

October 2026 Newsletter

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October Special Days

October 1 – International Day of Older Persons; International Coffee Day.
Let's celebrate you! If you like coffee, then celebrate with a lovely coffee.

October 2 – World Smile Day

October 4 – World Animal Day

October 5 – Labour Day (ACT, NSW, SA), King's Birthday (Qld), World Teachers' Day

October 16 – World Food Day

October 22 – Wombat Day

October 24 – United Nations Day

October 25 – Grandparents Day –
A lot of people should be treated extra well on this day for all the care they have provided in supporting younger generations!

October 25 – World Pasta Day –
Did you know that there are more 300 different types of pasta! I loved eating spaghetti bolognese when I was growing up and I've tried a fair few different types of pasta over the years but not 300!!!!!!

October 31 – Halloween, All Hallows' Eve



(Photo courtesy of [Meetmeatthemuny](#))

Top Musicals of the 20th Century

Vote now for your favourite musicals of the 20th of Century!

You can select your favourite musical or musicals and send your selection to Silver Memories, then in November we'll count down **the top 20 musicals each weekday starting from Monday 2 November**. Each day Silver Memories will broadcast a **special one-hour program** featuring the songs from each of the musicals as we count down to the most popular musical on **Friday 27 November**.

The Top 20 Musicals will be broadcast on Silver Memories at 10 AM (AEST), 10.30 AM (ACDT) and 11 AM (AEDT) each weekday in November.

Contact Silver Memories to receive a list of suggested musicals to pick from or send an email including your favourite musicals to silvermemories@silvermemories.com.au, or call Silver Memories on 07 3847 1717 during office hours and we'll add your vote in, or if you're on a device, [click here](#), and fill in the form.

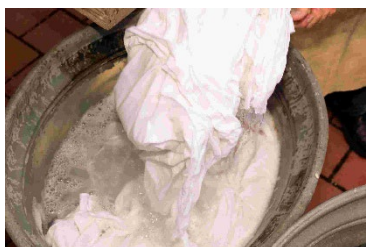
Please send in names with your picks as well as any stories you may have. We can then give you a shout-out on air.

All selections must be received by Thursday 22 October!

"I'M ENJOYING SILVER MEMORIES SO MUCH!"

Silver Memories BLOG

Oh, the times have changed since the days when we had to hand wash all our clothes and sheets.



Michael Goodwin remembers the early days before automatic washing machines. Heating up water from the fireplace, wringing out the clothes and trying not to get water all over you. It all took time and required a fair bit of elbow work to get it done. Very different with the washing these days!

To read more, visit the Silver Memories website in the articles section or click on the link below if you are reading via a screen:

Washing Days

Famous Australians



Laurie Lawrence AO was born in Townsville, Qld on 14 October 1941. He found a love for swimming in 1956, when his father was manager of the Australian Olympic Team training pool in Townsville. He witnessed 6 world records on one amazing night at the Tobruk Pool, Townsville.

In 1964, Laurie was selected for the Australian Rugby Union team but after several years moved back to Townsville to begin his career as a swim coach.

Laurie coached many national swimmers achieving 23 world records, 10 gold, 11 silver and 12 bronze medals at the Olympics held between 1984 and 1992. He has also been inducted into the Australian Sports Hall of Fame.

The Year That Was

Broadcast Thursdays at 10am (AEST) 9.30am (ACST) and at 8am (WST) on 1 October and one hour later in New South Wales, Victoria and South Australia throughout the rest of October. ***The Year That Was*** presents an excellent opportunity to reminisce. We remember the following years:

[1947 on Oct 1](#)
[1954 on Oct 8](#)
[1959 on Oct 15](#)
[1971 on Oct 22](#)
[1975 on Oct 29](#)

Activity Session plans for the programs are available from the Silver Memories website.

There are a variety of programs available on the Silver Memories App as well.

*Due to the broadcast of the **Top Musicals of the 20th Century**, **The Year That Was** will not be broadcast in November.*

Flower Drum Song

Songs from the musical, Flower Drum Song, will be broadcast on Thursday, 15 October at 2pm (AEST), 3pm (AEDT), 2.30pm (ACDT) & Midday (AWST)

Flower Drum Song is a 1958 Broadway musical written by the composer Richard Rodgers and the lyricist/librettist Oscar Hammerstein II, in turn based on the 1957 novel of the same name by the Chinese American author Chin Yang Lee.



You Never Know will be the featured musical to be broadcast on the third Thursday of the month at 2pm (AEST), 3pm (AEDT), 2.30pm (ACDT) & Midday (AWST) 19 November.

Thoroughly Modern Millie will be broadcast on the third Thursday of the month at 2pm (AEST), 3pm (AEDT), 2.30pm (ACDT) & Midday (AWST) 17 December.