



# Today

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## IN THEIR OWN WORDS

'My department apparently rejected his request for WorkChoices budgie smugglers.'

Deputy Prime Minister Julia Gillard on the attack against Opposition Leader Tony Abbott.



## Dry run: give booze the flick for July



raised more than \$1.2 million last year. Dry July co-founder **Phil Grove** said, "It's no easy challenge to undertake, but the far-reaching benefits are reason enough to stay dry." Triple J presenter **Lindsay McDougall** (The Doctor) and **Underbelly's Roy Billing** are among those taking up the challenge. The ABC's **Adam Spencer**, pictured, acting as Dry July patron, said, "It's nice to have a little bit of a detox, a little bit of rehab in the middle of the year. And let's be honest, none of us have kept our New Year's resolutions, so now is the time to get back on course and raise money for a fantastic cause." Signing up for Dry July is simple and free. Head to [www.dryjuly.com](http://www.dryjuly.com), create a profile page and encourage your friends to participate by setting up a team.

Dry July is up ahead, a break from booze intended to give the body a boost while raising money to help hospitals improve the lives of adults with cancer. Registration is open for the challenge that involves ditching the drink for a month and raising money through sponsorship from family, friends and colleagues. Three beer-loving blokes founded the event in 2007 when they decided they wanted to get healthy. Since the first Dry July in 2008, the number of hospitals benefiting has grown to 10 around the country, including the Canberra Hospital. The campaign

### Ad cops criticism

CHECK out the new Tourism Australia ad campaign on YouTube - **Lara Bingle** is nowhere in sight. Instead, in the "There's nothing like Australia" ad, there are cheery Aussies aplenty gadding about against a backdrop of the prettiest sights this country has to offer. Watch right through to the end to catch the vocal stylings of Opera Australia's **Lorina Gore**, pictured, thought to be



the ad's sole professional singer. Gore, a former Canberra resident and ANU School of Music graduate, leads the chorus for the finale. The ad, however, has its detractors - it has been described an outdated effort full of bogans. The most troubling thing about it - worse than the reference to kangaroos travelling in herds, rather than mobs - is the sort of comments it attracts on YouTube, such as (there's a big "sic" around all this), "If you don't like aussies get back in your boat and f\*\* off".

### Help out orang-utans

THERE'S still time to join in the fun of a special fund-raising evening to support orang-utan conservation. The Save the Orang-utan evening is on Saturday from 6.30pm for a 7pm start, at the Great Hall, University House, ANU. The evening includes a three-course meal including wine, entertainment and live and silent auctions to help save the critically endangered animals. Prizes and auction items include Jervis Bay whale-watching tours, exclusive behind-the-scenes zoo experiences, sporting memorabilia, and pooch pamper packs. Tickets, \$95 a person, are available online at [www.nationalzoo.com.au](http://www.nationalzoo.com.au). Bookings are essential.

### Cool tips to stay warm

ACTEWAGL wants us to keep warm as the mercury drops, but still bear in mind our carbon footprints. It has offered energy-saving tips that would suit any home such as:  
■ Adjust the thermostat on your heater to 18-20 degrees.  
■ Use an electric blanket to warm the bed instead of heating an entire bedroom at night.  
■ Use reverse angle ceiling fans, which cost little to run, to force hot air down to floor level.  
■ Keep your radiant heater reflectors clean and free of dust.  
■ Seal gaps around windows and doors to prevent the transfer of heat from inside to outside.  
■ Consider installing double-glazed windows.  
It says winter is the peak energy use period for the ACT because of heating, drying clothes and running additional lights. For more tips, or to calculate your home's energy use with an online energy-saving calculator, see [actewagl.com.au](http://actewagl.com.au).

### Take centre stage

TEENS, tweens and kids seeking stardom might like to audition for roles in Ickle Pickle Productions' presentation of Disney's *Mulan*. The Canberra production company is after enthusiastic and energetic performers aged 18 and under who can act, sing and dance to any skill level. The production is to be as faithful to the 1998 animated flick as possible, complete with all the songs.

## Award for celebration of community

In a world where lots of us find it easier to email someone on the other side of the planet than have a chat over the back fence, Andrew Heslop thought he'd make a difference.

The genial Canberra bloke founded Neighbour Day, an annual celebration of community, in 2003. For his efforts in bringing together people who are geographically close, Heslop was awarded a Kookaburra Award in the individual division, in Melbourne on Monday. The award recognises services to the community and comes with \$10,000 worth of prizes, including \$3000 cash which he will put back into Neighbour Day. Heslop plans to spend the prize money providing small grants to community organisations and residents groups so they can host afternoon teas or barbecues to celebrate the event next year. He'll pass around a maximum of \$300 or so to each one, just a little bit of money so there's enough to go around.

Heslop described his win as "enormously rewarding and in fact the icing on the cake because I get a great deal of satisfaction out of Neighbour Day".

"The simple ideas in life are sometimes the most effective," he said. "The great thing about Neighbour Day is anyone can participate, no matter where you live, no matter who you are, and no matter what your socioeconomic status. Everyone's a neighbour. And whether it's a cup of tea and a Tim Tam, or it's a barbecue with the neighbours, or a street party, it's up to you to decide how you want to participate."

He dedicated his award to Elsie Brown whose lonely death in 2001 was the catalyst for Neighbour Day and to the late Clive Taylor, his neighbour in Albert Park, Melbourne.

Neighbours worked the event into storylines, and the actors showed the real-life activities people did nationwide to celebrate the day: barbecues, stalls, fairs, fireworks and more.

Heslop finds the old-school style of social interaction Neighbour Day encourages is the perfect counterpoint to less personal communication in a digital world.



MAN NEXT DOOR: Neighbour Day founder Andrew Heslop at his Canberra home.

"We're very comfortable making friends with people on the other side of the world - sometimes sending them inappropriate photos.  
"But we're not prepared to go an extra couple of metres and knock on the

door of the person across the street.  
"Neighbour Day encourages people to get out of the house and make that short journey."  
■ The next Neighbour Day is on March 27, 2011.

*Mulan* is the story of the only daughter of an aged warrior. She impersonates a man and takes her father's place during a general conscription to counter the Hun invasion. She bravely battles the

invading army with a dragon, Mushu, her captain, Li Shang, a lucky cricket, Cri-kee, and her companions Yao, Ling, and Chien-Po by her side. Auditions are slated for June 26 and 27 at the Belconnen Community

Centre. Rehearsals start on July 18 with performances during the September-October school holidays (September 27-October 9). For more information see [icklepickle.com.au](http://icklepickle.com.au) or email [justin@icklepickle.com.au](mailto:justin@icklepickle.com.au).



### 10 YEARS AGO

June 2, 2000

Almost one million past and present university students will be forced to pay an extra 5.4 per cent on their Higher Education Contribution Scheme bill under the GST. The federal Department of Education's higher education funding branch assistant secretary, Bill Mutton, confirmed yesterday in Senate estimates committee hearings that the goods-and-services tax would create an inflationary "spike". This would increase HECS debts and deliver a windfall \$323 million to government coffers. Mr Mutton said the increase was necessary to maintain the real value of the debt for all students.

### 50 YEARS AGO

June 2, 1960

The Minister for the Interior, Mr Freeth, announced that within the next three months nearly 800 Canberra residential building blocks would be made available to the public. Mr Freeth said that of the blocks to be offered, about 680 would be auctioned. The remainder would be made available in groups for application by builders. In addition to the 119 blocks in various suburbs to be offered, applications are currently being invited from builders and others for three groups of residential leases.

### Also on this day

■ 1965: Australian Test cricketers, twins Mark and Steve Waugh, were born. They turn 45.



HOWZAT: Former cricketers, twins Steve and Mark Waugh.

# Weather



**Today**  
Mostly sunny.  
Max 16°



**Tomorrow**  
Partly cloudy.  
Min 2° Max 15°



**Friday**  
Partly cloudy.  
Min 4° Max 15°



**Saturday**  
Partly cloudy.  
Min 4° Max 15°

**Sunday** Partly cloudy. Min 1 Max 16  
**Monday** Chance of showers. Min 3 Max 15  
**Tuesday** Chance of showers. Min 3 Max 15

### TODAY

**Canberra:**  
Warnings: were current at 5pm yesterday. Latest information at [www.bom.gov.au/weather](http://www.bom.gov.au/weather) NSW 1300 659 218 (local call cost)

**General:** Early morning fog patches clearing to a fine and mostly sunny day with some high cloud. Light variable winds.

**Canberra lakes:** Variable 5-10 km/h.

**Illawarra:** Isolated showers. Partly cloudy. Light south to southeast wind.

**South Coast:** Fine, partly cloudy. Light to moderate south to southeast wind.

**Southern Tablelands:** Fine apart from isolated showers in the far northeast. Partly cloudy. Light and variable wind.

**Southwest slopes:** Fine, partly cloudy. Light variable wind.

**The Alps:** Fine and mostly sunny with light and variable wind.

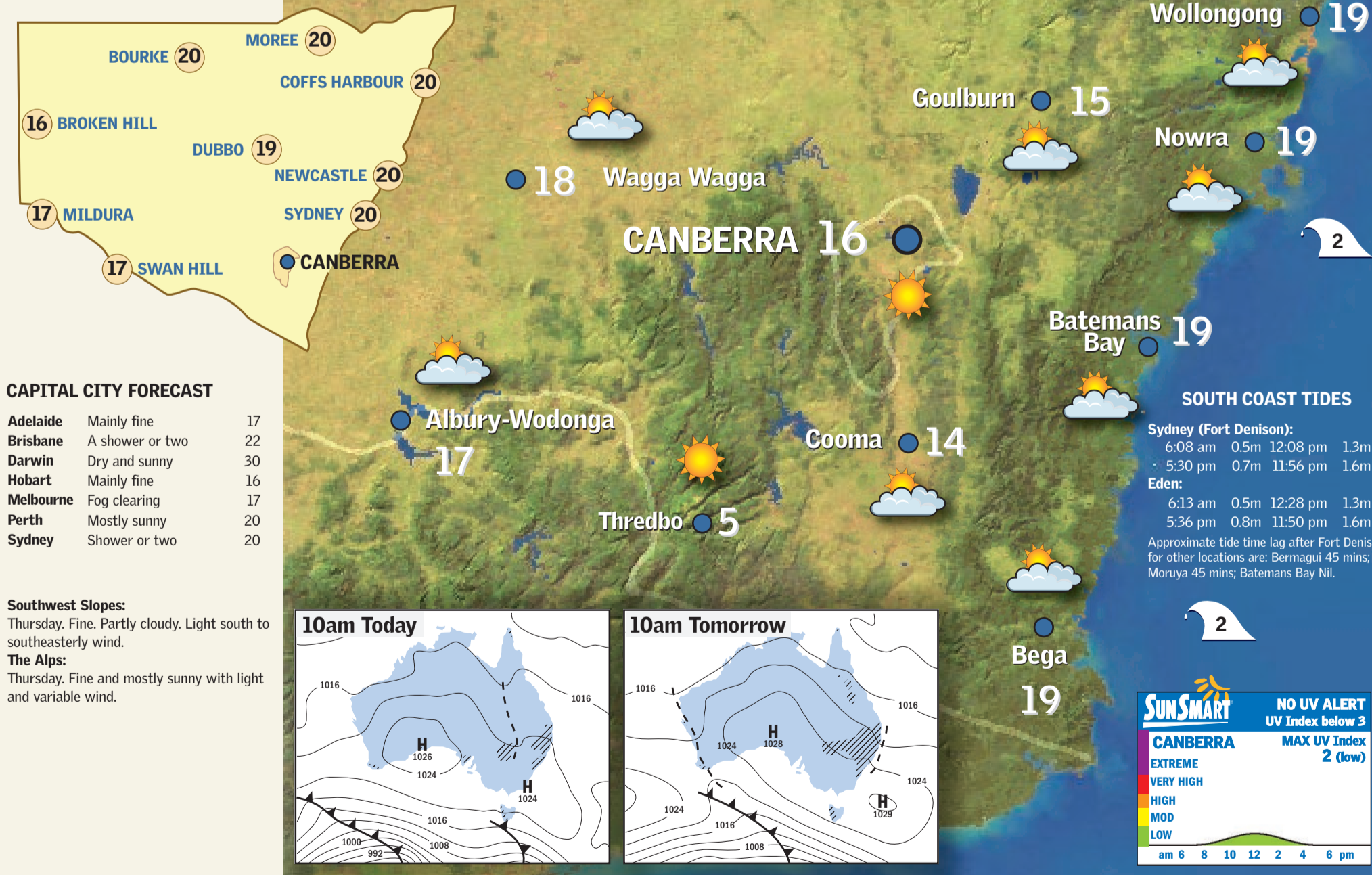
### OUTLOOK

Fine conditions are forecast for the next few days as a weak ridge of high pressure extends across NSW and the ACT. Moist onshore winds associated with a developing trough over the Tasman Sea is expected to bring showers along coastal later in the week, there is some chance that precipitation from this system will extend inland to the ACT late in the forecast period.

**Illawarra:** Thursday. Isolated showers. Light to moderate east to southeast wind.

**South Coast:** Thursday. Isolated showers. Light east to southeast wind.

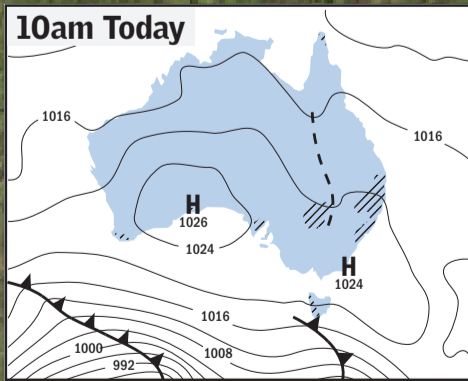
**Southern Tablelands:** Thursday. Isolated showers in the east; fine elsewhere. Light southwest to southeast wind.



### CAPITAL CITY FORECAST

Adelaide	Mainly fine	17
Brisbane	A shower or two	22
Darwin	Dry and sunny	30
Hobart	Mainly fine	16
Melbourne	Fog clearing	17
Perth	Mostly sunny	20
Sydney	Shower or two	20

**Southwest Slopes:** Thursday. Fine. Partly cloudy. Light south to southeasterly wind.  
**The Alps:** Thursday. Fine and mostly sunny with light and variable wind.



**SUNSMART** NO UV ALERT  
UV Index below 3  
**CANBERRA** MAX UV Index 2 (low)  
am 6 8 10 12 2 4 6 pm

### THE WORLD

24 hours to 10am yesterday

Amsterdam	rain	8	17
Apia	haze	24	30
Athens	fine	22	31
Auckland	rain	12	14
Bangkok	fine	28	35
Barbados	rain	27	31
Barcelona	fine	18	24
Beijing	fine	17	27
Belgrade	rain	10	17
Berlin	windy	9	13
Bermuda	fine	21	23
Brussels	fine	10	13
Bucharest	rain	13	26
Budapest	rain	11	16
Buenos Aires	fine	3	12
Cairo	fine	22	36
Calgary	rain	23	36
Chicago	rain	19	23
Christchurch	clear	4	8
Colombo	fine	28	30
Copenhagen	rain	10	16
Denpasar	storms	25	31
Dhahran	fine	26	42
Dhaka	rain	30	35
Dublin	rain	5	15
Frankfurt	rain	8	14
Geneva	rain	9	18
Hanoi	fine	28	35
Harare	haze	13	15
Helsinki	fine	6	16
Hong Kong	rain	24	27
Honolulu	rain	23	32
Islamabad	haze	29	41
Istanbul	fine	20	28
Jakarta	fine	27	32
Johannesburg	fine	8	12
Kiev	rain	15	23
Kiribati	fine	27	30
Kuala Lumpur	fine	24	34
Lima	mist	18	22
Lisbon	fine	16	32
London	fine	10	16
Los Angeles	fine	15	21
Madrid	fine	15	31
Manama	fine	32	36
Manila	rain	28	33
Mawson Base	fine	-19	-17
Mecca	fine	31	44
Mexico City	haze	10	29
Miami	fine	27	31
Montevideo	rain	10	13
Montreal	fine	14	20
Moscow	mist	12	21
Mumbai	smoke	30	34
Nairobi	fine	13	23
Nassau	fine	27	30
New Delhi	haze	30	42
New York	fine	24	28
Nicosia	fine	19	29
Nooumea	rain	21	24
Osaka	fine	15	21
Paris	fine	12	16
Port Vila	rain	26	28
Quito	showers	11	13
Rarotonga	rain	24	27
Rio De Janeiro	haze	19	24
Rome	fine	17	24
San Francisco	fine	13	16
Santiago	fine	2	20
Sao Paulo	fine	12	17
Seoul	fine	12	19
Singapore	rain	26	30
Sofia	rain	15	23
Stockholm	fine	1	17
Suva	fine	23	29
Taipei	fine	29	37
Tel Aviv	fine	20	30
Tel Aviv	fine	18	30
Tokyo	fine	13	20
Toronto	fine	19	27
Valletta	fine	17	23
Vancouver	rain	10	13
Vienna	fine	11	14
Warsaw	rain	13	17
Washington	fine	20	31
Wellington	fine	4	9

### YESTERDAY

#### CAPITAL CITIES

City	**9am rain	3pm rain	**Min	**Max
Adelaide	0	0	11	16
Brisbane	0	0	12	22
Darwin	0	0	21	30
Hobart	0	0	9	16
Melbourne	0	0	8	17
Perth	0	0	7	19
Sydney	12	0	12	20

#### CANBERRA FACTS & FIGURES

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Adelaide	0	0	11	16
Brisbane	0	0	12	22
Darwin	0	0	21	30
Hobart	0	0	9	16
Melbourne	0	0	8	17
Perth	0	0	7	19
Sydney	12	0	12	20

Temp (°C) Hum (%) Bar (Hpa) Wind (km/h)

9am to 3pm: 0.0  
Average annual: 614.7  
To 9am to date for 2010: 322.4  
For same period 2009: 144.6  
June Rainfall: 0.0  
June Average: 40.7

**Yesterday's extremes**  
24 hours to 9am: 2.6  
Minimum 0.0 at 7:04 am  
Maximum 15.0 at 2:05 pm  
\*\*24 hours to 9am \*6 hours to 3pm

Evaporation (mm): 2.6  
Rainfall (mm): 0.0  
24 hours to 9am: 0.0

### SUN, MOON & PLANETS

	Rises	Sets
Sun	7:04 am	4:59 pm
Moon	9:49 pm	10:53 am
Mercury	5:04 am	3:49 pm
Venus	9:41 am	7:19 pm
Mars	11:58 am	10:47 pm
Jupiter	1:16 am	1:31 pm
Saturn	1:24 pm	1:15 am

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### SURF REPORT

**ILLAWARRA COASTAL WATERS, PORT HACKING TO ULLADULLA AND 60NM SEAWARDS:**  
TODAY: South-westerly winds 5 to 10 knots becoming light during the afternoon. Sea: Below 1 metre. Swell: Easterly 1.5 metres.  
TOMORROW: South to south-easterly winds 5 to 10 knots tending east to south-easterly 10 to 15 knots around dawn.  
**SOUTH COASTAL WATERS, ULLADULLA TO GABO ISLAND AND 60NM SEAWARDS:**  
TODAY: North-westerly winds 5 to 10 knots tending west to south-westerly around noon then becoming south-westerly up to 15 knots during the afternoon. Sea: Below 1 metre. Swell: Easterly about 2 metres.  
TOMORROW: Variable winds 5 to 10 knots

