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IN THEIR OWN WORDS

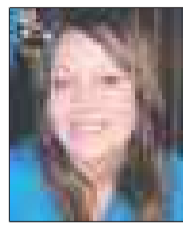
'If you hide then he's ruined you and I won't have that.'

NSW Police Sergeant Samantha Barlow on her return to work after a vicious attack.



Backpacking Brittany to raise the bar for charity

CANADIAN backpacker **Brittany Hodder** will soon be more colourful than ever - she'll sport a wig in pink or green courtesy of her employer, **Peter Barclay**. Hodder, a King O'Malley's bartender on a working holiday, plans to go bald at a price - \$5000 - as part of the Leukaemia Foundation's World's Greatest Shave. Money raised in this fundraiser helps those suffering from leukaemias, lymphomas, myeloma and related blood disorders.



SPIRITED: Brittany Hodder.

"I'm in Australia living the dream, I can afford to shave my head. The hair will grow back, I don't have to worry about it, but there are some people who don't have a choice." She said she'd miss the locks she had grown for several years, "but it's just hair". Hodder felt personally connected to the cause. "Everyone knows someone [with cancer]. I've had a friend with leukaemia, I've had someone go through radiation. [The World's

Greatest Shave] is not about me." Barclay said staff at the Civic pub had been donating their tips towards Hodder's fundraising efforts and more than \$500 had been raised so far. Her hair will be shorn off between 5pm and 6pm on Friday.

Gardner talks back

EX-WIN News chief of staff and **Jorian Gardner** has landed a full-time gig at local talkback station 1206 2CC as a producer and presenter. The former Fringe Festival director and CityNews arts journalist was stood down from WIN last year. Since then he's filled in on air for **Mark Parton** and **Mike Welsh** during their holidays. Gardner, a regular 2CC guest, will produce the *The Mark Parton Breakfast Show* each weekday, then jump into the presenter's chair for the breakfast and afternoon shifts for a few months of the year. He will start with 2CC in the last week of March.

League of their own

THE GREEN machine is to reveal its brand new set of wheels today. The Raiders' own special Murrays bus is all set to take the team on NRL road trips this year. The Raiders bus, to be launched today at Canberra Stadium, will have a fully equipped interior and a Raiders branded exterior. In order to show how far travel has come in 30 years, it will be revealed alongside the original bus that took the 1982 Raiders team to their matches.

Driving home message

GLAUCOMA Australia is using World Glaucoma Week to warn Australians of the impact of the disease on drivers. According to the organisation, glaucoma sufferers are up to four times as likely to have a car accident than the average Australian. An estimated 300,000 Australians suffer from the disease, which can cause irreversible blindness, though many are undiagnosed. Asia-Pacific coordinator of World Glaucoma Week, **Paul Healey**, said drivers with the condition had reduced peripheral vision which could prevent them from seeing cars close to them when pulling in or out of traffic, or when overtaking. Side vision loss,

It's how good neighbours become good friends . . .



REACHING OUT: ACT resident and Neighbour Day founder Andrew Heslop.

With so many Australians learning first hand how valuable it is to band together in the face of disaster, this year's Neighbour Day could be one of the strongest yet, according to founder Andrew Heslop.

Heslop, a genial Canberran, is spreading the word about the national celebration of community that is on later this month with a 30-second ad that shows a white picket fence standing up despite being caught in a flood, cyclone and bushfire. In the end, despite all the calamities, the symbol of a good neighbourhood is shown with balloons tied to it. "Next door could be your next best friend," a voiceover says.



BANDING TOGETHER: This still from Heslop's TV ad showing a white, picket fence, could be screened next week.

The ad, created by Taxi Film Production in Brisbane, could air on television by the end of this week depending on the generosity of networks.

Neighbour Day aims to get Australians together with the people next door, across the street or on the next farm for a beer, barbie or cuppa. The event Heslop founded in Melbourne in 2003 occurs on the last Sunday of every March; this year, that's March 27. Heslop said, "Aussies will be touched

by the commercial that is a gentle reminder that we're all so very lucky to be where we are and that strong communities begin with each one of us.

"Without individuals banding together, our world would be a lonely place.

"Connecting with each other is an important thing to do 365 days a year, using Neighbour Day as a catalyst."

To encourage people to take part in Neighbour Day, Heslop called on those planning social events to download free

kits online. They include posters, invitations and name tags, plus a "how to" guide.

Heslop said strong communities had emerged from the disasters that had ravaged Australia recently.

"After a disaster or emergency of the scale we've seen this year is people become connected: people become more involved with their communities.

"Then, post-disaster . . . they're keen to continue those strong relationships by working together."

sensitivity to sunlight or headlight glare, blurred vision and an increase in near-miss crashes were all warning signs that drivers should get help. World Glaucoma Week continues until Saturday.

Capital gain

CONGRATS to "new Canberran" **Miriam Dunn** who won a \$10,000 prize from SERVICE ONE Members Banking after updating her details with Medicare. The ACT has been encouraging residents to update their addresses with Medicare because data from the public health insurer helps determine how much GST revenue the ACT is allocated. Chief Minister **Jon Stanhope** said 470

people entered the competition and that the response could help bringing more than \$1.17 million to ACT coffers. Dunn, originally of Wagga Wagga, previously lived in the ACT while studying, and recently returned after spending a year in Tasmania.

Best bacon, no porkies

DON'T tell Miss Piggy - it's National Bacon Week, an initiative of Australian Pork Limited. The organisation that promotes the pork industry embarked on a search for the country's best bacon. This year, 97 types of bacon from 72 manufacturers were registered as part of the awards for excellence. They were judged on their appearance,

aroma, texture, shrinkage and taste. Balzanelli Smallgoods of Fyshwick had the honour of coming in first place in both the full rasher and low-fat categories in the ACT division.

Bald Archy's last days

THERE'S still time to have a caricature of **Paul Hogan** flip the bird at you. The Bald Archy Prize exhibition at the Watson Arts Centre finishes on Monday - Canberra Day. The irreverent exhibition that parodies the Archibald Prize features comic and satirical portraits of Australian public figures. This year it features send-ups of the likes of **Julia Gillard**, **Julian Assange** and **Kristina Keneally**, and opens daily.



CHARMING: Caricatures such as this one of Paul Hogan are on show.



10 years ago

March 9, 2001

The Humphries government has asked the Assembly to approve an extra \$43 million for "new initiatives" and "unexpected cost pressures" in this financial year. The request includes \$5.5 million to write off the debt of Bruce Operations, now the Stadiums Authority, in recognition that it will have no capacity to repay the loan. Chief minister Gary Humphries said the \$43 million Appropriation Bill would have a \$16 million impact on the territory's bottom line, because many of the items were budget neutral, or subject to compensation from the Commonwealth, however, Treasury is still predicting a balanced budget at the end of this financial year. Outlining positive signs for the ACT economy, Mr Humphries said the budget would not fall into deficit.

50 years ago

March 9, 1961

The Government last night announced liberal tax incentives to increase Australia's export earnings. The concessions will be in income tax and payroll tax to companies increasing exports. Provisions will be made for tax concessions on bona fide business trips abroad to promote exports. The Government was negotiating with shipping companies for the establishment of a regular shipping service to South America where a survey mission of business reported good market prospects.

Also on this day

■ 1964: Actress **Juliette Binoche** was born. She starred in *The English Patient*.

FRENCH STAR:

Juliette Binoche won an Oscar for best supporting actress in *Chocolat*.



Weather

Today
Rain at times.
Max 26°

Tomorrow
Rain at times.
Min 15° Max 21°

Friday
A few showers.
Min 14° Max 23°

Saturday
Partly cloudy.
Min 13° Max 27°

Sunday Shower or two developing. Min 14 Max 29
Monday Shower or two. Min 15 Max 24
Tuesday Shower or two. Min 13 Max 24

TODAY

Warnings: were current at 5pm yesterday. Latest information at www.bom.gov.au/weather NSW 1300 659 218 (local call cost)
ACT Fire Danger: low to moderate.

Canberra: Cloudy. Areas of rain developing. Winds northwesterly averaging up to 20 km/h.

Illawarra: Cloudy. Patchy light rain developing in the south later. Winds northeast to northwesterly averaging 15 to 25 km/h.

South Coast: Cloudy. Patchy rain developing, increasing in the south later. Winds mainly northeast to northwesterly averaging 10 to 20 km/h.

Southern Tablelands: Cloudy. Patchy rain, increasing in the southwest later. Winds northwesterly averaging 10 to 20 km/h.

Southwest Slopes: Cloudy. Areas of rain developing during the morning. Winds north to northwesterly averaging 10 to 20 km/h tending northerly and light later in the evening.

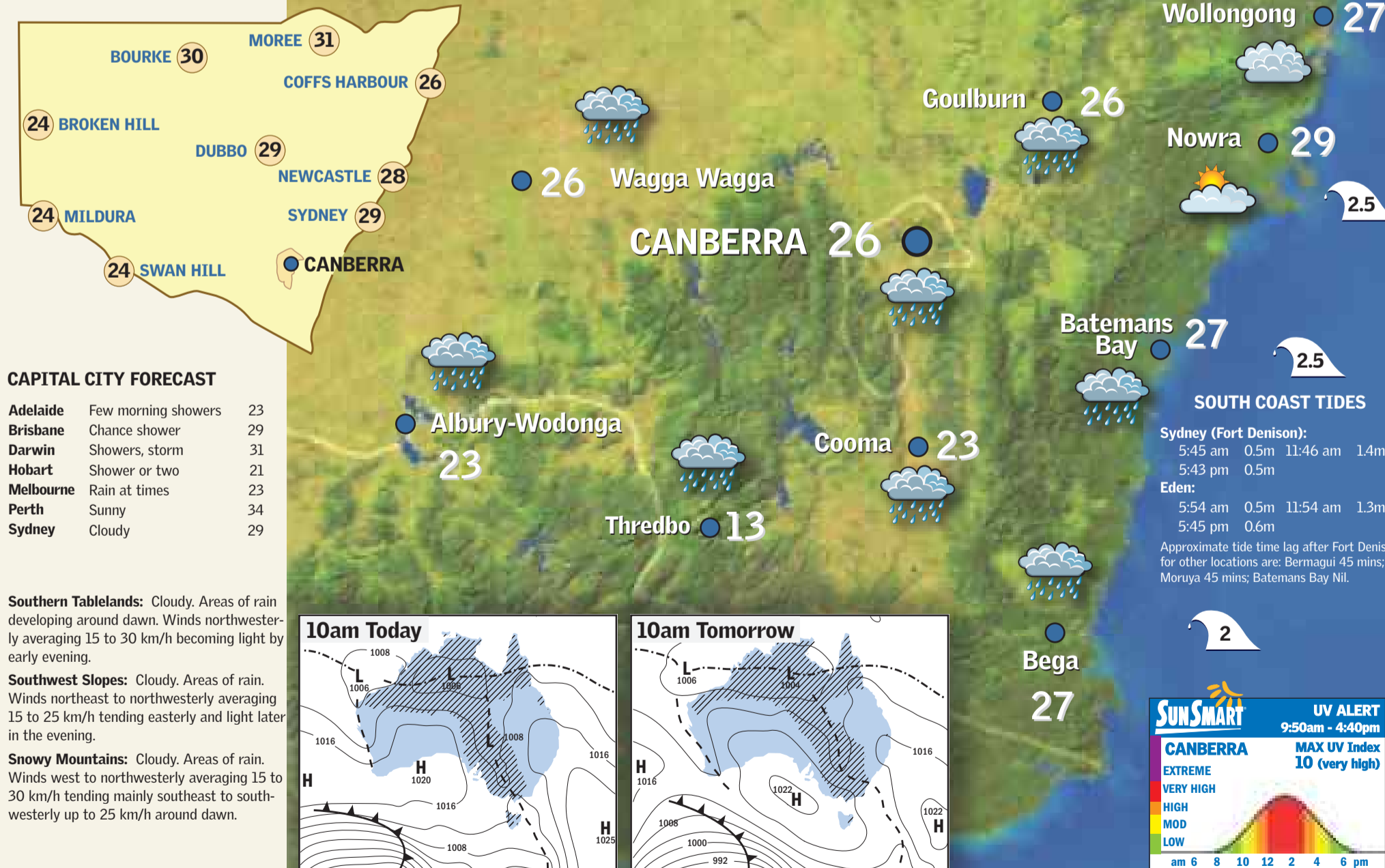
Snowy Mountains: Cloudy. Areas of rain developing around dawn. Winds northwesterly averaging 15 to 20 km/h, reaching 35 km/h at times, tending north to northwesterly up to 30 km/h around midday.

TOMORROW

Canberra: Cloudy. Areas of rain. Winds northeast to northwesterly averaging up to 20 km/h tending easterly and light later in the evening.

Illawarra: Cloudy. Areas of rain. Winds northwesterly averaging 10 to 20 km/h tending southeasterly during the afternoon.

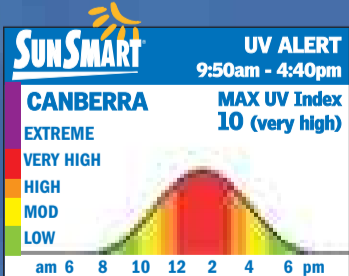
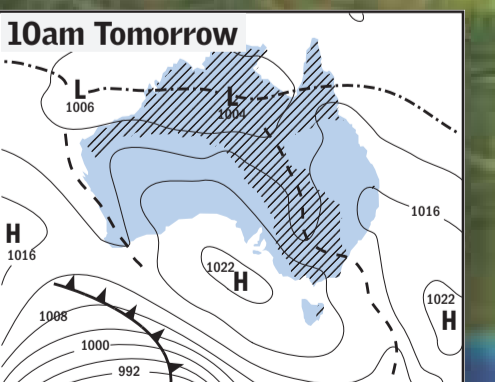
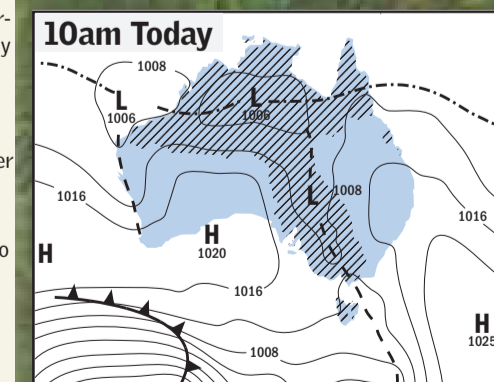
South Coast: Cloudy. Areas of rain. Light winds tending south to southeasterly up to 20 km/h around midday.



CAPITAL CITY FORECAST

Adelaide	Few morning showers	23
Brisbane	Chance shower	29
Darwin	Showers, storm	31
Hobart	Shower or two	21
Melbourne	Rain at times	23
Perth	Sunny	34
Sydney	Cloudy	29

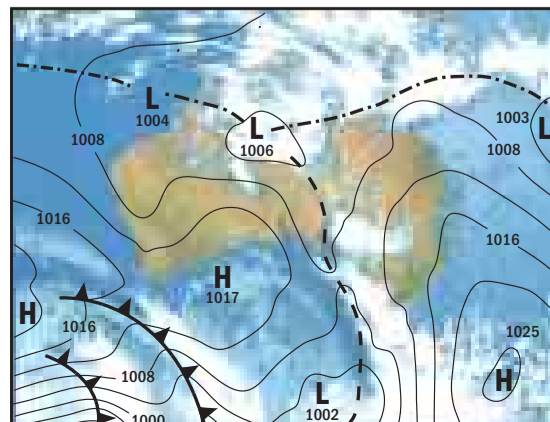
Southern Tablelands: Cloudy. Areas of rain developing around dawn. Winds northwesterly averaging 15 to 30 km/h becoming light by early evening.
Southwest Slopes: Cloudy. Areas of rain. Winds northeast to northwesterly averaging 15 to 25 km/h tending easterly and light later in the evening.
Snowy Mountains: Cloudy. Areas of rain. Winds west to northwesterly averaging 15 to 30 km/h tending mainly southeast to southwesterly up to 25 km/h around dawn.



THE WORLD

24 hours to 10am yesterday

Amsterdam	fine	-2	8
Apia	haze	23	29
Athens	rain	3	9
Auckland	windy	10	19
Bangkok	mist	27	33
Barbados	fine	24	29
Barcelona	mist	4	14
Beijing	fine	4	10
Belgrade	fine	-3	1
Berlin	fresh	-5	4
Brussels	fine	-1	7
Bucharest	fine	-3	4
Budapest	fine	-2	3
Buenos Aires	fine	22	27
Cairo	fine	15	21
Chicago	fine	-4	0
Christchurch	fine	8	15
Colombo	fine	24	32
Copenhagen	fine	-5	4
Denpasar	rain	24	29
Dhahran	fine	14	23
Dublin	mist	-1	9
Frankfurt	fine	-3	8
Geneva	fine	0	5
Hanoi	rain	16	19
Harare	fine	16	24
Helsinki	fine	-12	0
Hong Kong	rain	13	21
Honiara	rain	24	30
Islamabad	lightning	15	23
Istanbul	rain	3	5
Jakarta	fine	26	31
Johannesburg	fine	16	25
Kiev	fine	-4	-1
Kiribati	fine	26	30
Kuala Lumpur	storm	23	34
Lisbon	rain	9	17
London	fine	0	15
Los Angeles	fine	12	19
Madrid	fine	-3	17
Manama	fine	18	21
Manila	cloudy	26	32
Mawson Base	fine	-12	-3
Mecca	fine	24	35
Mexico City	haze	6	23
Miami	fine	16	25
Montevideo	fine	18	26
Montreal	snow	-8	-6
Moscow	fine	-9	-4
Mumbai	smoke	23	36
Nassau	fine	22	26
New Delhi	haze	17	27
New York	rain	12	11
Nicosia	fine	-9	20
Noumea	rain	21	24
Oslo	windy	-4	2
Paris	fine	0	9
Port Vila	rain	23	30
Rarotonga	rain	24	26
Rio De Janeiro	haze	22	26
Rome	fine	3	12
San Francisco	fine	10	11
Santiago	fine	12	28
Sao Paulo	mist	18	20
Seoul	fine	-2	5
Singapore	storm	23	31
Sofia	fine	-3	11
Stockholm	fine	-15	2
Suva	rain	22	27
Taipei	fine	12	13
Tehran	fine	3	15
Tel Aviv	fine	15	20
Tokyo	rain	1	4
Toronto	fine	-11	-3
Valletta	rain	9	16
Vancouver	fine	0	5
Vienna	fine	-4	3
Warsaw	fine	-5	1
Washington	rain	0	6
Wellington	fine	9	15



YESTERDAY

CAPITAL CITIES

City	9am rain	3pm rain	Min	Max
Adelaide	30	14	21	23
Brisbane	0.8	2	18	27
Darwin	7	6	25	26
Hobart	0.4	0	13	25
Melbourne	0	0	19	26
Perth	0	0	18	31
Sydney	0.2	0	18	26

CANBERRA FACTS & FIGURES

City	9am rain	3pm rain	Min	Max	Temp	Hum	Bar	Wind
Adelaide	30	14	21	23				
Brisbane	0.8	2	18	27	3AM	10.0	92	1019
Darwin	7	6	25	26	9AM	13.5	88	1019
Hobart	0.4	0	13	25	3PM	25.9	36	1015 WNW/22
Melbourne	0	0	19	26	6PM	25.7	35	1016 W/13
Perth	0	0	18	31				
Sydney	0.2	0	18	26				

Evaporation (mm): 24 hours to 9am: 4.0
Rainfall (mm): 24 hours to 9am: 0.0

Yesterday's extremes
9am to 3pm: 0.0
Average annual: 616.4
To 9am to date for 2011: 178.8
For same period 2010: 162.8
March Rainfall: 2.0
March Average: 50.7

Minimum 7.8 at 6:51 am
Maximum 27.2 at 3:48 pm
**24 hours to 9am *6 hours to 3pm

SUN, MOON & PLANETS

	Rises	Sets
Sun	6:56 am	7:33 pm
Moon	10:43 am	9:21 pm
Mercury	7:48 am	8:01 pm
Venus	3:47 am	5:41 pm
Mars	6:22 am	7:18 pm
Jupiter	8:40 am	8:32 pm
Saturn	8:49 pm	9:18 am

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SURF REPORT

ILLAWARRA COAST: PORT HACKING TO ULLADULLA
Northerly winds of 15 to 25 knots, reaching 30 knots at times. Seas decreasing to 2m. Easterly 1m swell tending northeasterly in the evening.

BATEMANS COAST: ULLADULLA TO MONTAGUE ISLAND
Northeasterly winds of 10 to 20 knots, 20 to 30 knots offshore in the morning. Seas decreasing to 2m during the morning. Easterly 1m swell.

EDEN COAST: MONTAGUE ISLAND TO GABO ISLAND
Northerly winds reaching 30 knots decreasing to 10 to 20 knots early morning then tending northeasterly up to 15 knots. Seas up to 3m decreasing to below 1m around noon. Easterly 1m swell.