of triple J documentary which was replayed the other night. I am doing a radio show with John Vidler who used to be our producer on Jono and Dano as well as on Saturday Morning Live, the TV show. So myself and John are doing a radio show every week on this station in Sydney called 99.3 Northside Radio which is a community radio station.

So what's more fun - radio or TV?

- Radio is great fun because you don't have to go to as many meetings, especially community radio as long you play the sponsors messages and say nice things about the chemist up the road or Bob Smack's repairs and the team at St Ives! It's fun on the TV and especially now on Studio Ten as I get to work with Denise Drysdale. It's great to work with people like that. The thing with television is you have to tell the director or tell a cameraman what you are about to do. I mean now that we have been doing the show for 3 years they know that I might disappear off camera or do a walk through shot or do something crazy. So that's fun but on radio it's more instantaneous fun. You can say: 'By the way Prince just walked in. Or - hey we just had a phone call from John Farnham who is just up at the road at the local McDonalds." You can just be a bit more imaginative without having the 15 minute meetings to discuss it and wait for everyone to be free. I think they are both great fun and I am privileged to have worked in TV and radio for so long but radio is a much more instant medium.

It certainly seems like on Studio 10 you have free reign and if something sort of occurs to you, you will just turn up and come out dressed as whoever.

- That's what I said to the director. I usually just walk in before we start the show at 8:30, because it's live. My ads are pre-recorded but it's mostly live. I will walk into the control room and have fun and say: "Here we are again folks - welcome to Telethon 1985." It's planned chaos and that's how we try and do the radio shows as well really.

And well done Jono. With some of those products, you look like you are interested in all of them with 100% attention.

- I get on very well with the guy who does all the 'Nutri-Bullet' ads and all that kind of stuff. James has come onto the radio show a couple of times and he just lives doing live radio and he sometimes comes on and read some of the ads and do them in an advertorial way. And then you have people like Glenn Wheeler who can also do radio as easy as anything. It's a great gift to have the gift of the gab as you can probably tell I got it.

* Interview above from a Jocks' Journal interview in 2016.

Community Radio Awards

The Community Broadcasting Association of Australia (CBAA) has launched the **2021 CBAA Community Radio Awards** - celebrating the sector's innovation, perseverance, and its community champions. Across more than 30 diverse categories, community radio stations are invited to celebrate the people, programs and initiatives that make their stations excellent! Entries are open now until **15 August**. Entries must focus on activity undertaken between 1 May 2020 and 30 April 2021. Go to website for full details.

AWARDS FOR STATIONS

· Excellence in Indigenous Engagement
· Best Station Production
· Best Station Fundraising Campaign: Small Station
· Best Station Fundraising Campaign
· Excellence in Community Engagement
· Excellence in Ethnic and Multicultural Engagement
· Excellence in Outside Broadcasting
· Best Special Event Broadcast
· Outstanding Small Station Award
· Tony Staley Award

AWARDS FOR RADIO PROGRAMS & INITIATIVES

· Best Radio Program – Music
· Best Radio Program – Talks
· Excellence in Innovative Programming and Content
· Best New Radio Program
· Contribution to Australian Music – Radio Program
· Contribution to Australian Music – Initiative
· Excellence in Indigenous Broadcasting
· Excellence in Ethnic & Multicultural Broadcasting
· Troy Garner Excellence in Sports Programming
· Excellence in News & Current Affairs Programming
· Excellence in Creative Audio
· Excellence in Digital Media
· Best Online Content
· Excellence in Training

AWARDS FOR INDIVIDUALS OR TEAMS

· Excellence in Music Presenting
· Excellence in Journalism
· Excellence in Technical Services
· Excellence in Technical Innovation
· Outstanding Volunteer Contribution
· Outstanding Youth Contribution
· Station Leadership Award
· Michael Law Award

Australia's Smart Audio Report

26 % of Australians own a smart speaker and of those, 67% use it daily and 88% use it weekly, according to the Smart Audio report, released by **Edison Research** and **Commercial Radio Australia**. CRA chief executive officer **Joan Warner** said 59% of smart speaker owners said they were listening to more audio since their purchase. The study found that 42% of Australians say they currently use a voice assistant such as Apple's Siri, Google Assistant or Amazon Alexa.