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AUSTRALIAN NEWS

Calls for mobile network improvement after cyclone Alfred disaster

Advocates are urging improvements to Australia's telecommunications network, after ex-Tropical Cyclone Alfred left more than 250,000 households without internet and phone services in south-east Queensland and northern NSW.

The outages, primarily caused by power failures, disrupted essential communication and had the effect of isolating residents and leaving many unable to call for help.

The Australian Communications Consumer Action Network warned that increasing reliance on online services posed a safety risk during natural disasters.

To deal with the issue, the Federal Government has pledged to extend mobile coverage using low-orbit satellites.

A national emergency messaging system using cell-broadcast technology is in development, but is not expected to be ready until 2027.

In the meantime, consumers are advised to report ongoing outages, as providers may not automatically restore service.

The Telecommunications Industry Ombudsman has urged affected individuals to seek support if they have struggled to reconnect to the network.

Man murdered while having his morning walk in North Adelaide

A man accused of murdering 54-year-old Aaron Stahlhut while he was on his morning walk in North Adelaide has been remanded in custody under a mental health order.

Rylie Lewis Everson-Clare, 20, appeared in the Adelaide Magistrates Court on Monday after being arrested late on Sunday night and charged with the murder of Mr Stahlhut, of Marden in Adelaide's inner north-east.

Defence lawyer Jeff Powell, for Mr Everson-Clare, told the court his client would not be making an application for release on bail.

A police prosecutor asked the court to remand Mr Everson-Clare under Section 269X of the Criminal Law Consolidation Act — and for a report into his mental competence at the time of his alleged offending to be prepared.

On Sunday, Detective Inspector Fraser Huntley said three members of the pub-



Victim Aaron Stahlhut

lic found Mr Stahlhut reportedly collapsed on a walking path at Brougham Gardens at 7:35am, and appealed to anyone with CCTV from the area to contact police.

Police said Mr Stahlhut had left on his usual walk from Walkerville through North Adelaide before he was found at the park between Brougham Place and King William Road.

Paramedics started CPR at the scene before the man was rushed to the hospital where he died.

Mr Everson-Clare will next appear in the Adelaide Magistrates Court in August.

"Small steps" at the Geneva talks on Cyprus

With all sides talking about a "first step" and Ankara maintaining its unacceptable demands for the legalization of the occupation, the informal conference in Geneva on the Cyprus issue has concluded. The participants were UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres, the British Secretary of State for Europe, the Foreign Ministers of Greece and Turkey, the Turkish Cypriot leader Ersin Tatar and the President of the Republic of Cyprus Nikos Christodoulides.

The conference decided to appoint a special envoy (to be Maria Angela Holguin Cuellar) and a new meeting of the five-party group at the end of July.

The opening of four checkpoints, the establishment of a Youth Committee and a Climate Change Committee, the reconstruction of cemeteries, and the installation of photo-

voltaic panels in the Dead Zone were also agreed upon.

In his statements after the meeting, the UN Secretary-General described the talks as "constructive" and added that both sides are showing "a commitment to progress".

The Cypriot President, N. Christodoulides, expressed his satisfaction, stating that "a first important positive step has been taken towards the resumption of talks".

"This is the main aim, we are not there yet, but since 2017 a first important step has been taken", he said.

At the same time, all sides admit that the new attempt to "restart" the talks will start from the "acquis" of the Crans Montana talks on "two constituent federal states".

"The expanded meeting in Geneva is a development that we should try, as far as it is



Participants at the Geneva informal conference for Cyprus with the General Secretary of the UN Antonio Guterres

in our power, to turn into an opportunity to achieve a solution to the Cyprus problem", said AKEL General Secretary Stefanos Stefanou, emphasizing the need to seek a solution on the basis of a bizonal, bicommunal federation with political equality.

A final agreement for the

solution to the Cyprus problem, if we finally get there, will depend on whether the new federal structure will guarantee the independence, territorial integrity and the single entity of the new demilitarized federal state, without occupation armies, without guarantor powers and foreign dependencies.

Construction begins on \$90m Grange Rd intersection upgrade

Construction is now underway to remove the frustrating 'dogleg' intersection across Grange Road at Beverley, South Australia.

The \$90 million project will upgrade the Grange Road, Holbrooks Road and East Avenue intersection to make moving across Grange Road easier and faster.

The upgrade will include:

Two through lanes

Two dedicated right-turn lanes for traffic going from Grange Road onto Holbrooks Road travelling south

A dedicated left-turn lane on Grange Road travelling north

Two dedicated right-turn lanes from East Avenue onto Grange Road travelling west

A left turn slip lane from East Avenue onto Grange Road travelling east

Two dedicated right-turn lanes from Holbrooks Road onto Grange Road travelling east

A left turn slip lane from Holbrooks Road onto Grange Road travelling west

A dedicated left-turn lane from Grange Road onto Holbrooks Road travelling south

The project will also deliver new and upgraded traffic signals, lighting, line marking, upgraded pedestrian crossings and installation of new dedicated bicycle lanes on all approaches.

The current T-junction of Grange Road, Holbrooks Road and East Avenue carries about 49,500 vehicles each day, with the existing layout of the intersection causing delays for all road users and seeing up to 31 crashes between 2019 and 2023, including 18 rear-end crashes.

"The Grange Road, Holbrooks Road and East Avenue intersection upgrade is something western suburbs commuters have long been hoping for — they can't wait to see the existing 'dogleg' intersection removed.

"The current configuration along Grange Road at Beverley has frustrated motorists for years, and has had more than 30 crashes reported in five years.

"Constructing a new four-way intersection will relieve congestion, resulting in less time waiting at the traffic lights



An artist's impression of the new intersection on Grange Rd

and improved safety and connectivity.

"Upgraded pedestrian crossings and new dedicated bicycle lanes will also improve pedestrian and cyclist safety at the intersection, and an indented bus bay on Holbrooks Road will improve bus movement through the intersection.

"We thank road users for their patience while these important works are being undertaken," Minister for Infrastructure and Transport Tom Koutsantonis said.

The upgraded intersection is due to open to traffic by the

end of 2025, with finishing works to be completed in early 2026.

This project will support up to 100 full-time equivalent jobs during the construction stage.

The Grange Road, Holbrooks Road and East Avenue intersection upgrade is part of an \$850 million package of broader network upgrades linked to the River Torrens to Darlington (T2D) Project to ensure the road network functions efficiently during the project's delivery phase as well as once it opens to traffic

(Source: abc.net.au)

Independence Day celebrated

Hundreds of Hellenes from across Adelaide joined the Greek Orthodox Community of South Australia in a number of celebrations for Greek National Day on Sunday 30th of March 2025 from 11am.

Official guests, parishioners (from the Community's four churches) and students alike gathered at the Cathedral of Archangels Michael and Gabriel in Franklin Street to attend the Great Doxology and the memorial service.

Young students from various Greek Language Schools dressed in traditional costumes added to the celebrative atmosphere, reflecting the younger generations of Greeks

Community Life



The Pan-Rhodian Association of SA celebrated the "Ensomatosis" of the Dodecanese with Greece (1947) at the Kolossos Hall on Sunday 23 March. In the photo, President Steve Mantalios, Jing Lee MLC and GOCSA President Peter Ppiros

who carry the same eternal values and aspirations of the heroes of the 1821 epos.

The Great Doxology was followed by a memorial service

and ceremony in memory of the fallen heroes, conducted at the war memorial of the Cathedral.

During the ceremony, official guests and representatives

from local Greek clubs and associations laid wreaths at the memorial, paying tribute to the heroes of 1821.

Among the official guests who attended the celebrations were the Hon Lucy Hood MP representing Premier Peter Malinauskas, Josh Teague MP Deputy Leader of the Liberal Party representing the Leader of the Opposition Vincent Tarzia, Steve Georganas MP, Mayors, Councillors and Greek community representatives.

The celebrations through performance and music by students of the Greek Language Schools and students from the Community's Dance Academy, continued at the Olympic Hall to great applause by parents and dignitaries alike.

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TOP LEFT: The Greek Orthodox Community of SA celebrated the International Womens' Day at the Olympic Hall on 7 March 2025.

TOP RIGHT: Minister for the Arts and Small Business Andrea Michaels with Eva Bologiannis of Findon at the GOCSA IWD.

LEFT: West Torrens Mayor Michael Coxon and Councillor Zoe Papazafiroopoulos, Charles Sturt Councillor Quin Tran and Mayor Angela Evans, Minister Andrea Michaels, Consul General of Greece Alexandra Theodoropoulou and President of Greek Community of SA Peter Ppiros amongst award recipients for long service to GOCSA.

Barbaric Act: Greek Politician Destroys Art in National Gallery, Claiming 'Blasphemy'!

Greece's National Gallery was forced to close on Monday last week after a religious fundamentalist, right-wing politician vandalized artworks he deemed to be blasphemous in an exhibition of contemporary Greek art. With the aid of an accomplice, the elected official allegedly targeted four paintings, which he forcibly removed from the wall and threw to the ground, shattering their protective glass of at least two works.

The Athens museum confirmed that the attack took place at around 11:35 a.m. local time on March 10. The damaged artworks, all by the same artist, Christoforos Katsadiotis, included three pieces from his "Icon" series and Saint Christopher (2020). The works are caricatures of religious icons.

Nikolaos Papadopoulos is a member of parliament in Greece, representing the far-right and ultra-conservative party Niki, which translates to "Victory." After the attack on Monday, he was initially detained at the museum and then by local police before being released. According to reports in the Greek media, the authorities have confirmed that he will face charges of aggravated vandalism.

Papadopoulos has threatened to "take all

legal actions" against the museum, which he alleges detained him illegally since the Greek constitution "provides that a Member of Parliament may not be prosecuted, imprisoned, or otherwise restricted without the permission of Parliament."

The MP had previously criticized the targeted works as offensive to Orthodox Christianity in parliament, while addressing Greece's culture minister Lina Mendoni. Her ministry has stated on this issue that it "never engages in acts of censorship."

In a statement, the museum's board of directors said "we unequivocally condemn any act of vandalism, violence, and censorship that violates the constitutionally guaranteed freedom of artistic expression."

Katsadiotis, a Paris-based artist, has also spoken out in defense of his work to local media, stating that it was a "poetic" expression that was not intended to offend. He argued that any artist "has the right to express his or her personal point of view, to react and, in so doing, ask the questions they want to ask, such as, about war waged on the pretext of purity and justice under any given god."

Katsadiotis explained that he is intrigued by the ambiguity and implicitly



Curator Syrago Tsiara said she had received threats, insults and curses after the MP send a letter to the Parliament. "Threats such as 'we will burn you', and 'you will go to hell' began on the date of the submission of the question by the "Niki" MP to the Parliament.

menacing nature of religion, represented by saints "who threaten that, if we're not on their side, we will face all manner of trials and tribulations." He added that religion "is the most kitsch element of our folk history—full of miracles, tragedies and curses, it is our modern mythology."

After the attack, Papadopoulos defended his actions in a lengthy post on X titled "Government of Atheists and Antichrists." The Greek politician revealed that he had written a letter to the museum's director, Syrago Tsiara, asking that Katsadiotis's works be removed. He claimed that his original intent on visiting the museum was to speak to her in person but,

when she was not available, he instead visited the exhibition and attacked the works.

"I feel moved that the vast majority of society embraces the defense of the Sacred and Holy of the Fatherland, sharing my indignation," he said.

The temporary exhibition, titled "The Allure of the Bizarre," features the work of 10 Greek artists and closes September 30, 2025. It runs alongside a parallel exhibition of Goya's Los Caprichos from 1799, it spotlights contemporary interpretations of the fantastical or grotesque that the Spanish Old Master also explored, as well as experiences of marginalization or existential anxiety.

800,000 volunteers participate in Clean Up Australia Day

A record 800,000 volunteers across 8,000 sites nationwide participated in Clean Up Australia Day on Sunday, marking its 35th year since inception by Ian Kiernan.

Following his passing in 2018, his daughter Pip now leads the initiative, noting the significant impact of plastic waste on marine life.

Sydney's main event included notable figures, like Olympic diver Sam Fricker and

sailor Lisa Darmanin, cleaning up unusual items alongside common plastic debris and microplastics.

Since 1989, over 22 million volunteers have contributed 38 million hours, with recent efforts expanding to include more schools and award programs.

Initially a local Sydney event, the initiative has grown into a national movement, addressing modern challenges like e-waste.

AFL has lost control of online gambling oversight

The AFL has admitted that its online gambling integrity system is insufficient and has struggled to monitor potential manipulation of betting markets by players, coaches, and staff.

Leaked documents have highlighted growing concerns about "integrity risks", particularly amid the rise of online betting, with over 80 bookmakers involved.

In response, the AFL has proposed a centralised database to track gambling transactions in real time, using AI to detect

suspicious activity. However, many bookmakers oppose this plan due to privacy and security concerns.

The AFL is also facing resistance over its push for a larger share of gambling revenue, in order to support its integrity efforts.

With the start of the 2025 season kicking off this week, the AFL is facing both internal and external pressure with regards to its links to the gambling industry, with some calling for a reduction in the amount of betting-related advertising.

Flood recovery the focus as clean up continues

Recovery efforts are in full swing across southeast Queensland and northern NSW, after ex-Tropical Cyclone Alfred caused widespread damage, flooding and power outages.

The region saw over 13,000 emergency callouts, while 50,000 properties remain without power.

As floodwaters recede, businesses such as supermarkets and fuel stations are

working around the clock to restore supply chains, while authorities assess coastal erosion and plan sand replenishment for affected beaches.

Despite the devastation, the Queensland government is urging tourists to keep their Easter plans, highlighting the state remains open for business.

Financial aid is being rolled out for affected communities.

Thousands of aboriginals killed in violent massacres

More than 10,000 First Nations people killed in Australia's frontier wars, final massacre map shows.

A recent study found that over 10,000 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people were killed in violent conflicts during Australia's colonisation.

The Colonial Frontier Massacres project, which maps violent conflicts during Australia's colonisation, mapped 438 massacres across the country with most attacks carried out by police and settlers, often with government approval.

Led by the late Dr

Lyndall Ryan, who was posthumously honoured in the 2025 Australia Day awards, the project was completed in 2022, but has since been further developed through volunteer research, refining details and confirming the scale of violence.

Historian Bill Pascoe said the findings have changed how Australia understands its past, making it impossible to deny the extent of frontier violence.

Researchers hope this project encourages further study and greater public recognition of this history and its ongoing effects.