

# CONNECTIONS

Written by students for students!



NEWS FROM AROUND THE WORLD

## Japan

**T**he big Toyota factory, leader on the global market is going to reduce its production about 10% less due to the global crisis.

**C**hina, South Korea and Japan met each other in Shangai to talk about the nuclear business of North Korea and Japan also proposed to create an Asian Union based on the European Union model.

## Switzerland

**C**haritable donations hold firm despite downturn.

Swiss residents donated 1% more to charity in 2008 than in the previous year, with individual households contributing the most.

**R**estrictions lifted on former terror suspect.

Switzerland has lifted travel restrictions on an Egyptian-Italian banker once suspected by the USA of having links to Al-Qaeda.

## Colombia

**S**ix explosions in Southern Bogota. Six low-intensity bombs were donated in the South of Colombia's capital, Bogota. The explosions which occurred in the early hours of this

morning appear to have been directed at two electricity pylons in the Southern Bogota neighbourhood of Jan Ry.

**R**ed alert in Southern Colombia after eruption Galeras Volcano.

The red alert obliges all authorities to carry out an immediate evacuation of the area surrounding the volcano. The Galeras volcano is one of Colombia's most active volcanoes and has erupted a number of times this year already.

### **Taiwan**

**T**wo typhoons may hit Taiwan this week.

Two typhoons in the Western Pacific region near Guam are moving toward Taiwan and could hit the nation this week; the Central Weather Bureau said 3 days ago.

**T**aipei City to host culinary contests from October 9<sup>th</sup> to October 12<sup>th</sup>.

Two gastronomy contests are scheduled to take place in Taipei as part of efforts to develop the city into a new culinary capital, the contest organizers said yesterday.

### **South Korea**

**K**orea switches to right-side for pedestrian walkways.

South Korea began switching its pedestrian walkways to the right-hand side from Thursday. Korea switched to

the left-side in 1921. In the 1950s, the country reserved the rule for cars, switching drivers to the right side of the road, but kept pedestrian traffic to the left.

**F**ive Korean cultural properties added to UNESCO World Heritage List.

### **Saudi Arabia**

**79<sup>th</sup>** Anniversary of Saudi Arabia's Kingdoms independence day.

A report of United Nations places Saudi Arabia the 1<sup>st</sup> donor country in the world for relief operations.

**3** persons died due to the H1N1 virus.

### **Czech Republic**

**A**ll eyes on Czech President after Irish referendum.

Czech Republic keeps silent over Lisbon treaty. That is another obstacle for the European Union.

**C**zech brands moving abroad.

The economic crisis is forcing companies based in the Czech Republic to move production to other countries.

### **Brazil**

**B**razilian eatery celebrates future Olympics Games in Rio de Janeiro!  
At the moment a Championship is happening which is called Brasileirao which whole states are fighting for the

big trophy. This Championship started in May and will finish in December 2009. For the last 2 years, Sao Paulo was the winner but this year the outcome could be different. The Palmeiras team which finished in 2<sup>nd</sup> position these last 2 years has a chance.

## France

**F**armers protest across France.

The protest brought together farmers from all sectors, who were

campaigning against deregulation and a drop in the price of cereals.

**S**leepless (Nuit Blanche) in Paris as city celebrates all night art party. Paris celebrated its eighth annual “Nuit Blanche” festival of contemporary art overnight on Saturday until the early hours of Sunday with riotous displays of cutting-edge art installations across the French Capital.

Written by our Foreign Correspondent **Chloe**

## Snoopy's News



## Who is the most loved person in South-Korea?

**W**hat do you think of Australian actors? Do you love them? From Nicole Kidman, Russell Crowe, Eric Bananovich, Heath Ledger, to Guy Pearce. Nowadays, there are many Australian actors who are active in Hollywood, but who can argue this



particular actor's popularity? Here's a tip for this quiz about him. The actor's film name is Wolverine. Right! This article is about Hugh Jackman.

**A**ccording to a survey that asked “who is the most popular Australian actor in South-Korea?” Hugh Jackman was chosen by South Koreans as the most popular. This Survey consisted of 20 Korean students between 20 and 29 years old. 70%(14 people) of Korean

students chose him. In fact, this result could have been predicted in advance, because Hugh Jackman is known as an actor who has a great hospitality and feeling for South-Korea.

**S**o every time he visits South Korea, he can handle most of South-Korea's culture, even the traditional costume. As you can see in the next photo, sometimes he lets his daughter wear Korean traditional apparel called the 'HanBok'. In translation, 'Han' means Korea 'Bok' means apparel.



**F**urthermore, in 2006 when the World Cup was held in Germany, he wore a

Korean soccer strip. So Many South Koreans were impressed by his attitude. For that reason, many Koreans consider him a good person who has a good personality and manner. Of Course, his attractive films like Wolverine and X-Men make him more popular and interesting. In conclusion, thanks to his effort and attitude to South Korea, Hugh Jackman has become the most popular actor regardless of other actors or actresses in South Korea. His friendly attitude towards South Korea brings Korea and Australia closer to each other.

(Survey data collected by messenger with 20 South Korean students)

**written by our Celebrity  
Correspondent LJ**

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the launch departure. For reservations contact Secure Car Parking on 07 4946 9666

#### **BY RAIL:**

**R**egular daily train services depart from Brisbane. A Whitsunday Transit Coach service is available from Proserpine Rail Station with launch connection from Shute Harbour to Long Island Resort. For train timetables, contact Queensland Rail on 07 3235 1323.



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The Allure of the Whitsundays

**Written by our Travel Correspondent Cindy.**

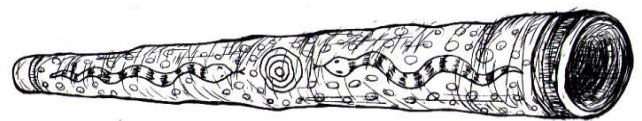
**For help organising trips around Australia see Loris!!!**



## The Aborigines of Australia

In Australia, Aborigines inhabited the land before European settlement. Their existence dates back over 60,000 years. They are one of the oldest surviving cultures in the world. The Aborigines are a rich culture as they identify themselves with nature. Their culture is based on mythology, beliefs, rituals and languages with many dreamtime stories evolving from nature such as, rocks, canyons, rivers, waterfalls, islands, beaches and other natural features as well as sun, moon, visible stars and animals. It is thought that about 500 tribes or clans of Aborigines inhabit the land and speak in hundreds of different tongues without dialects. New South Wales and Queensland are the provinces most inhabited by the Aborigines of Australia.

The Aborigines are famous for their hunting tools such as, the boomerang and spear and musical instrument the didgeridoo. A didgeridoo is a long wooden flute, perhaps the oldest musical instrument on world.



Aboriginal Art contains painting on leaves, wood carving, rock carving, sculpture, sand painting and ceremonial clothing. Art is one of the key rituals of Aboriginal culture.



Aborigines have survived in the Australian Outback for hundreds of years due to their complete knowledge of the plants, animals and water sources in the country. It seems

there's a lot our modern world can learn from these people.

Many of Australia's Indigenous people have worked hard and achieved local and international fame for their achievements. Cathy Freeman is one of the most well-known Aboriginal persons. Her skills and achievements as a runner have been seen by people all over the world as she has competed in multiple Olympic Games. Her greatest achievement was being the first Aboriginal person to win an Olympic gold medal in an individual event (400 meters sprint). There are many other well known Australian Indigenous people who have achieved many things in their chosen careers. Some of these other popular people include: Ernie Dingo (one of the first recognizable Indigenous television personalities), Kath Walker (her Indigenous name was Oodgeroo Nooncal, she was Australia's first Indigenous poet to gain recognition from around the world), Neville Bonner (he was Australia's first Indigenous politician) and David Gulpilil (the first Indigenous person to star in films).

## How The Birds Got Their Colours - A Dreamtime Story

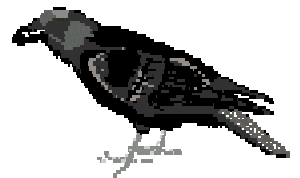
**B**ack in the Dreamtime all the bird tribes were the same colour, and that was black.

**O**ne day the Peaceful Dove caught his foot on a sharp prong of wood on a broken off tree branch. The Dove called out piteously for help, and all the other bird tribes heard his cry and came to the place where the Dove lay. The Dove was in great pain and his foot had swollen up.

**T**he other birds gathered and provided shelter for him with their wings. Some brought water for him to drink and some bathed his foot with water. All except Crow, who was in a bad mood and was angered by the attention the other birds were giving the little Dove.

**C**row harangued the other birds and told them that they were wasting their time, the Peaceful Dove was done for. And indeed the foot was festering and swelling more all the time. But the other birds paid the crow no heed, and finally they had had enough of him and chased him away.

**T**hen the Galah had an idea. She rushed forward and bit the Dove's swollen foot with her sharp, hooked beak. The Dove cried out in pain and a myriad of colours, all the colours in nature flowed out of the Dove's foot and splashed all over every bird gathered 'round.



Some got only a little colour, and some got one or two colours only. Some were splashed with many colours, and the Rainbow Lorikeet was splashed with so much colour that he looked like a rainbow himself!

Written by our National Correspondant Bianca

And so it was that all the bird tribes got their beautiful coloured plumage, except for the selfish, bad-tempered Crow who remains in his original black to this day.



## Entertainment in Caloundra



### RESTAURANT & CAFE

**Q Bar & Restaurant** is an A la Carte establishment special in seafood, steaks and international cuisine. The establishment caters for business luncheons, Saturday

brunches, coffee, cakes and desserts, family dining, or romantic evenings by the fireside. Ignite your night with the "Party Starter", a Chef's taste plate of the best from the menu, the ideal Entree to share.

**Address; Corner Nicklin Way& 36 Browning Boulevard  
Caloundra QLD 4551**



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**Address; Shop 6 Shearwater  
Resort79 Edmund St Kings  
Beach QLD 4551**



**Caloundra cbx HOTEL** is at the top of Caloundra's town centre you will find the chic and modern venue of CBX. With its relaxing open style décor this is a great place to sit back and enjoy one the boutique beers on offer. A consistently evolving menu ensures that there is something different on offer each time you visit. Why not try one of the chef's famous daily

specials, or come along on a specialty night for something a little unusual. The prices here are more-than-reasonable and will cater to any budget.

**Address; 12 Bulcock St, Caloundra,  
Queensland, 4551**

## **ENTERTAINMENT**



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We jump daily - or 363 days a year (closed Christmas Day and New Years Day only). Jumps start at 7am and

continue hourly. Night Skydives gear up late afternoon and take off around Sunset - be a shooting star! Beach landing - land on the sand - for every skydive! Groups of 4 or more can specify the time of their choosing any day of the week. Groups of 7 can jump together and share the rush!

Address; Pathfinder Drive Caloundra Aerodrome PO Box 1079 Caloundra, Sunshine Coast QLD 4551

**Caloundra Music Festival** will be held over the weekend of 23 to 25 October. This not for profit family-friendly community event celebrates the environment, cultural achievements and community pride of the Caloundra area. Right in the heart of the Kings Beach Tourist precinct, visitors can stroll to the festival from their motels along the spectacular coastal boardwalk.

The beautiful Kings Beach and surrounds will come alive to the sounds of a diverse line-up of entertainment featuring the best of the Australian music industry as well as famous international artists. A colourful street parade, roving performers, beach-side carnival, free children's entertainment, food and market stalls and a stroll in 'The Village' complete the



experience.

**Event begins at 16:00 and concludes at 22:00.**



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**Written by our Local Entertainment Correspondent Saki**

# WEATHER

## Latest News

### Dust storm chokes Sydney

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Updated Wed Sep 23, 2009 9:37am

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**S**ydneysiders are being warned that a huge dust cloud will continue to affect the city through the day, after they woke to an eerie red dawn this morning. The huge dust storm which has settled over the city and much of New South Wales was carried east overnight by gale-force winds of up to 100kph. This morning the weather bureau said the dust cloud was expected to hang around until late afternoon. Senior forecaster Barry Hanstrum says more high winds are on the way and could cause more damage. "The winds won't drop off until later today and when they do we think that the dust haze will start to

clear," he said. "The weather system that generated the dust yesterday is associated with gale force winds and the area which is most likely to be affected today is the Wollongong-Greater Sydney region and the Hunter Valley-Newcastle area. "The winds at times during the morning will average 65kph, which is gale force, with some stronger squally gusts up to about 90-100kph."The dust reduced visibility across the city and large parts of the state, with callers to ABC Radio saying the scene looked like something from the end of the world. The bureau has issued a severe weather warning for damaging winds in Sydney and other parts of NSW, with a gale warning issued for Sydney closed waters. Environmental Health director Dr Wayne Smith says people in poor health, especially those with asthma and heart and lung disease should remain indoors. He says children with health problems, as well as older adults and pregnant women should also take precautions and people should avoid heavy exercise.

## Climate in Australia

### Australian weather and the seasons

Like all countries in the southern hemisphere (the hemisphere south of the Equator), Australia's seasons follow the sequence:

- ❖ Summer: December to February
- ❖ Autumn: March to May
- ❖ Winter: June to August

- ❖ Spring: September to November

**The climate in Australia** is not bad at all. It is sunny most of the year, with blue skies and very little rain. It never gets too cold but sometimes it gets too hot, especially during summer time. Australia is one of the driest countries on earth, and depending on the year, the weather in Australia can just go crazy, with prolonged droughts, forest fires, loss of agricultural production, and even a cyclone or two on the northern parts of the continent. El Niño phenomena can have huge influence on the overall Australian climate.

**During Winter**, cool and warm weather play cat and rat all day long. The day may start freeze around 5° Celsius by 6 in the morning, with a deep blue bright sky that makes you feel like placing an X ray on the top of your sunglasses. By 10 in the morning, is the strip tease time, when everybody starts taking layers of cloth out. By noon it is like summer time, and by 4 in the afternoon you have to put all the layers back again. Tasmania which is cooler, has a different weather during winter time, as well as the North part of Australia which is warmer most part of the year. The Australian deserts get minus

something early morning and goes up to about 33 degrees by noon. The winter in Australia starts to show up by end of May to about middle of August. Even in July (supposed to be the peak of the winter) the day temperature is mild and very nice to any outdoors activity. Depending about how strong is the winter, the Australian ski fields located between Melbourne and Sydney can have temperatures as low as - 8. In other words, if you are planning a trip to Australia, the best agenda is to be on the South by Summer time and travel up North or to the deserts by Winter time.

**Summer can be tough**, with temperatures reaching up to 40 degrees Celsius or more in some places. Four years ago by end of January in Melbourne, I've got 44° C while I was going to a meeting wearing jacket and tie. Don't need to say that I got there so sweating that I was looking like coming out of a swimming pool fully dressed. My salvation was the public library with the best air conditioning system on the planet. The Outback and the Deserts of Australia is no go zone during hot summers, unless you are staying in one of the subterranean towns built so due to the heat. Over there, things can warm up to 50° in shade (if you find one). In other parts of Australia, summer time can bring heat waves that can last for

many days. I am talking about temps of 38° C for 8 or 9 consecutive days. For sure for people without air conditioning, summer is the worst time for human reproduction in Australia, with couples keeping a large distance from each other on bed. The positive side are the fantastic Australian beaches, providing great happy days outdoor, with plenty of surfing, picnics in parks, Waterfalls in the National Parks and so on...Summer in Australia goes more or less from middle of December, to about end of February.

**Any other time of the year** the temperatures in Australia are fabulous, I would say perfect, if not for some windy days caused by depressions near Antarctica. Anyway, Australia has great temperatures all year round, making towns and cities compete against each other with slogans like..." Come to our city. We guarantee 360 days of sunshine per Year" and the other goes..." Come to ours, we guarantee 361 beautiful sunny days. You'll get 1 day bonus if you come here instead of going there".

## Natural Disasters in Australia

**A**ustralia is not immune to natural disasters despite the fact they don't occur with frequency. Due the vast dimensions of the country, some of this events are secluded to one or another region and don't affect the country as a whole. Some storms are even welcome by surfers and farmers but some others are very dangerous and had caused death in the past. See below which are the biggest occurrences in OZ land of ice. Almost half of the outdoor parked cars, had damages. Tornados are very rare, and when they happen are of small size. The Bass Strait between Tasmania and the Continent can have big ones during summer time. Thunderstorms are very frequent especially during months of summer.

**A**s you see, Australia also can have some natural conflicts that may bring problems and death, but the results of these phenomena has been causing a very limited life loss. Until the present date, the biggest ones are still the wild fires.

**The Drought** is without doubt one of the most complicated problem

**A**ustralia has. Because the vast areas of deserts, and very low annual precipitation, the country is very dry, except by a stripe of green vegetation nearby the coast. Australia in the distant past, had many parts of its territory submerged in the ocean. The result is that the soil is salty bringing many problems for vegetation and agricultural activities. Water is the key

factor in Australia and a possible problem for its growth. Desalination of water is expensive and in case the population doubles today, it will mean there won't be water for everybody. It is not a surprise to have water restriction in many Australian cities during long periods without rain. Also, due to the low humidity of the air, every summer Australia has to face its worst enemy, fire.

**Forests Fires** are among the natural disasters that cause big losses both humans and material. These fires can break out by many reasons, but one of the main causes is the dry air that during summer blows from the deserts to the coast. As temperatures in the deserts get close to 50 degrees Celsius, the wind direction changes, bringing very dry and hot air to the coastal vegetation. This vegetation under a very strong sun and with the help of the hot wind, sparks a spontaneous combustion that in one minute can consume a whole block. Cigarette butts are another factor, as well as agricultural fires that quickly go out of control. During summer months entire regions may be on total fire ban. That means you can't produce any outdoor fire even to cook.

**Cyclones in Australia** are frequent but fortunately they don't occur too often in very populated areas. Mostly of the areas affected are on the Northern region of Australia and it is very rare when they make their way down South. The Northeast and Northwest area of the Gulf of Carpentaria, have very warm sea water temperatures during summer time. All the time these waters rise above 26° C. It is like a cyclone to happen, just waiting for the proper wind. Most of the summers in Northern Australia produce easily 28 degrees of sea water temperature. Many cyclones are formed, but not with power enough to cause destruction. Some of them can be merciless, like the one that vanished the city of Darwin on Christmas day of 1974 killing 66 people and flattening out the city. It was a category 5 cyclone with winds above 300 Km per hour. No more deaths were registered due to a quick response from authorities that evacuated 30,000 people before the event took place. The city was rebuilt by its citizens and government, but still has to be alert every summer. The South of Australia, doesn't receive cyclones, but once in a while it receives.



# MUSIC THE SOUND OF SOULS

**W**hat is a world without Music? Since the beginning of time human beings have invented a lot of different sounds to give the world a little bit of movement.

The prehistoric beings made these sounds with a lot of crazy elements such as coconuts, trees, leaves, rocks etc. But these sounds with strange elements are not in the past. The United Kingdom provides the world with an amazing or shocking music style, depending on how you want to see it. Stomp a non-traditional dance troupe that uses the body and ordinary objects to make a different kind of performance. But what I am talking about? I am talking about living AL NATURAL (natural) as my favourite rocker says. (Robi Draco Rosa).

**M**usic is not a matter of money instead is a matter of expression. Expression is the spirit's freedom. Australia has a long path of music, such as Jimmy Barnes the famous rock singer of Cold Chisel, he has played with a lot of famous singers (Tina Turner), he also had made 40

Top Albums. Another Australian famous is Daniel Johns an Australian Vocalist, composer, guitarist and pianist, best known as frontman of the rock band Silverchain. Those two Australians have been in the music business for a long time. Now let's name some of the most influential musicians of Australia, they are going to be named through the ages. The first one is an amazing group of the 60s and 70s years, that was called The Bee Gees, formed by three brothers whose names are Barry, Robin and Maurice Gibbs, these three had an exceptional success as a harmonic soft rock band in the 60s and then they became one of the foremost stars of the disco music in the late 70s, we will remember them every time that we listen to Fever Night or just when we watch one of the most important movies of John Travolta Saturday Night Fever. Our second Australian famous are considered the pioneers of heavy metal in the world but their music was classified as rock and roll, AC/DC a band formed in Sydney in 1973. They will be remembered for

their first album High Voltage and their most successful album Highway to hell which was the best for me and the world. Our last but not the least Australian Icon is Kylie Minogue a Pop Singer, songwriter and actress. She first was known for her role in the television soap opera Neighbours. Then she become an Icon for the gay community with her album The Loco Motion, one month ago she was considered the most influential Australian in the entire world.

**E**ven though, we are in Australia and we deserve to know something about the music scene in the country doesn't mean that we are going to stop talking about the world's greatest musicians. So let's go back in time, blues the sound of devil created within African American communities in the deep south of the United States, one music style that brought alive the Rock and Roll, Jazz and popular music. John Lee Hooker, the great B.B King, Otis Rush, Stevie Ray, Duke Ellington, some of the biggest blues performers that need to be named when the blues word comes to our head. Jazz the music of love. As well as Blues it was first heard in the Southern places of the United States by American and African sounds. However, New Orleans Was the place for this two types of music. The best and pioneer

of this success was Louis Armstrong who takes us to out of space with his harmonious trumpet. Jazz brought a lot of new music styles. I am Colombian then I need to write about my favourite type of jazz, Latin Jazz, so this name takes me to Cuba. Cachao a bassist who created the mambo, he will remind you off the classic jazz with a mix of Cuban percussion, he will make your spirit move and flay from the place. Rock and roll hells music. Elvis Presley, the Beatles, the Doors, Led Zeppelin, Pink Floyd, Ac/Dc, Jimmy Hendrix are some famous rock star of the long list. A mix of Jazz and Blues make this hilarious music. The 60s was the moment of Rock and Roll with amazing performance such as Woodstock that we will never forget. Pop Music the newest popular music. Madonna and Michael Jackson became the pioneers and the King and Queen of Pop Music. They opened the pop scene for a lot new poppers such as Britney Spears, Cristina Aguilera etc.

**D**on't even think that we are letting out Rap and Hip Hop the ghetto music. This two have their origins in Africa. They were inspired by West African musical traditions. The difference between them is that rap has a lot of live jamming they talk without writing,

they express themselves in the moment and Hip Hop is already prepared and with a lot more sounds than rapping. Rappers such as Coolio, Dr Dre, Eminem, 2 Pac, DMX, Lauren Hills, 50 Cent, Snoop Dog. Hip Hoppers such as Nelly, Kanye West, Ludacris.



To end my search of music in the world, I can say to our young readers that music is the world of ideas expressed by a brilliant human being and that the melody is the sound given to the different types of ideas. So lets enjoy the gift of music and don't forget the pioneers of all the music live.



# in Australia

We have first to talk about Aboriginal Art for the simple fact they are stamped in many shapes and forms in rocks all over Australia. Most of these painting were made to tell histories to the next generation. For example, some paintings are about floods that happened in a certain region. Also these paintings tell legends, and belief

like the rainbow serpent. Anthropologists believe there are paintings much older than those found today, but probably they are under the ground due the action of the time. Some of these paintings were made blowing ink with the mouth over a subject, eg. one arm, hand , foot, etc... In places like Carnarvon National

Park, ink was blown on dead children's hands, over a rock to perpetuate their passage on Earth. Some other paintings are about how and were to find food, about a person or spirits. Because Aborigine people had no written language at that time, this was the only way to pass knowledge from a generation to the next. Still today those histories are passed to the young. Some places with paintings are open to the tourist/public, but some can only be seen with permission from the Aborigine tribe that owns the land. Some are sacred and cannot be seen (shown).

**T**he painting on screens began just after the arrival of British prisoners in Australia. When they were not happily involved in forced works, some start dedicating to paint what they see around. There was not much art in it, just reproduce the native landscape, very different from the beloved England. *John Eyre* was one of these convicts that better picture the local environment on screens. Also he could do nice sculptures as well in the early 1800's. Years later, *Conrad Martens* became famous painting landscapes including for *Charles Darwin*. But was *John Glover* around 1830 that gave birth to what is called "The Australian Modern Painting". His paintings did not reflect landscape but what he was feeling when contemplating the

landscape. Criticism to his work soon emerged and cause concerns between some radical, because his was distorting the "real Australia". Many other very good painters succeeded, the majority, still on the landscape theme. *Nora Simpson*, gave continuity to John Glover, but out of the landscape theme and more on the French style. *Albert Namatjira* (1902-1959) is one of the best know Aborigine painters and his work reach high marks on the International Art market.

**I**n Music, the best known Australian Artist was *AB (Banjo) Paterson*, who composed *Waltzing Matilda*, a song that almost became the Official national anthem, but is sung in almost every important event. It is a country/folk song, sometimes making no sense, and it is about a sheep. On the Rock scene, groups such as *Bee Gees*, *Midnight Oil*, and *ACDC*, had and still have great national and international projection.

**O**n the movie scene creations such as *Crocodile Dundee*, *Priscilla-Queen of the Desert*, e *Rabbit Proof Fence* (don't miss this one) show various sides of the Australian life, comedy and dramas.

**Written by our Music and Arts correspondent [Laura](#).**

# Monthly Horoscope

## OCTOBER



### ARIES

September is over, and October's bright blue skies have never looked better. Mercury is no longer in retrograde; Uranus, Saturn, Mercury, the Sun, and the moon are no longer fighting with one another; and at long last, your optimism is returning full fold. Most people found September a very difficult month, but because Pisces and Virgo were the signs in the centre of the storm, perhaps you were on the sidelines helping others. Even so, that doesn't mean it was too much easier - it looks like you felt quite a bit of the tension.



### TAURUS

As October begins, treat yourself to a little rest. September was a difficult month for many. Even if you found that your love life and friendships remained on an even keel - the area the planets

were focusing on in your chart - the people you know may have had serious personal difficulties, and because you are a caring person, you may feel wrung out, too. October will be so much better than September, on so many levels. With Mars still in Cancer, you may get a chance to take a drive into the country to enjoy a change of scene. In northern latitudes, it's fall foliage and apple picking time, so take a little time away from routine and indulge in a few pleasures of the season.



### GEMINI

Over the past two years, you've had taskmaster Saturn square your Gemini and now you will have Saturn trine your Sun. You may be humming, "You say toMAYto, and I say toMAHto - let's call the whole thing off!" You are so cute, Gemini. You have no idea what I am talking about, so let me explain. You will start to notice a difference once Saturn moves from earth sign Virgo to air sign Libra on October 29. Admittedly, Saturn will be back to Virgo this coming spring, from April 7 to July 21, a period of only 14 weeks. After that phase is over, Saturn will be done for good, and you can rest. He

takes 29 years to circle the zodiac, so he won't be back to your home sector anytime soon.



## CANCER

There is a lot going on in October, for the scene is shifting and parts of your life that have been stagnant will jump to life. Areas you have not prioritized as Number One will become increasingly important too, so you may be juggling a lot in weeks ahead. Everyone of every sign will be feeling the ground move as planets play musical chairs, but you may notice it more, especially in October, because so much energy will be focused on the key angles of your chart. You may be saying, "Bring it on! I've been forced to wait out too many situations! I am ready to get going!" Now, that's the attitude to have!



## LEO

– What a relief. September is over, a very difficult month that may have given you a few scary moments in various

parts of your life, and may have included a major financial consideration. No matter what happened - or didn't happen - last month, October will be a vast improvement. You deserve an easier life, dear Leo, and happily, it is on the way. You will see some major shifts in October, and all of them will bring events in the right direction. Let's get started looking at all the goodies that are due you!



## VIRGO

– Last month was not easy, but you've come through it, and October is looking very bright. Saturn in Virgo was to blame for many of the challenges that confronted you last month. Saturn first entered Virgo in September 2007 and has remained there ever since. While you didn't feel Saturn's testing aspects the whole two years, when you did feel them, life may have turned inside out for you. Think back to late 2007, all of 2008, and all the months of 2009 leading to this one. At some point, you faced a difficult situation, but you stepped up to the plate, met your dragons, and moved forward. You did well, dear Virgo, and the universe

noticed your strength and grace under pressure.



## **LIBRA** – This

will be a very active important month where you can make more impressive progress than you have all summer. If you could see the pattern of planets, many of them are clustered at the key "angles" of the chart - that is, the north, south, east, and west points on the wheel. Because most of the planets this month will be in cardinal signs like yours, you'll be eager to get going on a key project. If you have a goal, that's great, but if you don't, these planets will make you unrelentingly restless. You have a bright, clear road ahead at long last, so it would be the perfect month to commit to a goal that you'd like to accomplish before 2009 comes to an end. In a month like this, you'll be downright unstoppable.



## **SCORPIO** –

This is the month your life will begin to turn a corner and bring you much closer to life as you want it, both personally and professionally. When you begin to see things change for the better, no one will be more surprised than you. For too long, you've had quite a no-frills life, and you've not seen much evidence that this would ever change. Furthermore, you need evidence that you've been making the right moves and showing good judgment, and that will show up soon now, too. This month will be chock-full of news, and as tense as September proved to be (and it was that, for sure), October will be just the opposite - joyful, lively, and full of fast-moving events.



## **SAGITTARIUS**

– What a difference a month makes! September could not have been more stressful for you, particularly if you were born in mid-to-late December,

but you pulled through and you met a challenge head-on. Now October dawns and brings good news on many fronts. Just when you thought it was unlikely that anything new and exciting would happen in October, the universe comes bearing gifts. This is the magic and wonder of life and the reason you must keep striving, because sooner or later it pays off.



### **CAPRICORN** –

This is a key month when so much of what you have worked toward will be rewarded. For decades, Saturn has been inching toward your mid-heaven, which is located at the very top of your chart, and will reach this pinnacle point on October 29. The fact that this part of your chart is lighting up brilliantly is attractive to you, for the tenth house is naturally associated with Capricorn. You are an ambitious soul, and you are wise in knowing that your reputation is the one part of you that is most precious. No one can ever take your reputation away from you - you built it and it is forever yours. That makes your reputation your most precious quality, and you seem to be very aware of that. With Venus circulating in this house in the second

half of October, the buzz about you will be very, very positive among VIPs.



### **AQUARIUS** –

Last month brought some very tense moments in regard to finances, but now it is October and you'll find yourself in far better territory. The reason you have had such a hard time controlling your money lately is that you had innocently flown your little airplane into the airspace of a major dispute going on between Uranus and Saturn that has been raging as far back as November 4, 2008. In your solar chart, Uranus (unexpected happenings) was found in your second house of earned income, opposed to Saturn (a constrictive influence that limits and reduces whatever it touches) in your house of credit, loans, and "other people's money." Let's not forget that Uranus is your ruling planet too, giving Uranus more weight in your chart. Having your ruler being beat over the head by Saturn is not easy.



## **PISCES** – You

have just come through a very challenging month, and October will offer soothing relief. September's storms were very intense for some, particularly for those Pisces born late in the sign, from, say, March 12 to 20, for you felt September's stresses and strains most. No matter, the good news is that this month, on October 29, Saturn will move out of Virgo, a very difficult place for you to host this taskmaster planet. You have struggled with this aspect since September 2007. Indeed, Saturn opposition the Sun is the single hardest aspect possible, and you have coped directly with this at some point over the past two years.

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