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# Australia's Ashleigh Barty wins her first Wimbledon title



The 25-year-old Australian -- who wore a specially-designed dress in tribute to Cawley's iconic scallop one she sported in 1971 -- adds the Wimbledon *Continued page 16* 

# COVID-19 support payments increased for Greater Sydney amid likely protracted lockdown



Prime Minister Scott Morrison has announced an increase to the emergency disaster payment from \$325 to \$375 for people who have lost up to 20 *Continued page 16* 

### Sydney's current social distancing 'inadequate' in controlling COVID-19 outbreak



University of Sydney data says not enough residents are socially distancing themselves, with health experts in agreement that Thursday's \*\*Continued page 16\*\*

# Royal commission to probe risks behind distressing veteran sufetile toll



The veteran suicide royal commission will conduct an in-depth analysis of systemic risk factors leading to serving and returned personnel taking their own lives.

Prime Minister Scott Morrison has released the terms of reference for the inquiry, which will be

led by former NSW Police deputy commissioner Nick Kaldas.

"The death of any Australian Defence Force member or veteran is a terrible tragedy that is deeply felt by all Australia but particularly those Continued page 16

## Joe Biden says Facebook is 'killing people'

US President Joe Biden said social media platforms like Facebook "are killing people" for allowing misinformation about coronavirus vaccines to be posted on their platforms, as the administration continued criticising the company.

"They're killing people ... Look, the only pandemic we have is among the unvaccinated. And they're killing people," Mr Biden told reporters at the White House when asked about misinformation and

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# Pfizer supplies in Australia to rise to 1 million doses a week



Australia will soon have access to up to one million doses a week of the coronavirus Pfizer vaccine, with supplies set to triple.

The country currently has between 300,000 and 350,000 Pfizer vaccines doses a week to administer.

That will jump to one million a week in the second half of July.

In August, Australia will receive 4.5 million doses of Pfizer vaccines, which is significantly more than first anticipated. Meanwhile, Australians under lockdown in NSW have been urged to get their second AstraZeneca dose within eight weeks of their first jab.

A 12-week gap between AstraZeneca jabs has been recommended as the most effective way to protect people.

But Prime Minister Scott Morrison wants people in the worst-affected areas who have received a first jab to make second dose appointments closer to eight weeks.

This was consistent with the advice of the national expert immunisation panel ATAGI, he said.

In the three Sydney councils areas with

the most COVID infections, about half of those aged over 70 have received a first dose.

An extra 300,000 AstraZeneca – which is recommended for people over 60 – and Pfizer vaccines will be made available for NSW.

Mr Morrison is confident the extra Pfizer supplies will give the troubled vaccine rollout a shot in the arm.

Pfizer has promised Australia 40 million doses of the vaccine.

The vaccine shipments are being fasttracked by several months but the total order will not increase.

National cabinet will also discuss Australian Health Protection Principal Committee research on alternative quarantine arrangements for vaccinated Australians.

Agreement is expected on mandatory jabs for disability support workers after the AHPPC recommended following a similar order imposed on aged care workers.

Mr Morrison will also talk with state and territory leaders about vaccinating fly-in, fly-out workers.

# Sydney COVID-19 patient begs community to 'take it seriously'



Breathing heavily from his hospital bed, a Sydney man has recorded a vital message to his community: "Take COVID seriously".

Speaking in Arabic with an oxygen tube fitted, 47-year-old father of four Khalid Elmasri said he has "learnt his lesson the hard way" when it comes to the dangers of COVID-19.

"I know and knew COVID-19 is a real disease, but I don't think that before now I took it seriously enough," he said in the clip.

Mr Elmasri was rushed to St George Hospital five days ago, according to his doctor Jamal Rifi who shared the video as a public health announcement on his YouTube channel.

"When he arrived, he struggled to breathe, and they were going to take him to the intensive care unit," Dr Rifi said.

"But thankfully his condition has improved.

Dr Rifi said the response from the community since the video was released had been strong.

"Time is of the essence to send the message loud and clear for everyone to stay at home and get tested and at the same time to book for a vaccination."

In the video Mr Elmasri describes his struggles with the disease, only recently being able to breathe and talk without pain.

"It's been days, but I can talk a little bit now and my breathing has returned to normal.

"I'm begging everyone to take coronavirus seriously and follow the medical advice.

"I was careful, but I wasn't careful enough. I should have committed 100 per cent.

"To my family, friends and the community, take COVID seriously."

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# Australia's unemployment rate falls below 5 per cent for the first time in 10 years



The unemployment rate has fallen to 4.9 per cent, with almost 30,000 jobs created in June according to the official Bureau of Statistics data. The unemployment rate has now declined for eight months in a row, taking it to its lowest level in a decade

However, while the unemployment rate dropped from 5.1 to 4.9 per cent in June, the underemployment

rate jumped half a percentage point to 7.9 per cent.

That jump in underemployment derived from a 1.8 per cent decline in hours worked last month, which means 33 million fewer hours were worked across the economy.

That was mainly due to the impact of Victoria's most recent snap lockdown, which occurred during the survey period.





## **By Mamdouh** Sukkarieh

## An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure

At the outset, it is necessary to commend what the Australian government did during the beginning of the Corona epidemic, Australia has been one of the most successful countries globally in curbing the coronavirus pandemic, which has saved many lives and helped keep the Australian economy in good condition compared to the economies of other advanced countries in the world.

After Australia remained free of infections for long periods during which many outbreaks of the "Corona" virus was happening, it infiltrated the country Society through places of quarantine for Australians coming from other affected countries. These outbreaks have forced the state of Victoria to lockdown more than once, and the state of Queensland as well as Western Australia and other Australian states. However, the leakage of the COVID virus including the Delta strain recently introduced to the community in the state of New South Wales through a limousine driver that transports people from the airport to the quarantine hotels. The virus was transmitted as a result of the interaction between driver and passenger, eventually leaking it to several areas in Sydney, forcing the state authorities to lockdown for two weeks on June 26 and re-extend until 30 July 2021.

Regardless of the adverse economic effects of many lockdowns in Australia and their devastating effects not just on Small businesses, as well as the psychological and social impacts of the lockdowns, which cannot be compensated, there is a clear flaw in the process of management of the quarantine procedures.

The proverb says, an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure. This is the wellestablished principle that people have known since ancient times and the concept of the word prevention means protection and health care, that is, taking the necessary measures to protect human beings from any epidemic.

Have the necessary measures been taken to prevent the virus from infiltrating Australians coming from abroad into society by placing the necessary controls, whether in the quarantine or through the people working there?

Have adequate and strict controls, guidelines and monitoring been put in place for workers in this field and have they been trained and educated to do this task?

Did all workers get the vaccine that protects them from catching the virus?

Of course the answer to these questions is (no).

If the controls were sufficient for that, we would not have seen repeated and serious

So, what is the solution to get rid of this calamity that occurs every once in a while which forces governments to close down society and create panic, the answer should be in the hands of the specialists to conduct studies and research and find solutions. Just for note:

The presence of quarantine places in the heart of cities is not appropriate at all to protect society from infection and transmission of the virus from returning from abroad to Australian territory.

The daily media marathon of heads of government was not able to convey the message none speaking English language countries.

Vaccination in Australia is insufficient, as it has been slowed down by a lack of supplies and some reluctance to receive vaccinations among its residents. The repeated outbreak of the "Corona" virus in major cities in Australia in recent weeks has boosted the vaccination and the proportion of fully vaccinated adults has reached around 13%, which Australia still lags behind its economic peers.

What is the impediment to vaccinating those over the age of sixty or seventy to secure and protect them and to remove the complete closure in Australia, as many have from

Australian society has fared and continues to do much better than many other developed countries in the face of the pandemic, with just over 31,000 cases since the start of the pandemic and 912 deaths.



#### MESSAGE FROM THE PRIME MINISTER

#### EID AL-ADHA 2021



Eid Mubarak, to all who are celebrating Eid al-Adha.

I send my best wishes, gratitude and thanks to Australia's Muslim community for the sacrifices you have made over this past year.

Though we have achieved so much saving lives and livelihoods, many Australians especially in Sydney and Melbourne – cannot gather and celebrate as they would like.

I know we have asked much of Muslim Australians over this past year with many of your gatherings, celebrations and rituals curtailed, yet you have demonstrated your faith through the sacrifices you have made and the courage and kindness you have shown.

No matter what our creed, we know that faith always finds a way to shine brightly in the darkness – and I know your commitment to each other and to your community shines brightly in cities, suburbs, towns and farms across our land.

I thank you for what you have done, and what you continue to do to protect each other and your fellow Australians. It has not been easy - particularly for families who are separated from each other.

Though in many places this Eid al-Adha we are being tried, we have demonstrated as a country what we can achieve when we all play our part and work together.

No matter where we are in Australia we can all play our part sacrifice, by staying COVID safe and by getting vaccinated.

I have every confidence that our sacrifices, compassion and support for each other will be rewarded with better times.

The Hon Scott Morrison MP Prime Minister of Australia

July 2021

# More than 1000 people missing as floodwaters rise



Emergency workers in western German and Belgium have rushed to rescue hundreds of people in danger or unaccounted for as the death toll from floods rises.

More than 1000 people are missing in flood-stricken regions of western Germany and Belgium, where waters are still rising with the death toll exceeding 170 and communications in some areas cut. Entire communities lay in ruins on Friday after swollen rivers swept through towns and villages in the western German states of North

Rhine-Westphalia and Rhineland-Palatinate, Belgium as well as the Netherlands.

"It was terrible not to able to help people," Frank Thel, a resident of Schuld in Rhineland-Palatinate, said in front of a pile of rubble.

"They were waving at us from windows. Houses were collapsing to the left and right of them and in the house between they were waving."

Rescue crews tried to reach residents by boat and had to communicate via walkie-talkie.

Mother who believed 'hand of God' would heal her daughter jailed for endangering child's life



A Toowoomba mother who relied on the "hand of God" to heal her sick daughter has been jailed for endangering the six-year-old girl's life.

The 46-year-old woman, who cannot be named for legal reasons, was charged in 2019 with failing to supply the necessaries of life, after her daughter was taken to Toowoomba Base Hospital's emergency department in an unresponsive state.

The Toowoomba District Court heard the girl had to be resuscitated

by hospital staff, was extremely pale and weighed just 13.4 kilograms when she was brought in by her father.

The court heard the defendant had thought her daughter had the flu or worms, but doctors found she had been suffering from undiagnosed type 2 diabetes.

The mother, who represented herself, told the court she had nothing to hide and had not denied anything. She told the court she was a daughter of God and relied on Him to heal her daughter.

# Lismore Council's 'historic' move to hand over land to traditional owners



Lismore City councillors have agreed to hand over council-owned land on the North Lismore plateau to its traditional owners.

Mayor Vanessa Ekins moved the motion to transfer the 37 hectares, which was supported by the majority of her fellow councillors.

The land is valued at \$5 million and includes an area of environmental conservation and an old quarry site.

"Handing the land back is a small but significant act delivering just outcomes to traditional custodians by returning country to their care and control," Ms Ekins said.

'Incredibly heartwarming'

Traditional owner Mindy Woods said the parcel of land contained six significant cultural sites.

"It's a really sacred site for the Widjabul-Wyabul people, the place

of the sleeping lizard.

"It's part of our dreaming and a totem for Lismore," she said.

Traditional owner Mickey Ryan spoke at the council meeting about the opportunity this created to unite the community.

"It's a very big step for justice," he said.

MP's questions

The Federal Member for Page, Kevin Hogan, questioned Lismore council's intentions in "giving away" the asset at a time when the council is under significant financial stress.

"When you are \$60 million in debt, to give away a \$5 million asset that ratepayers own, and at the same time take away potentially 100 homes that could be built in this region — .I don't think it's a good decision," he said.

## On-edge region appeals for better COVID protection from Sydney, fearing Delta outbreak 'a matter of time'



Central West locals are taking drastic steps to avoid people from Greater Sydney's COVID-19 lockdown zone, worrying it's just a matter of time before a visitor from across the Blue Mountains sets off an outbreak of the highly infectious Delta variant.

Their concerns were reinforced

yesterday when police charged three removalists who allegedly knew they were COVID-positive before travelling from locked down Greater Sydney to Molong, near Orange, on Friday.

Police say the men also stopped in the Illawarra, South Bowenfels and Orange.

Another team of removalists from Greater Sydney helped deliver the latest outbreak in Victoria that has led to a statewide lockdown, dozens of active cases and border closures.

NSW Central West residents and traders are on edge and calling for tighter policing of major routes into the region — akin to Melbourne's "ring of steel" last year — to try to head off the threat from someone "not doing the right thing".

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## Woman suffering trauma from Pinery bushfires spared jail over \$200,000 theft

A woman who stole \$200,000 from her employer while affected by trauma from the deadly Pinery bushfires has been spared jail.

Kylie Marie Kemp, 39, was employed as an administration manager of the Combined Independent Agents Association, which deals with livestock sales.

The District Court heard Kemp started stealing money within

months of the fire, which devastated the mid-north community in November 2015.

Two people were killed, 70,000 stock were lost and almost 100 homes and 400 farm structures were destroyed in the blaze, which burnt more than 82,500 hectares of land.

The court heard Kemp desperately tried to save her horses and property before having to evacuate. Judge Geraldine Davison said the trauma of the bushfires "informed" the offending to some extent.

"Your experience during those fires was, I accept, terrifying," she said.

"I accept that this bushfire has had a significant impact upon your mental health and that the impact is ongoing.

It heard the discrepancies were discovered years later after Kemp



had left the company and the accounting system was changed to a new program.

# Olympic Village records first COVID case



A year ago, Australian rower Molly Goodman was stuck training indoors and wondering what would happen next as COVID-19 put the Olympics on hold.

On Saturday, as Games officials announced the first confirmed case of COVID-19 in the Olympic Village, she was part of a 147-strong contingent of Australian Olympians bound for Japan.

Competitors from swimming, hockey, women's wateropolo, men's beach volleyball, badminton, weightlifting and table tennis were also on the flight from Cairns.

Australia will have a team of 488 athletes in Tokyo, its largest for a foreign Games.

Goodman, who will compete at her second Olympics in the women's eight, said on the Cairns tarmac that the Games finally were feeling real.

"It's crazy to think how far we've come and what we've been through in the last year – this time last year, we were all at home, training on the 'ergos' indoors. It's been a quite the journey," Goodman said.

The confirmed COVID case was not the only shadow being cast over the Olympics by the coronavirus, with 14 other new cases raising fresh doubts over promises of a "safe and secure" event.

The latest cases are a blow to the local organisers and the International Olympic Committee, who have insisted the Games will not become a super-spreader event.



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to you and your family.
Please take care and
be safe in these tough
covid times

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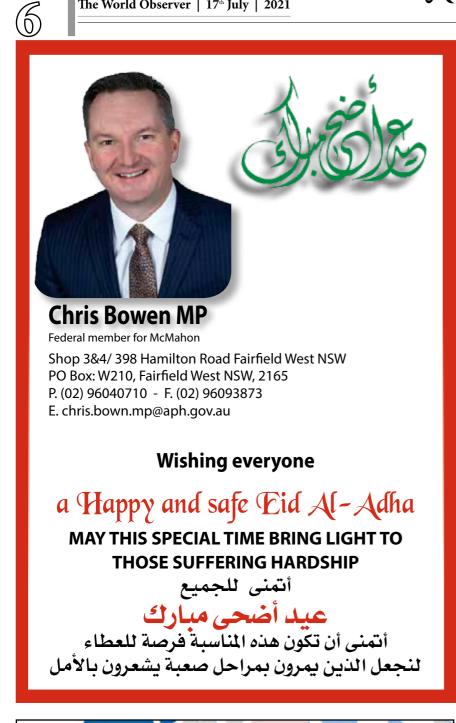


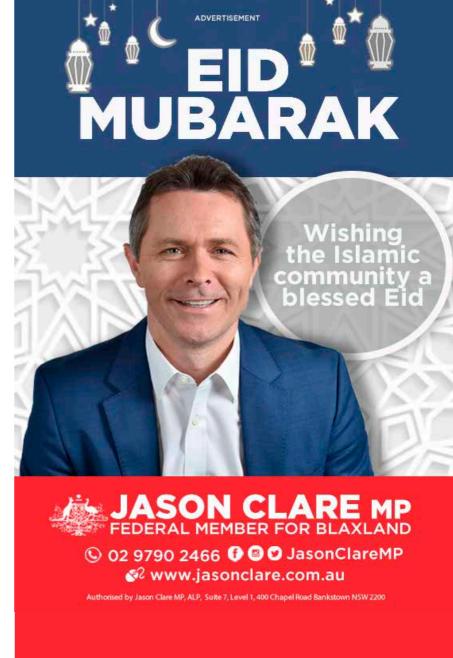
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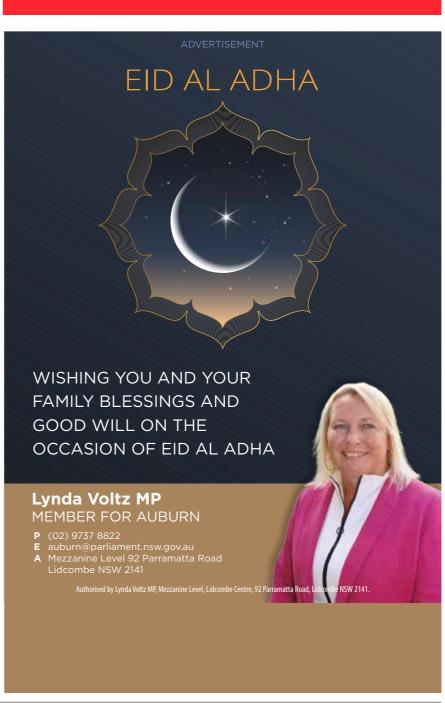


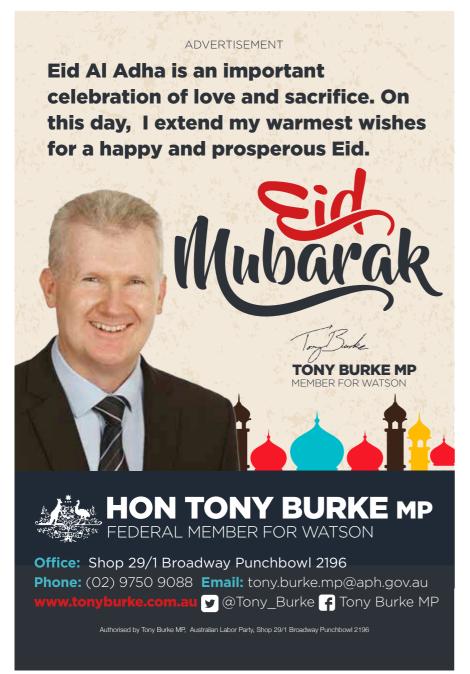


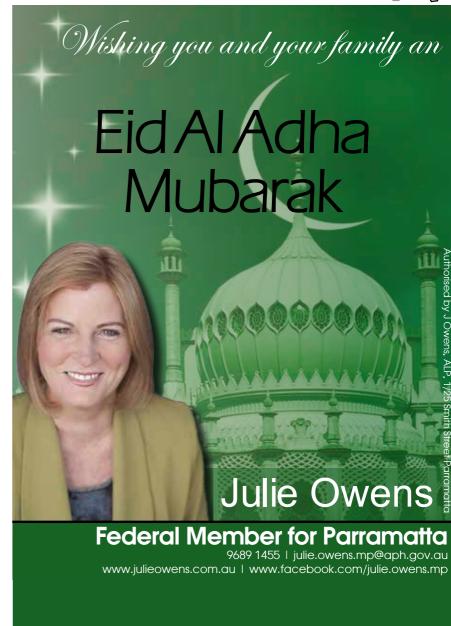


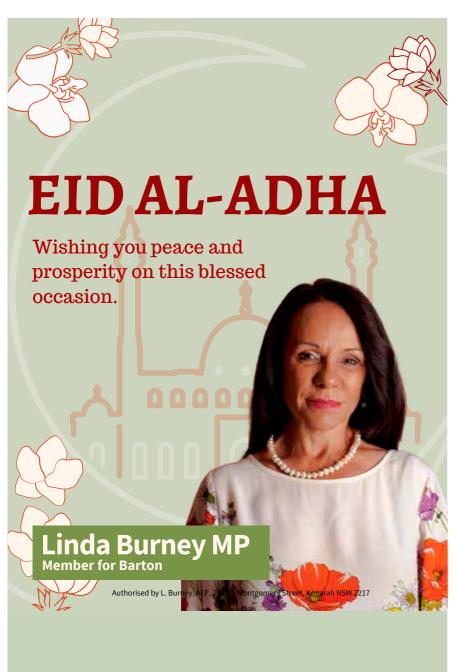
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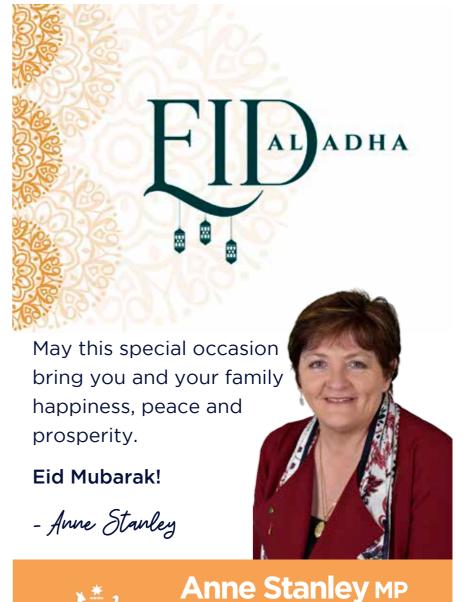
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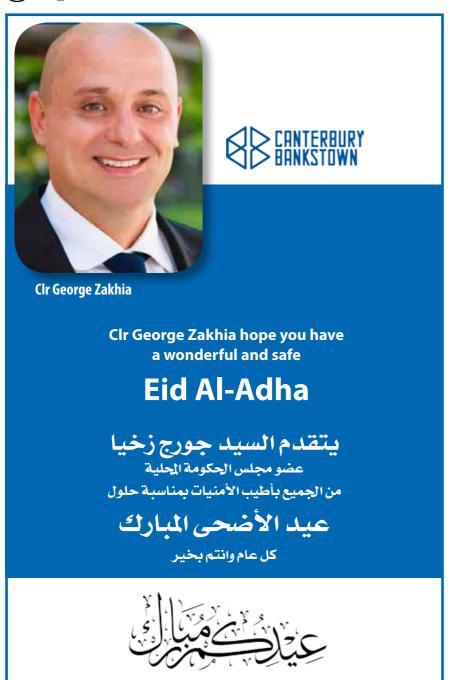


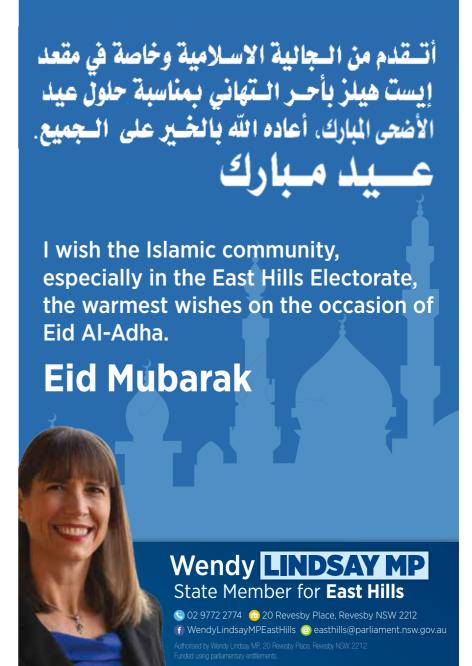




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# Sex for Reproduction May Be **Obsolete Within 30 Years Thanks To New Technology, Professor Predicts**



Sure, the main purpose of sex is procreation, but according to one researcher, in as little as 30 years, we may have more efficient and cheaper ways of making babies than good ole fashioned intercourse. According to Hank Greely, the director of Stanford Law School's Center for Law and Biosciences, human reproduction may become automated faster than you realize.

Greely believes that within three decades, people will no longer have sex as a way to reproduce, and instead rely on genetically edited embryos grown from skin-derived stem cells, not the combination of an egg or sperm, The Independent reported. According to Greely, this process ensures that the embryo is free from any devastating genetic diseases, and would also be cheaper in the long run because of the money it would save in healthcare over the years. What's more, Greely predicts that couples would be able to choose other genetic traits in their children, such as physical features and intelligence.

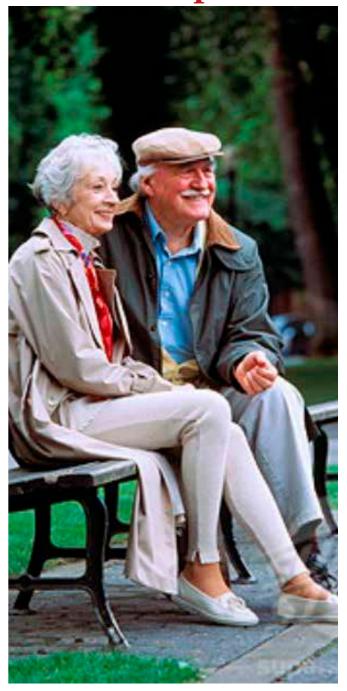
"I don't think we're going to be able to say this embryo will get a 1550 on its two-part SAT," Greely said this week at Aspen Ideas Festival, Quartz reported, "But, this embryo has a 60% chance of being in the top half, this embryo has a 13% chance of being in the top 10%—I think that's really possible."

The idea may sound far-out, but according to Quartz, it already happens on a much smaller and limited scale as a way to prevent certain diseases. Although extremely expensive at the moment, advances in stem cell technology will help to drive down the cost. In addition, the amount that the government would save on not having to take care of sick babies would also make this more cost-efficient.

Making babies from skin cells rather than a traditional egg fertilized with sperm may sound like it's straight out of Hollywood, but the technology is quickly advancing. The skin cells, one from the mother and the other from the father, are coaxed into becoming an egg or sperm cell, The New York Times reported. This also means that one day same-sex couples may be able to have biologically related children. So far, vitro gametogenesis (IVG), or making sex cells from stem cells, has only worked on mice. There's also the worry that being able to genetically manipulate your offspring may lead to a eugenics situation where less favorable traits get written out of the human genome forever. However, Greely also believes this is not

"This is not designer babies or super babies," said Greely, Quartz reported. "This is selecting embryos. You take two people, all you can get out of a baby is what those two people have." Just because we'll no longer need sex for procreation doesn't mean the activity is going out of fashion anytime soon. It's a great way to create future generations, and sex is also good for your physical and mental health, as well as keeping couples together.

# Love advice from older couples

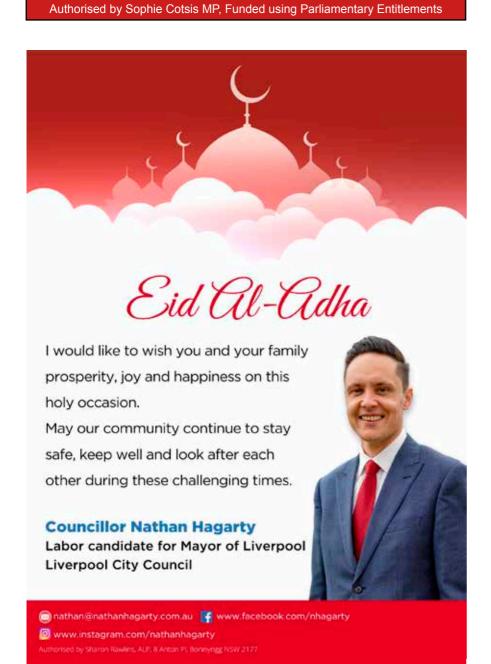


Who are you taking relationship advice from? The best people to aid you along your journey would be those who have lived the journey, right? Fact is, if you want to properly navigate love and relationships, you should stay away from people who are trekking through life at the same pace that you are, and take advice from the wise, as collated below.

- 1. Learn to quickly forgive. Once there is a disagreement or an issue, sit and talk about it. It is not wise to store it inside as you will surely ruin what could be a quick fix and what can possibly cost you the love of your life.
- 2. Drop pride. Pride can surely kill any progress in a relationship.
- 3. Learn to be respectful of each other lives. Don't go searching for trouble. Ladies, if you see your man's phone unlocked, for example, leave it alone. Show respect.
- 4. Never lie. Once you give your partner a hint of mistrust, you are killing that relationship. Avoid situations that will force you to fabricate stories or to lie to your partner.
- 5. Include God. A relationship cannot stand the test of time without the maker of true unconditional love. Ensure to pray as a couple and ensure to be that strength for your partner spiritually.



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Messages

# George Barcha

LABOR MAYORAL CANDIDATE FOR FAIRFIELD A Better Future for Fairfield

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#### LABOR SELECTS EXPERIENCED FORMER DEPUTY AS MAYORAL CANDIDATE

NSW Labor has announced that former Deputy Mayor George Barcha will be its Mayoral candidate for Fairfield Council at the upcoming Local Government Elections in September. Mr Barcha was elected unopposed by the local Labor rank and file party membership.

Having previously served as a Fairfield City Councillor from 2012-2016 and as Deputy Mayor from 2013-2014, Mr Barcha will bring much experience to the Fairfield Labor team. With a firm understanding of the issues facing residents, Mr Barcha will be focused on providing positive outcomes for working families and for the community

For 35 years Mr Barcha and his family have lived and worked in the Fairfield Local Government Area. Being a local resident has provided him with an understanding of the diverse pressures families are experiencing

As an active member of the community, Mr Barcha has volunteered his time towards several charitable organisations helping the vulnerable and those less fortunate locally. It is through his volunteering work that Mr Barcha has come to understand the adversities facing residents.

Fairfield is a proudly diverse community that George has been a part of since coming to Australia as a teenage As a migrant, he understands the struggles facing migrant and refugee communities settling in a new land. As a qualified Civil Engineer George understands the importance of education and the pathway it provides for all people to achieve and be successful.

"It is a great honour and privilege to be the Labor Mayoral Candidate for the 2021 Local Government Election. I thank the local Labor party rank and file members for putting their faith in me to be the Labor representative;

"I believe that the greatest asset that any local government area has are its people. I will be working closely with residents, listening to their concerns and working towards positive solutions to assist them in their daily lives.

"As a father of a teenage HSC student I totally understand the pressures facing parents, I want to be an empathetic ear to those parents who bring up their families in Fairfield

"Fairfield is a great place to live and work, but I believe that there are many areas that can be improved in our LGA. I'll be working towards creating a better environment for all in the community." Mr Barcha said

"Being the Labor Mayoral Candidate brings much opportunity to meet with residents that care for the district they live in. I want to be accessible to all residents so that they have a people-centered and solutions-focused Mayor representing them.

"I look forward to leading the Labor team in the coming weeks and announcing positive policies for Fairfield," Mr Barcha said.

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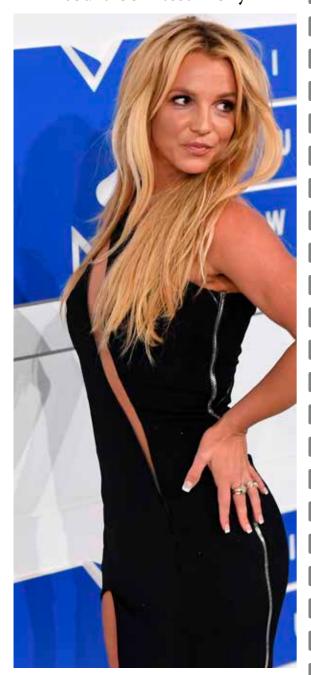
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## **Britney Spears'**

sister Jamie Lynn issues message following singer's explosive courtroom testimony



Jamie Lynn Spears says she and her children are receiving "death threats" after she spoke up about her sister Britney Spears' explosive courtroom testimony regarding her controversial conservatorship.

The former "Zoey 101" star, 30, issued a message in her Instagram story to those who have been threatening the lives of her and her family members. "Hi, I respect that everyone has the right to express themselves, but can we please stop with the death threats, especially the death threats to children," she wrote.

Jamie Lynn Spears' message comes a week after she broke her silence about her sister's conservatorship in an emotional selfie video to her Instagram story. In the video, she explained that she waited for Britney Spears to speak out against her conservatorship before she expressed her own opinion on the matter. "Now that she's very clearly spoken and said what she needed to say, I feel like I can follow her lead and say what I feel I need to say," Spears said, after her older sister told a Los Angeles probate judge that she'd been "traumatized" by her conservatorship, which she described as "abusive."

The "Toxic" singer was placed under the conservatorship, which is controlled by her father, Jamie Spears, after her public mental health breakdown in 2008.

### **Demi Moore**

58, and daughter Rumer Willis, 32, showcase enviable beach bodies in Andie Swim on Greek vacation



The actress looked incredible in the revealing one-piece as she appeared in the Andie Swim campaign alongside her girls

They're vacationing together in Greece.

And on Wednesday, Demi Moore and daughter Rumer Willis each showed off their beach bodies on Instagram.

Demi, 58, posed in a neon Andie Swim 'The Fiji' swimsuit with tied laces across the back while Rumer, 32, opted for a tiny string bikini.

Both sets of pictures featured scenic backdrops as the pair continue to soak up the sun in Santorini on the Aegean Sea.

Rumer is the eldest of the Hollywood star's three daughters with former husband Bruce Willis.

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She's also mom to Scout, 29, and Tallulah, 27, with the actor to whom she was married from 1987 to 2000.

#### Greek police recover stolen Picasso, missing for a decade



Coldplay premiered their new single via the International Space Station

Greek police have unearthed a painting by Spanish artist Pablo Picasso that was stolen more than nine years ago in a daring heist at the National Gallery in

The Picasso painting, Woman's head, was found with a damaged work by Dutch painter Piet Mondrian in a warehouse about 50 kilometres from Athens.

Both were taken, along with a third artwork, after being stripped from their frames in elaborate 2012 raid that allegedly took just seven minutes. The thieves also initially grabbed a fourth work, also by Mondrian, but abandoned it as they fled.

A 49-year-old man was alleged to be the thief, Greek

media reported on Monday (local time).

The 1939 Picasso work is estimated to be worth 16.5 million euros (\$A26.1 million).

But it has even more special significance for Greece, as the artist gifted it to the nation personally to reward its resistance against the Nazis during World War II. The Culture Ministry in Athens confirmed the find. More details were to be revealed during at a media briefing on Tuesday.

The hunt for Woman's head resumed in earnest last February, after experts realised it had never turned up on the black market – and had therefore likely never left Greece.

### **Prince Charles**

#### reveals his favourite songs to dance to

Ever wondered what's on Prince Charles' playlist in the palace? You're in luck!

The future king has revealed the songs that give him a "irresistible urge" to dance, with tracks by artists including Three Degrees, Diana Ross and Edith Piaf.

The Prince of Wales shared the list as part of a special appearance on the Hospital Broadcasting Association radio station to thank healthcare staff for their work during the pandemic

Speaking on the show, which is called Music & Memories With HRH The Prince Of Wales, the 72-year-old said he had been "profoundly impressed by the dedication shown" by frontline workers.

He then discussed some of his all-time favorite songs, including Givin' Up, Givin' In, which The Three Degrees performed at his 30th birthday in 1978.

The royal confessed the song "long ago, used to provide me with an irresistible urge to get up and dance."

Charles' favourite songs

• Givin' Up, Givin' In - The Three Degrees



- Don't Rain On My Parade Barbra Streisand
- La Vie En Rose Edith Piaf
- Upside Down Diana Ross
- The Voice Eimear Quinn
- The Click Song Miriam Makeba

As well as being broadcast at hospitals across the United Kingdom, a playlist featuring the full list of tracks will be released by Clarence House on

## **Princess Diana's**

old Ford Escort sells at auction for \$97,000



A Ford Escort once owned by Diana, Princess of Wales, has sold at auction to a museum in Chile for £52,640 (\$97,000).

Lady Diana Spencer was given the silver 1.6-litre Ghia saloon by the Prince of Wales as an engagement present in May 1981, two months before they were married.

She often drove it to watch Charles play polo, and the bonnet features a silver frog - a copy of the original mascot given to the princess by her sister Sarah and which Diana kept when she sold the car.

The princess stopped using the vehicle soon after giving birth to Prince William in 1982. It was later bought for (\$11,000) by an antiques

It had belonged to a royal fan, who drove it only sparingly without disclosing its history to her friends, since around 2000.

The vehicle was sold on Tuesday in an online auction by Reeman Dansie auctioneers, of Colchester, Essex, to a telephone bidder for (\$97,000).

#### Rihanna

is marvelous in a mint Prada hat and matching accessories as she and boyfriend A\$AP Rocky step out in NYC



Natural beauty: Her lips were dressed generously with lip gloss and she appeared to be wearing a subtle amount of facial bronzer and blush

Rihanna could hardly contain her bliss on Tuesday night as she stepped out with her boyfriend A\$AP Rocky in New York City.

The 33-year-old pop star and the 32-year-old rapper were first seen stopping for gas at a gas station in a stunning white Rolls Royce vehicle.

After filling up, Rihanna and A\$AP Rocky reportedly made their way to a music studio in

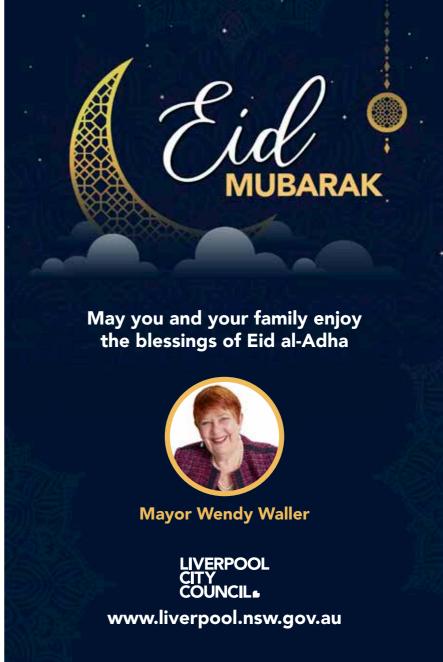
The Disturbia songstress looked like the ultimate fashionista in a mint Prada bucket hat and a vintage The Cramps band tee.

Keeping with her outfit's mint theme, Rihanna threw on some bulky designer shades and cinched in her already trim waist with a leather belt.

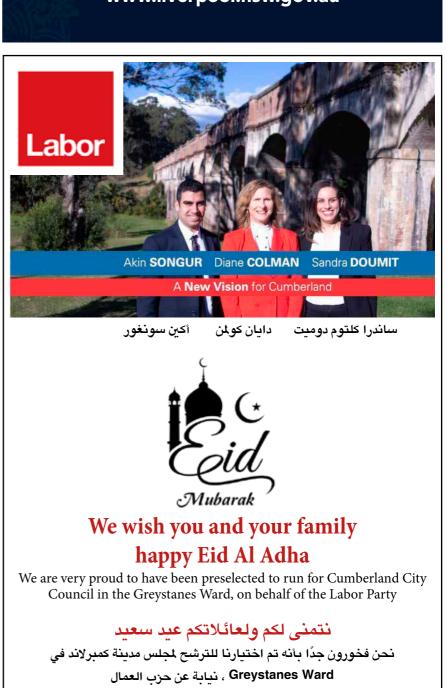
She had on a lengthy white and green beaded necklace that she wrapped around her neck several times to create a layered look.

Rihanna's threw on some high-waisted denim jeans and slipped her feet into a pair of bright white mules.















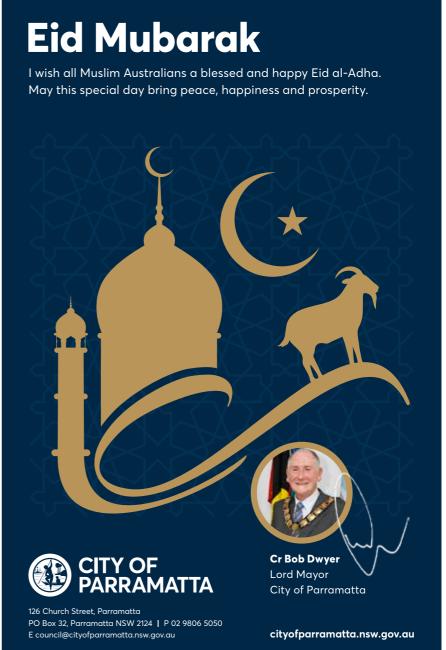
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who served alongside them and their families," he said in Sydney on Thursday.

Mr Kaldas also has experience as an investigator of chemical weapons used in Syria.

Former Queensland Supreme Court judge James Douglas and Peggy Brown, a psychiatrist and national mental health policy leader, will assist Mr Kaldas.

The commission will look at common themes relating to veteran suicide including the potential impact of pre-service, service, transition, separation and post-service issues. The probe will be able to inquire into any previous death by suicide, including suspected suicide.

The royal commission is due to provide an interim report on August 11, 2022, and a final report on June 15 the following year.

The inquiry has been delayed by Mr Morrison's overseas travel and a Nationals leadership spill, in which Darren Chester was dumped as veterans' affairs minister and replaced by Andrew Gee.

The royal commission follows a long-running campaign by former soldiers and pressure from all sides of parliament.

Mr Morrison spent years pushing back against calls for a royal commission, preferring to establish a permanent agency.

But he was dragged into action after members of his own backbench threatened to cross the floor.

The inquiry will examine all aspects of Australian Defence Force service and the experience of those who transition to civilian life.

It will look at the availability and quality of health and support services as well as issues facing ADF members and veterans including family breakdowns, housing and employment. Private sessions will be available for witnesses.

#### Australia's Ashleigh Barty...

crown to her 2019 French Open title.

It is the first woman's Wimbledon final to go to three sets since 2012 when Serena Williams beat Poland's Agnieszka Radwanska.

Barty had looked like cruising to victory after soaring into a 4-0 lead over her opponent -- the Australian's start so blistering that she won the first 14 points.

However, 29-year-old Pliskova steadied herself and also due to Barty faltering on several occasions especially serving for the match in the second set the Czech took it into a decider.

However, Barty got the break early and with one or two wobbles she got herself over the line sinking to her knees, her hands over her face in disbelief. She wiped a couple of tears away before climbing up to the player's box, just like her compatriot Pat Cash did when he won the Wimbledon men's title in 1987.

#### Sydney's current...

numbers do not necessarily point to a stabilising trend.

The current level of social distancing in Sydney is inadequate to control the COVID-19 outbreak, according to University of Sydney modelling, with residents needing to further reduce social interactions such as shopping.

The modelling, which analysed the current situation up until 13 July, found that only about 40 per cent of the Sydney population is observing social distancing.

Social distancing compliance would need to be at 70 per cent for case numbers to reduce after two months and 80 per cent to see a reduction of cases after one month, said Professor Mikhail Prokopenko, COVID-19 modeller and Director of the University of Sydney's Centre for Complex Systems.

"Compliance with 80 per cent social distancing would mean that four out of five people must drastically reduce their contact with others to just 10 per cent of what they normally do," Professor Prokopenko said in a statement.

"Our modelling indicates that the level of social distancing currently attained in Sydney is inadequate for the outbreak control."

In his figures, Professor Prokopenko said 80 per cent social distancing compliance required a dramatic decrease in mobility, including shopping.

"This would mean reducing your shopping frequency or duration to just one out of 10 typical trips or hours. So, if someone spent 10 hours a week doing the shopping, now it needs to reduce to just one hour of shopping a week," he said.

Dr Stephen Parnis, Melbourne-based emergency physician and former vice-president of the Australian Medical Association, told SBS News that clarity and detail in lockdown rules are crucial.

"It's pretty clear that most people regard their work as essential but from a public health point of view, not everyone's work is essential. If you're selling food at a supermarket, that is clearly essential. If you are selling CDs at JB Hi-Fi, that is not essential," he said.

"With the speed of this new variant, we can't afford to play games with it.

Angela Webster, a professor of clinical epidemiology at the University of Sydney, said while it was good that some retail outlets were making the decision to close, she pointed out that essential means "different things to different people".

While clothes, shoes or electronic goods like vacuum cleaners may not be essential to some, they are to others, she said.

Both Professor Webster and Dr Parnis agree it is too early to claim the state's COVID-19 caseload is stabilising, with numbers needing to follow a downward trend for several days for that to be considered the case.

There can be no room for complacency. Sydney is at this point because they haven't looked down hard enough and soon enough.

#### **Joe Biden...**

what his message was to social media platforms such as Facebook. COVID-19 misinformation has proliferated during the pandemic on social media sites including Facebook, Twitter and YouTube. Researchers and lawmakers have long accused Facebook of failing to police harmful content on its platforms.

The company has introduced rules against making specific false claims about COVID-19 and vaccines for it, and says it provides people reliable information on these topics.

"We will not be distracted by accusations which aren't supported by the facts," Facebook spokesman Kevin McAlister said.

"The fact is that more than 2 billion people have viewed authoritative information about COVID-19 and vaccines on Facebook, which is more than any other place on the internet.

#### **COVID-19...**

hours of work, and from \$500 to \$600 for people who have lost more than 20 hours of work due to the COVID-19 outbreak in Sydney.

The Prime Minister and The NSW Premier also announced an expanded support program for NSW businesses affected by the NSW current lockdown. The package includes:

-For the first three weeks of lockdown; the previously announced NSW business grants program. This means eligible businesses with Australian wages below \$10 million can claim grants

\$7,500 for 30% turnover decline or \$10,500 for 50% turnover decline or \$15,000 for 70% turnover decline

-From the fourth week of lockdown onwards, provided staffing levels are maintained, a cash boost for businesses across NSW with an annual turnover of between \$75,000 and \$50 million which can demonstrate a 30% reduction in this turnover during lockdown. The cash boost will be 40% of weekly payroll with a payment of between \$1500 to a maximum of \$10,000 per week. For non-employing businesses, such as sole traders, the

-\$1500 fortnightly grants for micro businesses with turnover of between \$30,000 and \$75,000 which can demonstrate a 30% reduction in turnover where the business is the primary source of income. -A payroll tax deferral this quarter for all businesses, and a waiver for this quarter if you can demonstrate a 30% reduction in turnover and you have a payroll of between \$1.2 and \$10 million.

payment will be set at \$1,000 per week.

-Complementing the grants scheme, the Commonwealth will also provide additional support through the tax system, by making NSW small business grants, including the new small business payments, tax exempt. In addition, there is administrative relief to NSW taxpayers facing hardship, including reduced payment plans, no interest charged on late payments and varying instalments on request.

-Increase in the payment amount for stood down workers from \$500 to \$600 per week for those who lost more than 20 hours, and to \$375 for those who lost between 8 and 20 hours, and for it to be available to workers outside of Sydney lockdown areas.

-Land tax relief equal to the value of rent reductions provided by commercial, retail and residential landlords to financially distressed tenants, up to 100 per cent of the 2021 land tax year liability

-Several provisions around residential, commercial and retail leases, including no lockouts and forced evictions, and those landlords who provide rent relief will be given land tax reduction incentives.

The Prime Minister said these support packages would be available to any state or territory that experienced an extended lockdown and they would apply from the fourth week of a lockdown.

National Cabinet had agreed that the Commonwealth would provide individual income support, while it would be up to the states to ensure cash flow for businesses in the event of a lockdown.