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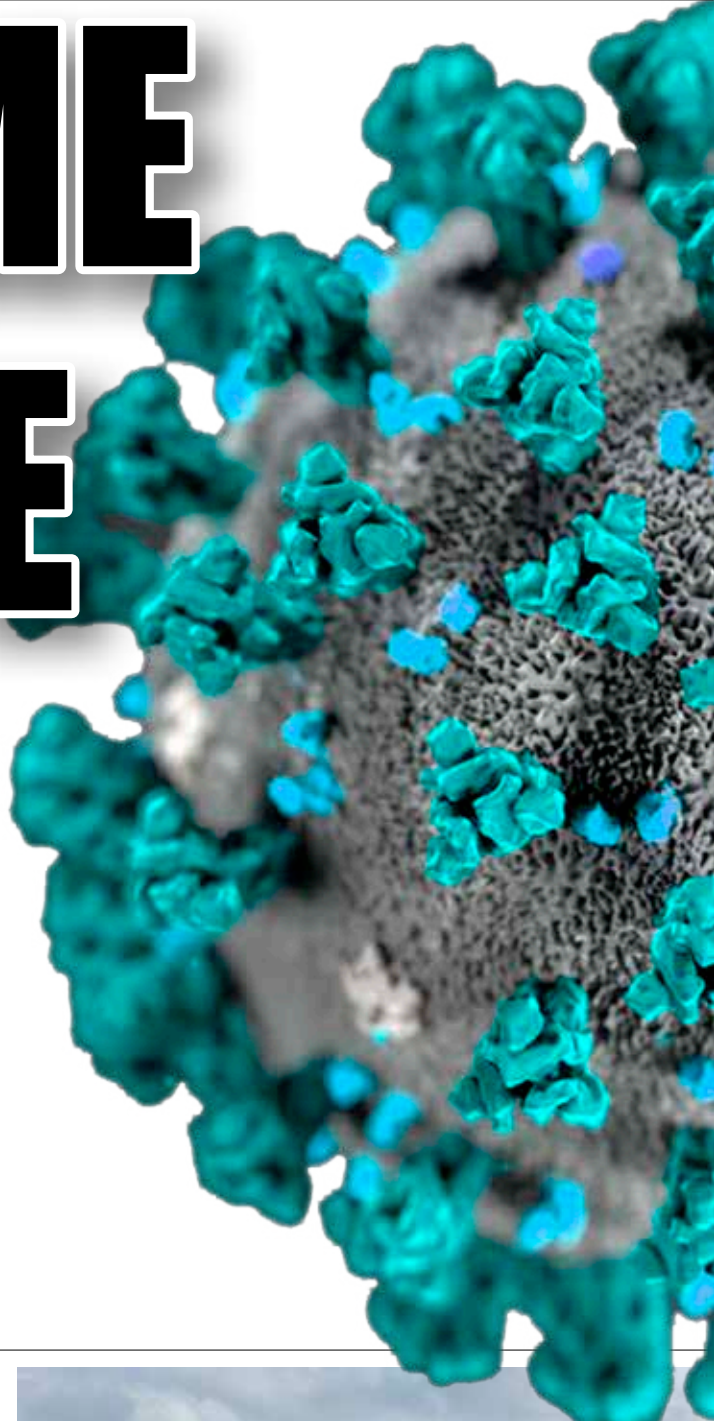
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Ruby Princess cruise ship hospital drowning with sick crew

The Ruby Princess has docked at a southern NSW port, carrying "up towards 200" sick crew who have overwhelmed the ship's struggling mini hospital.

Eleven passengers from the Ruby Princess have died from COVID-19, including a Queensland woman yesterday, and hundreds in NSW have contracted the virus after it docked in Sydney last month. This morning the hulking white Ruby Princess and its helpless 1040 crew sailed

into Port Kembla, 80 kilometres south of Sydney, with NSW Police hoping to send it on to its home port in Bermuda.

NSW Police Commissioner Mick Fuller today said "up towards 200" crew are sick, although it is yet to be confirmed if they have the deadly coronavirus.

Australian Border Force and specialist health teams will this morning board the ship and test crew members for COVID-19,

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Federal Government offers \$130b in coronavirus wage subsidies for businesses to pay workers

Businesses will receive a fortnightly wage subsidy up to \$1,500 per employee as part of a Federal Government bid to prevent millions of people from losing their jobs to the coronavirus pandemic.

The subsidy is the central plank in a \$130 billion economic stimulus package, the third and largest package the Government has announced in response to the coronavirus.

Prime Minister Scott Morrison said he expected 6 million Australians would access a so-called JobKeeper payment for the next six months.

He said there would be a legal obligation on employers to ensure they passed the full wage subsidy onto employees.

The Prime Minister also announced changes to the income test for people on the JobSeeker payment, meaning their partners could earn almost \$80,000 a year before they were ineligible for the payment.

The Government last week doubled the JobSeeker payment, previously called Newstart, to \$1,100 a fortnight.

The wage subsidy will include not-for-profit employees and New Zealanders who work in Australia but are typically unable to access welfare programs.

Part-time workers and casuals with at least one year in their job can receive the payment, which is slated to start flowing in early May.

It will also be backdated to include anyone who has been stood down due to coronavirus.

However, a person can not receive both the JobSeeker and JobKeeper payments.

Treasurer Josh Frydenberg said the JobKeeper scheme would benefit the



hardest-hit sectors.

“This \$1,500 payment is a flat payment and is the equivalent of around 70 per cent of the median wage and represents about 100 per cent of the median wage in those sectors most heavily impacted by the coronavirus like retail, like hospitality and tourism,” he said.

Employers with an annual turnover of less than \$1 billion that have experienced a 30 per cent fall in revenue since March 1 will be eligible for the wage subsidy.

Companies with an annual turnover above \$1 billion will have to have a 50 per cent fall in revenue to be eligible for the scheme. Businesses subject to a major bank levy will be ineligible.

Sole traders, self-employed people, partnerships and trusts will also be eligible.

The Parliament, which last Monday passed more than \$84 billion in stimulus measures, will be recalled to pass legislation for the JobKeeper payment.

In the meantime, Mr Morrison said he would have weekly meetings with Opposition Leader Anthony Albanese.



PRIME MINISTER



MESSAGE FROM THE PRIME MINISTER

EASTER 2020

For Christians, Easter represents a time of reflection and renewal, as we remember the sacrifice of Christ, His resurrection and the divine story of redemption.

This year we will celebrate Easter differently.

During a time of great challenge for the world, we will celebrate Easter not in our churches, but in our homes away from our congregations.

This Easter has a poignancy with families separated and our traditions interrupted. We are distancing ourselves from each other this year, so that next year and beyond, our families and congregations can gather again.

This global health crisis is a once in one hundred year event. At a time like this, when so much is being asked of us, the story of Christ's sacrifice and resurrection serves as a source of strength and hope.

Life has changed and it will continue to change in the many months ahead. Though we are separated from one another, faith teaches us we can be together in spirit, even if we are physically apart.

Every day our faith speaks to us about lives that puts others first. It answers the question put to Jesus: Who is my neighbour?. This Easter we will live that out. This Easter we are asking Australians to stay home, don't travel, and don't go away to holiday. That is how we can care for each other this Easter.

We have a long way to go, but we are part of an incredible country, and we are working together with an unparalleled sense of purpose, unity and co-operation.

**The Hon Scott Morrison MP
Prime Minister of Australia**



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Like and Dislike about the Coronavirus

As I approached some of the social media pages, I was struck by some important comments regarding the fundamental change in the world's way of life, especially in Australia, so I decided to put some of them in my article because of their importance and the irony of others. This virus has proven that the strong capitalist world system, financially, militarily and technologically, has proven a weakness to protect the people and securing their basic needs, which are health and its facilities.

Corona virus made the federal government stop thinking about providing a surplus in the 2020 budget and the tendency to spend a lot of money on people's services and their basic needs in which the Australian people have been waiting for, since this government took over the power.

Here are some comments from social media I was struck by:

*The government have proven they don't govern us, all they do is want to control and dictate us, they have been tightening up our freedom and rights for years now, this is the final step, we will never have the freedom we had just 3 weeks ago, the world is changing for the worse. We will all become slaves.

*Who is held accountable for these cruise ships and allowing flights in?

*Absolutely agree the government should be doing more for farmers. But I agree to reduce the unemployment further & to try and stabilise the economy otherwise we lead to times worse than the Great Depression, If this does happen we are all finished.

*"I am depressed of Covid-19, I do spent a lot of quality time with family but this disaster has destroyed a lot of families and jobs so really I wished it did not happen. It scaring a lot of children and a lot of lives left us. I pray for everyone to be safe. We all worked hard to give this country it name. I do believe god is working in this."

The world continues its life and it is beautiful. It only puts humans in cages. I think it's sending us a message:

"You are not necessary. The air, earth, water and sky without you are fine. When you come back, remember that you are my guests. Not my masters."

Hugs & kisses suddenly become weapons, and not visiting parents & friends becomes an act of love.

*I'm grateful to have more family time with my kids and they are so bored ... started to bake, paint, playing games no more media no tv.

* I'm grateful because it doesn't matter how much money you have we're all in the same boat.

*I'm grateful that if the human race survives this or next virus outbreak that we can all become equal again as humans brothers and sisters fathers and sons rich and poor hopefully we can all become humbled buy this.

*Can't wait until the eye lashes fall off, the nails are ruined, the grey hairs start coming through, on all of these artificial people, That waste so much time trying to be something they are not.

*Isn't it nice to just be grateful for what we have in life & to just live in such a great country such as Australia?

*I'm grateful I have enough food and toilet paper for a while, because there is some Australian they don't care about other especially the elderly.

*I'm grateful that my junkie neighbour can't have parties anymore, and I hope in the future the young people will be more responsible.

*I'm grateful that this virus has kick started a possible huge Australian manufacturing industry again of Australian quality products.

*It's so quit, no much traffic or air plane noise, I starting to hear myself think again.

Covid19 isn't a new phenomenon that doctors need time to find a cure for, there's a lot more to this world epidemic than governments wanting to take away your freedoms by instilling fear & using scare tactics, it is the time to appreciate what really matters and evaluate everything around you.

During this difficult time, I wish everyone a happy festive season, hoping they have a wonderful and safe Easter with family and friends.

Woolworths hiring 20,000 workers to cope with coronavirus buying demand



Supermarket giant Woolworths is creating 20,000 new jobs to meet unprecedented demand but there's a growing list of companies shutting their doors and standing down staff.

Woolworths is creating 20,000 new jobs to meet a surge in demand but the list of companies shutting stores and standing down staff continues to grow.

Woolworths on Friday said it has placed around 3,000 of its stood-down ALH Group team members in new roles across its BWS, Dan Murphy's and Woolworths Supermarkets and is preparing to offer up to 5,000 short-term roles to Qantas employees taking leave without pay.

The hiring comes as Australians continue panic buying at supermarkets, leaving some aisles empty.

Woolworths on Tuesday stood down 8,000 workers following the government ban on pubs, clubs and hotels and postponed the separation and spin-off of its Endeavour division until 2021.

Coles supermarkets earlier this month offered 5,000 jobs to help better capitalise on the rampant buying of food and household goods.

Just before 11am AEST, Woolworths shares were trading 2.2 per cent higher to \$37.52, while Coles shares were 0.5 per cent lower at \$16.46.

Adairs has already shut its stores in New Zealand, and will continue trading online in both countries.

Clothing chain Kathmandu will take the same action today.

Kathmandu has about 170 stores in Australia and NZ, and more than 100 Rip Curl stores.

It is understood about 2,000 Australian store and head office staff, with the exception of a skeleton crew, will be stood down without pay for four weeks.

On Thursday, Premier Investments - which owns the Smiggle, Peter Alexander, Portmans and Just Jeans stores - stood down 9,000 workers around the world. Jewellery chain Lovisa and Athlete's Foot owner Accent Group on the same day temporarily closed 400 stores and 500 stores respectively.

Accent, which also owns the Platypus and Hype shoe chains, will stand down a reported 5,000 staff.

Mosaic Brands - the owner of Noni B, Rivers and Katies - said it will stand down 6,800 employees across 1,300 stores while Michael Hill Jewellers earlier this week announced it would shut 300 stores, including 165 in Australia.

The travel industry has suspended larger numbers of workers.

Qantas has stood down 20,000 of its 30,000 workers, and Virgin Australia has done the same for 8,000 workers.

Flight Centre says an initial 6,000 of its global sales and support staff globally will either be stood down or made redundant.

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Ruby Princess...

before it refuels and restocks for its home journey.

The Ruby Princess' hospital holds a maximum of 200 people, at which point sick crew would need to be removed and taken to NSW hospitals.

"The ship poses no threat to the local community," Comm Fuller said, addressing questions about transporting sick crew members off the vessel.

Yesterday two crew sick with coronavirus were moved from the liner to a NSW hospital.

"Taking sick crew passengers off at sea is a complex and dangerous task," Comm Fuller said, explaining the decision to dock the ship at Port Kembla.

NSW Police have used Port Kembla to refuel and resupply other cruise liners during the coronavirus pandemic.

"We will continue to make sure there is the highest level of security for the locals down in southern NSW."

A criminal investigation is now underway into how thousands of passengers were allowed to disembark from the Ruby Princess.



Radwan Hamdan

CORONAVIRUS

Economic Stimulus

On Monday 23 March 2020, the Parliament approved The Coronavirus Economic Response Package Omnibus Bill 2020 in its entirety.

The Bill details various measures available for Individuals and Businesses to support them in the economic fallout as a result of the coronavirus pandemic.

We summarize below the Key measures that were introduced in the Bill to support Individuals / Businesses:

Individuals

- Recipients of Centrelink benefits (Job Seeker Payment, Youth Allowance Job Seeker, Parenting Payment, Farm Household Allowance and Special Benefit) could be eligible to the coronavirus supplement in addition to their normal payment being an additional \$550 per fortnight.
- Those who receive the Coronavirus Supplement and are on Centrelink benefit also receive a top up payment of \$750 at the end of March 2020 and in mid July 2020. These benefits apply also to new recipients of Centrelink benefits who lost their job recently.
- Those who have financial difficulty due to the Coronavirus can apply to get an amount of up to \$10,000 released from their superannuation balance before 30 June 2020 by completing a self-declaration on MyGov. A similar amount can be withdrawn from Superannuation balance after 1 July 2020. These amounts will not be subject to tax as they represent hardship emergency payments from Super.

Help to Business

The Government introduced several measures to help small and medium Business (where turnover is less than \$50M) during this economic crisis:

Cash flow help

Business will get a payment of up to \$100,000 in two phases of up to \$50,000 each

- Phase One: Employers are set to receive an amount equal to 100% of the salary tax withheld as per their BASs for the quarters ended 31 March 2020 and 30 June 2020 which are due on 28 April 2020 and 28 July 2020 respectively. For that period eligible active business with employees which are registered for PAYG Salary Tax withholding receive a minimum amount of \$10,000 and a maximum amount of \$50,000. This amount will be credited to the business's Integrated Client Account and if it results in credit, this amount will be physically refunded to the business. If the business lodges monthly Instalment Activity Statements (IAS) for Salaries, the business will get a monthly credit to cover its salary withholding

tax declared between March 20 and June 20 with a minimum payment from the ATO to the Integrated Client Account of \$10,000. However, if the actual salary tax withheld for that period was more than \$50,000, the ATO will only credit the business with \$50,000

- Phase Two: Employers will receive an amount similar to Phase One with a minimum of \$10,000 and a maximum of \$50,000 once they lodge their BAS for the quarter ended 30 September 2020, or once they lodge their monthly IAS for July 2020 to September 2020. The entities are required to be active and employing people to receive the above subsidies. We note that the payments up to \$100,000 as per Phase 1 and 2 are tax free and do not represent income.

Insolvency help

Directors will now be temporarily be excused of their duty to prevent insolvent trading with respect to any debts incurred in the ordinary course of business. This new measure is set to run for six months. However, any debt incurred by the company will still be payable including tax debt.

- The Government will increase the minimum threshold for creditors issuing a Statutory Demand on a company under the Corporations Act 2001 for \$2,000 to \$20,000 for 6 months.
- The statutory time for a company to respond to a Statutory Demand will be extended temporarily from 21 days to six months.
- Likewise, the threshold for the minimum amount of debt required for a creditor to initiate bankruptcy proceedings the (individuals) against a debtor will temporarily increase from its current level of \$5,000 to \$20,000, and the time a debtor has to respond to a bankruptcy notice will be temporarily increased from 21 days to 6 months.

Sole Trader Support

The Government will establish a new \$550 fortnightly Coronavirus Supplement Payment. Permanent employees who are stood down or lose their employment, sole traders, the self-employed, casual workers and contract workers will be able to access the new coronavirus supplement under expanded access to the job seeker payment (formerly "NewStart"). The supplement will also be paid to both existing and new recipients. This is expected to be paid from 27 April 2020.

Other Financial Help

- Instant Asset write off for small & medium size business to be increased from \$30,000 to \$150,000.
- The Government will support businesses that recruit apprentices by providing financial support of up to \$7,000/quarter.

• Unsecured Business Loans

The Government, Reserve Bank of Australia and the Australia Prudential Regulation Authority have taken coordinated action to support the flow of credit in the Australian economy, in particular for small and medium business. These unsecured loans will be offered by the Banks to the business with the following terms:

- Maximum total size of loans of \$250,000 per borrower
- The loans will be up to 3 years with an initial six months repayment holiday.
- The loans will be in the form of unsecured loans (meaning borrowing will not have to provide an asset as security)
- Loan will be subject to Lender's Credit Assessment with the expectation that lenders will look through the cycle to sensibly take into account the uncertainty of the current economic conditions.
- The scheme will commence by early April 2020 and be available for new loans made by participating lenders until 30 September 2020
- The purpose of these loans is to help business meet their wages and rent and necessary business obligations to keep trading.
- The ATO promised to be flexible on negotiating payment arrangements for business impacted by the coronavirus pandemic.
- There is no forgiveness of tax debt. The business is still

obliged to pay the rent as per Contract with the Landlord even if it was forced to close down temporarily. The government will not pay for employee costs (except salary tax as explained above), nor will the government pay the business rent on other business expenses.

- If you are behind on Rent of your business premises, you need to talk to your landlord or real estate agent directly and make use of the unsecured Business loan as discussed above.

- To access the business loans as discussed above, you need to talk to your bank directly.

Please do not hesitate to contact Rodney Hamdan on 9567 4555 if you require further information or clarification.

Yours faithfully

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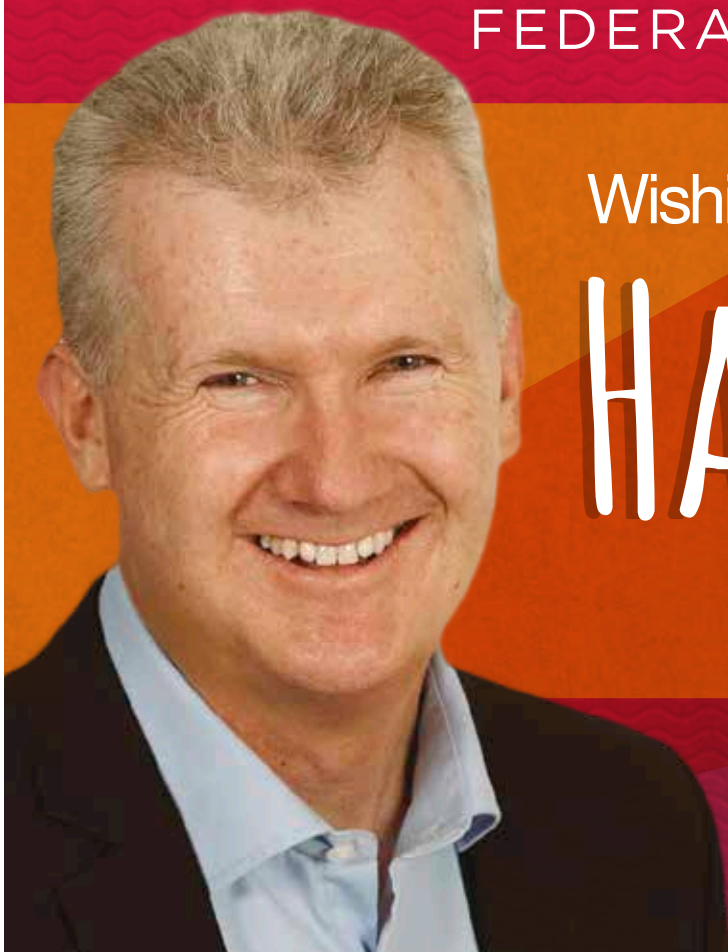
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Bondi backpackers lash out at fellow travellers for ignoring coronavirus guidelines

Backpackers in Sydney's eastern suburbs have been warned by other travellers to stop flouting physical-distancing rules.

NSW Health this morning ordered doctors in Bondi to increase coronavirus testing and warned people to be wary of "infected backpackers" amid a cluster of cases in the eastern suburbs.

The state's chief medical officer Kerry Chant said her team was working with St Vincent's Hospital to set up a pop-up coronavirus clinic in Bondi.

Many people at the tourist hotspot are still ignoring the restrictive measures introduced by the Federal Government.

Last night, a group of people was seen gathered on the balcony of Noahs Backpacker Hostel in Bondi.

Emi Franzen from Argentina, who is staying at the same hostel in a private room after people he came in contact with tested positive for the virus, said he was regularly seeing people flout the guidelines.

"The rules are the rules, we have to control our behaviour, it's for everyone and not just us," he said.

He said while it was the case many people around him weren't able to keep up with the rapid introduction of new quarantine measures, some backpackers were just blatantly ignoring them.

One Spanish citizen living in Bondi who was self-isolating after losing his job said he was forced to kick out his European roommate for being "irresponsible".

"People aren't conscious about the situation," he said.

"Yesterday we had to say to a roommate to leave because she was out all the time, out in different houses and [with] many different people ... without [thinking] about me and my flatmates.

"Like many people, [she] thinks that nothing happens and is just looking after herself."

Woman claiming she was going to COVID-19 testing allegedly spat at police after car chase

A 25-year-old woman claiming to be on her way to get tested for COVID-19 allegedly spat at police while resisting arrest after a car chase through south-west Sydney last night.

Police in Greenacre attempted to stop an Audi on Greenacre Rd just after 5pm on Friday. As police did a U-turn, the Audi allegedly accelerated away, travelling at no less than 120km/h in a 50km/h zone.

The Audi was allegedly seen disobeying a red light at the intersection of Mimosa Rd before crossing unbroken lines to overtake a vehicle and turn right into Macquarie St. After allegedly failing to stop at a stop sign, the Audi turned right into Roberts Rd and stopped in heavy traffic.

An officer, who had been following the Audi, approached the vehicle and spoke to the driver, a 25-year-old woman, who was placed under arrest; however, she refused to get out of the vehicle.

She was physically removed and handcuffed, claiming she was on her way to be tested for COVID-19 before resisting and repeatedly coughing in the officer's face.

The woman was escorted to the police vehicle, and as the officer reached inside, she struck her head against the vehicle window and spat at the officer.

She continued to resist despite a warning from police and was physically restrained on the ground after again spitting in the officer's face.

More police attended the scene, and the woman was taken to Bankstown Police Station and charged with dangerous driving, speeding, driving while disqualified, and assault.

The woman was granted bail after appearing at Parramatta Local Court on Saturday.

She was charged with drive recklessly/furiously or speed/manner dangerous, motor vehicle exceed speed more than 45 km/h, drive motor vehicle during disqualification period, and assault officer in execution of duty.

While the woman was not displaying any symptoms of coronavirus, the officer has undergone COVID-19 testing as a precaution.

Traffic and Highway Patrol Commander, Assistant Commissioner Michael Corboy, said this kind of behaviour towards police was not acceptable.

"Police will not tolerate being spat at in any climate, let alone the one we're facing right now. It's as simple as that," Assistant Commissioner Corboy said.

Wishing everyone a very
safe and happy Easter

Enjoy this time with your family.

Stay Home and Stay Well.

Wendy **LINDSAY MP**

State Member for **East Hills**



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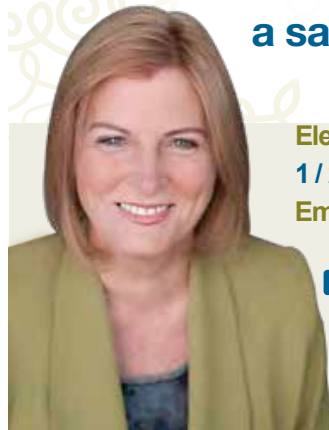


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During These difficult times, I'd like to wish you

a Happy and safe Easter

May this occasion be filled
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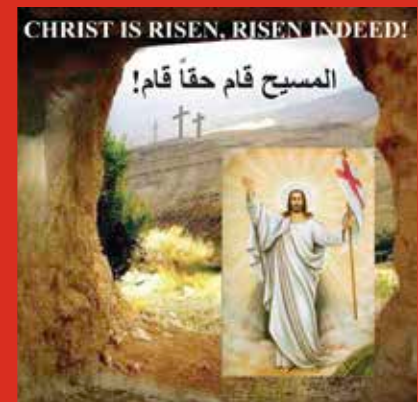
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Emily Ratajkowsk makes the most of coronavirus quarantine as she strips down to model her own lingerie brand



Simply skinful: 'Home in lace sets,' the 28-year-old model captioned the skin-baring lingerie snaps

Like so many around the world, she's stuck at home during quarantine from the deadly coronavirus pandemic.

But Emily Ratajkowski made the most of her self-isolation on Friday, by posting pics in her own brand of underwear that appeared to be taken in her home.

'Home in lace sets,' the 28-year-old model captioned the skin-baring lingerie snaps, taken in her Inamorata brand underwear.

She's also been keeping herself busy by interacting with fans over social media.

The actress did a Q&A with fans over Instagram on Wednesday, where someone asked if she wanted to have children in the future.

'Yes! I just have a lot of stuff I want to do with my life and I want to be the best mom I can be', she said.

'It just melts my heart' Former Hi-5 star Lauren Brant shares the adorable moment her 10-month-old son

Former Hi-5 star Lauren Brant and her former AFL player partner Barry Hall captured the moment their second son Houston walked for the first time.

The doting parents shared the adorable moment their baby boy took his first steps.

'At 10 months and three days young... HOUSTON WALKS!' The mother-of-two, 31, wrote on Instagram on Saturday morning.

She added: 'It just came out of nowhere - he is so little and cute - and was so excited about it, with that little giggle and those flapping arms!

'It just melts my heart that he walked to his big brother Miller! It's also no secret that I'm a very passionate Mum. Gosh imagine me at sports carnivals.'



You can do it! Hi-5 star Lauren Brant and her former AFL player partner Barry Hall captured the moment

Makeup free model Jessica Hart cuts a casual figure in activewear as she enjoys a coffee run in Los Angeles on her 34th birthday

Australian model Jessica Hart went makeup free and cut a casual figure in Los Angeles on Thursday, as she enjoyed a coffee run on her 34th birthday.

The stunner - who has walked for the likes of Victoria's Secret - was joined on the low-key outing by her lookalike sister, Ashley Hart, 31.

Jessica kept relaxed on the day in activewear, wearing khaki leggings and an oversized white hooded jumper.



Jessica Hart (right) cut a casual figure in activewear on Thursday in LA, as she enjoyed a coffee run on her 34th birthday.

Coronavirus: Tom Hanks back in US, recovered and full of gratitude for Australian care

Actor Tom Hanks and his wife Rita Wilson are back home in the United States, weeks after testing positive to coronavirus in Australia.

The pair returned to Los Angeles reportedly by private jet on Friday. Hanks, 63, took to Twitter on Sunday AEDT to tell his fans they were back and continuing to stay safe from COVID-19.

"Hey Folks ... We're home now and, like the rest of America, we carry on with sheltering in place and social distancing," he tweeted.

"Many, many thanks to everyone in Australia who looked after us. Their care and guidance made possible our return to the USA. And many thanks to all who reached out with well wishes.

"Rita and I so appreciate it. Hanx."

The pair had been briefly hospitalised on Australia's Gold Coast after testing positive for coronavirus on March 12.

They went into self-isolation and checked in with fans via Instagram. They were released from hospital on March 18.



The Oscar-winning actor was in Australia for director Baz Luhrmann's Elvis Presley biopic, to play the role of the star's manager Colonel Tom Parker. Production stopped after Hanks confirmed he had COVID-19.

Wilson, an actor, singer, producer and songwriter, made her singing debut in a show at the Sydney Opera House.

Michelle Bridges

shares an uplifting message with fans as she self-isolates with son Axel

Michelle Bridges appears to be in a very positive state of mind.

The 49-year-old shared a photo to Instagram as she self-isolates with son Axel, four, and told fans that she's not 'looking back'.

It comes after the celebrity trainer's drink driving charge and split from partner Steve 'Commando' Willis.

In the picture, Michelle sported winter layers including a sweater, puffer vest and hat, and stood at the end of a path in the countryside.

Michelle's adorable son Axel stood close by, donning a striped long-sleeved top and tan puffer vest.

The fitness enthusiast wrote in the post's caption: 'Just gotta look forward. No looking back. Down the road. Where are we heading, Moo? It's just me and you.'

Michelle is self-isolating with Axel, as the nation continues to fight the spread of the deadly coronavirus (COVID-19).



It's been a challenging past two months for the former Biggest Loser trainer

Doctor warns innocent people will die if they do the 'coronavirus challenge'

Social media users licking toilet bowls and other surfaces in a so-called 'Coronavirus Challenge' have been slammed for putting lives at risk.

Shocking videos have emerged showing influencers across different platforms performing the stunt, despite official advice urging the public to follow a variety of health measures to stop the killer pandemic's spread. One influencer, who Metro.co.uk has chosen not to name, appears to have started the 'challenge' on TikTok, by licking what seems to be an airplane toilet seat while a man sings 'its corona time' in the background.



The 'Coronavirus challenge' involves people licking surfaces - a practice condemned by various medical experts

Asked why she did it, she told Metro.co.uk: 'I was tired of that bitch corona getting more publicity than ME. I'm the real celebrity.'

Man jailed for stealing police car's blue lights for 'bragging rights'

A man who stole the blue lights from the top of a police car for 'bragging rights' has been jailed. British Transport Police said David McBeth, 30, jumped on the roof of one of their vehicles when it was parked outside Sunderland station in December 2018.

He pulled and kicked at the emergency lights, eventually ripped them off and then walked away with them.

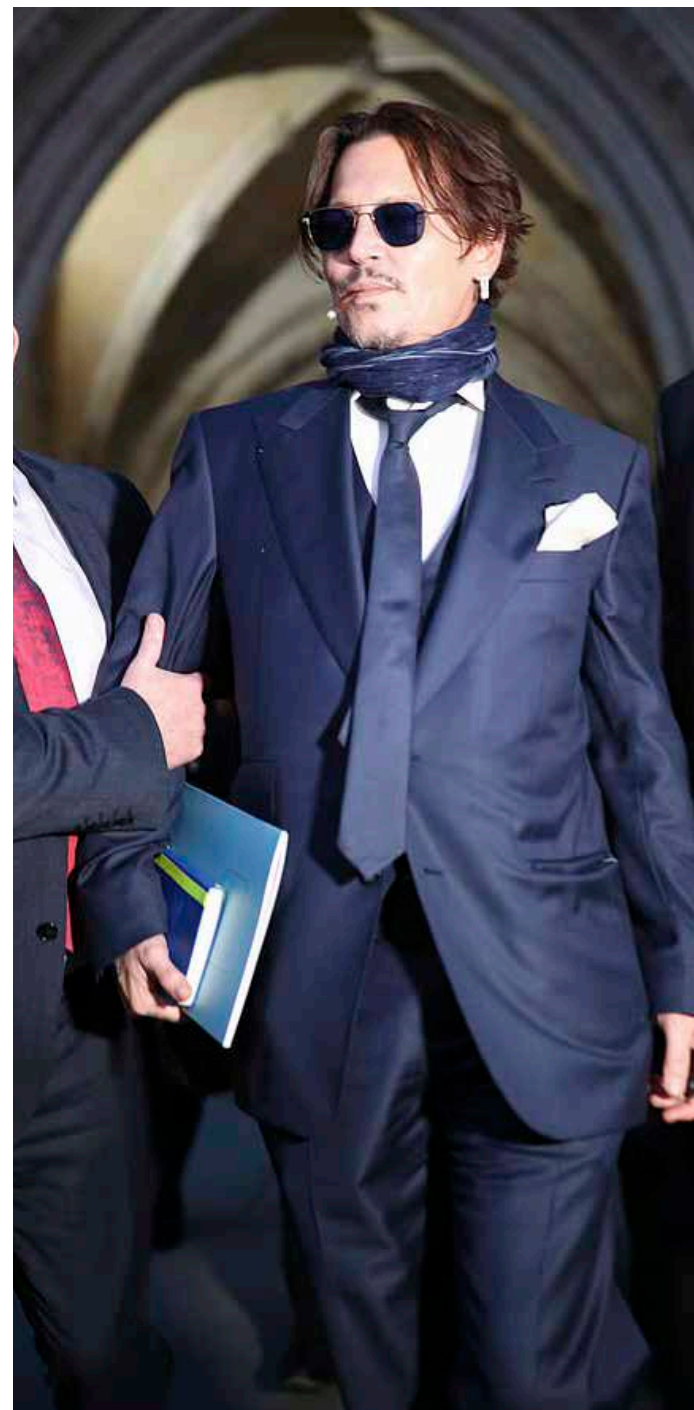
McBeth was caught on CCTV with the lights over his shoulder, and they were never recovered.



David McBeth, 30, caused damage to the police car in Sunderland

Amber Heard loses bid to get \$50 million defamation suit by her ex

Johnny Depp
thrown out as actor fights off claims he was a 'monster' who abused her



Johnny Depp is taking his ex Amber Heard to court in Fairfax County, Virginia

Amber Heard lost her legal bid Friday to get a \$50 million defamation suit brought by her ex-husband Johnny Depp thrown out, DailyMail.com can exclusively reveal.

The 33-year-old actress argued that statements made in a Washington Post op-ed detailing her experiences as a domestic violence survivor did not name Depp, 55, and were not defamatory.

But a judge rejected her motion to dismiss on the grounds that three of the four sentences the Pirates of the Caribbean star complained about could 'convey the alleged defamatory meaning that Mr Depp abused Ms Heard.'

The former couple met on the set of The Rum Diary, back in 2011, married four years later but split in May 2016 amid a slew of blood-curdling domestic violence allegations and tabloid headlines.

They looked to have put their feud behind them after agreeing to a \$7 million divorce settlement in August of that year until Heard wrote an article in December 2018 about being a domestic abuse victim.



By Natalie Sukkarieh

Easter

*Easter time
A time of love
A time of sacrifice
When Jesus payed a high
price*

*He died on the cross
And his mother dealt with
his loss
To save us from our sins
In the nails went*

*Like pins in his skin
The heavy cross he carried,
Only to be later buried.
He died out of love for us
And in him we put our trust*

*He fell three times
But not for his crimes.
He was innocent
Yet his love was infinite
He was resurrected*

*And the good word he
subjected
To the people believed
He promised them to be free*

*He suffered pain
But for no personal gain.
Out of love he died,
In order to guide
His pride, of people
To the heavenly land of God.*



During these unprecedented times, let us all reflect on the Easter message of hope and peace. May this special time renew our spirits and strengthen our commitments.

Happy Easter and May God bless you, your families and loved ones.

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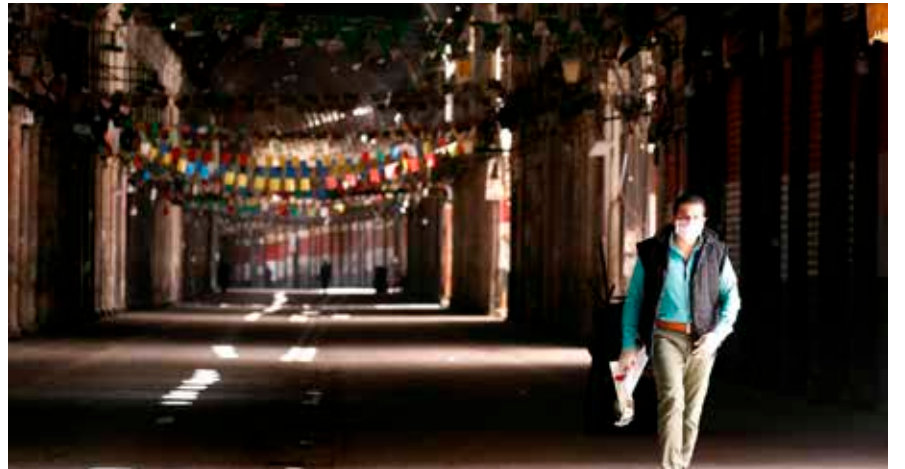
Coronavirus terrifying the world

Fear of coronavirus leaves streets deserted

The outbreak of the coronavirus has led to the emptying of public spaces around the world, whether by government decree or by more personal responses.



A man looks at the Mediterranean on the Promenade des Anglais in the French Riviera city of Nice.



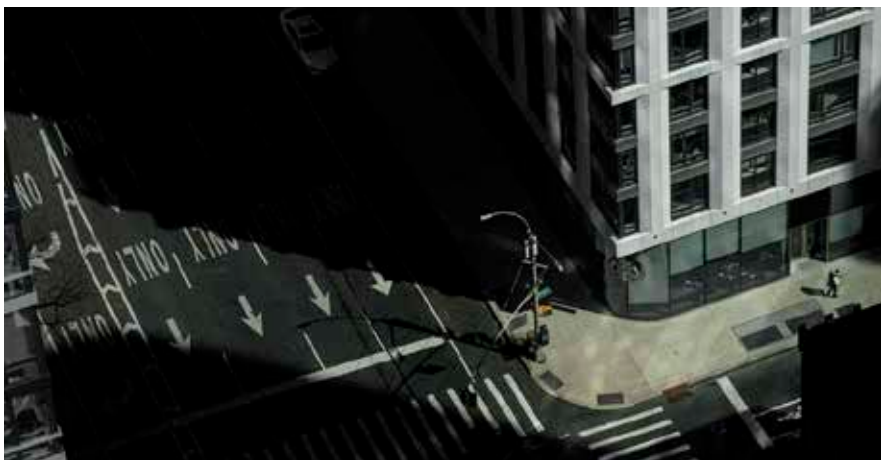
A man walks in empty Souk al-Hamidieh as restrictions are imposed as measure to prevent the spread of the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) in Damascus, Syria



A woman walks across an empty Millennium Bridge during London's rush hour.



Gaobeidian in Beijing lies deserted due to the coronavirus.



New York City is closing schools, restaurants, bars and other venues



The Grand Canal in Venice almost empty during the day

People are Panic Buying Due to the Coronavirus

As the fear of the coronavirus spreads, consumers have been flocking to stores to stockpile emergency supplies, resulting in empty shelves as retailers can't keep up with demand. This situation will likely intensify.



A woman decided to swing by her local supermarket in the US city of Seattle to pick up some weekly groceries



Costco stores in Auburn, NSW, and Canberra, completely sold out of toilet paper



People Panic Buying Due to the Coronavirus



People wait in a line to enter a gun store in Culver City, California



\$300,000 IN FUNDING FOR GRANVILLE COMMUNITY ORGANISATIONS



State Member for Granville, Julia Finn, two weeks ago visited Granville's St Mary's Antiochian Orthodox Church to announce the programs in the Granville electorate which have secured grant funding. St Mary's Antiochian Orthodox Church has received \$49,900 for a new church community bus.

In total, the electorate of Granville has secured \$300,000 in funding for a total of ten projects through the 2019 Granville Community Building Partnership program.

Member for Granville Julia Finn MP has said these funds will deliver much-needed improvements to local facilities including for our local scouts' groups, a local P&C association and some of our community churches.

"This is fantastic news for the Granville community."

"This grassroots funding will directly help create a more vibrant and inclusive local community with positive community outcomes," Ms Finn said.

"I congratulate all the organisations that were successful in their application and look forward to seeing how these projects make a real difference for community groups in Granville."

The full list of successful projects in the Granville electorate for the 2019 round are:

Granville Boys High School P & C Association, The Scout Association of Australia NSW Branch, The Association of Zgharta, The Scouts Association of Australia NSW Branch, Melkite Catholic Eparchy Corporation, Merrylands Anglican Church, St Mary Antiochian Orthodox Church, Australian Young Christian Workers Movement, The Harb Charity Association and St Antonious Coptic Orthodox Church.

Applications for the 2020 Program open in May. For more information about the Community Building Partnership Program, visit www.nsw.gov.au/cbp



Rachelle Harika

I wish
you and your families
a Safe and
Happy Easter

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Australian Arab Business Council (AABC); Member Update

In these unprecedented times your Board has been working through the ever-changing environment, to ensure we can transition effectively into the new landscape. Each day we find ourselves faced with new restrictions in the interest of public safety. While it is still too early to say what the true impact will be to each of us individually, the AABC Board, along with the Foundation Advisory Committee, have been working through the various strategies we need to adopt to continue supporting our members and their businesses.

Until further notice, our monthly dinners and the AABC Training Academy have been put on hold. They will be replaced with regular webinars focused on addressing the current business climate, members' wellbeing and innovative ideas.

Having said that, Mr. Radwan Hamdan of Hamdan and Associates will be breaking down the Government Stimulus Packages on Wednesday 8th of April. We will be sending out the invitation and instructions on how to access the Webinar in the coming days.

Further to the webinars, our newsletter format will also be amended going forward. Our newsletter will now be dedicated to our members who have remained operational to share any special offers they may have for their fellow members, good news stories and more.

We will be focusing on communicating with our members via Facebook, LinkedIn and WhatsApp. A WhatsApp AABC Member Group is also in the process of being put together for the purpose of live and on-the-go communications. Please ensure we have your most up to date mobile number.

The Board will now be meeting weekly via video conference. Our Board meetings were previously Monthly; however, given the ever-evolving environment, we recognize the need to communicate and plan more frequently to ensure we are adapting to our new environment in a timely manner.

This organisation belongs to the members. We are here to support all our members in every capacity within our capability. In these incredible times, please remember we remain operational and focused on helping you anyway we can. Please do not hesitate to contact a [Board member](#) with any query you may have.

Yours sincerely,

The AABC Board



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Are banks freezing mortgages? Here are the banks putting payments on hold amid coronavirus



With many businesses and services forced to close under the latest Federal Government restrictions to try to curb the spread of coronavirus, many Australians are feeling the pinch when it comes to finances. Especially those with a mortgage.

At least 1 million Australians are facing unemployment as a result of the crisis.

It has many wondering what the banks are doing when it comes to home loans.

Will mortgages be put on hold?

The big four banks have all announced that their customers will be able to pause mortgage payments.

If you're with Commonwealth

You will be able to defer home loan repayments for up to six months

Interest will be capitalised

Interest and charges will be added to your loan balance

Your loan balance will be recalculated at the end of the support period

Your loan term will be extended so repayments stay the same as they were before you started the deferral

If you're with Westpac

You will be able to defer repayments for three months

A three-month extension is available after review

This option is for people who have lost their job or income as a result of coronavirus

Deferred interest will be capitalised, so your repayments will increase for the remainder of your loan term

If you're with NAB

You will be able to defer your repayments for up to six months

There will be a three-month checkpoint with the bank

You are eligible if you are a home loan customer affected by coronavirus

This applies for owner-occupiers, investors or those on a principal and interest or interest only repayment schedule

You will still be able to redraw during the repayment pause

If you're with ANZ

You may be able to put your repayments on hold for six months

Interest will be capitalised

The bank will check in with you after three months

Coronavirus pandemic pushes small businesses to brink but billionaire landlord stands firm on rents

A self-made billionaire, who is one of Australia's biggest private landlords, has defended asking some of his commercial tenants to keep paying rent, saying he should not be made a "scapegoat" for the coronavirus-driven economic crisis if those tenants have been successful.

John Van Lieshout has declined to extend rent relief to all businesses across his \$1 billion-plus property portfolio.

Commercial landlords will be banned from evicting their tenants after the national cabinet on Sunday announced a six-month moratorium.

Mr Van Lieshout said he was considering requests for rent relief but would not commit until he knew what the Government was doing.

His company has asked tenants to detail any government assistance they will receive, which after yesterday's Federal Government announcement could now include wage relief of \$1,500 a fortnight per employee.

But he said he would help those in distress, depending on their size and length of time trading. "I've got some tenants that have only started you know, a beauty salon for 12 months," Mr Van Lieshout said.

"Some of those people I'm going to be very kind to because I know that they cannot possibly [pay] because the Government's closed it down



completely.

"But the burden of this should be also accepted by the tenants themselves that have run successful businesses for many years."

Arif Memis, owner of Cowch Dessert Cocktail Bar in South Brisbane, was told by Mr Van Lieshout's company that rent was due despite his trade being "decimated" by the ban on restaurant dining.

"I don't understand what planet he lives on," Mr Memis said.

Mr Van Lieshout, the former owner of Super Amart, was ranked this year by The Australian as the 35th richest person in the country with a \$2.4 billion fortune.

The 74-year-old told the ABC he believed businessowners had a "moral obligation" to reach into their own pockets first before turning to landlords given that "a lot of these tenants — I know for a fact — are wealthy people".

Coronavirus restrictions mean Canberra auctions and open homes are moving online

It's a very different Saturday morning for Canberra real estate agent Ryan Hedley.

He's just finished his first virtual open home, streamed live on Facebook to potential buyers.

"It's obviously quite an unconventional style open home that we're doing, but we're just trying to do something different in the current climate that we're in," Mr Hedley said.

"I had to talk a lot more than I normally would at an open home. Trying to host that for 30 minutes of live speech was something new but I think it turned out pretty well."

This weekend is the first real test of the new reality real estate agents, buyers and sellers alike are having to adjust to, under new restrictions imposed amid the COVID-19 pandemic.

A ban on house inspections and on-site auctions, compounded by a new wave of unemployment, has led to gloomy forecasts, with some economists tipping house prices to drop by as much as 20 per cent.

Clearance rates across capital cities are already down and the industry is closely watching to see if agents are effectively pivoting to online selling.

"Even if agents can get their properties online there's still that consumer confidence element which might see far less properties actually sold," Eliza Owen from CoreLogic said.

But Ms Owen believes that, while the ACT's



housing market will suffer, steady employment in the public service and defence sectors could somewhat soften the blow.

"(Canberra) was in an upswing before the crisis," Ms Owen said.

"It's got relatively high levels of stable employment because of the high concentration of government jobs, and it's got very well-targeted stimulus from the Territory Government in terms of supporting low-income households."