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## Christchurch mosque shooting prompts large vigil at Lakemba Mosque



Hundreds of people have gathered to pray for the victims of the Christchurch shootings at Sydney's Lakemba Mosque.

There was a strong police presence at the vigil, ahead of which Lebanese Muslim Association president Samier Dandan said there were concerns mosques in Australia could be targeted.

"It is definitely a fear, we have actually taken some action — we've called our local police commanders, we've spoken to many different police in regards to increasing the security measures across all places of worship," he said.

Mr Dandan condemned the terrorist attack and said his thoughts were with the victims.

"Such a deplorable act of terror has found its way to the shores of our closest neighbour, bringing out the destructive political views of white

nationalism," he said.

Other Islamic leaders have also condemned the shooting attack as an "act of terror" inspired by Islamophobia.

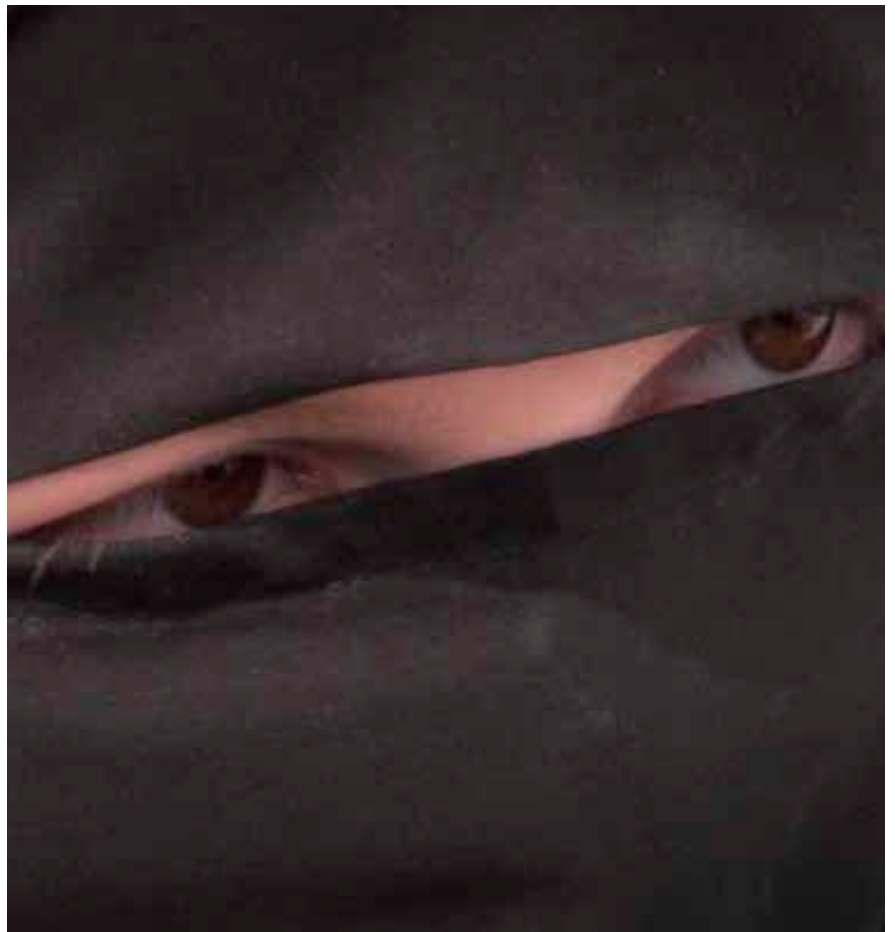
The Australian Federation of Islamic Councils (AFIC) urged governments in Australia at all levels to pay extra attention to anti-Muslim sentiment and extremism.

AFIC president Rateb Jneid said in a statement that the victims and their families were in his prayers.

"It is with deep sorrow that we learn today of the terrorist attack committed against innocent worshippers at a Mosque in Christchurch, New Zealand," Dr Jneid said.

"We extend our prayers and thoughts to the victims and survivors, their families and the people of New Zealand during this terrible time," he said.

## Australian jihadi bride who fled Islamic State wants to bring her children home



An Australian woman trapped with her two young children in a refugee camp for Islamic State group families says her daughter needs urgent medical care and she wants to come home.

The woman refused to confirm her identity, but it's believed she is 24-year-old Zehra Duman from Melbourne.

She is being held at Al Hawl refugee camp in north-east Syria.

In an interview exclusively obtained by the ABC, the woman said she wants to bring her two-year-old son and six-month-old daughter back to Australia.

"Both of my kids are sick. [My daughter is] very malnourished, she's ... very skinny," she said.

"I have no money, I'm not allowed to have money, they don't give us food here and they don't let us contact our families." The Australian woman said her daughter's life was in peril.

"My daughter needs milk and I don't have money to buy her milk. I don't know what to do now," she said.

She also said that she wants to come back to Australia.

"I want to go back to my country. I think everybody's asking for that because I'm an Australian citizen.

"I understand the anger that they have towards a lot of us here, but the kids don't need to

suffer. You know my kids have a right at least to be treated like normal kids," she said.

But the Prime Minister Scott Morrison said those who go overseas to support terrorists need to be aware of the consequences.

"They have to take responsibility for those decisions to join up with terrorists who are fighting Australia. I'm not going to put any Australian at risk to try to extract people from those situations," he said.

"There is a process for us to deal with them under Australian law, and they will face the full force of Australian law should they be in a position to seek to come back."

The Australian woman's story appears to match that of Zehra Duman — a 19-year-old who left Melbourne to join the Islamic State group in November 2014.

Ms Duman moved to the IS Syrian capital of Raqqa and married Australian fighter Mahmoud Abdullatif.

She was a vocal supporter of the IS group's violent rhetoric on social media, as well as an effective recruiter.

In 2015 Ms Duman, calling herself Umm Abdullatif Australi, posted a picture of a woman holding an automatic rifle, with the caption: "catch me if you can".



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## Hard work needed from the new government

Voting for the March 23 state election opened at 8am on Monday, with some 1.5 million people expected to vote before election day. Two major polls came out this week that confirmed the election remains tight and the possibility of minority government remains strong. Continue to make this election difficult to predict.

The choice between stadium and school funding has dominated the campaign launches of both major parties a fortnight out from the New South Wales state election.

A Daley Labor Government promised to create a new \$1 billion water fund to build and upgrade water infrastructure. Boost public school funding by \$2.7 billion Introduce nurse-to-patient ratios in mental health units across NSW. "save" music festivals and venues, and spend more on education.

Berejiklian highlighted the Liberals record on infrastructure and strong economic management, Berejiklian focussed on the Coalition's record on spending on health and education.

Under Liberals and Nationals government she promised more teachers, more mental health services in high schools, and a promise to greatly increase after school care.

It seems to me that the Australian people are not interested on elections spending numbers from both party and also not enthusiastic about the result of the election, because they are getting sick of the fulfilled promises of the NSW government. There are many unsolved issues, awaiting a new government to fix them.

For instance, I had a bad experience with the service provided by Bankstown hospital in New South Wales. The service was appalling and needs to be looked at from the new government going to take over after the election.

As I investigate I have been told that the funds these hospitals are not enough to hire more nurses and staff to occupy the needs of patients. Schools also are not in a better situation than the hospitals and also needs to be helped and funded by the new government.

There is the argument about knocking down the Sydney stadium and building a new one which would cost around 2.2B. I agree with the opposition to raise their voices against this project, and instead refurbish the existing one. Rather than spending that money on the stadium, the money should be spent of bigger priorities such as the school and hospitals.

There is also an urgent need to raise the wages for workers and invest money into infrastructure. Also, do not forget the issue of housing is still not fixed. Even though the prices are going down, its not enough for the average Australian worker to buy the dream home, however, the new government should have clear policies for climate change, electricity prices, improve the life of the working families, improve the transport and give more attentions to country side of NSW.

Whichever government wins the election should pay attention to these issues and fix them, Instead of planning to win the government, they should plan to build the trust with the Australian people. These Australians do not have the patience to deal with this neglect any longer.

## Tony Abbott hits out at Julie Bishop hypocrisy



Tony Abbott is "fed up" with Julie Bishop's latter-day conversion to feminism, according to colleagues, and does not recall her ever raising concerns about him holding responsibility for the women's portfolio at the time.

The former prime minister has told friends he can't be bothered defending himself against Ms Bishop's increasingly public complaints about the plight of women in the Liberal Party because he fears it will simply give her more publicity.

Liberal ministers have also backed him in, describing the suggestion that only Ms Bishop could beat Bill Shorten at the election as "laughable".

Ms Bishop hit the headlines again this week, ridiculing Mr Abbott's decision to hold the women's portfolio when she was the only woman in cabinet.

"Back in 2006 I was appointed to cabinet as the minister for education, science and training and as the minister for women's issues. I

was asked constantly by men, only men, why isn't there a minister for men's issues?" Ms Bishop said.

"I thought the answer so self-evident that it didn't require a response. Fast forward to 2013 when I was back in cabinet as the deputy leader of the Liberal Party and the Minister for Foreign Affairs. I was the only woman in that 19-member cabinet, so prime minister Tony Abbott appointed himself the Minister for Women's Issues."

But Liberal insiders insist that Ms Bishop never raised concerns about Mr Abbott retaining responsibility for women's policies in the Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet.

"Never. Not once. Not a single time," said a senior Liberal.

In fact, it was standard practice for a long line of prime ministers, including Malcolm Fraser, Bob Hawke, Paul Keating and John Howard to hold the women's affairs portfolio because it was part of the Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet.

## 'Your Australian family grieves with you'

Labor's Foreign Affairs spokeswoman Penny Wong is speaking on ABC News, and said Australia stands with the Muslim community.

"Yesterday's events were a horrific act of violence. They were acts of terrorism. And at the core, these are acts of hatred. This man is an extremist, right-wing, violent terrorist. He does not represent Australian values.

"To the people of New Zealand, we regard you as family and today your Australian family grieves with you."





## George Pell looked a changed man as he was sentenced for his crime

In the end, he was just an elderly, grey-faced man in the dock.

Not a prince of the church, not a cardinal, but a man convicted of and sentenced for terrible crimes against children.

A man who once flew first class will celebrate his 78th birthday in prison, and at the very least, his 79th, 80th and 81st.

A large part of it will be in protective custody because this man is and remains a lightning rod for discontent in the Australian community and, as a psychiatrist who specialises in child sexual abuse once told me, prisons are full of victims of these crimes.

George Pell's reaction to receiving his sentence was only seen by those in the courtroom — the world was watching but the broadcast stayed steadily on County Court Chief Judge Peter Kidd.

We saw a man in a beige jacket and black shirt who seemed to have aged years in a matter of weeks.

His clerical collar and his Order of Australia pin were conspicuously absent.

His face was impassive, his mouth in a firmly pressed straight line, throughout the blistering hour or so of Chief Judge Kidd's sentence for five sexual abuse charges against two 13-year-old choirboys.

The crimes were brazen, the judge said, and "breathhtakingly arrogant".

"The power imbalance between the victims and senior church leaders or officials, yourself included, was stark."

Here was the man who dined with prime ministers, who went into battle in the culture wars, who cast an enormous shadow over the Catholic Church and Australian culture life.

He spent his days telling the rest of us how we ought to live our lives, and now, here he was, scratching out his signature on the sex offender register. He could be on that register for life.

The view from the courtroom

I was at the front of the court. He was at the back in the dock. I glanced back at Pell — who has lodged an appeal against his conviction and denies the abuse — many times during the sentence.

One of those times was when the chief judge was describing the incident in the sacristy at St Patrick's Cathedral — the awful abuse of those boys.



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## The Australian Arab Business Council monthly dinner



*Photos by Antone Yammine*

Last monthly dinner was All about NSW election, held at the Waterview in Bicentennial Park Bicentennial Drive, Sydney Olympic Park NSW 2127.

Speakers: Dr. Hugh McDermott, Member for Prospect (Labor) & Mr. Scott Farlow, Parliamentary Secretary to the Premier (Liberal).

Both speakers were briefly outlined their respective party positions and policies ahead of the next State

Election to be held on Saturday 23 March 2019.

AABC members have witnessed fantastic success in collaborative activities between them, seen successful partnerships established between members as well as a number of initiatives which have led to individual and business growth.

The next dinner of the AABC will be held on Wednesday 8th April 2019

## NSW Labor vow to fully fund public schools



NSW Opposition leader Michael Daley has promised to fully fund public schools, ensure regional communities have secure water and save music festivals if Labor is elected on March 23.

The opposition leader used the official launch of Labor's election campaign at Revesby in Sydney's southwest on Sunday to make a big-ticket education promise - that all public schools will be completely funded if his party wins the state election.

The \$2.7 billion education pledge will deliver 100 per cent of the standard level of funding for every student by the end of the Gonski agreement in 2027. Labor will also focus on regional NSW with \$1 billion to improve water supply and security including in the Darling River system which made international headlines after mass fish deaths this summer.

Mr Daley also promised to introduce nurse-to-patient ratios in mental health units in public hospitals adding to Labor's pledge for mandated ratios in emergency, maternity, surgical and paediatric wards. Mr Daley slammed Premier Gladys Berejiklian's decision to demolish and rebuild two Sydney stadiums and the coalition's bungled WestConnex and light rail projects. He also vowed to save music festivals he says are being hurt by the government.





By Natalie Sukkarieh



## The moon, my friend

The moon is my friend  
It is a loyal companion  
That will stick by me till the end

It watches me  
And without a doubt  
It knows me inside out

It never leaves  
And like a bunch of thieves  
It steals the light from the sun  
And makes the darkness fun

Always there to sit with at night  
It unveils the beauty of the dark  
And gives comfort in times of fright

It travels all around the world  
But always comes back to me.  
It will never flee.

It taught me that,  
Without the darkness  
We would not be able to see the stars  
That surround planets like Mars

We go through phases in life  
Just like the moon  
But we will always shine bright  
Like the sun at high noon

The moon understands what it means to be human.  
Uncertain.  
Alone.  
Cratered by imperfections

## Top 10 Sydney Royal Easter Showbags revealed!



A visit to the Showbag Pavilion is at the top of the to-do list for many Showgoers and today's Showbag Launch gave some excited kids a sneak-peek at what's in store at the 2019 Sydney Royal Easter Show (the Show).

The task of sampling a whopping 358 Showbags was an especially thrilling challenge for the official Sydney Royal Showbag testing team, made up of 60 children from The Children's Hospital at Randwick, Westmead Children's Hospital and Royal Far West.

The Show's Manager of Operations and Product Development, Shane McGrath, said Showgoers will be spoilt for choice in the Showbag Pavilion and can expect amazing value, with Showbags ranging in price from \$2 to \$40.

This year's Top 10 bags (in no particular order) are:

1. Hatchimals (\$28) 2. Darrell Lea Pig Out (\$20) 3. Paw Patrol (\$28) 4. Smarties (\$15) 5. Riverdale (\$28) 6. Ryan's World (\$28) 7. Kinder Surprise (\$10) 8. Marie Claire magazine (\$28) 9. ROXY (\$30) 10. Jurassic World (\$28) The Top 5 \$10 and under are: 1. Candyworld 6 in 1 Bag (\$10) 2. Cadbury Caramello Koala (\$5) 3. Angry Birds Bag (\$10) 4. Bertie Beetle Blue (\$2) 5. Comic Collectors Bag 1 (\$10)

Mr McGrath, along with the Sydney Royal Easter Show team, have put together their Top Three tips to help make the most of your visit and speed up the all-important selection process.

1. Jump online at [www.eastershow.com.au](http://www.eastershow.com.au) and plan - each of the Showbags on offer is listed here, plus you can compile your own Showbag wish list to print out and bring along to the Show.

2. Know your budget - with more than 119 Showbags for \$10 and under, there is a Showbag to suit every family budget. You can still buy a Showbag for just \$2!

3. Save the best until last - visit the Showbag Pavilion at the end of the day, so you don't have to carry your selections around all day. Or if you can't wait, hire a locker - there are some available just outside the Showbag Pavilion.

Mr McGrath recommends using the Easter Show website to help make savings across the board, with bargains not only to be had in the Showbag Pavilion.

"Family ShowLink tickets prices have been frozen again this year at just \$99.50 when you purchase online before midnight on 11 April - and that includes same-day return public transport.

"On 23 April, the last day of The Show (Kids' Day), children can enjoy half price entry at \$13.50."

Tickets can be purchased online, at Woolworths stores and at the gate during the Show.

The Show runs from 12-23 April 2019. Visit [www.eastershow.com.au](http://www.eastershow.com.au) for more information.



## Activist Maryam Popal Zahid awarded Blacktown Woman of the Year



Councillor Julie Griffiths, Blacktown Woman of the Year Maryam Popal Zahid, Blacktown City Mayor Stephen Bali on International Women's Day 2019.

Activist and anti-domestic violence campaigner Maryam Popal Zahid has been awarded Blacktown City's Woman of the Year for 2019.

Ms Zahid, who is the founder and director of Afghan Women on the Move and domestic violence prevention officer at SydWest Multicultural Services, received the special honour on International Women's Day on March 8.

A peace ambassador with the International Women's Peace Group, Ms Zahid works tirelessly to better the lives on women across Blacktown City and beyond.

She said she was privileged to receive the special honour.

"It is a privilege to be given the opportunity to serve the community and I will try my best to inspire other women," Ms Zahid said.

Chairperson of the Women's Advisory Committee and Blacktown City councillor Julie Griffiths said group aimed to highlight the crucial role women play in the community.

"It's with great pleasure that we present Maryam Popal Zahid with this award and recognise the skills and achievements of all the nominees." Cr Griffiths said.

Blacktown City Mayor, Stephen Bali, said all the nominees were a true product of the multicultural City of Blacktown.

## Afghan Women Delegation shared thoughts with a deferent group of Australians



A wonderful forum organised by Maryam Popal Zahid from Afghan Women on the Move to meet with an amazing, brilliant, inspiring young Afghan Women Delegation shared thoughts with a deferent group of Australians in

western Sydney.. The Delegation speeches were very insightful and passionate about their people and their country and they believe that the education and the peace are the soled foundation to build the future of Afghan people.

## Yellow vest protests: Violence returns to streets of Paris



Demonstrators have smashed and looted shops in Paris in a resurgence of the gilets jaunes ("yellow vest") protests that started four months ago in France.

Rioters torched a luxury handbag store and vandalised an upscale restaurant on the famed Champs-Élysées avenue. Police used water cannon and tear gas to disperse the protesters. More than 120 people were arrested.

The protests began over fuel tax rises but have since developed into a broader revolt against perceived elitism.

Police say about 10,000 people took

part in Saturday's protest in the French capital, a marked increase compared with similar demonstrations in recent weeks.

Some 32,300 in total took to the streets throughout France, according to the Interior Ministry.

Fouquet's - an upscale restaurant popular with politicians and celebrities - was vandalised, as was a Boss menswear store.

Rioters also set fire to the luxury Longchamp handbag store.

Fires were lit in the streets, with at least one car set ablaze, and a bank branch was set alight.

## Australian Islamic State recruiter Neil Prakash sentenced to jail in Turkey



A Melbourne man who became the most-wanted Australian member of the Islamic State terror group has been sentenced to seven-and-a-half years in jail in Turkey.

The 27-year-old has been in jail in Turkey since October 2016, when he was caught crossing the border from Syria.

With time already served and good behaviour, he could be released in under two-and-a-half years.

His lawyer Resat Davran said Prakash also would appeal the sentence.

"I was expecting that he would be sentenced for being a member

of a terrorist group but I was also expecting his sentence to be reduced for his remorse," he said.

"Our appeal will ask for his sentence to be reduced due to his expressing remorse."

Raised by a Cambodian Buddhist mother in Melbourne's south-eastern suburbs, Prakash converted to Islam after attending the controversial and now closed Al-Furqan Islamic Centre in Springvale.

He travelled to Syria soon after and joined the Islamic State group, taking the name Abu Khaled Al Cambodi.





## World's most expensive car sold for \$27m to mystery buyer



The world's most expensive car, the Bugatti La Voiture Noire, has been unveiled at the Geneva International Motor Show, where it was sold to a mystery buyer for \$27 million.

The sleek, jet-black supercar is loaded with a 1500-horsepower, eight-litre, 16-cylinder engine, encased within a carbon fibre body.

The company has not released more specifics about the engine, though it is thought to be very similar or identical to that of its turbocharged Chiron model.

Bugatti describes it as "the highest level of automotive haute couture one can reach" and company president Stephan Winkelmann said the car combined "extraordinary technology, aesthetics and extreme luxury".

Made to celebrate the 110th anniversary of the company, the vehicle will be the only one of its kind ever produced, and is a homage to the Bugatti Type 57SC Atlantic.

Only four Atlantics were made between 1936 and 1938. Fashion icon Ralph Lauren is the owner of the last one built.

Bugatti will not confirm the identity of the buyer, saying it was "an enthusiast for the brand", but it is generally thought to be Ferdinand Piech, the grandson of Porsche's founder.

Mr Piech is a former CEO of Volkswagen, which owns Bugatti.

The Bugatti website lists the fuel consumption as 35.2 litres per 100 kilometres in urban areas. Based on the Chiron, the La Voiture Noire would be a seven-speed automatic with a top speed of 420 kilometres per hour, and could go from 0 to 100kmh in 2.4 seconds.

Though Mr Winkelmann described it as "the ideal grand tourer", the boot space is likely to be only about 44 litres, about the size of a medium backpack.

## Automation could destroy millions of jobs in Australia



Millions of jobs could be lost in the next decade as a result of automated technologies, such as machine learning and robotics, a new report warns.

A report by consultancy firm McKinsey Australia released on Monday, revealed an estimated 3.5 million to 6.5 million full-time jobs would be lost to automation by 2030.

"Without increased employment-transition support, increased job churn could see Australia's unemployment rate temporarily spike by up to 2.5 per cent during the peak of the transition," the report said.

The report also noted that demand would increase for workers in unpredictable and interactive roles including nursing, care giving and sales, but will fall for workers in such areas as radiologists, mechanics and legal research assistants.

'Jobs will be lost, but more will be created' McKinsey Australia associate partner Seckin Ungur said automation would only slightly affect the workforce during the transition period.

"Automation and artificial intelligence (AI) will impact our workforce, and there will be many jobs that will be lost. But there will be more jobs that will be created," Ms Ungur

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## Women's sport has hit the big league as stars like Sam Kerr, Ellyse Perry emerge

Women's sport, what it represents and some of the perceived inequities involved when comparing it with men's sport has become a hot discussion point over the last couple of years.

But it is important to stop for a moment, put all of that aside and recognise what has been an exceptional period.

If some of the recent statistics around TV audiences and digital traffic are anything to go by, the interest in women's cricket, soccer and netball in Australia is now hitting mainstream relevance.

In an increasingly crowded sporting landscape, many codes have successfully carved a niche for their female leagues and gain a foothold in the market.

Australia's female cricketers are now receiving an income more commensurate to the work they put in.

The last pay deal negotiated in 2017 saw the total player payments increased from \$7.5 million to \$55.2 million.

The minimum retainer for an Australian representative was just \$40,000. With the completion of the new agreement, that grew more than 80 per cent, to \$72,076.

It will increase further to \$87,609 by the end of the deal in 2022.

It was one of the reasons star allrounder Ellyse Perry decided to play cricket instead of continuing her career in soccer, where she was a national representative with the Matildas.

But our female soccer players aren't all being left behind.

### Fans going Kerr crazy

Perth Glory and Australian striker Sam Kerr is arguably Australia's premier sports star at the moment.

As reported by The Sydney Morning Herald, of the 1,720 playing shirts sold this season by the Perth Glory, 270 were requests for Kerr and her number 20 to be printed on the back.

In the lead-up to the W-League grand final against Sydney FC, the Glory had more media requests for Kerr than they did for the rest of the men's and women's teams combined.

The Glory lost to the Sky Blues at Kogarah, but it still took Kerr 30 minutes to walk from the changeroom to the team bus after the game.

She obligingly stopped for more than 100 fans who had waited to for a signature or to get a photograph with the star striker.

This is the type of attention usually reserved for rock stars.

### Netball reaches fever pitch

Netball has long been a popular social and junior sport in Australia, and Perth club the West Coast Fever has capitalised on its most successful season last year.

Record crowds have prompted a permanent move from a smaller home venue to the 14,000-capacity Perth Arena — also home to the Perth Wildcats basketball team.

West Coast Fever's grand final against Sunshine Coast last year was watched by more than 1 million people across Australia and its 16 games over the season were streamed by a total of more than 1 million people.

The Fever also did 170 pieces of media in the week leading up to the decider. Everybody loves a winner, but many sporting teams would love that type of interest.

### Current progress worth celebrating

Of course, there are things that need improvement, including the pay in some sports and facilities for female athletes — particularly at the junior and



amateur level.

But there has been a lot of ground made in a short period of time and that is worth celebrating.

It is interesting to reflect on the comments from former UFC champion Ronda Rousey when she was asked about pay in women's sport a few years back.

"I think how much you get paid should have something to do with how much money you bring in," she said.

"I'm the highest paid fighter not because Dana [White] and Lorenzo [Fertitta] wanted to do something nice

for the ladies. They do it because I bring in the highest numbers."

If the growth in interest and numbers of people watching on television around the country continues its current trajectory, more advertising and sponsorship dollars will follow.

There is still a long way to go but things are heading in the right direction. And there are a bunch of kids with Sam Kerr and Ellyse Perry jerseys that now have something to aspire to.

By Clint Thomas



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## Elizabeth Hurley

53, sets pulses racing as she slips into a tiny baby blue bikini for racy Instagram snap



Sexy! Elizabeth Hurley, 53, looked flawless as she took to Instagram in a skimpy baby blue patterned bikini which put focus on her sensational front and flat stomach

She did her best to put on an effortlessly regal display at the Cheltenham Festival on Tuesday night. However, the gale force winds and torrential rain had Elizabeth Hurley pining for the warmer weather, as she took to Instagram with a sizzling bikini snap. The actress, 53, looked absolutely flawless in a skimpy baby blue patterned bikini which put focus on her sensational front and flat stomach. Elizabeth certainly looked at ease in the barely-there two-piece as she topped up her tan in her sun-drenched surroundings.

## Nicole Kidman

transforms for role in *Destroyer*, makes ‘pledge’ to work with female directors

When you win a slew of Golden Globes and have an Oscar to your name, people tend to take notice of you around Hollywood. So when Nicole Kidman announced she was “on a mission” to prioritise films with female directors and employ more Australians, it’s fair to assume those words were more than mere bluster. The Australian actress stars in the new crime drama *Destroyer* (yes, she earned a Golden Globe nomination for that too) playing an undercover detective who reconnects with people from her case years later. The film is a series of firsts for Kidman: it’s the first time she has played a police officer, and it’s the first time she’s shot a semi-automatic gun in a film. But the real drawcard was working with director Karyn Kusama — whose films almost always include a strong female lead. “It’s dangerous. I’m always looking to broaden myself and try new things and it was very frightening,” she told the ABC.



Nicole Kidman transformed for her role in *Destroyer*.

“It’s nothing like me and I wanted to see if I could do it. “And I believe in Karyn Kusama ... I think the combination of her muscular filmmaking with this material was very interesting to me.” Now, Kidman has revealed a new commitment in the wake of the Me Too movement that has swept Hollywood in recent years.

## Model Imogen Anthony

unveils her latest risqué lower back tattoo after getting inked with a space-themed symbol

She has several inkings scattered all over her slender figure. And now Imogen Anthony has added to her already sizable collection. The 28-year-old showed off her new body artwork in a racy Instagram video on Thursday. Withering about in the clip, her ink appears to be an extension of an existing tattoo of the solar system. The model was topless in the video, with a number of her other tattoos, including a unicorn, bird and a love heart, on full display. The girlfriend of shock jock Kyle Sandilands captioned the snap, ‘An eye for an eye’, before adding the hashtag #mycrazylife. It comes after Imogen visited a tattoo parlour while holidaying in Byron Bay in December.

Tatt’s out of this world! Model Imogen Anthony unveiled her latest risqué lower back tattoo on Thursday after getting inked with a space-themed symbol







## Mel Gibson, 63

and girlfriend Rosalind Ross, 28, don casual chic ensembles for a date at an upmarket restaurant in Santa Monica

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And Mel Gibson, 63, was seen stepping out for dinner with his girlfriend Rosalind Ross, 28, at Via Veneto restaurant in Santa Monica, California, on Wednesday.

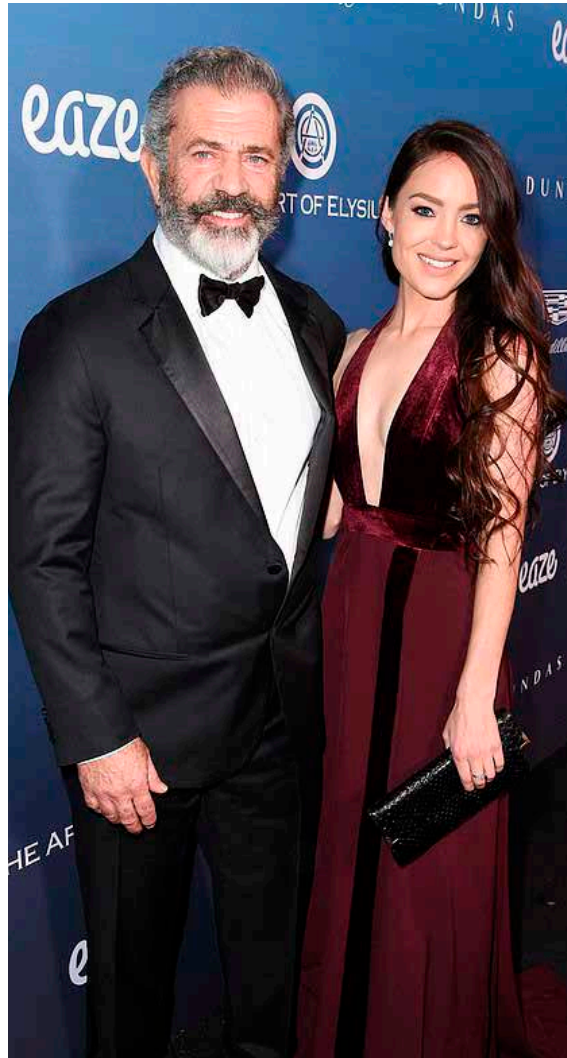
Rosalind looked radiant as she dressed up in a Gothic-inspired look which saw her wear a T-Shirt with a skull print and slim-fit black jeans.

The brunette beauty added inches to her petite frame with a pair of black heeled boots and carried her coat over one arm.

Pulling her locks into a tight ponytail, the writer complemented her ensemble by wearing a pair of silver stud earrings.

Mel opted to put on a more casual display, as he paired a blue button-up shirt with denim jeans and a puffy jacket.

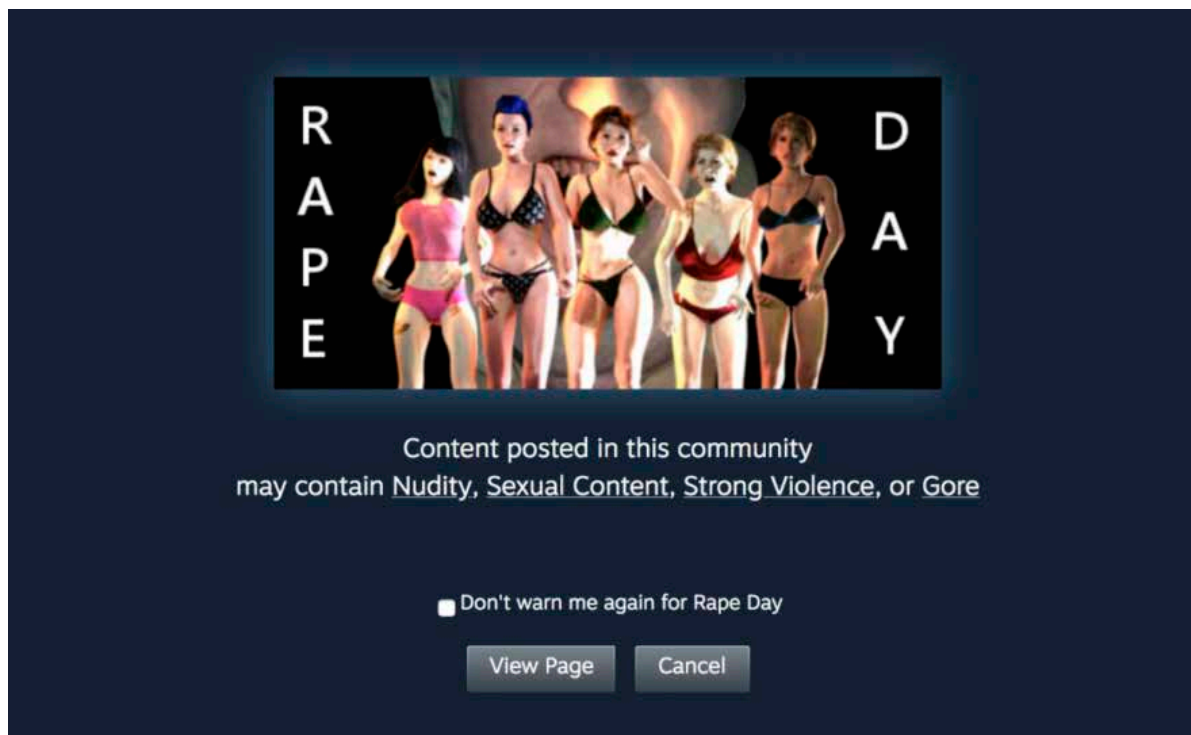
He sported a full beard, while his salt-and-pepper locks were brushed into a slicked-back style.



*Smitten: The couple first began dating in 2014, and have remained in the throes of romance since and the actor welcomed his ninth child, son Lars, with her in January 2017*

## Video game

depicting violence against women pulled from web



A new video game that allows gamers to virtually abuse women has been pulled from the web and will no longer be distributed worldwide after a barrage of complaints about its demeaning content.

The Rape Day game, which was due to be released in April, is described by its creator as a “visual novel” where the main character can “verbally harass, kill people and rape women as you choose to progress through the story”.

An Australian petition signed by more than 3000

people pushed for the game to be banned on the grounds it would encourage sexual violence towards women.

American software company Valve initially avoided condemning the game, weathering the backlash. On Thursday, however, it finally bowed to public pressure and issued a statement declaring the game posed “unknown costs and risks”.

The game – which was set in a zombie apocalypse – would no longer be uploaded to the digital distribution system, Steam.

## Charlotte Kirk

has opened up for the first time about her affair with married Warner Bros boss Kevin Tsujihara



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British actress Charlotte Kirk today denied she leaked racy text messages exposing her affair with a married movie mogul in Hollywood ‘sex-for-roles’ scandal.

But the 26-year-old star admitted she’s made ‘poor choices’ and had ‘been naïve’ over her fling with Warner Bros boss Kevin Tsujihara.

Breaking her silence about the ‘casting couch’ affair, Ms Kirk told MailOnline: ‘I acknowledge I may have made some poor choices and I’m sorry for that.

‘But I’ve learnt from my mistakes since then and grown a lot, as a person, as a woman, and as a professional actor.’

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But the British star fiercely denied she would ever have sex with a rich, powerful man on the casting couch just to get a role in a movie.





# New Zealand Mosques Massacres 50 Martyrs in Terror Attack

An Australian is among those who have been arrested after 50 people were killed and dozens more injured in terrorist shooting attacks at two Christchurch mosques.

At least one gunman with a semi-automatic weapon massacred worshippers gathered for Friday prayers in two locations: a mosque at Deans Avenue in central Christchurch and another mosque in the nearby suburb of Linwood.

New Zealand police arrested three men and a woman in the aftermath of the attacks, and Australian Prime Minister Scott Morrison confirmed one of those taken into custody was an Australian-born citizen.

New Zealand Police Commissioner Mike Bush said one man in his late 20s had been charged with murder, two other people remained in custody and the other — who was armed at the scene — may not have had anything to do with the attack. The ABC has identified Grafton man Brenton Tarrant as the man visible in livestreamed footage of the attack. Police in Christchurch did not name the man who had been charged.

Mr Bush said 41 people died at the Masjid al-Noor mosque on Deans Avenue, seven at the Linwood Avenue mosque, and one more later in hospital. Forty people have been treated for injuries at Christchurch Hospital.

New Zealand Prime Minister Jacinta Ardern said the attacks had clearly been “well-planned” and labelled this “one of New Zealand’s darkest days”. “It is clear that this can now only be described as a terrorist attack. From what we know, it does appear to have been well-planned,” she said.

“These are people who I would describe as having extremist views that have absolutely no place in New Zealand, and in fact have no place in the world.

Ms Ardern went on to offer “the strongest possible condemnation of the ideology of the people who did this”.

Mr Morrison said Australia was grieving with New Zealanders over the “extremist, right-wing terrorist attack”.

“As family members with our New Zealand cousins today, we grieve, we are shocked, we are appalled, we are outraged, and we stand here and condemn absolutely the attack that occurred today by an extremist, right-wing, violent terrorist,” he said.

A vigil was held on Friday night at Australia’s largest mosque, where hundreds of people gathered to pray for the victims of the shootings. New Zealand police confirmed in the hours after the shootings they had taken three men and a woman into custody.

People in central Christchurch have been urged to stay indoors and report any suspicious behaviour immediately to authorities.



Face of Massacre Monster Brenton Tarrant

For the first time ever, New Zealand’s national security threat level has been raised to high.

‘Distressing’ online footage

New Zealand police said they were aware of “extremely distressing footage”, recorded and streamed live by an alleged gunman, which was widely spread in the immediate aftermath.

The video shows a gunman entering a mosque and opening fire on dozens of people, before fleeing in a vehicle. He continues to fire his automatic weapon out the window of the car.

“We would strongly urge that the link not be shared,” NZ Police said on Twitter.

“We are working to have any footage removed.”

The mosques were reportedly busy at the time of the attacks due to Friday prayers.

“He shot everyone”

Witnesses described bloody scenes and bodies falling to the ground as worshippers ran for doors and a shooter moved from room to room for around 20 minutes.

One man, blood strains across his shirt, said he hid under a bench and pretended to stop breathing as the gunman reloaded seven times.

“He went to all the different [rooms] and he shot everyone,” he said.

Notification of a shooting at the second mosque followed, before video emerged of police ramming a car and pulling out the occupant.

Shooter not on counter-terror radar

None of those arrested had appeared on watchlist of New Zealand or Australian security agencies, police said.

Tarrant grew up in Grafton in NSW and stated in



a 74-page “manifesto” posted online before the attack he had spent years planning in vengeance for deaths in Europe, before deciding on Christchurch three months ago.

The self-declared fascist said he hoped to create fear and referred to Norwegian mass murderer Anders Behring Breivik. A post on a message board website linked to Tarrant also said the attack “against the invaders” would be live-streamed on social media.

Expression shock, sorrow and revulsion, Christchurch’s mayor Lianne Dalziel called for her city to come together in kindness.

Leaders across the world, including Queen Elizabeth, British Prime Minister Theresa May, Pope Francis and United States president Donald Trump have sent condolences and condemned the attack.

Brenton Tarrant, 28, faces Christchurch District Court

Former NSW personal trainer Brenton Harrison Tarrant – who was not on any terror watch list in New Zealand or Australia – has faced court on Saturday charged with murder after 49 people were killed in two mosques in Christchurch on Friday afternoon.

Tarrant, 28, appeared briefly in the Christchurch District Court and has been remanded in custody until April 5.

New Zealand Police Commissioner Mike Bush told reporters on Saturday: “A 28-year-old male has been charged at this stage with one count of murder. He has been remanded to the High Court for 5 April”.







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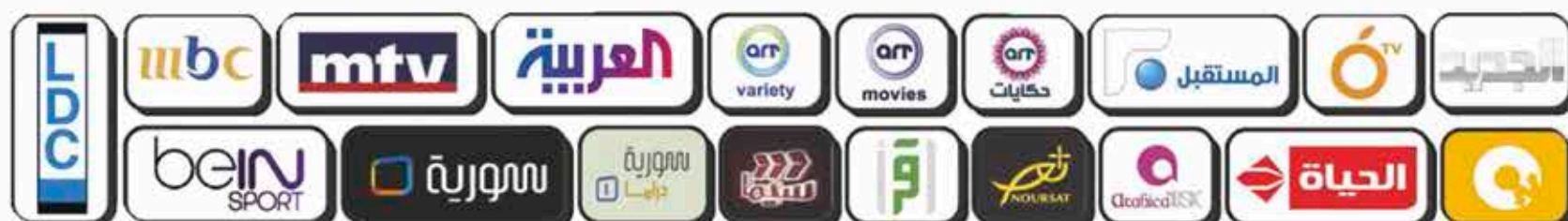
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## Car makers create electric car engine sounds for a post-petrol era



Car makers are dreaming up futuristic electric engine sounds to ensure that pedestrians can hear vehicles that lack audible cues like high-revving, howling combustion engines.

As BMW, Mercedes-Benz, Audi, Mini and VW prepare to launch battery-driven vehicles, car makers are searching for a new way to market the potency of their zero-emissions vehicles.

“The electric vehicle sound is its identity. It cannot be too intrusive or annoying,” Frank Welsch, responsible for technical development at Volkswagen, told Reuters.

“It has to be futuristic and it cannot sound like anything we had in the past. We cannot simply add the sound of a combustion engine.”

VW’s electric cars will have speakers designed to draw the attention of pedestrians, Welsch said, standing next to a lime-green electric dune buggy being shown in Geneva.

“Performance models need to have a more assertive sound, with more bass. It cannot be a high-pitched din, like a sewing machine. It has to be futuristic,” he said, adding that SUVs will have a deeper sound to reflect their bigger size. VW has already picked the sound for the Volkswagen ID compact vehicle due to hit showrooms in 2020, but is still tweaking tones for derivatives like the dune buggy, he said.

For its new EQC model, German rival Mercedes-Benz developed an artificial humming noise loud enough to warn pedestrians that the vehicle is approaching, but not disturb its passengers.

“We want the car to be as quiet as possible from the interior, but there are rules for sound decibel levels for the exterior,” said Jochen Hermann, head of electric drive development at Mercedes-Benz.

“We picked an acoustic signal for the EQC about a year ago and made a choice between three different sounds,” he said, adding that the sound had to be as refined as the Stuttgart-based car maker’s combustion vehicles.

“Take the Mercedes-Benz S-Class 12-cylinder model. If that approaches you at 10 kilometres an hour you can also barely hear it, so we wanted a sound which also oozes refinement for the electric car,” Hermann said.

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# Death of the great Australian dream? Housing affordability a top concern, poll finds



More and more Australians believe owning their own home is becoming further out of reach, as new polling shows housing affordability concerns are becoming more widespread.

Three out of four people now think that in a generation's time, only "the rich" would be able to afford the Australian dream: Buying a home in an area where they actually want to live.

Conducted by JWS Research, the polling showed overwhelming support for the idea that "everyday Australians" should be able to own their own home, with 71 per cent concerned those unable to get into home ownership would face "financial challenges in retirement". Gaining a foothold in the housing market is viewed as increasingly challenging, with 75 per cent saying that home ownership feels more difficult than 10 years ago, the poll of 1500 respondents revealed.

Housing affordability is a top concern for most Australians, second only to cost of living and 'health and ageing', and ahead of immigration, research commissioned by the Housing Industry Association found.

The results showed the "great Australian dream" of owning a home is "still embedded in the psyche of Australians", HIA chief economist Tim Reardon said.

"With a federal election imminent, it is important to recognise that 71 per cent of people believe governments have an important role in helping Australians achieve their dream," Mr Reardon said.

"The importance of home ownership to Australians couldn't be clearer. Now more than ever, home ownership matters."

The rise of renters

Renters are a growing cohort in Australia, now comprising approximately one-third of all households.

While 92 per cent of renters aspired to buy their own home, less than

half (49 per cent) believed it would ever be possible, the poll found.

As renters' ranks swell, the calls for more rights and representation have grown louder, with tenants unions across the country pushing for changes to laws weighted in favour of landlords.

Last year, a report by the nation's peak affordable housing organisation National Shelter titled Disrupted: The consumer experience of renting in Australia found many renters were forced to put up with substandard living conditions, due to fear of eviction and rent rises.

A "lack of control" over their rental home, coupled with fears of being "kicked out if you raise issues around repairs", are the key reasons why most renters aspire to home ownership, a Tenants Victoria spokeswoman told The New Daily.

"The reason people want to own a home is about agency. It's not necessarily that they can't wait to have a mortgage.

"It's about being able to make your place your home, without being fearful."

Home ownership falling fastest among young and poor

Home ownership rates, which have hovered about 70 per cent since the 1950s, are now falling among all age groups except for over 65s.

The sharpest falls have been seen among the young and poor, research by the Grattan Institute shows.

The share of 25-year-olds to 34-year-olds who own their home plunged from more than 60 per cent in 1981 to 45 per cent in 2016, the think-tank found.

The home ownership gap between high-income and low-income earners has also widened over the past decade.

"Home ownership now depends on income much more than in the past," Grattan Institute research fellow Brendan Coates said.

Public concern about housing

affordability has risen as home ownership rates have fallen, with government inaction largely to blame, a 2018 report by the institute said.

"Historically, governments have avoided the hard choices, preferring policies that merely appear to address the problem," the report said.

Governments have failed to balance the needs of aspiring home owners struggling to break into the housing market with those of existing home owners, the report found.

Affordability pressures have

now become so great that older generations "worry about whether their children and grandchildren will be able to buy a house".

"Addressing housing affordability will inevitably lead to house prices and

rents growing more slowly than otherwise, or even falling," the report said.

"But gradual change is desirable: A sharp fall in house prices would not only be politically very unpopular, it would probably cause economic upheaval and do more harm than good." Isabelle Lane



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