

EDITORIAL REVIEW No.3

- TOPIC: Story/issue choices on selected ABC Radio programs
- SCOPE: The Morning programs on a range of selected capital city and regional Local Radio stations and Radio National. The programs:
- 702 ABC Sydney – Linda Mottram
 - 774 ABC Melbourne – Jon Faine
 - 612 ABC Brisbane – Steve Austin
 - 891 ABC Adelaide – Ian Henschke
 - 720 ABC Perth – Geoff Hutchison
 - 95.9 ABC Western Plains (Dubbo) – Dugald Saunders/Kelly Fuller
 - 630 North Queensland (Townsville) – Paula Tapiolas
 - 684 The South West (Bunbury) – Naomi Christensen
 - Radio National – Natasha Mitchell
- TIMEFRAME: One day a week for a four week period (collected retrospectively, with no advance notice to program teams)
- Week 1: Monday's program
Week 2: Tuesday's program
Week 3: Wednesday's program
Week 4: Thursday's program
- APPROACH: ABC Editorial Policy Information will collect the material in the form of program rundowns and audio files of the entire programs for the relevant timeframes. For each edition of each program, the top three subjects of discussion will be identified, based on the time spent discussing each topic/issue. In other words, the top three items will be those to which the program devoted the most amount of time. This may include a range of different items under one topic (for example, an interview with a Minister on a specific policy followed by a reaction from a stakeholder and then followed by talkback from listeners, all on the same subject, would together count as one item).
- The reviewer will also be provided with a summary of the top issues/topics that Australians consider most relevant and important to them. The list will be largely drawn from the most recent "top issues" summary produced by the respected research firm Ipsos, as well as that company's most recent *Mind and Mood* Report and similar exercises conducted by other respected research firms, including the *True Issues* analysis conducted by JWS Research, the *Essential Report* by Essential Research and research published by Newspoll.

METHODOLOGY: The reviewer will compare and contrast the editorial priorities of the programs (either separately or collectively, or both), as reflected in their choices of topic and the time devoted to them, with the priorities identified in the research data, and consider the relevance and effectiveness of the subject and issue choices made by the program teams for their audiences. In particular, the reviewer will draw attention to any issues or topics which appear to be over-represented or under-represented in ABC content when compared with the research on issues which Australians generally consider to be most important to them.

If relevant, the reviewer may also want to examine differences between each station's editorial priorities, and in particular any differences between metropolitan and regional approaches.

In considering the program team's choice of topics, the reviewer will keep in mind that the research data provided is indicative only: it is an indication of the issues that Australians consider relevant in their lives, rather than a definitive and exclusive summary of what topics a lively, relevant and current affairs focussed program should necessarily canvas.

The reviewer will produce a draft report, which will be provided to the relevant ABC program teams for input and response. As part of that drafting process, the reviewer is also invited to raise any specific questions or seek relevant background information with the program teams. After having received those program responses, the reviewer will then produce a final report.

This review necessarily differs from others already conducted, in that it does not enable a clear assessment of ABC content against a defined standard (e.g. the Editorial Policies). There is no agreed standard of what constitutes an appropriate range of issues for programs to discuss each day, as a range of factors will always affect that, including most notably breaking news events and issues. This review is designed to reflect on, discuss and critique the ABC's choices in these selected areas using the data as a point of comparison, rather than as a proscriptive list.

As it is the first time this methodology is being used, it may be revised and adjusted for future reviews as required.

REVIEWER: Graham Mott

Graham commenced his radio career in February 1969 as a panel operator at Sydney Talk radio station 2GB.

He has held various positions at Music and Talk stations over the past 43 years including program producer, production manager, operations manager, music director, program director and general manager. Graham has also spent time on-air at Music and Talk stations.

Programming and research are the foundation of his career along with a high commitment to strong leadership, communication and support.

Graham served on four Commercial Radio Australia committees:

- Legal and Regulatory;
- Research (Chairman);
- Awards; and
- Digital Radio (Chairman for the Melbourne group of stations).

He was a director of Commercial Radio Australia, Digital Radio Australia and Homebush Transmitters Pty Ltd.

In October 2012 Graham received the industry's greatest honour when he was inducted into the Radio Hall of Fame.

OVERVIEW

The ABC radio stations that were the subject of this review all performed very well in achieving a varied mix of editorial content. Further, content that was subject to public concern and/or debate was balanced with equal time given to both sides of the argument.

The review clearly shows the programs were on target in regard to what the IPSOS *Mind and Mood* Report showed listeners were interested in. Although I'm not aware of just how much the program teams know about the research it became apparent during the review that the on-air presenters and program producers were in sync with their listeners needs.

Further evidence of the listeners' approval of the programming of ABC Local Morning programs comes from the results of the official radio ratings results conducted by GfK Australia.

There was a similar approach by ABC Local metropolitan and regional stations in regard to the content broadcast. However, the amount of local content – that is, the content relating to a particular region was higher in regional markets compared to metropolitan.

I suspect the reason for the difference in content between metropolitan and regional falls mainly into the following areas:

Resources; and
Listener requirements in the respective markets.

Resources – The day to day operation of metropolitan and regional media organisations is significantly different in regard to their ability to gather material for broadcast. Metro operations are geared to generate a considerable amount of content by having a greater number of staff. On the other hand the staff numbers in regional markets are much less by comparison.

This applies to gathering material for the Morning programs that are the subject of this review. It would also apply in other relevant areas such the news service.

In these circumstances the ABC regional markets put their limited resources to use by focusing on news and information from their local area.

Listener requirements in the respective markets – People living in metropolitan areas have access to a vast amount of news and information available to them from the ABC services and, if they choose, from commercial broadcasters. In any market where there is a choice of sources available, the broadcasters must meet the need in order to serve their audience. Accordingly, metropolitan listeners are exposed to a wider variety of information in their Morning programs, which comes in the form of Local (what's happening in my city/suburb) State, National and International news. This mix of content has strong appeal to listeners of News/Talk program formats.

In regional markets ABC radio concentrates on local area news and information. This decision works well for the national broadcaster for two reasons. Firstly, these markets which have limited staff numbers are

focusing the resources they have on producing local content. By doing this the ABC have established themselves as a reliable source for local news and information, which in turn serves a much needed service for their audience.

Over the past decade many commercial broadcasters have cut back on their level of local content. Although the commercial operators are now subject to Government legislation in regard to the amount of local content they are required to broadcast, the ABC Local Morning programs deliver a significant amount of local news and information. The ABC programs, which are hosted by local presenters and production teams examine in detail all sorts of issues from their region.

Listener feedback was more prominent on the metropolitan stations with lots of Talkback and text/email. In regional markets the participation rate was low even though the presenters were often heard to invite their listeners to provide their feedback via a variety of forms of communication. If this is an important part of the programming philosophy of ABC Local Radio, it requires further work to improve participation rate in the regional markets.

An analysis of the topics covered in the nine programs broadcast on different days of the week over a four week period shows the most discussed items were:

- Healthcare
- The Economy
- Cost of living
- Entertainment
- Social issues
- Crime
- Infrastructure
- International
- Sport
- History/culture

There are two things to note from the list. Politics did not make the top ten and the Social issues topic was mainly driven by the Radio National program, Life Matters.

A careful study of the analysis of the topics combined with listening to every second of the program content showed that the material broadcast was well balanced and not over-represented in any way.

Music played a greater part of the program content in regional stations. I suspect this was done to provide a broader appeal of the programs in those markets. On the subject music, I did wonder whether some of the music selection was appropriate for the audience. This is an observation and is not subject to the review.

It should be noted that the purpose of this review was not to determine how good or bad the actual on-air performance was. Rather, it was to identify if the content in the Morning programs was in line with the interests of the listeners as indicated in the IPSOS *Mind and Mood* Report. In saying that, it should not be interpreted that the on-air performance was in any way poor. In fact, the overall performance of the on-air presenters was very good.

In regard to the overall approach to content selection observed during this thorough review process, I believe the material that was broadcast by the metropolitan and regional stations was appropriate to meet the needs of the audience in their respective markets.

ABC Local Radio delivers relevant news and information for their audience. The manner in which the presenters and production teams present the on-air content is much more contemporary compared to the style of say, ten years ago. As a result ABC Local Radio has a far greater appeal to a wider section of the market. By doing this, not only has ABC Local Radio achieved a better balance in their program content they have also experienced considerable audience growth.

THE PROGRAMS

The following brief descriptions of the ABC Local Morning programs are taken from the ABC website.

702 ABC Sydney

Linda Mottram will keep you informed, amused, entertained and inspired each weekday morning with local Sydney stories, political insights, your opinions, new music, engaging discussions, all the weekend's sporting action, and the latest movies.

774 ABC Melbourne

Known for his quick wit and willingness to ask the stickiest of questions, Jon Faine delivers thought-provoking radio.

612 ABC Brisbane

Steve Austin puts the spotlight on the issues affecting Brisbane whether it be politics or big business or potholes in your street.

891 ABC Adelaide

Join Ian Henschke from 9:00 until 11:00 am each weekday morning for Adelaide's most compelling, thorough and entertaining current affairs program.

720 ABC Perth

Join Geoff Hutchison on the Morning Show for the news of the day as well as the issues that affect your life. If it's happening in WA, Mornings will keep you informed. The Morning Show: your opinions, your voice.

95.9 ABC Western Plains NSW (Dubbo)

The Morning show was established in June 2008. The program covers all the issues and stories of the Western Plains district. The original presenter, Dugald Saunders, continues to host the program to this day.

630 ABC North Queensland (Townsville)

Each morning Paula Tapiolas has the big issues for North Queensland covered. Paula talks to the key players and decision makers, but she also finds time for some of the other important things in life, like which books are worth a read and how to keep the garden in top condition.

630 ABC North Queensland (Townsville)

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684 ABC The South West WA (Bunbury)

Join Naomi Christensen for South West Mornings each weekday from 10am to 12 for the latest current affairs, news, local information and entertainment from the South West of WA.

ABC Radio National - Life Matters

Life Matters with Natasha Mitchell charts and analyses contemporary Australian life in all its manifest complexity—human behaviour, relationships, work, education, personal finance, parenting, psychology, family, health and the body. We look at developments in social policy to bring you the most up-to-date information—from workplace reform to disability rights—as well as personal stories which will move and inspire.

Life Matters' perspective is from the ground up, with guests coming from a diverse range of communities. The program is practical and down to earth

and offers regular opportunities for listeners to contribute their opinions and ideas on the issues affecting you.

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DETAILED AUDIT

The following shows the detailed audit of the content for each program. It also includes a summary of the content of each program.

MONDAY 3 MARCH

702 ABC Sydney **Morning with Linda Mottram**

8:30 to 11:00

8:30 to 9:00

- Opening – Linda talks about retirement
 - News headlines
 - Traffic update
 - Discrimination Law changes (free speech) – interview with Dr Tim Soutphommasane
 - Text – racial discrimination
 - Talkback – retirement
 - Morwell coal fires – interview with David Cliff
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9:00 NEWS (lead story – Ukraine crisis)

9:05 to 10:00

- More discussion about retirement
 - Traffic update
 - Talkback – retirement
 - Ukraine crisis – comment from John Kerry and an interview with Dr John Besemeres from the Australian National University (Centre for European Studies)
 - Linda talks about:
 - Clean up Australia
 - Coast Trek charity walk
 - USA Mens tag game
 - Krazy Kosi Klimb
 - Weather update from the bureau of meteorology
 - News headlines
 - Federal politics – interview with Sabra Lane. Topics discussed:
 - The pension age
 - Qantas
 - Asylum seekers
 - More discussion about retirement
 - Text – Ukraine
 - International news – interview with Michael Wesley ANU discussing:
 - Water, Energy, the Middle East, Russia, China and India
 - Craig Knowles calls in to join the discussion
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10:00 NEWS (lead story – Ukraine crisis)

10:05 to 11:00

- The discussion about retirement continues
 - Traffic update
 - More retirement discussion – interview with Charmaine Crowe from the Combined Pensioners & Superannuants Association of NSW
 - Talkback and texts – retirement
 - AFL CEO, Andrew Demetriou, stepping down – discussion with Grandstand's, Craig Norenbergs
 - Richard Fidler talks to Linda about his program
 - News headlines
 - Music – interview with Simon Jones from the band The Holidays followed by the song All Time High
 - More discussion about Andrew Demetriou's resignation
 - James Valentine discusses retirement and his program with Linda
 - Music – Scattered Reflections performed by Lior
 - More discussion about retirement including texts from listeners
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Summary

The program featured very few subjects with most of the program spent discussing retirement. This was a theme that ran across the program with audience participation talkback calls and text messages. Other topics discussed:

- International news
- Water and energy
- The crisis in Ukraine
- Proposed changes to Discrimination laws

In the final hour (10:00am to 11:00am) a lot of time was given to promoting upcoming programs on ABC 702 with Richard Fidler and James Valentine. There were two music pieces in the final 30 minutes including an interview with one of the performers.

MONDAY 3 MARCH

774 ABC Melbourne Morning with Jon Faine

8:30 to 11:00

8:30 to 9:00

- Opening – Jon talks about:
 - State politics (Mary Wooldridge)
 - Worksafe
 - The East/West project
 - News headlines
 - Traffic update
 - State politics – interview with Mary Crooks, executive director of the Victorian Women's Trust regarding Mary Wooldridge and the Liberal Party's pre-selection for Kew
 - WorkSafe – interview with WorkCover CEO, Mary Cosgrove, regarding a change to WorkSafe
 - Talkback – Abortion Law reform
 - State politics – interview with Opposition Leader, Daniel Andrews
 - Oscars preview – interview with the ABC's Jane Cowan
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9:00 NEWS (lead story – Ukraine crisis)

9:05 to 10:00

- Traffic update
 - Jon comments on:
 - Mary Wooldridge
 - Worksafe change
 - The Oscars
 - This Week in State Politics – interview with the ABC's Frances Bell. Topics discussed:
 - Liberal Party pre-selection for Kew
 - Abortion
 - Geoff Shaw
 - Opinion polls result
 - The Government and Opposition response to the emergency in the Latrobe valley
 - Talkback – abortion
 - Federation Square – interview with CEO, Chris Brooks
 - Weather update from the bureau of meteorology
 - Jon comments on speculation that Andrew Demetriou might be about to step down
 - Texts covering a variety of subjects
 - News headlines
 - Traffic update
 - Talkback covering:
 - Morwell mine fire
 - State politics
 - WorkSafe
 - More texts
 - Bicycle Census – interview with Craig Richards, CEO of Bicycle Network
 - Breaking news story – Gerard Whateley from Grandstand talks to Jon about Andrew Demetriou stepping down as AFL CEO
 - Interview with Tanya Kovacs from Emily's List (the organisation for the progressing of women in parliament)
 - More talkback:
 - WorkSafe
 - The rail network
 - The coal mines in Morwell
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10:00 NEWS (lead story – Ukraine crisis)

10:05 to 11:00

- Andrew Demetriou media conference featuring:
 - Mike Fitzpatrick (AFL Chairman)
 - Andrew Demetriou
- Jon talks to Gerard Whateley about Andrew Demetriou's achievements
- Text – Andrew Demetriou moving on
- Jon talks to Gerard Whateley about the Australia/South Africa Test match
- Talkback – Andrew Demetriou's tenure as AFL CEO
- Gerard Whateley talks about Melbourne Heart football club
- Texts – Andrew Demetriou's performance
- The Open Line – talkback covering:
 - Horse racing
 - Drugs in sport
- Texts – covering a variety of sports (mainly AFL)
- More audio from the Andrew Demetriou media conference
- Jon and Gerard discuss what happens next at the AFL
- News headlines
- Jon comments on:
 - Kew pre-selection
 - Abortion
 - Morwell mines
 - The Oscars
- Text messages about the Ukraine crisis
- Jon talks about what's on the program after 11 o'clock
- Islamic Museum – Jon talks to ABC reporter, Prue Bentley
- More audio from the Andrew Demetriou media conference
- Finance and business (regular segment) – interview with Marcus Padley from the Marcus Today Newsletter
- Talkback covering:
 - Rock concert at Flemington racecourse
 - Listener can't hear questions from journalists during the Andrew Demetriou media conference
 - Airshow
 - Disability support pension

Summary

The program featured a variety of subjects with lots of involvement from the audience via talkback and text. Topics discussed:

- The resignation of AFL CEO, Andrew Demetriou
- State politics (Mary Wooldridge; Worksafe; the East/West project)
- Abortion

From ten o'clock the program was dominated by the breaking news story that AFL CEO, Andrew Demetriou, had decided to announce his resignation. A significant part of the media conference was played featuring AFL Chairman, Mike Fitzpatrick and Demetriou.

MONDAY 3 MARCH

612 ABC Brisbane Morning with Steve Austin

8:30 to 11:00

8:30 to 9:00

- Opening – Geoff talks about the sell-off state assets
 - Traffic update
 - Alcohol fuelled violence – part 1 of an interview with Dr Anthony Lynham from the Queensland Coalition for Action on Alcohol
 - Alcohol fuelled violence – comment from Queensland Treasurer, Tim Nicholls
 - Queensland asset sales – interview with Treasurer, Tim Nicholls
 - Traffic update
 - Steve briefly discusses the future of the Queensland economy
 - Finance – market update with James Kirby
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9:00 NEWS (lead story – Ukraine crisis)

9:05 to 10:00

- Steve talks about:
 - The Royal tour of Australia
 - Weather forecast
 - The growing Queensland population and asset sales
 - Traffic update
 - Steve talks about:
 - Andrew Demetriou stepping down
 - Vinyl records
 - State politics – interview with Alex Douglas, leader of the Palmer United Party in Queensland, regarding asset sales
 - Talkback – asset sales
 - Steve talks about:
 - Andrew Demetriou
 - Text about vinyl records
 - Talkback – vinyl records
 - Music – Norwegian Wood performed by the Beatles
 - Talkback covering:
 - Asset sales
 - Vinyl records
 - News headlines
 - Audio from the Andrew Demetriou media conference
 - Text – AFL
 - Real estate auction prices – interview with Scott McGeever from Queensland Real Estate Buyers Agents Association
 - Music – The Entitled Few performed by Doug McLeod
 - Texts covering:
 - State government finances
 - Vinyl records
 - Preview of the Conversation Hour – Steve talks to Richard Fidler
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10:00 NEWS (lead story – North Korea to expel an Australian man)

10:05 to 11:00

- Steve talks about:
 - Bad behaviour on public transport
 - Weather update
 - Traffic update
 - Youth Justice Amendment Bill – interview with Glenn Cranny, Chairman of Criminal Law at the Queensland Law Society
 - Traffic update – minor delays on the rail network
 - Alcohol fuelled violence – part 2 of an interview with Dr Anthony Lynham from the Queensland Coalition for Action on Alcohol
 - Alcohol fuelled violence – interview with Kypros Kypri, senior research fellow at Newcastle University (NSW), for alcohol related injury
 - News headlines
 - Music – Rattlesnakes performed by Lloyd Cole and the Commotions
 - International news – brief update on the Ukraine crisis
 - Indigenous reconciliation – interview with Jonathon Thurston, Ambassador for the Reconciliation Awards
 - The Oscars – replay of an interview between Spencer Howson and Matt Toomey
 - The Oscars – interview with Alicia Malone from Los Angeles
 - The Oscars – audio from the movies nominated for Best Picture
 - Music – Soon from the Scattered Reflections CD performed by Lior
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Summary

The program covered four main subjects:

- Alcohol violence
- The sale of state assets (comment from both sides of parliament)
- The Oscars
- Indigenous reconciliation (interview with Jonathon Thurston)

There was plenty of feedback from the audience via talkback calls and texts.

MONDAY 3 MARCH

891 ABC Adelaide

Morning with Ian Henschke

9:00 to 11:00

9:00 NEWS (lead story – Ukraine crisis)

9:05 to 10:00

- Opening – Ian talks about:
 - The great weather on the weekend
 - The crowds that attended the Adelaide 500
 - The up-coming SA election
 - Rumours about Andrew Demetriou to step down from his position as CEO
 - The SA election – interview with Clem McIntyre, Head of the School of History and Politics at Adelaide University. Topics discussed:
 - The Labor party has a lot to do to win government
 - Leaking of information from Labor
 - People lodging a pre-poll vote
 - Blackout of advertising on electronic media
 - The Board of Renewal SA
 - The Gillman Land deal
 - Fixed term elections
 - All the signs show the Liberal party is in front
 - Clean Up Australia Day – interview with Ian Kiernan, founder of Clean Up Australia
 - SA Election coverage – interview with Jonathon Forbes, acting CEO of SA Chamber of Mines and Energy. Topics discussed:
 - Is the SA Chamber of Mines and Energy supporting Labor?
 - Deferral of royalty payments for new projects
 - Government to help support major projects
 - Resource precinct at Tomsley Park
 - Upgrade of Innamincka airstrip
 - SA Election coverage – interview with Martin Hamilton-Smith, shadow minister for Mineral Resources and Energy. Topics discussed:
 - Will the Liberal party support new investment?
 - Deferral of royalty payments for new projects
 - Resource precinct at Tomsley Park
 - Upgrade of Innamincka airstrip
 - SA Chamber of Mines and Energy call on the Liberal party to release their policy on mining and energy
 - News headlines
 - The Incan civilisation – interview with Jean Jacques de Coster, Professor of Anthropology at the University of San Antonio Abad (Cusco, Peru). Local Rotarian, Trevor McGurk, is also part of the interview
 - Ian talks about the resignation of AFL CEO, Andrew Demetriou including audio from the media conference
 - Federal politics – discussion with Tony Wright, National Affairs Editor of The Age. Topics discussed:
 - Asylum seekers
 - The Royal tour
 - The Ukraine crisis
 - Ian talks about what's on the program after the 10 o'clock news
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10:00 NEWS (lead story – Andrew Demetriou resignation)

10:05 to 11:00

- Interview with Hannah Kent, author of the book Burial Rites
 - Ian talks about the Pioneer Women's Garden
 - Ukraine crisis – interview with Maciej Henneberg, Professor of Anthropological and Anatomy from Adelaide University
 - News headlines
 - Ian talks about:
 - The Adelaide 500 clean up
 - The Ukraine crisis
 - Adelaide 500 – Ian talks to ABC reporter about the clean up after the race and when the roads around the track will re-open
 - Music – Rattlesnakes performed by Lloyd Cole and the Commotions
 - Ian talks about:
 - Lloyd Cole
 - The Morning program producer's world travel
 - Wind farms – interview with Simon Holmes a Court
 - Texts – Ian discusses some of the feedback the program has received
 - Ian talks to Sonya Feldhoff about what's happening on the Afternoon program
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Summary

The most discussed topics:

- The Ukraine crisis
- The Incan civilisation
- The SA state election

In sport, the resignation of AF CEO, Andrew Demetriou received significant coverage during the program and in the news.

MONDAY 3 MARCH

720 ABC Perth

Morning with Geoff Hutchison

8:30 to 11:00

(the entire program was broadcast throughout the state due to the public holiday in WA)

8:30 to 9:00

- Opening – Geoff talks about:
 - The Labor Day holiday
 - The difficulty of paying penalty rates by employers
 - Children out of control and our rights and responsibilities as parents
 - News headlines
 - Traffic update
 - Geoff asks about the things his listeners do on public holidays
 - Children out of control and our rights and responsibilities as parents – interview with Police Commissioner, Karl O'Callaghan
 - Talkback – children out of control and our rights and responsibilities as parents
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9:00 NEWS (lead story – Ukraine crisis)

9:05 to 10:00

- Geoff talks about:
 - Things to do on public holidays
 - Recaps some of the information from the program before nine o'clock
 - Children out of control/our rights and responsibilities as parents – interview with Terry Murphy from the Department of Child Protection
 - Talkback – children out of control/our rights and responsibilities as parents
 - Drought proofing WA – interview with Water Corp CEO, Sue Murphy
 - Geoff talks about the public holiday in WA
 - Availability of campsites on holidays – interview with Greg Mair from Parks and Wildlife
 - News headlines
 - Finance – market update with Tim Cruse
 - Geoff talks about:
 - Public holidays and things to do
 - Places that are closed on public holidays
 - Andrew Demetriou stepping down
 - Music – Blue Moon performed by Beck
 - Sport – Geoff talks to Corbin Middlemas and Brett Spriggs:
 - Andrew Demetriou
 - Audio from the Andrew Demetriou media conference
 - Discussion about Demetriou's performance
 - Essendon and ASADA
 - Test cricket – Australia Vs South Africa
 - Day/night Sheffield Shield – pink ball
 - Rugby union – Western Force Vs the Brumbies
 - Talkback – cricket technology
 - Basketball – Perth Wildcats
 - Car racing – Adelaide 500
 - Soccer – Perth Glory
 - Netball – Westcoast Swifts
 - Trotting
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10:00 NEWS (lead story – Ukraine crisis)

10:05 to 11:00

- Geoff talks about enjoying a day off (public holiday in WA)
 - Ukraine crisis:
 - Report from Daniel Sanford, BBC News European correspondent
 - Comment from Julie Bishop
 - Interview with Dr John Besemeres from the Australian National University (European Studies)
 - Medical Matters – interview with Dr Norman Swan including talkback
 - News headlines
 - Geoff talks about:
 - The Oscars
 - Finance
 - Working on public holidays/penalty rates
 - Weather update from the bureau of meteorology
 - Music – Things Can Only Get Better performed by D-Ream
 - Geoff has latest update from the Oscars
 - Working on public holidays:
 - Interview with James (coffee shop owner). Discussion about penalty rates and the affordability of being open on a public holiday
 - Interview with Alex (coffee shop owner) and why her shop is closed on a public holiday
 - Music – Sea Of Love performed by The National
 - Talkback – working on public holidays
 - Geoff talks to Mary about comments from Facebook re working on public holidays
 - Talkback – working on public holidays
 - Geoff talks about the Richard Fidler program
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Summary

The program was broadcast on a public holiday in WA and as is normal practice it was relayed throughout the state.

The most discussed topics:

- Child protection
- The rights and responsibilities of parents
- The resignation of AFL CEO, Andrew Demetriou

Other topics included:

- A variety of sports other than AFL
- Working on public holidays (this included employers phoning in to talk about the high cost of being open due to penalty rates)

MONDAY 3 MARCH

95.9 ABC Western Plains (Dubbo)

Morning with Dugald Saunders

8:30 to 11:00

8:30 REGIONAL NEWS (lead story – the Royal tour)

8:35 to 9:00

- Opening – Dugald talks about:
 - Local area rain and the forecast
 - The Oscars
 - Zone 6 Showgirl finals
 - Challenge Community Services
 - The dictionary of Antarctic English
 - Music – Hey Mama performed by Mat Kearney
 - Challenge Community Services for Trangie – interview with Lyn Sheen, Regional Manager for Challenge Community Services
 - Zone 6 Showgirl finals – interview with Jillian Clear, Coonamble zone finalist
 - Music – Son Of A Preacher Man performed by Dusty Springfield
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9:00 NEWS (lead story – Ukraine crisis)

9:05 to 10:00

- Dugald talks about:
 - Finding it hard to get to sleep
 - Test cricket (Aust V South Africa)
 - Local healing hostel
 - Pistachio nuts harvest in Dubbo
 - The Oscars
 - Taking time off; what sort of things do you take time off for?
 - Local area weather forecast
 - Music – Rattlesnakes performed by Lloyd Cole and the Commotions
 - Wellington Healing Centre – interview with Lyn Fields, Nguumambiny Indigenous Corporation
 - Music – I Never Wear White performed by Suzanne Vega
 - Pistachio nuts – interview with local growers Richard and Diana Barton from Elong Elong (near Dubbo)
 - News headlines
 - Dugald talks about:
 - Local airfares
 - Canberra voted Australia's most liveable city
 - Music – Crying In The Chapel performed by Peter Blakeley
 - Rewind Feature – archival interview with former Dubbo resident, Lexi Wilson, about working in Hollywood as a prop maker
 - Fruit & Veg Market report – Dugald talks to Sue Dodd from Sydney Markets
 - Breaking news story – Andrew Demetriou reported to be about to announce his resignation
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10:00 NEWS (lead story – Ukraine crisis)

10:05 to 11:00

- Dugald talks about:
 - Community Ambassador for Ovarian Cancer will speak in Coonamble
 - The Oscars, the red carpet and the posers
 - The language of Antarctica
 - Local area weather
 - Music – Wagon Wheel performed by Darius Rucker & Lady Antebellum
 - Oscar Party (part 1) – an outside broadcast from the Herron household - the family of program producer Robyn Herron. Robyn's father, John, ran the local cinema and has always held a party to celebrate the Oscars
 - Music – Hero performed by Family Of The Year
 - Oscar Party (part 2) – an outside broadcast from the Herron household - the family of program producer Robyn Herron. Robyn's father, John, ran the local cinema and has always held a party to celebrate the Oscars
 - Book reading segment – this a is regular segment where part of a book is acted out by a variety of voices
 - Weather update from the bureau of meteorology
 - Language – discussion with Dr Pauline Bryant and Dr Bernadette Hince regarding the dictionary of Antarctica
 - Music Memory segment:
 - Music – Wild Thing performed by Tone Loc
 - Interview – USA radio personality talks to Tone Loc
 - Music – Funky Cold Medina performed by Tone Loc
 - News headlines
 - Sport – interview with Winter Olympian, Alex Ferlazzo and his sister Sally
 - Paula talks about in the mozzie plague
 - Music – Love Don't Leave Me Waiting performed by Glen Hansard
 - Book reading segment – this a is regular segment where part of a book is acted out by a variety of voices
 - Oscars update
 - Music – Happy performed by Pharrell Williams
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Summary

The program contained a variety of topics with lots of local Western Plains stories. The main topics:

- The language segment
- A local Oscar party
- Wellington Healing Centre

Other topics covered:

- Pistachio nuts (interview with a local grower)
- Local airfares
- Former Dubbo resident, Lexi Wilson, talked about working in Hollywood as a prop maker
- Community Ambassador for Ovarian Cancer to speak in Coonamble

MONDAY 3 MARCH

630 ABC North Queensland (Townsville)

Morning with Paula Tapiolas

8:30 to 11:00

8:30 REGIONAL NEWS (lead story – Townsville youth crime rate)

8:35 to 9:00

- Opening – Paula talks about youth crime and the need to deal with the problem
 - Indigenous Youth Centre – interview with Florence Onus, Indigenous Support Officer at James Cook University
 - Indigenous Youth Centre – interview with Sam Cox, MP for Thuringowa, about the need for the youth centre
 - Weather update
 - Whitsunday Regional Council – interview with Councillor Kevin Collins regarding his resignation
 - Whitsunday Regional Council – interview with Mayor Jenny Whitney re the resignation of Councillor Kevin Collins
 - Search for missing teenager – interview with Inspector Trevor Kidd from Mount Isa police
 - The Royal visit to Queensland – Spencer Howson talked to Premier Campbell Newman
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9:00 NEWS (lead story - Ukraine crisis)

9:05 to 10:00

- Paula talks about:
 - Supporting the Red and Black in the Grand Final
 - The Townsville night club strip
 - Music – Hey Mama performed by Mat Kearney
 - Townsville nightclub strip – interview with Reverend Rosemary Dunn re the Street Chaplain program. Includes a call for volunteers
 - Weather update from the bureau of meteorology
 - Music – Let's Stay Together performed by Al Green
 - Recipe segment – discussion with Anita Wilkie from the Barrier Reef TAFE
 - Music – Galiku performed by the Saltwater Band
 - Paula talks about Pancake Day fundraising
 - Childhood Cancer Fundraising – interview with Col Reynolds regarding a report to be featured on Australian Story
 - News headlines
 - Oscars preview – interview with David Michael Brown from Empire Australia magazine
 - Comedy – Why Would You Take Your Mother to the Oscars performed by Meschel Laurie
 - Local weather brief forecast
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10:00 NEWS (lead story – North Korea to expel an Australian man)

10:05 to 11:00

- Paula talks about:
 - The Tech Talk segment
 - Temporary library closures
 - Music – Luck performed by Busby Marou
 - Tech Talk segment – discussion with Yean Lee from Consortium Web
 - Music Memory segment:
 - Music – Wild Thing performed by Tone Loc
 - Interview – USA radio personality talks to Tone Loc
 - Music – Funky Cold Medina performed by Tone Loc
 - News headlines
 - Sport – interview with Winter Olympian, Alex Ferlazzo and his sister Sally
 - Paula talks about in the mozzie plague
 - Music – Love Don't Leave Me Waiting performed by Glen Hansard
 - Book reading segment – this a is regular segment where part of a book is acted out by a variety of voices
 - Oscars update
 - Music – Happy performed by Pharrell Williams
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Summary

The program contained a variety of topics including lots of local North Queensland discussion. The local subjects covered were:

- Indigenous Youth Centre in Townsville
- Whitsunday Council
- Search for a missing teenager
- The Royal visit to Queensland.

Tech Talk received the most amount of airtime along with various music performances and the recipe and book segments. Other subjects included the Oscars and the resignation of AFL CEO, Andrew Demetriou.

MONDAY 3 MARCH

684 ABC The South West (Bunbury)

Morning with Naomi Christensen

8:30 to 11:00

Due to the public holiday in WA there was no local program broadcast. Geoff Hutchison's Morning program from 720 ABC Perth was on-air from 8:30 to 11:00.

MONDAY 3 MARCH

ABC Radio National Life Matters with Natasha Mitchell

9:00 to 10:00

- Opening – Natasha talks about:
 - Working out at your local gym (body image)
 - I Am A Girl (ABC documentary)
 - Making soapies in a war zone
 - Body Image – interview with Scott Phillips from Sydney University, Nathan Costello and Ben Lyth. The interview looks at the problems men face with eating disorders and body image. What's not widely known is that men feel the burden of body dissatisfaction
 - Natasha asks listeners to get in touch via phone and social media
 - I Am A Girl – interview with producer, Rebecca Barry
Six teenage girls tell their story highlighting the gender discrimination that defines their lives now and in the future
 - Making Soapies in Kabul – interview with Trudi-Ann Tierney
Trudi-Ann talks about her book in which she details the challenges of being the head of drama for a television broadcaster in Afghanistan
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Summary

The program featured three subjects:

- Health
- Social issues
- International

TUESDAY 11 MARCH

702 ABC Sydney Morning with Linda Mottram

8:30 to 11:00

8:30 to 9:00

- Opening – Linda talks about:
 - Cardinal George Pell
 - Weather forecast
 - News headlines
 - Traffic update
 - The connection between Britney Spears and Australia
 - Stolen passports
 - Cardinal Pell's about face on what victims can achieve by suing the Church – interview with Christopher Geraghty, former priest and retired District Court Judge and the author of Dancing With The Devil
 - Texts – Cardinal Pell and the Church
 - CO2 levels on busses – interview with Ibrahim Ech, Principal occupational hygienist at Safety and Environmental Services Australia
 - Talkback – air quality
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9:00 NEWS (lead story – SPC Ardmona)

9:05 to 10:00

- Linda talks about:
 - Britney and the Australian connection
 - Air quality on busses
 - Traffic update
 - Brown snake bite – Linda reads out texts and asks listeners to phone-in
 - Why isn't the lost/stolen passport database used universally? – interview with Dr Carl Ungerer, independent security analyst
 - Weather forecast
 - More about the brown snake bite including texts and talkback
 - Sochi Paralympics update – interview with Margie McDonald from the Australian
 - Weather update from the bureau of meteorology
 - News headlines
 - Talkback and texts – how Aussies handle dire situations
 - Federal politics – interview with Mark Riley from the 7 Network. Topics discussed:
 - The economy (manufacturing jobs)
 - The SPC/Woolworths agreement
 - Opinion polls
 - SA & Tasmanian elections
 - Dire situations – texts
 - Britney Speares Aussie connection – a couple of Australian choreographers worked on her show
 - Tough Aussies in dire situations – talkback
 - NSW Young Woman of the Year – interview with Lakshmi Logathassan, studying law at University of Western Sydney
 - Talkback – re the NSW Woman of the Year
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10:00 NEWS (lead story – SPC Ardmona)

10:05 to 11:00

- Linda talks about:
 - Texts
 - Snake yarns
 - Britney Spears Aussie choreographers
 - New Zealand referendum about their flag
 - Traffic update
 - Britney Spears choreographers – interview with Ashley Evans and Anthony Ginandjar
 - Music – Oops I Did it Again performed by Britney Spears
 - Text – Aussie toughness under pressure
 - New Zealand referendum re their flag – interview with Stacey Kirk, Fairfax Political reporter in New Zealand
 - Linda and Richard Fidler preview the Conversation Hour
 - News headlines
 - The Blurb – interview with Jon Page regarding books you just can't put down and you tell everyone how good they are. Jon is the general manager of Pages and Pages Booksellers. The segment included texts and talkback
 - Talkback – re the NSW Woman of the Year
 - Linda promotes her program on Wednesday featuring Reg Livermore
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Summary

The program featured a variety of topics with most of the on-air time spent on:

- Child abuse
- Social issues
- Literature
- Entertainment
- Federal politics.

There was a significant amount of listener participation via talkback and text messages.

TUESDAY 11 MARCH

774 ABC Melbourne Morning with Jon Faine

8:30 to 11:00

8:30 to 9:00

- Opening – Jon talks about:
 - Airport security and stolen passports
 - The State budget; we'll talk to Michael O'Brien
 - The collapse of the motor industry
 - Media ownership laws
 - News headlines
 - Traffic update
 - Total fire ban update
 - Stolen passports – interview with Roger Henning, security expert and Director of Homeland Security Asia-Pacific
 - Talkback – stolen passports
 - Media ownership laws – interview with Harold Mitchell, Chairman of Mitchell & Partners and Free TV
 - State politics – interview with Treasurer, Michael O'Brien. Subjects discussed:
 - Morwell fire inquiry
 - Cost to the economy of the car industry job losses
 - Poker machine tax
 - The process of public tenders
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9:00 NEWS (lead story – SPC Ardmona)

9:05 to 10:00

- Traffic update
 - Texts – airport security, media ownership, Victorian Treasurer, Morwell fire investigation and compensation
 - Talkback – airport security
 - Poker machines – interview with anti-pokies campaigner, Paul Bendat
 - Talkback – airport security
 - The secrecy behind MP's travel arrangements – interview with Stephen Bartos, governance and integrity expert from ACIL Allen Consulting
 - Texts and talkback – lost passports and airport security
 - Weather update from the bureau of meteorology
 - Texts – where it's raining
 - News headlines
 - Traffic update
 - Total fire ban update
 - Talkback – passport security, travel safety, micro chipping travellers
 - The World According to Greg – interview with the foreign editor of the Australian, Greg Sheridan
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10:00 NEWS (lead story – SPC Ardmona)

10:05 to 11:00

- Talkback Lawyer – interview with David Whiting, solicitor with Donaldson Whiting and Grindal. The segment includes talkback and texts
 - News headlines
 - Total fire ban update
 - Jon talks about:
 - Dean Bailey's death
 - Acquired brain injury
 - Finance and business – interview with Marcus Padley from the Marcus Today Newsletter. During the segment Marcus talks about his troubles with possums
 - The Open Line - talkback covering:
 - Problems with swimming pools
 - Airport security
 - Energy bills
 - Media polls
 - Bullying in the workplace
 - Texts – online polls
 - Dean Bailey's death – interview with Neil Craig, former Demons caretaker coach
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Summary

The program featured a variety of topics with most of the on-air time spent on:

- Legal matters
- Social issues
- Airport/travel/passport security
- Poker machines.

There was a significant amount of listener participation via talkback and text messages.

TUESDAY 11 MARCH

612 ABC Brisbane Morning with Steve Austin

8:30 to 11:00

8:30 to 9:00

- Opening – Steve talks about:
 - Weather update
 - What's coming up in the program (doctors, academics and politicians)
 - Traffic update
 - Job insecurity
 - The Matilda Awards
 - Strike by academics at University of Queensland – interview with Prof Andrew Bonnell followed by interview with Josh Millroy, President of the Student Union
 - Text – strike by academics at University of Queensland
 - Traffic update
 - Visiting Medical Officer contracts – interview with Ross Cartmill, AMA
 - Queensland ALP, call for candidates for the next election – interview with Anthony Chisholm, State Secretary for Queensland ALP
 - Texts – strike by academics at University of Queensland
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9:00 NEWS (lead story – Queensland ALP pre-selection)

9:05 to 10:00

- Steve talks about:
 - Tom Bamforth's book, Deep Field and the interview after 10 o'clock
 - Weather forecast
 - Beenleigh 150 years celebration
 - Traffic update
 - Texts – strike by academics at University of Queensland
 - Steve talks about the impact of social media and the fact that he doesn't have a personal Twitter account. Steve asks for feedback from his listeners
 - Strike by academics at University of Queensland – interview with ABC reporter on campus followed by interview with Prof Neal Ashkanasy, who is not on strike
 - Talkback – social media
 - Text – social media
 - News headlines
 - Steve and ABC newsreader talk about social media
 - Music – Somebody That I Used To Know performed by Gotye
 - Hidden Persuaders (regular segment) – Michael Crutcher, Courier Mail (former editor), John Harrison, journalism lecturer at University of Queensland and Amanda Newbery, Articulous Communications
 - Preview of the Conversation Hour – Steve talks to Richard Fidler
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10:00 NEWS (lead story – Brisbane City Council to increase rates)

10:05 to 11:00

- Steve talks about:
 - Interview coming up with Tom Bamforth, author of Deep Field
 - Social media
 - Weather update
 - Traffic update
 - Texts – social media and strike by academics at University of Queensland
 - Music – Reset All performed by Tina Arena
 - Humanitarian aid workers – interview with Tom Bamforth, author of Deep Field
 - News headlines
 - Replay of interview with Alastair Lynch from 612 ABC's Evening program
 - Power outage information and weather update
 - Food (regular segment) – interview with Alison Alexander
 - The Oscars – audio from the movies nominated for Best Picture
 - Music – Go Home performed the Christopher Coleman Collective
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Summary

The program covered a variety of topics with most time spent on:

- Communications
- Social media
- The strike by academics at the University of Queensland
- Books
- Visiting medical officer contracts in Queensland.

There was lots of feedback from listeners via talkback and texts.

TUESDAY 11 MARCH

891 ABC Adelaide Morning with Ian Henschke

9:00 to 11:00

9:00 NEWS (lead story – Nick Xenophon’s concern over misleading political advertising)

9:05 to 10:00

- Opening – Ian talks about:
 - Great weekend of events in Adelaide
 - Education
 - The SA election – in studio education debate between Jennifer Rankine, Education Minister and David Pisoni, Opposition Spokesman. The debate includes talkback
 - News headlines
 - New ferry terminal on Kangaroo Island – interview with Jeff Ellison, Sealink Managing Director
 - Weather forecast
 - Fight Night at the Queen’s theatre – interview with Alexander Devriendt, Director and co-writer of the play. Fight Night is an audience participation performance that looks at what makes people vote the way they do
 - Adelaide Central Market – interview with Councillor Anne Moran from Adelaide City Council
 - Talkback and texts about the Adelaide Market
 - Ian talks about what’s on the program after the 10 o’clock news
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10:00 NEWS (lead story – apology from the Electoral Commission re misleading information)

10:05 to 11:00

- Ian talks about:
 - Tracking aircraft
 - Black box technology
 - Listener suggestion re travel safety
 - The death of Dean Bailey
 - Technology (IT expert) – interview with Simon Hackett. The segment focuses on the missing Malaysian flight MH370 and includes talkback and texts
 - Lost and stolen passports – interview with Dr John Bruni, security analyst and terrorism expert
 - Ian reads a media release from the Adelaide Crows regarding the death of assistant coach, Dean Bailey
 - Music performance – interview with Kate Miller-Heidke which includes the song Drama
 - Ian talks to Sonya Feldhoff about what’s happening on the Afternoon program
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Summary

A small amount of topics with most of the time spent on:

- Education
- Politics
- Air travel and safety

There was plenty of listener participation via talkback and texts.

TUESDAY 11 MARCH

720 ABC Perth

Morning with Geoff Hutchison

8:30 to 11:00

8:30 to 9:00

- Opening – Geoff talks about:
 - WA swarming with Federal politicians
 - What pulled you out of the rut of being homeless?
 - News headlines
 - Traffic update
 - Audio from an interview with Tony Abbott and John Burgess
 - Homelessness – interview with Barry Doyle, Executive Officer for the Community Housing Coalition
 - Homelessness – talkback
 - Homelessness – interview with Conrad Liveris from Street Smugglers
 - The school curriculum – interview with Steve Breen from the WA Principals Association
 - Geoff talks about what's coming up in the program after the 9 o'clock news
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9:00 NEWS (lead story – Flight MH370)

9:05 to 10:00

- Geoff talks about:
 - Government funding for programs for the homeless
 - The school curriculum
 - Families sleeping in cars (homeless)
 - Homelessness – “Nicholas” called Geoff to discuss his experience of being homeless
 - Tony Abbott – audio from Fairfax radio interview regarding funding for the homeless in WA
 - School curriculum – Geoff and Nadia discuss texts received from listeners
 - Talkback – the school curriculum
 - Credit history – interview with Kat Lane from the Consumer Credit Legal Centre
 - Talkback – questions regarding credit card payments and credit history
 - Finance – Ian Parker from Hartleys reports on the latest market information
 - Music – Alone With You performed by the Sunnyboys
 - Law Talk (regular segment) – interview with Johnson Kitto. The segment includes questions from listeners via talkback
 - WA Liberals – successor to Colin Barnett following the departure of Troy Buswell. Interview with Dr Ian Cook from the Centre for Politics and International Studies at Murdoch University
 - Vale Dean Bailey – Stephen Trigg speaking at the Adelaide Crows media conference
 - Geoff talks about what's coming up in the program after 10 o'clock
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10:00 NEWS (lead story – business survey looks poor for the economy)

10:05 to 11:00

- Geoff talks about:
 - Sheffield Shield cricket
 - Dementia – interview with Professor Ralph Martins, Chairman of Aging and Alzheimer's at Edith Cowan University. Professor Martins takes talkback calls from listeners
 - Music – Boom Boom performed by John Lee Hooker
 - Sheffield Shield update
 - WA swarming with Federal politicians – audio from Tony Abbott and Bill Shorten talking about WA (both saying the same thing)
 - News headlines
 - Geoff talks about:
 - Finance
 - Popular films people haven't seen
 - Music – Shackles (Praise You) performed by Mary Mary
 - Weather update from the bureau of meteorology
 - Geoff's Picture Show – segment features Martin Naglazas talking about popular films that some people haven't seen. Listeners participate via talkback and text
 - Geoff talks about the Richard Fidler program
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Summary

Geoff Hutchison's Morning program is broadcast around WA between 8:30 and 10:00.

Topics covered included:

- Homelessness
- Social issues
- Entertainment (movies and music)
- Federal/State politics
- Dementia.

There was lots of feedback from listeners via talkback and texts.

TUESDAY 11 MARCH

95.9 ABC Western Plains (Dubbo)

Morning with Dugald Saunders

8:30 to 11:00

8:30 REGIONAL NEWS (lead story – the death of hundreds of local native birds)

8:35 to 9:00

- Opening – Dugald talks about:
 - Weather forecast
 - The death of local birds
 - Coonamble Girls Academy
 - Planning Assessment Commission
 - The Ochre Health Group
 - The death of local birds – interview with Tim Hosking, Dubbo Field Naturalist Society
 - Music – Offer It Up performed by Kate Miller Heidke
 - Coonamble Girls Academy – interview with Program Manager, Imogen Shipley. The course is for indigenous students and it's designed to assist them to develop lifestyle skills via a mentoring program
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9:00 NEWS (lead story – SPC Ardmona)

9:05 to 10:00

- Dugald talks about:
 - Planning Assessment Commission
 - Ochre Health Group
 - Legal issues and advice
 - Community Ambassador for Ovarian Cancer
 - Wellington Art Exhibition
 - Local area weather forecast
 - Music – Somebody That I Used To Know performed by Gotye
 - Planning Assessment Commission – interview with ABC reporter Robyn Herron in Dunedoo
 - Music – Home performed by Phillip Phillips
 - Ochre Health Group – interview with Dr Ross Lamplugh, Chairman of Ochre Health, which health services for regional and rural areas
 - News headlines
 - Dugald talks about the Left Field project at Warrumbungle National Park
 - Music – Dropout performed by Halfway
 - Legal Advice (regular segment) – interview with Kathleen Clark
 - Story Behind the Song (regular segment) – Eagle Rock performed by Daddy Cool. Ross Wilson talks about how the song came to be and the recording techniques used by the band
 - Dugald talks about what's coming up in the program after 10 o'clock
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10:00 NEWS (lead story – SPC Ardmona)

10:05 to 11:00

- Dugald talks about:
 - The new Commander for the Western region
 - Book reading
 - Local area weather
 - Music – Paradise performed by Coldplay
 - NSW Fire & Rescue – interview with the new zone Commander for the Western region, Adam Newberry
 - Book reading segment – this is a regular segment where part of a book is acted out by a variety of voices
 - News headlines
 - Weather update from the bureau of meteorology
 - Dugald talks about:
 - The Dubbo Stroke Support Group's next meeting
 - A call for blood donors at Dubbo Blood
 - Music – Treat Her Right performed by George Thorogood
 - Old Bush Ballads (regular segment) – today's segment tells the story behind songs that were written about bushrangers. Songs featured are Stringybark Creek performed by Gary Shearston and The Bold Bushranger Mad Dan Morgan performed by Anonymous
 - Music – Skin Deep performed by the Stranglers
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Summary

The program contained a variety of topics including lots of local Western Plains information. The local subjects covered:

- The death of hundreds of birds in the local area
- Coonamble Girls Academy
- Planning Assessment Commission
- Ochre Health Group
- NSW Fire & Rescue new local area Commander

TUESDAY 11 MARCH

630 ABC North Queensland (Townsville)

Morning with Paula Tapiolas

8:30 to 10:00

8:30 REGIONAL NEWS (lead story – expansion of the Abbott Creek coal port)

8:35 to 9:00

- Opening – Paula talks about:
 - The Townsville Anzac Day parade
 - Traffic update
 - Jobs for migrants – interview with Glenn Elmes, Minister for Multi-cultural Affairs and John Hathaway, Member for Townsville
 - Weather forecast and traffic update
 - Charters Towers Graziers meeting – interview with Rob Atkinson, Chairman of NorthBeef and Barry Hughes, Northern Gulf Grazing Group
 - Aurizon Railway job losses – interview with Greg Jones, Mayor of Flinders Shire
 - Anzac Day parade and the participation of schools – interview with RSL President, Bill Whitburn
 - Paula talks about what's coming up in the program after 9 o'clock
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9:00 NEWS (lead story – QLD Labor pre-selection seats)

9:05 to 10:00

- Paula talks about knitting pullovers for penguins
 - Music – Somebody I Used To Know performed by Gotye
 - Knitting pullovers for penguins – interview with Adrienne Isnard from Knitters for Townsville
 - Music – Amazing performed by Alex Lloyd
 - Weather update from the bureau of meteorology
 - Hour of Power – discussion with Liz Simonsen, Patti Glasgow and Louise Previtiera who run workshops that are designed to empower women with using time effectively, finances, fashion and style
 - News headlines
 - Music – Home performed by Phillip Phillips
 - Changes to some Library operations – interview with Susan Coker, Executive Manager City Libraries
 - Weather forecast
 - Music – Shakin' All Over performed by Nadia Sunde
 - Michael's Movie Review (regular segment) – Michael Clark takes a look at the new Australian movie, Tracks
 - Traffic update
 - Music – Hello, You Beautiful Thing performed by Jason Mraz
 - Comedy – About My Life performed by John Richardson
 - Local weather forecast
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10:00 NEWS (lead story – Brisbane City Council to increase rates)

10:05 to 11:00

- Paula talks about:
 - A sixth case of Dengue fever has been confirmed in Townsville
 - Tips for killing mosquitoes to reduce the chance of the fever
 - The symptoms of Dengue fever
 - Music – Paradise performed by Coldplay
 - The Townsville Fire – interview with Rachael McCully and Suzy Batkovic
 - Music – Turn Away performed by Beck
 - What colours are right for living in Far North Queensland – interview with Greg Bruce, Head of Sustainability at the Townsville City Council
 - News headlines
 - Police uniforms – interview with Paul Huston, QLD Police Tailor
 - Music Memory segment – Alex Chambers profiles Lisa Loeb. The segment includes an interview with Lisa and her music. Songs featured:
 - I Do
 - Stay
 - Weather forecast
 - Book reading segment – this is a regular segment where part of a book is acted out by a variety of voices
 - Paula talks about what's coming up in the Richard Fidler program
 - Music – Sister Madly performed by Crowded House
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Summary

The program contained a variety of topics about Far North Queensland. The main points of discussion were:

- Local jobs for migrants
- Sustainability - living with the right colours in Far North Queensland
- Aurizon Railway job cuts

Other topics included:

- Knitting for penguins
- Townsville Anzac Parade
- Local library changes
- Townsville Fire (basketball)

TUESDAY 11 MARCH

684 ABC The South West (Bunbury)

Morning with Naomi Christensen

10:00 to 12:00

10:00 NEWS (lead story – worsening business conditions)

10:05 to 11:00

- Naomi talks about:
 - Flying in the local region
 - Child safety in the home
 - Local area weather
 - Your chance to contribute to the program via talkback and text
- Augusta-Margaret Tourism – interview with Simon Latchford from WA Tourism
- Music – Paradise performed by Coldplay
- Communications services – interview with Boyd Brown from Telstra regarding a damaged underground cable that caused interruption to local area services
- Music – Turn Away performed by Beck
- Naomi talks about what's coming up in the program

10:30 REGIONAL NEWS (lead story – problems with WA's rail network)

- Naomi talks about:
 - Reminds listeners how to get in touch with the program
 - Child safety in the home
 - Weather forecast
 - Music – Sister Madly performed by Crowded House
 - Child safety in the home – interview with Debbie Butler, South West Co-ordinator for Consumer Protection. The segment includes talkback
 - Music – Over The Rainbow performed by Jeff Beck
 - ABC South West web page and ABC Open stories – discussion for Sharon Kennedy
 - Naomi talks about what's coming up in the program after 11 o'clock
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11:00 NEWS (lead story – support for Troy Buswell following his resignation)

11:05 to 12:00

- Naomi talks about:
 - Food platters
 - A long walk in the South West
 - Local area weather
 - Music – Right As Rain performed by Adele
 - Relay for Referendum – interview with Shannon Dobson, who is promoting the right for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders to be recognised in the Australian constitution
 - Naomi talks about an upcoming interview and informs listeners how they can get in touch with the program
 - Music – Love Don't Leave Me Waiting performed by Glen Hansard
 - Hervey Harvest Festival – interview with Peter Gianfrancesco who discusses Italian sausages
 - Naomi talks about being made redundant and the story her next guest has to tell
 - Music – Let Me Down Easy performed by Sheppard
 - Being made redundant – interview with Alistair McGuinness who decided to travel and move to Australia after losing his job in the UK
 - Music – Who'll Stop The Rain performed by John Fogerty and Bob Seger
 - Naomi talks about things recognised On This day:
 - Mary Shelly published Frankenstein
 - Johnny Chapman became known as Johnny Appleseed, the patron saint of orchardists in the USA
 - Ottis Redding
 - Good Charlott
 - Bobby McFerrin
 - Music – Don't Worry Be Happy performed by Bobby McFerrin
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Summary

The program contained a variety of topics including lots of local South West area information. The local subjects covered were:

- Augusta-Margaret River tourism
- Local area communication problems in the South West
- Hervey harvest Festival

Note: From 8:30 to 10:00 the Morning program from 720 ABC Perth is broadcast on 684 ABC Bunbury

TUESDAY 11 MARCH

ABC Radio National Life Matters with Natasha Mitchell

9:00 to 10:00

- Opening – Natasha talks about:
 - Awkward funerals
 - Lost trades fair
 - Public education – interview with Verity Firth talking about the report Who's Afraid of a Public School. The interview looks into the result of research into the public school system and the options available, and the attitudes that exist with parents
 - Lost Trades (another from the series looking at lost trades) – interview with Lawrence Finn (cutlop maker), Carol Tranter (rush seater & chair maker and Andy Rigby (harp maker) who's trades will be part of the Lost Trade Fair in Kyneton, Victoria. The series looks at rare and lost trades and focuses on what the work entails and explains the odd trade names
 - Creating a memorable funeral – interview with publisher Glenys Rowe who advises loved ones of all the things they need to consider when planning a funeral. Glenys also gives advice regarding the options as to where a funeral can be held and appropriate eulogies
 - Natasha talks to Michael Cathcart about what's coming up on his program
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Summary

The program featured three subjects:

- Education
- Culture/lifestyle
- Social issues

WEDNESDAY 19 MARCH

702 ABC Sydney Morning with Linda Mottram

8:30 to 11:00

8:30 to 9:00

- Opening – Linda talks about:
 - Internet black spots
 - Australian of the Year
 - Learning guitar
 - News headlines
 - Photos with sports stars – Linda asks her listeners to send her their best shot
 - Traffic update
 - Adam Goodes interview (part 1) – will Goodes play next year?
 - Talkback and texts – internet black spots
 - Internet black spots – interview with Josh Taylor from ZDnet
 - Talkback and texts – internet black spots
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9:00 NEWS (lead story – shooting in Sydney's west)

9:05 to 10:00

- Linda talks about:
 - Photos with sports stars
 - Traffic update
 - Talkback and texts – internet black spots
 - Abuse of the elderly/adult children taking advantage of their parents – interview with Sue Field, University of Western Sydney School of Law. The interview includes talkback and texts
 - Weather update from the bureau of meteorology
 - News headlines
 - Talkback and texts – how Aussies handle dire situations
 - Federal politics – interview with Lenore Taylor, political editor of the Guardian. Topics covered:
 - Arthur Sinodinos
 - Red tape repeals
 - Sochi Paralympic Team returns – interview with Bronze medal winner, Toby Kane
 - Music – Mississippi Blues performed by Stefan Grossman
 - Photos with sports stars - texts
 - Business and Finance – interview with Adele Ferguson, Fairfax Media
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10:00 NEWS (lead story – Labor attempting to suspend proceedings in the Senate)

10:05 to 11:00

- Linda talks about:
 - Stefan Grossman
 - Adam Goodes
 - Weather forecast
 - Photos with sports stars
 - Traffic update
 - Abuse of the elderly – texts
 - Learning to play guitar – Linda asks for feedback from her listeners
 - Adam Goodes interview (part 2) – Racism in sport and life
 - Playing the guitar – interview with Stefan Grossman (part 1). Interview includes instruction on how to play, music, talkback and texts
 - Linda and Alex Sloan preview the Conversation Hour
 - News headlines
 - Playing the guitar – interview with Stefan Grossman (part 2). Interview includes music, talkback and texts
 - Linda talks to James Valentine about his program at 1 o'clock
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Summary

The program featured a variety of topics with most of the on-air time spent on:

- Music (interview with Stefan Grossman)
- Internet black spots
- Abuse of the elderly

Other topics covered:

- Racism (interview with Adam Goodes)
- Finance
- Politics
- Photos of sports stars
- The Sochi Paralympics (interview with Bronze medal winner Toby Kane)

There was a significant amount of listener participation via talkback and text messages.

WEDNESDAY 19 MARCH

774 ABC Melbourne Morning with Jon Faine

8:30 to 11:00

8:30 to 9:00

- Opening – Jon talks about:
 - Developments in Federal Parliament regarding Arthur Sinodinos
 - Abortion in Victorian politics
 - Changes to pet food rules
 - The Morwell fire clean up
 - News headlines
 - Traffic update
 - Morwell fire clean up – interview with Simon Ellis, President of Voices of the Valley
 - Talkback – Morwell fire clean up
 - Victorian Liberal Party and Abortion – interview with Mary Crooks, Victorian Women's Trust
 - Culling Kangaroos for pet food – interview with Peter Walsh, Minister for Agriculture. Before the interview about culling kangaroos commences there is a short discussion about abortion
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9:00 NEWS (lead story – the USA and the European Union consider sanctions against Russia)

9:05 to 10:00

- Traffic update
 - Lord Mayor Robert Doyle (regular segment) – interview with the Mayor including talkback. Topics covered:
 - Melbourne City Council being sued
 - Abortion laws
 - Waste in local councils
 - High rise towers
 - Renaissance of Port Melbourne
 - Cyclists in the CBD
 - Weather update from the bureau of meteorology
 - News headlines
 - Traffic update
 - Texts – reaction to Robert Doyle interview
 - Jon talks about Arthur Sinodinos
 - Talkback covering:
 - The culling kangaroos for pet food
 - Cycling in the CBD
 - Protection of protestors
 - Development of Caulfield Racecourse – interview with Councillor Jim Magee, Glen Eira Council
 - Texts – cyclists in the CBD
 - Development of Kew Cottages – interview with Brian Walsh, Kew Cottages Coalition
 - Talkback – abortion
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10:00 NEWS (lead story – Red tape reveals)

10:05 to 11:00

- Revolutions (regular segment) The Sharing Economy – interview with Aaron Oxley, general manager Green Share Car. The segment includes talkback and texts
 - News headlines
 - Jon talks about:
 - Labor targeting Arthur Sinodinos
 - Open line subjects covered in the program (abortion, culling kangaroos)
 - Dave Hughes will be a guest on Gen X
 - Finance and business (regular segment) – interview with Marcus Padley from the Marcus Today Newsletter
 - The Open Line - talkback covering:
 - Russia bashing
 - Changes to the financial services industry
 - Development of Caulfield Racecourse (Labor candidate Josh Burns calls into the program)
 - Abortion
 - Texts – online polls
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Summary

The program featured a variety of topics with most of the on-air time spent on:

- The Sharing Economy segment
- Local politics (Lord Mayor Robert Doyle interview)
- The Morwell fire clean up
- Abortion

There was a significant amount of listener participation via talkback calls and text messages.

WEDNESDAY 19 MARCH

612 ABC Brisbane Morning with Steve Austin

8:30 to 11:00

8:30 to 9:00

- Opening – Steve talks about:
 - Doctors meet to discuss the Queensland Health Department
 - Queensland Coalition for action on alcohol
 - Traffic update
 - Weather forecast
 - Night time curfew on flights out of Brisbane airport – interview with Leonie Vandeven, Brisbane Airport spokesperson
 - Night time curfew on flights out of Brisbane airport – interview with Shayne Sutton, Brisbane Council
 - Changes to the Queensland Health system – interview with Mike Horan, Chair of Health and Hospitals Board Chair Group
 - Traffic update
 - Action on alcohol – interview with Professor Ross Fitzgerald, who is a former alcoholic. The forum on alcohol related violence to be held today (19 March)
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9:00 NEWS (lead story – High Court challenge against Queensland's anti-bike laws)

9:05 to 10:00

- Steve talks about:
 - Eleven new motor bike models to be unveiled at the Brisbane motor expo
 - Weather forecast
 - Traffic update
 - Steve talks about the decision not to have a curfew on flights at Brisbane airport
 - Texts – Brisbane airport
 - Talkback – no curfew at Brisbane airport
 - Music – Oxygene performed by Jean Michel Jarre
 - News headlines
 - Steve talks about the new motor bike models at the Brisbane Motor Expo
 - Federal politics – interview with Bernie Ripoll (Federal Labor MP) and Steve Ciobo (Federal Liberal MP). Topics covered:
 - Aged care
 - Arthur Sinodinos
 - Qantas
 - Australian fighting in Syria
 - Preview of the Conversation Hour – Steve talks to Alex Sloan
 - Steve talks about what's coming up after 10 o'clock
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10:00 NEWS (lead story – resignation of Queensland’s Solicitor General)

10:05 to 11:00

- Steve talks about:
 - Weather forecast
 - Traffic update
 - Texts – no curfew at Brisbane airport
 - Police searching for bodies of babies on a property near Gin Gin – interview with ABC reporter Eric Tlozek
 - Stories of Moreton Bay – Terri Begley interviews Kerry-Anne Hurren (ranger for Moreton Bay) and Peter Ludlow (Moreton Bay historian)
 - Brisbane Motor Expo – interview with Troy Bayliss
 - News headlines
 - Music – Ruby Tuesday performed by the Rolling Stones
 - Steve talks about the cancellation of the Rolling Stones tour
 - Parenting Panel – discussion with 3 panel members: Margo (2 children), Maria (5 children) and Tracey (3 children)
 - Music – Melbourne Town performed the Julia Rose
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Summary

The program covered a variety of topics with most time spent on:

- Federal politics
- The decision not to impose a curfew on flights at Brisbane airport
- Alcohol related problems

Other stories covered:

- The Queensland health system
- Police searching the bodies of babies near Gin Gin
- The Brisbane Motor Expo
- Stories about Moreton Bay

There was lots of feedback from listeners via talkback and texts.

WEDNESDAY 19 MARCH

891 ABC Adelaide Morning with Ian Henschke

9:00 to 11:00

9:00 NEWS (lead story – Ukraine has strengthened their frontier defences)

9:05 to 10:00

- Opening – Ian talks about:
 - Harmony Day at the Kilburn Community Centre
 - The Crows denied to fly their colours on Port Road
 - The Rolling Stones concert
 - Burning off in winter
 - Mondo Rock will join the program later
 - Burning off in winter (prescribed burning) – interview with Mike Wouters, Senior Fire Ecologist at DEWNR. During the interview Ian and Mike take questions from listeners via talkback
 - SA Election result not decided – interview with Bob Such, Independent MP
 - Does sushi breach the Food Act? – interview with Michael Livori, CEO Eastern Health Authority regarding prosecution of a particular sushi business
 - News headlines
 - Ian talks about:
 - The Rolling Stones segment later in the program
 - Dr Karl will ask the question: are humans getting smarter?
 - Film Review “Hannah Arendt” – audio from the film followed an interview with screen writer, Pam Katz
 - Federal politics – interview with Tony Wright, National Affairs Editor of The Age. Topic discussed:
 - Arthur Sinodinos
 - Ian talks about what’s on the program after the 10 o’clock news
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10:00 NEWS (lead story – SA Election vote count continues)

10:05 to 11:00

- Comedy Against battery Hense – audio from the campaign by the Comedians followed by an interview with Lisa Chalk, Animals Australia
 - Texts – nice to have Ian on the ABC
 - Seasonal fruit and vegetables – interview with David from the Adelaide Central Market
 - Mondo Rock – interview with Eric McCusker and Ross Wilson. The interview features the music of Mondo Rock. Songs played:
 - Come Said The Boy
 - Chemistry
 - News headlines
 - Texts – remembering Mondo Rock and INXS
 - The 1973 Rolling Stones Tour – archival music segment presented by June Pritchard. The segment features Stones fans reactions to the band and Mick Jagger talking about what leads the Stones to write their songs
 - Kooky Science (regular segment) – interview with Dr Karl in which he talks about intelligence testing and the improving results, which poses the question: are humans getting smarter? Also, is coconut oil/water a super food? Dr Karl responds to listeners questions sent via text
 - Ian talks to Sonya Feldhoff about what’s happening on the Afternoon program
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Summary

The main topics covered:

- Science – are humans getting smarter; is coconut oil/water a super food
- Film Review – “Hannah Arendt”
- Environment – Prescribed burning off

Other stories looked at:

- The SA Election count goes on
- Does sushi breach the Food Act
- Federal politics
- Comedians against battery hens
- Mondo Rock – interview with Eric McCusker and Ross Wilson

There was feedback from listeners via talkback and texts.

WEDNESDAY 19 MARCH

720 ABC Perth

Morning with Geoff Hutchison

8:30 to 11:00

8:30 to 9:00

- Opening – Geoff talks about:
 - The Attorney General's decision regarding a sex offender
 - A great story about a successful migrant family
 - News headlines
 - Traffic update
 - The Attorney General's decision regarding a sex offender:
 - Audio from Geoff's program the previous day which features Hetty Johnston from Bravehearts and talkback
 - Interview with Michael Mischin, WA Attorney General
 - Talkback and texts
 - Interview with Richard Choong, President of the AMA regarding anti-libidinal drugs
 - Interview with Paul Papalia, Corrective Services opposition spokesman
 - Geoff talks about what's coming up in the program after the 9 o'clock news
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9:00 NEWS (lead story – the Senate is considering action against Arthur Sinodinos)

9:05 to 10:00

- Geoff talks about:
 - The Attorney General's decision regarding a sex offender
 - The new coach of the West Coast Eagles – interview with Adam Simpson
 - Rules for motorists regarding cyclists – interview with Lynn McLaren, Greens MP. The interview is followed by talkback and texts
 - Geoff talks about what's coming up in the program
 - News headlines
 - Finance report – interview with Bevan Sturgess Smith from Macquarie Private Wealth
 - Who Are You (regular segment) – interview with Tina D'Orsogna about how the D'Orsogna family came to Australia and started a smallgoods business from scratch
 - Geoff talks about what's coming up in the program after 10 o'clock
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10:00 NEWS (lead story – Arthur Sinodinos)

10:05 to 11:00

- Geoff talks about:
 - Texts about Tina D’Orsogna and the D’Orsogna family story
 - Music from Darren
 - Cycling
 - Electric cars and charging stations:
 - Interview with Anthony Day from the Electric Vehicle Association
 - Interview with Andrew Simpson, Sustainability Policy Institute at Curtin University
 - Interview with Ray Wills, electric owner and enthusiast
 - Talkback and texts
 - Tidbinbilla Tracking Station celebrating 50 years anniversary with NASA – interview with astronomer, Glen Nagle
 - Geoff talks about:
 - New West Coast Eagles coach, Adam Simpson and Nick Naitanui
 - News headlines
 - Finance update
 - Texts – Tidbinbilla, Tina D’Orsogna and electric cars
 - Weather update from the bureau of meteorology
 - Music (dance track) – C’est La Vie (You Never can Tell) performed by Jerry Lee Lewis
 - Federal politics – interview with Paul Bongiorno from Network 10. Topic covered:
 - Arthur Sinodinos
 - Talkback and texts – topics covered:
 - Sex offender released back into the community
 - Cyclists
 - Geoff talks about Alex Sloan filling in for Richard Fidler on the Conversation Hour
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Summary

Geoff Hutchison’s Morning program is broadcast around WA between 8:30 and 10:00.

The main topics covered:

- A sex offender being released back into the community
- The history of the D’Orsogna family
- Electric cars

Other stories looked at:

- The new coach of the West Coast Eagles
- The Tidbinbilla Tracking Station
- Federal politics

There was lots of feedback from listeners via talkback and texts.

WEDNESDAY 19 MARCH

95.9 ABC Western Plains (Dubbo)

Morning with Dugald Saunders

8:30 to 11:00

8:30 REGIONAL NEWS (lead story – Dubbo Council to consider options to ward off pest birds)

8:35 to 9:00

- Opening – Dugald talks about:
 - Weather forecast
 - The upgrade of the Mitchell Highway
 - A wind farm approval
 - Obesity
 - Long range weather forecast
 - FA18 fighter jets
 - Music – My Happy Day performed by Geraint Watkins
 - The Flyers Creek Wind farm – interview with Jonathon Upson from Infigen Energy
 - Obesity – interview with Dr Tania Markovic, Director of Metabolism and Obesity Services at Royal Prince Alfred
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9:00 NEWS (lead story – shooting in Sydney's west)

9:05 to 10:00

- Dugald talks about:
 - A ticket giveaway to the movie The Darkside
 - An interview shortly regarding the long range forecast
 - RAAF fighter jets
 - Retirement
 - Local area weather forecast
 - Music – Can You Feel It performed by the Jacksons
 - Dugald talks about the movie, The Darkside
 - Long range weather forecast – interview with Martin Babakhan from the University of Newcastle
 - RAAF FA18 jet training in the region – interview with Wing Commander Tim Allsop
 - Music – Danger Zone performed by Kenny Loggins
 - News headlines
 - Dugald talks about the movie Top Gun
 - Retirement: what makes for a happy retirement – interview with retirement author Jill Weeks
 - Music – She Used To Love Me A Lot performed by Johnny Cash
 - A bull with a bung leg – interview with vet James Vanner from the Rural Report
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10:00 NEWS (lead story – Labor Senators putting pressure on Arthur Sinodinos)

10:05 to 11:00

- Dugald talks about:
 - Live music coming up shortly
 - Jane Caro will talk about fear and anxiety
 - Local area weather
 - Live Music segment – music featuring the country rock band Deep Creek Road. Steve Simmons and Jaime Holland talk to Dugald about their music and life on the road. Music performed live in the studio:
 - Cowboy On The Run
 - Been A Long Time
 - News headlines
 - Music – Ventura Highway performed by America
 - Weather update from the bureau of meteorology
 - What's Doing with Jane Caro (regular segment) – In today's segment Jane talks about dealing with fear and anxiety
 - Music – Edge of Seventeen performed by Stevie Nicks
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Summary

The program contained a variety of topics including lots of local Western Plains information. The local subjects covered:

- Wind farms
- Obesity
- Long range weather pattern and forecast
- RAAF fighter jet training in the local region
- Retirement
- Dealing with fear and anxiety

WEDNESDAY 19 MARCH

630 ABC North Queensland (Townsville)

Morning with Paula Tapiolas

8:30 to 10:00

8:30 REGIONAL NEWS (lead story – new laws to deal with car thieves in Townsville)

8:35 to 9:00

- Patients asked to pay for their own chemotherapy – interview with Katie Clift from the Cancer Council and Kieran Keyes, CEO Townsville Hospital
 - Youth crime – interview with Sam Cox, Queensland MP. Mr Cox also comments on patients being asked to pay for their cancer treatment
 - New state youth crime laws – interview with Torelle Parkinson, Townsville Crime and Alerts facebook page
 - Paula talks about:
 - What's coming up in the program after 9 o'clock
 - Weather forecast
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9:00 NEWS (lead story – High Court challenge to Queensland's bikie laws)

9:05 to 10:00

- Talking Science with Dr Karl (regular segment) – interview with Dr Karl Kruszelnicki. During the segment Dr Karl takes questions from listeners via talkback. Topics discussed:
 - Skin cancer remedy
 - What causes different colours in the water of Cleveland Bay
 - The diameter of the star Hercules
 - Could an atomic war push the earth closer to the sun
 - The big development in physics
 - How the first atoms formed
 - A dead Indian Guru is being kept in a cryogenic freezer
 - News headlines
 - Weather update from the bureau of meteorology
 - Paula talks about the impact of sugar on your body
 - Music – It's Good To Be Alive performed by Imelda May
 - Multiple Sclerosis – interview with Tim O'Malley talks about the disease, the support available and new treatments
 - Music – My Happy Day performed by Geraint Watkins
 - Weather forecast
 - TEDx Townsville – interview with Tania Clarke from Townsville Enterprize
 - Paula talks about:
 - What's coming up in the program after 10 o'clock
 - Weather forecast
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10:00 NEWS (lead story – Queensland’s Solicitor General has resigned)

10:05 to 11:00

- Paula talks about:
 - A birthday for someone special
 - Sugar: how much is the right amount each day
 - Music – Happy performed by Pharrell Williams
 - Sugar; new guidelines from the World Health Organisation – interview with Dietician, Trudy Williams
 - Paula mentions that today is the birthday of Ruth Pointer (from the Pointer Sisters) who are featured in the Music Memory
 - Music Memory segment presented by Alex Chambers. The segment features an interview with Ruth Pointer and songs by the Pointer Sisters:
 - Jump
 - Neutron Dance
 - News headlines
 - Paula talks about:
 - Stolen artwork
 - A missing Townsville woman
 - Music – Ruby Tuesday performed by the Rolling Stones
 - Paula talks about Mick Jagger’s reaction to the death of his partner
 - Queensland Auditor General finds local disaster plans are inadequate, incomplete or undocumented – interview with Bill Shannon from Cassowary Coast Mayor
 - Brief weather forecast
 - Book reading segment – this a is regular segment where part of a book is acted out by a variety of voices
 - Paula announces that the Rock Pool will be closed for maintenance
 - Detailed weather forecast
 - Paula talks about the Safe Hands workshop
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Summary

The main topics covered:

- Science – are humans getting smarter; is coconut oil/water a super food
- Health – Townsville hospital to charge for chemotherapy
- Health – how much sugar each day?

Other stories looked at:

- Youth crime
- New state laws for youths
- MS seminar in Townsville
- Local council disaster recovery plans

WEDNESDAY 19 MARCH

684 ABC The South West (Bunbury)

Morning with Naomi Christensen

10:00 to 12:00

10:00 NEWS (lead story – Labor Senators putting pressure on Arthur Sinodinos)

10:05 to 11:00

- Naomi talks about:
 - Recruiting guides for Margaret River
 - Fantasy genre series; we speak to 2 local authors
 - The loss of a child during pregnancy
 - Join the conversation on the phone, text or Facebook
- Naomi and her producer, Kelli Paul, pose a question for their Facebook page: are you happy with the level of training and support you receive from your local the Fire Brigade?
- The Mid-week Quiz
- Training by the Fire Brigade for emergency services – interview with Ron Lawrence, who is a trainer in the Harvey Shire
- Music – Happy performed by Pharrell Williams
- The Mid-week Quiz (Who Am I) – the 1st of 3 clues
- WA State Election on 5 April – interview with Phil Diak from the Electoral Commission regarding facilities for early voting
- Texts – re training by the Fire Brigade and the Mid-week Quiz

10:30 REGIONAL NEWS (lead story – a man charged after assaulting a security guard in Bunbury)

- Naomi talks about:
 - Mid-week Quiz
 - Emergency service training
 - Music – Ruby Tuesday performed by the Rolling Stones
 - Weather forecast
 - Emergency Preparedness Workshops run by Farmsafe WA – interview with Arnee Seupna, Farmsafe WA Alliance project co-ordinator
 - The Mid-week Quiz (Who Am I) – repeat of the 1st clue
 - Music – Ritual Union performed by Ms Murphy
 - Margaret River Surf Pro – interview with Simon Latchford from the Augusta-Margaret River Tourism Association. The recruitment of guides for the event
 - Music – O Vertigo performed by Kate Miller Heidke
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11:00 NEWS (lead story – Labor Senators putting pressure on Arthur Sinodinos)

11:05 to 12:00

- Naomi talks about:
 - Mid-week Quiz
 - Fantasy genre series; we speak to 2 local authors
 - The loss of a child during pregnancy
 - Join the conversation on the phone, text or Facebook
 - Weather forecast
 - Music – Jammin’ performed by Bob Marley
 - Mid-week Quiz (Who Am I – the 2nd clue
 - Talkback – training by the Fire Brigade for emergency services
 - The Shire of Dunnybrook-Balingup are planning a project to make the community more user friendly for the aged – interview with Deb Vanallen, Council Project Officer
 - Music – Turn Away performed by Beck
 - Pancake Run for SIDS & Kids – interview with Sonia Martin who had a stillborn baby at 39 weeks
 - Music – Workin’ Woman Blues performed by Valerie June
 - Mid-week Quiz (Who Am I) – the 3rd clue
 - Fantasy genre books – interview with authors Luke Jessop and Garrett Streeter who are known as GL Lathian and their first book, Swords of Winter
 - Music – It’s Only Rock ‘n Roll performed by the Rolling Stones
 - Naomi talks about:
 - ABC TV channels in Augusta have moved. The ABC website has all the information on how to tune to the new frequencies
 - Music – I Love Rock ‘n Roll performed by Joan Jet and Blackhearts
 - Naomi talks about:
 - The Mid-week Quiz (Who Am I) – Phillip was the winner. The answer to our Who Am I, Bob Dylan
 - Music – Blowin’ In The Wind performed by Bob Dylan
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Summary

The program contained a variety of topics including lots of local South West area information. The local subjects covered:

- Fire and emergency services training
- Losing a child – fund raising for SIDS and Kids
- Margaret River Surf Pro
- WA Senate Election – how to vote early
- Making the community user friendly for the aged
- Local authors first Fantasy genre book

There was feedback from listeners via talkback and texts.

Note: From 8:30 to 10:00 the Morning program from 720 ABC Perth is broadcast on 684 ABC Bunbury

WEDNESDAY 19 MARCH

ABC Radio National Life Matters with Natasha Mitchell

9:00 to 10:00

- Opening – Natasha talks about:
 - Clem Bastow will talk about living a life online
 - Housing affordability; limiting the number of foreign buyers
 - Missing flight MH370
 - The pendulum between hope and grief – interview with Yvonne Pembroke, who lost her husband, Philip, when he disappeared on a flight between Coolangatta and Sydney, and Sarah Wayland, grief councillor who specialises in research into missing persons. The story parallels with the hope and grief being experienced by loved ones over the missing Malaysian flight MH370
 - Everyday Economics (regular segment). Should foreign buyers be limited when it comes to buying real estate in order to avoid driving the market up? – interview with Jessica Irvine, News Limited Economics Editor
 - How real is a life lived online? – interview with Clem Bastow, who is a prolific online user. Are you a Tweet-aholic or a Facebook fanatic? Do you live your life online? If so, how much of your life is real? The death of Charlotte Dawson and how it was played out online. In an age where you can be judged by your online image is it foolish or even dangerous to air your views in such a public arena?
 - Listener letter – feedback about aged care and cognitive loss. Natasha reads a heartbreaking story of what happened to a listener's Dad who was receiving aged care and the impact on him and his family
 - Natasha talks to Michael Cathcart about what's coming up on his program
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Summary

The program featured three subjects:

- The pendulum between hope and grief
- Everyday Economics
- How real is a life lived online?

There was a thought provoking letter from a listener about aged care.

THURSDAY 27 MARCH

702 ABC Sydney Morning with Linda Mottram

8:30 to 11:00

8:30 to 9:00

- Opening – Linda talks about:
 - Public transport in Sydney
 - Obesity
 - Poverty in NSW
 - News headlines
 - Traffic update
 - Public transport in Sydney (light rail project) – interview with:
 - ABC reporter, John Donegan
 - Michelle Zeibots, Institute for Sustainability Futures
 - Weather update
 - Texts – light rail
 - Public transport in Sydney (light rail project) – interview with:
 - Gladys Berejiklian, NSW Transport Minister
 - Poverty in NSW (new report from Australian Council of Social Services) – interview with Alison Peters, CEO of NSW Council of Social Services
 - Linda talks about what's coming after the 9 o'clock news
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9:00 NEWS (lead story – the sell-off of Medibank Private)

9:05 to 10:00

- Linda talks about:
 - How can we all stay healthy when living such a busy life
 - Dr Karl will be with us a little later
 - Traffic update
 - Linda talks about a new Obesity report and promotes that she will soon talk to Professor John Funder shortly
 - Public transport in Sydney (light rail project) – another report from ABC reporter, John Donegan
 - Talkback – light rail
 - Obesity – interview with Professor John Funder, Executive Chairman of Obesity Australia
 - Talkback – obesity and healthy eating
 - Traffic update
 - Weather update from the bureau of meteorology
 - News headlines
 - Public transport in Sydney (light rail project) – another report from ABC reporter, John Donegan
 - Federal politics – interview with Paul Bongiorno from Network 10. Topics covered:
 - Knights and Dames
 - Medibank Private
 - Racial Discrimination Act
 - Linda talks about:
 - Traffic issues
 - School travel passes
 - Obesity and food at work – talkback and texts
 - Private/public partnerships (are they good for society?) – interview with Professor Sanford Shram, visiting US expert
 - Linda talks about what's coming up in the program after 10 o'clock
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10:00 NEWS (lead story – shooting in Sydney's west)

10:05 to 11:00

- Linda talks about:
 - The terrible traffic in Sydney
 - Dr Karl
 - Obesity
 - The Minister for Health will be with us shortly
 - Texts – obesity and healthy eating
 - Traffic update
 - Obesity – interview with Peter Dutton, Federal Health Minister
 - Science (regular segment) – interview with Dr Karl, which includes a discussion about obesity. The segment includes talkback and texts
 - Weather update
 - News headlines
 - Linda and Richard Fidler preview the Conversation Hour
 - Music – My Grandfather performed by Lior
 - Food (regular segment) – interview with Dan Lepard, Chef and Author. The segment includes talkback
 - Traffic update
 - Food (regular segment) – continuation of the interview with Dan Lepard, Chef and Author with more talkback and texts
 - Linda talks to James Valentine about his program at 1 o'clock
 - Traffic update
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Summary

The program featured a variety of topics with most of the on-air time spent on:

- Health (Obesity)
- Transport (light rail)
- Food (discussion about baking)

Other topics covered:

- Poverty
- Private/public partnerships to assist development
- Science segment (Dr Karl)
- Federal politics (Paul Bongiorno)

There was lots of listener participation via talkback and text messages.

THURSDAY 27 MARCH

774 ABC Melbourne Morning with Jon Faine

8:30 to 11:00

8:30 to 9:00

- Opening – Jon talks about:
 - Bronwyn Bishop's performance
 - The sale of Medibank Private
 - The Red Cross Blood Bank
 - Lockout of medical staff from their workplace
 - News headlines
 - Traffic update
 - The sale of Medibank Private – interview with Stephen Duckett, Health Economist. The interview is followed by talkback
 - The Red Cross Blood Bank to make 25 scientists redundant – interview with Dr Rosemary Sparrow, former employee who was made redundant in 2013. The interview is followed by talkback
 - Talkback – Medibank Private
 - Lockout of medical staff at the Northern Hospital – interview with Linda Jenkin, Victorian Health Professionals Association. Northern Health declined to comment
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9:00 NEWS (lead story – the sell-off of Medibank Private)

9:05 to 10:00

- Traffic update
- Jon talks about:
 - More to come on Medibank Private
 - Bronwyn Bishop's performance
 - The Blood Bank
 - Sexual abuse
 - John Howard does not support Knights and Dames; Tony Abbott does
- Lachlan Murdoch moving back into the family business – interview with Stephen Mayne, business commentator
- Texts – Bronwyn Bishop
- Talkback – staff member from the Northern Hospital
- Texts – medical cover; the blood bank; what's going on at the Northern Hospital
- The Red Cross Blood Bank to make 25 scientists redundant – interview with Jacqui Caulfield responding on behalf of the Blood Bank
- Talkbacks and texts – Medibank Private; the Northern Hospital; the Blood Bank; the Murdoch succession plan
- Weather update from the bureau of meteorology
- News headlines
- Traffic update
- Federal politics – audio from Parliament in which Bronwyn Bishop is talking about the behaviour of Members and in particular their laughing
- The Flower and Garden Show – interview with ABC reporter, Prue Bentleigh. The discussion also covered water and desalination
- Talkback and texts – Bronwyn Bishop; Medibank Private; rules and regulations for Speakers
- Federal politics – interview with Barrie Cassidy, Host of Insiders. The topics covered:
 - Bronwyn Bishop
 - Knights and Dames (Tony Abbott)
 - Bill Shorten
 - Arthur Sinodinos
 - Racial Discrimination Act

- New Liberal Party President
 - Medibank Private
 - WA Senate election re-run
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10:00 NEWS (lead story – the sell-off of Medibank Private)

10:05 to 11:00

- Television (regular segment) – interview with Debi Enker, Green Guide Editor. The segment includes talkback and texts
 - News headlines
 - Jon talks about:
 - Medibank Private
 - Staff lockout at the Northern Hospital
 - The Murdock succession plans
 - Bronwyn Bishop
 - Knights and Dames
 - Cardinal Pell
 - Train and tram fares to be reduced
 - Malaysian flight MH370
 - Preview of the Conversation Hour
 - Finance and business (regular segment) – interview with Marcus Padley from the Marcus Today Newsletter. Topics discussed:
 - The market being down
 - Economic data from the US is OK
 - Gold stocks down
 - BHP & RIO down
 - The Banks
 - Aussie dollar
 - Deloitte's study regarding the next growth waves in Australia
 - Texts – behaviour in Parliament
 - The Open Line - talkback covering:
 - Flower show
 - The Blood Bank
 - A power company and a maintenance issue
 - Morwell fire clean up package not available to a 79 year-old
 - Jon and Conversation Hour co-host, Dr Ranjana Srivastava, oncologist and writer based at Southern Health, preview what's coming up on the program
 - Talkback – Bronwyn Bishop; Medibank Private
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Summary

The program featured a variety of topics with most of the on-air time spent on:

- The Television segment, which included talkback calls
- The proposed sale of Medibank Private, included lots of talkback calls
- Red Cross Blood Bank redundancies

Other subjects included:

- The lockout of staff at the Northern Hospital
- Lachlan Murdock and the Murdock family succession plan
- The Flower Show
- Finance and business
- Federal politics (Barrie Cassidy)

There was a significant amount of listener participation via talkback and text messages.

THURSDAY 27 MARCH

612 ABC Brisbane Morning with Steve Austin

8:30 to 11:00

8:30 to 9:00

- Opening – Steve talks about:
 - Specialist doctors at risk in Queensland regarding their fight over employment contracts with the Queensland government
 - Weather forecast (severe weather warning)
 - Traffic update
 - Specialist doctors at risk in Queensland:
 - Interview with Rob Thomas, consulting anaesthetist
 - Interview with Nick Buckmaster, QLD President of the Australian Salaried Medical Officers Association
 - Interview with QLD Health Minister, Lawrence Springborg
 - Traffic update
 - Weather forecast (severe weather warning)
 - Federal politics (regular segment) – interview with Bernard Keane from Crikey.com.au.
Topics covered:
 - Changes to the Racial Discrimination Act (freedom of speech)
 - Knights and Dames (Tony Abbott says yes, John Howard says no)
 - Steve talks about what's coming up on the program after 9 o'clock
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9:00 NEWS (lead story – flash flooding causing damage on the Capricorn Coast)

9:05 to 10:00

- Steve talks about:
 - More on the dispute between the Queensland specialist doctors and the state government
 - Weather forecast (severe weather warning)
 - Should Kate Bush make a comeback? We'll take your calls
 - Traffic update
 - Specialist doctors at risk in Queensland:
 - Interview with Nick Buckmaster, QLD President of the Australian Salaried Medical Officers Association. Mr Buckmaster clarifies where he is from and his credentials in response to comments by Lawrence Springborg
 - Talkback – Specialist doctors in dispute with the Queensland government
 - News headlines
 - Steve talks about:
 - Kate Bush and her decision to make a comeback
 - Dr Karl will take your calls shortly
 - Music – Wuthering Heights performed by Kate Bush
 - Texts – Kate Bush
 - Science (regular segment) – interview with Dr Karl. During the segment Dr Karl answers listeners questions via talkback
 - More discussion about Kate Bush
 - Steve and Richard Fidler preview the Conversation Hour
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10:00 NEWS (lead story – the Queensland Premier’s wage has been increased by 21.8%)

10:05 to 11:00

- Steve talks about:
 - Listeners texts and Facebook comments regarding the comeback of Kate Bush
 - Traffic update
 - Weather update (severe weather warning)
 - The Computer Cloud; what is it? – interview with Tim Reed, CEO of MYOB
 - News headlines
 - Weather update from the bureau of meteorology including a severe weather warning
 - Music – My Grandfather performed by Lior
 - Listener feedback via text, Facebook and email. Topics discussed:
 - Queensland specialist doctors dispute
 - Kate Bush
 - Former soapie star (Home & Away) turned children’s author – interview with Tristan Bancks
 - Review of the some interviews from this week. Topics covered:
 - Has a Queensland Solicitor General ever resigned before?
 - Roman Krznaric talks about empathy
 - Music – Yours Was The Body performed by Kate Miller Heidke
 - Weather forecast (severe weather warning)
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Summary

The program covered a variety of topics with most time spent on:

- Health – specialist doctors dispute with the Queensland government
- The Computer Cloud
- Science with Dr Karl

Other stories covered:

- The proposed comeback of Kate Bush
- Federal politics
- Children’s author (former Home & Away star) Tristan Bancks

There was lots of feedback from listeners via talkback, texts and Facebook.

THURSDAY 27 MARCH

891 ABC Adelaide Morning with Ian Henschke

9:00 to 11:00

9:00 NEWS (lead story – the sell-off of Medibank Private)

9:05 to 10:00

- Opening – Ian talks about:
 - Horrible Histories giveaway
 - The footy tips for the weekend
 - Disability parking and access at Adelaide Oval – interview with Rod Hook, CEO Department of Transport, Energy and Infrastructure. During the interview Rod gives details about the options for car parking and public transport. Rod Hook also takes questions from the listeners via talkback
 - New MP and new Minister for Transport and Infrastructure – interview with Stephen Mullighan. The Minister answers questions from listeners sent via text
 - News headlines
 - Ian talks about:
 - The live broadcast from the Adelaide Oval on Friday
 - The number to call Adelaide Oval management regarding ground access
 - The Moodys – audio from the Australia Day episode followed by an interview with Darren Gilshenan who plays Terry Moody
 - Celebrating 40 years of the ABC Adelaide building. Music montage from 1974 to remember the occasion:
 - Evie – Stevie Wright
 - Ballroom Blitz – The Sweet
 - The Night Chicago Died – Paper Lace
 - The Entertainer – Marvin Hamlisch
 - Devil Gate Drive – Suzi Quatro
 - Can't Stop Myself From Loving You – William Shakespeare
 - Music quiz – name the songs featured from 1974
 - Federal politics (regular segment) – interview with Tony Wright, National Affairs Editor of The Age. Topics discussed:
 - Bronwyn Bishop banning laughter
 - Proposed changes to the Racial Discrimination Act
 - Ian talks about what's on the program after the 10 o'clock news
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10:00 NEWS (lead story – Government funds for upgrading of the Port Pirie smelter)

10:05 to 11:00

- Ian talks about:
 - Kate Ceberano
 - Prizes to giveaway to Horrible Histories
 - Music quiz winner – Renee
 - The Economics of Gough Whitlam
 - The footy tips for the weekend
 - Live broadcast from the Adelaide on Friday
 - Kate Ceberano's autobiography – interview with Kate Ceberano regarding her book I'm Talking: My Life, My Words, My Music. The interview includes texts from listeners and Kate's version of the Fleetwood Mac hit song, Go Your Own Way
 - News headlines
 - Horrible Histories quiz
 - Weather forecast
 - Celebrating the 1974 opening of the ABC Adelaide building:
 - audio from Gough Whitlam's speech at the opening
 - Interview with Shane Wright, Economics Editor of the West Australian regarding the economic situation in 1974. The interview includes talkback and texts
 - AFL Showdown Adelaide Vs Port Adelaide – interview with David Koch, Chairman of Port Adelaide FC
 - Ian talks to Sonya Feldhoff about what's happening on the Afternoon program
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Summary

The main topics covered:

- Transport infrastructure
- Kate Ceberano
- 1974 economics

Other stories looked at:

- The Moodys TV series (interview with Darren Gilshenan "Terry Moody")
- Federal politics

There was feedback from listeners via talkback and texts.

THURSDAY 27 MARCH

720 ABC Perth

Morning with Geoff Hutchison

8:30 to 11:00

8:30 to 9:00

- Opening – Geoff talks about:
 - Child protection
 - News headlines
 - Traffic update
 - Child protection – interview with retiring Director General of Child Protection, Terry Murphy. The interview includes texts from listeners
 - Traffic update – report by Sharna from Main Roads
 - Geoff talks about what's coming up in the program after the 9 o'clock news
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9:00 NEWS (lead story – Bill Shorten putting pressure on the Government over school funding)

9:05 to 10:00

- Geoff talks about:
 - Texts from listeners regarding child protection and reaction to the interview with Terry Murphy
 - Sex offender (TJD) – interview with TJD's lawyer David McKenzie
 - Geoff talks about what's coming up on the program
 - Talkback – the sex offender
 - Concern over missing elderly man from East Bunbury – interview with Sgt Craig Anderson from Dunsborough Police
 - Geoff talks about Knights and Dames; Tony Abbott wants them, John Howard says no
 - Lachlan Murdock returns to News Limited – interview with James Chessell, Fairfax Media Business Editor
 - News headlines
 - Text responses to interview with sex offender's lawyer
 - Finance update – report from Stuart Beattie
 - Music – Brother Can You Spare A Dime performed by George Michael
 - Finance (regular segment) – interview with Bevan Sturgess Smith. The segment includes talkback and texts
 - Geoff talks about what's coming up in the program after 10 o'clock
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10:00 NEWS (lead story – missing South West man may have been washed off rocks)

10:05 to 11:00

- Geoff talks about:
 - James Reyne
 - Consumer protection
 - A not-for-profit real estate service to help the homeless
 - Missing Malaysian flight MH370 – interview with ABC reporter, Peter Lloyd
 - Housing shortage for the homeless – interview with Heather Holst, CEO of Homeground Services, which is a not-for-profit real estate service
 - James Reyne – interview with the former Australian Crawl band member. Song played during the interview, English Girl
 - Movie ticket giveaway
 - News headlines
 - Finance update
 - Weather update from the bureau of meteorology
 - Music (dance track) – Livin' La Vida Loca performed by Ricky Martin
 - Geoff talks about:
 - Consumer issues segment
 - Power outage in Rockingham after a bird flow into power lines
 - Midland train line is back to normal service
 - A whale is swimming off Portland beach
 - Consumer Protection (regular segment) – interview with David Hillyard. Topics discussed:
 - New swimming pool laws
 - Wrong product in box
 - Car purchase and mechanical problems
 - Computer virus and an offer to fix it for \$100
 - Building defects in new home
 - False advertising by so-called clothing bins charity
 - Music – My Baby Just Cares For Me performed by George Michael
 - Geoff talks about what's coming in the Conversation Hour
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Summary

Geoff Hutchison's Morning program is broadcast around WA between 8:30 and 10:00.

The main topics covered:

- Child protection
- Finance/cost of living
- Consumer issues

Other stories looked at:

- Lachlan Murdoch returns to News Limited
- Missing Malaysian flight MH370
- Housing shortage for the homeless

There was feedback from listeners via talkback and texts.

THURSDAY 27 MARCH

95.9 ABC Western Plains (Dubbo)

Morning with Kelly Fuller (networked from Tamworth)

8:30 to 11:00

8:30 REGIONAL NEWS (lead story – Reading Cinemas to pull out of Dubbo)

8:35 to 9:00

- Opening – Kelly talks about:
 - Moratorium on new coal seam gas exploration licences
 - Plans for BHP's new coal mine in the Liverpool Plains
 - Thursday Book Club
 - Preview of the music coming up in the program
 - The sounds of an electric car
 - Moratorium on new coal seam gas exploration licences – interview with Anthony Roberts, NSW Energy and Resources Minister
 - Text – Coal seam gas
 - Kelly talks about plans for BHP's new coal mine in the Liverpool Plains
 - Traffic update
 - Local bike ride (cyclists) to raise money for cancer and mental health – interview with team leader, Pete McSmith
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9:00 NEWS (lead story – the sell-off of Medibank Private)

9:05 to 10:00

- Kelly talks about:
 - Preview of electric car discussion
 - The Cadillac vintage car fun run
 - The Thursday Book Club
 - Local area weather forecast
 - BHP to open a new coal mine on the Liverpool Plains – interview with:
 - Peter Sharp from BHP
 - Andrew Pursells, local farmer
 - The Cadillac vintage car fun run – interview with event organiser, Milton Watkins. The event is raising money for Brave Hearts
 - News headlines
 - Sport – John Hyde and Kelly talk about Harry Kewell and Tim Cahill
 - Weather forecast
 - Sustainability (regular segment). Electric cars – interview with Col Easton, senior local land services officer. The segment includes an interview from inside an electric car
 - Sustainability (regular segment). Cleaning practices at local hospitals – interview with Helen O'Hara from Tamworth Base Hospital
 - Music – Signed Sealed Delivered I'm Yours performed by Stevie Wonder
 - Kelly talks about what's coming up in the program after 10 o'clock
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10:00 NEWS (lead story – shooting in Sydney's west)

10:05 to 11:00

- Kelly talks about:
 - Thursday Book Club
 - The history of one of our communities
 - Great music to come this hour
 - Petition to be presented the NSW Parliament regarding land use and mining
 - Weather update from the bureau of meteorology
 - Music – Recluse performed by Neil Finn
 - Thursday Book Club – interview with Po Woodland taking about a new book celebrating Armidale's 150th anniversary
 - Kelly introduces the Curious John segment. The question today: Why do people train horses so early in the morning? John Hyde interviews horse trainer, Sue Grills
 - Music – Beautiful Girl performed by INXS
 - News headlines
 - Weather update
 - Music Viva classical music concert series preview:
 - Interview with pianist, Wu Chin
 - Music excerpts to be played at the concert
 - Music – How Far We've Come performed by the Dawes
 - More on the moratorium on new coal seam gas exploration licences:
 - Excerpts from the interview with Anthony Roberts, NSW Energy and Resources Minister
 - Interview with Anne Kennedy, local farmer and President of the NSW Artesian Bore Water Users Association
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Summary

The program contained a variety of topics including lots of local information. The main topics covered:

- Coal seam gas
- BHP's proposed new coal mine
- Electric cars

Other topics included:

- Local cyclists charity ride
- Vintage car fun run for charity
- Thursday Book Club
- Music Viva classical music concert series

THURSDAY 27 MARCH

630 ABC North Queensland (Townsville)

Morning with Paula Tapiolas

8:30 to 10:00

8:30 REGIONAL NEWS (lead story – Whitsunday regional council rift worsens)

8:35 to 9:00

- Whitsunday Council walkout – interview with:
 - David Crisafulli, Minister for Local Government
 - Dave Clark, one of the councillors who walked out of the meeting
 - Weather forecast
 - Upgrade planned for the Townsville helicopter base – interview with Senator Ian McDonald
 - Paula previews her interview regarding Indigenous servicemen
 - Youth Crime – interview with Professor David Plummer from JCU's school of medicine. Professor Plummer talks about research findings that show education is no longer a way to prove your manhood. Boys now prove their manhood by taking risks with their peer group. The role of parents in manhood has been diminished over time
 - Paula talks about:
 - The Police Minister launching Neighbourhood Watch in Townsville today
 - Brief weather update
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9:00 NEWS (lead story – flash flooding causing damage on the Capricorn Coast)

9:05 to 10:00

- Paula talks about:
 - Flooding in the local area
 - Previews her interview regarding Indigenous servicemen
 - Music – One Love performed by Bob Marley and the Wailers
 - Indigenous servicemen – interview with Mick Dodson from the Australian National University. This is a new project to research and document the history of Indigenous servicemen
 - Music – How Far We've Come performed by the Dawes
 - Weather update from the bureau of meteorology. Includes flood warnings
 - Music – Just Like Fire Would performed by Bruce Springsteen
 - Paula talks about:
 - ABC Open
 - The serving our country project
 - News headlines
 - Music – Running Up That Hill performed by Kate Bush
 - ABC Open (regular segment about local people, art, activities) – Michael Bromage and Paula talk about what's on at ABC Open. Featured in the segment is the sound of Maddy Voinea and Alex Salvador
 - Music – Don't Change performed by INXS
 - Poetry – Pam Ayres
 - Paula talks about a local landslip
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10:00 NEWS (lead story – the Queensland Premier’s wage has been increased by 21.8%)

10:05 to 11:00

- Paula talks about:
 - Due to the rain the Family Fun Day in Townsville has been postponed
 - Landslip at Mission Beach has caused some road closures
 - Sport coming up
 - Music – In The Sun performed by She & Him
 - Sport Talk – Michael Rennie from Grandstand talks to Paula and guests about the North Queensland Games to be held in Townsville. Guests include:
 - Andrew Bligh
 - Marvin Baumeister
 - Music – Signed Sealed Delivered I’m Yours performed by Stevie Wonder
 - News headlines
 - Weather forecast
 - Music Memory segment presented by Alex Chambers. The segment features an interview with Mariah Carey and her music:
 - Dreamlover
 - Hero
 - Paula talks about the Conversation Hour with Richard Fidler
 - Book reading segment – this a is regular segment where part of a book is acted out by a variety of voices
 - Paula talks about the Games Night and French conversation. Free for members and a gold coin donation for non-members
 - Music – Riptide performed by Vance Joy
 - Detailed weather forecast
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Summary

The main topics covered:

- Sport Talk
- ABC Open (local people, art, activities)
- Whitsunday Council dispute – walkout of a meeting by councillors

Other stories looked at:

- Upgrade of Townsville helicopter base
- Youth Crime
- Indigenous servicemen

THURSDAY 27 MARCH

684 ABC The South West (Bunbury)

Morning with Naomi Christensen

10:00 to 12:00

10:00 NEWS (lead story – missing Bunbury man may have been washed off rocks)

10:05 to 11:00

- Naomi talks about:
 - Going to the pub in the CBD; what the suburbs?
 - Cooking up some corn in our Food segment
 - Geoffrey the police dog will join us
 - Weather forecast
- Missing Bunbury man washed off rocks – interview with Sgt Craig Anderson from Dunsborough Police
- Naomi talks about the hepatitis outbreak in Busselton
- Music – In The Sun performed by She & Him
- Hepatitis outbreak in Busselton – interview with Dr Richard Chong, Vice President of the AMA in WA
- Music – My Grandfather performed by Lior
- Naomi and her producer, Nomi O'Hara, pose a question for their Facebook page: what do you think about a new proposal to have a tavern in the Bunbury homemakers centre?
- Texts – the proposed new tavern in the Bunbury homemakers centre
- Naomi talks about memorable music from movies
- Music – I'm Looking Through You performed by the Wallflowers

10:30 REGIONAL NEWS (lead story – missing Bunbury man may have been washed off rocks)

- Naomi talks about:
 - The proposed new tavern in the Bunbury homemakers centre
 - Weather forecast
 - Join the conversation on the phone, text or Facebook
 - Music – Signed Sealed Delivered I'm Yours performed by Stevie Wonder
 - The proposed new tavern in the Bunbury homemakers centre – interview with Geoff Prosser, Citigate developer
 - Naomi asks her listeners to let her know what they think of the proposal for the tavern in the Bunbury homemakers centre
 - Music – Riptide performed by Vance Joy
 - The proposed new tavern in the Bunbury homemakers centre – interview with Bob Karaszewych from Bunbury Council
 - Naomi asks her listeners to let her know what they think of the proposal for the tavern in the Bunbury homemakers centre
 - Music – Knee Deep performed by the Zac Brown Band featuring Jimmy Buffett
 - Naomi talks about memorable music from movies
 - Music – Slice of Heaven performed by Dave Dobbyn
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11:00 NEWS (lead story – missing Bunbury man may have been washed off rocks)

11:05 to 12:00

- Naomi talks about:
 - Boating safety
 - Geoffrey the police dog
 - Fun with food
 - Join the conversation on the phone, text or Facebook
 - Music – Streets of London performed by Ralph McTell
 - Boating safety – interview with Mark Bryant from the Department of Transport. Mark talks about the new channel built at Port Geographe
 - Music – How Far We've Come performed by the Dawes
 - Geoffrey the police dog – interview with handler, Constable Jake Currathers
 - News headlines
 - Naomi talks about:
 - Assault on in the south west
 - Weather update
 - Music – Just Like Fire Would performed by Bruce Springsteen
 - More on the search for a missing Bunbury man washed off rocks – interview with ABC reporter
 - The Cat Stevens musical, Peace Train, which is playing in the south west – interview with the star of the show, Darren Coggan. Music featured:
 - Peace Train performed by Darren Coggan
 - Father and Son performed by Darren Coggan
 - Food (regular segment) – interview with Ian Parmenter who talks about corn recipes
 - Naomi and her producer, Nomi O'Hara, preview the Country Hour
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Summary

The program contained a variety of topics including lots of local South West area information. The main topics covered:

- The new Cat Stevens musical playing in the south west
- Proposed new tavern at the Bunbury homemakers centre
- Geoffrey the police dog

Other topics discussed:

- Missing Bunbury man washed off rocks
- Hepatitis outbreak in Busselton
- Boating safety
- Food/cooking

Note: From 8:30 to 10:00 the Morning program from 720 ABC Perth is broadcast on 684 ABC Bunbury

THURSDAY 27 MARCH

ABC Radio National Life Matters with Natasha Mitchell

9:00 to 10:00

- Opening – Natasha talks about:
 - Part 3 of Losing It. Today we look at the Ins and Outs and evidence of diets
 - The tension between competition and cooperation with leaders
 - Making the connection between school and business – interview with:
 - Toni Wren, employment and social policy consultant
 - Martin Dwyer, National Training Manager for Yamaha Motors Australia
 - Jeanette Gentle, Principal of the Sandgate District High School in Brisbane

The discussion looks at how to get young people connected to the business community. Toni, Martin and Jeanette all give their views on how to assist young people
 - Losing It (part 3) The Paleo Diet – interview with:
 - Dr Loren Cordain, Professor of Health and Exercise at Colorado State University
 - Rob Wolff, author of the Paleo Solution

The paleo diet is also known as the Stoneage or Caveman diet as it takes its cue from our pre-agriculture heritage – no grains, no processed foods; add high protein and fibre.
 - Natasha talks about what's on the program tomorrow
 - The tension between competition and cooperation with leaders – interview with Cassandra Kelly, joint CEO of corporate advisors, Pottingers

Casandra says that if women want to be real leaders, they need to learn to make time to help other women. According to Sandra, the modern business environment has been slow to embrace this principle, and she suggests assisting others is of great benefit for skilled leadership and it can enhance the economy as a whole
 - Natasha talks to Michael Cathcart about what's coming up on his program
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Summary

The program featured three subjects:

- Making the connection between school and business
- Losing It (part 3) The Paleo Diet
- The tension between competition and cooperation with leaders

ISSUES THAT AUSTRALIANS CONSIDER MOST INTERESTING AND SIGNIFICANT

The following information provides a point of comparison when considering the editorial choices made by ABC program teams on what issues to cover in their programs.

There are, of course, a great many factors to consider when determining a program run down. Recent events, issues in the headlines, local controversies, the particular concerns of specific target audiences, breaking news and visiting celebrities/newsmakers/authors can all play a part, along with other factors.

However, it is undoubtedly the case that one significant consideration is the issues that Australians generally consider to be the most important and relevant ones in their lives. It is this factor that this paper deals with.

*The information provided here is largely drawn from the most recent **Mind and Mood Reports** and the **Top Issues** summaries produced by the market research company **Ipsos**. The ABC has a contract with Ipsos, and regularly provides briefings to content staff on Ipsos research to help inform program decisions. However, this research has also been cross referenced with similar and related data provided by **iSentia** through its **True Issues** analysis, by **Essential Media Communications** through its **Essential Report** and by **Newspoll** through its published information on issues rated as “very important” in the context of Federal Elections.*

This data has been used to create a pie chart which reflects the relative importance attached to each key issue by various participants in both quantitative and qualitative research exercises.

*It does **not** represent a precise example of what should make up the main topics covered by program teams or content areas, but simply acts as a point of comparison and discussion.*

*Alan Sunderland
Head of Editorial Policy
April 2014*

THE TOP TEN ISSUES IDENTIFIED BY IPSOS (December 2013)¹

1. THE ECONOMY
2. HEALTHCARE
3. CRIME
4. IMMIGRATION
5. COST OF LIVING
6. EDUCATION
7. UNEMPLOYMENT
8. HOUSING
9. DRUG ABUSE
10. POVERTY

THE TOP TEN ISSUES IDENTIFIED BY iSENTIA (March 2014)²

1. HEALTHCARE
2. THE ECONOMY
3. EDUCATION
4. INFRASTRUCTURE/POPULATION
5. SOCIAL ISSUES
6. QUALITY OF GOVERNMENT
7. ENVIRONMENT
8. IMMIGRATION
9. REGIONAL & RURAL AUSTRALIA
10. DEFENCE

THE KEY ISSUES INCLUDED IN ESSENTIAL REPORT SURVEY (April 2014)³

1. THE ECONOMY
2. ASYLUM SEEKERS
3. FOREIGN AFFAIRS
4. EDUCATION
5. BUSINESS
6. ENVIRONMENT
7. SOCIAL WELFARE
8. INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS
9. HEALTH
10. CLIMATE CHANGE

¹ This is based on research asking people to nominate the three most important issues facing Australia.

² This is based on research asking people to nominate the most important issues for Governments to manage

³ These are simply the key areas identified by Essential when asking for views on Government performance

THE KEY ISSUES IDENTIFIED BY THE NEWSPOLL SURVEY (February 2014)⁴

1. HEALTH
2. EDUCATION
3. THE ECONOMY
4. COST OF LIVING
5. UNEMPLOYMENT
6. LEADERSHIP
7. NATIONAL SECURITY
8. ASYLUM SEEKERS
9. CLIMATE CHANGE
10. INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS

Of the four lists, the first list (compiled by Ipsos) is the most significant and relevant, as it is the only one that does not consider the issues in a purely political context.

All the other research either generates the topics first and then asks respondents to rank them, or it asks specifically for issues that are relevant for Governments to handle.

Nevertheless, there are some consistent themes that emerge from all the research.

Health, education and the economy figure very strongly in most cases, along with a range of related cost of living issues (including interest rates and employment issues) and a range of social issues like poverty, crime and drug abuse.

The associated Mind and Mood Research carried out by Ipsos, together with detailed presentations made to the ABC by Ipsos Director Rebecca Huntley, have allowed us to expand on the broad topics identified, and add a finer level of detail.

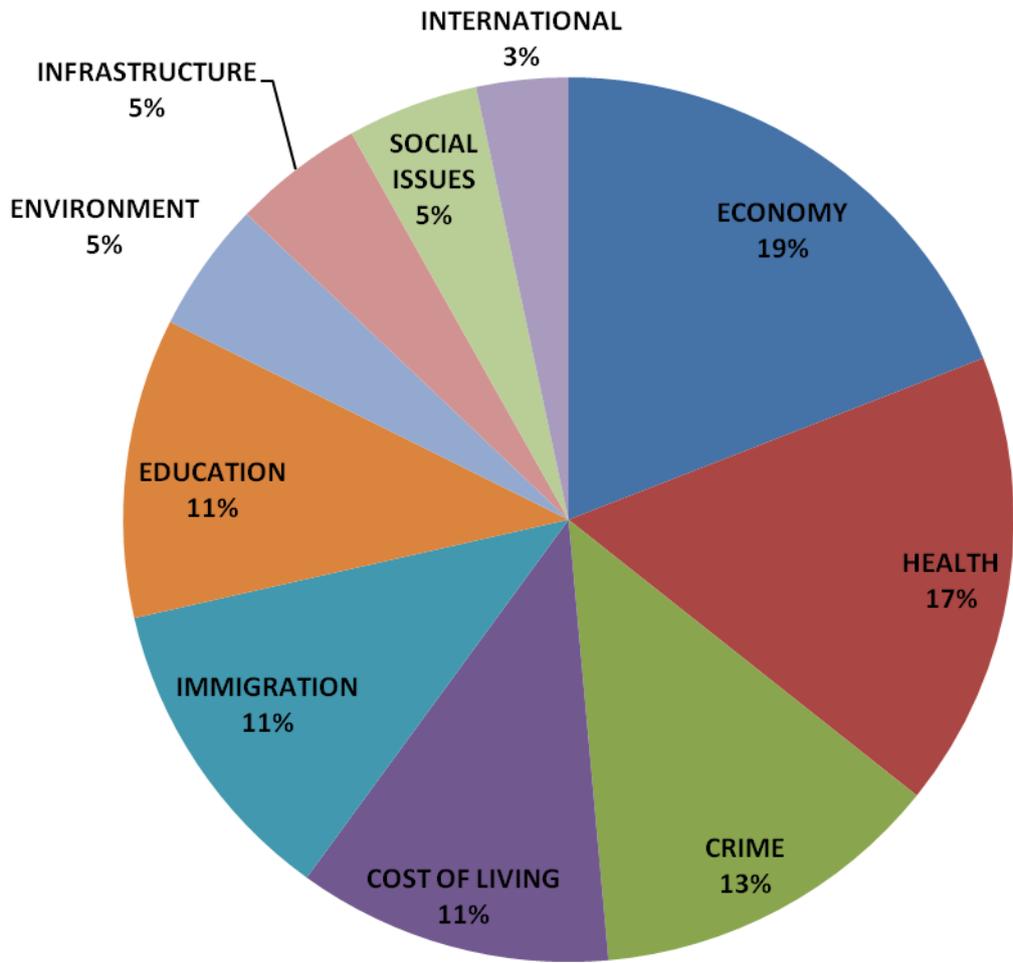
Also, by including some of the specific issues identified in other surveys and grouping together common areas (for example, "crime" and "drug abuse") it has been possible to broaden the range of issues included.⁵

The following final list was drawn from the Ipsos research, but then revised and expanded to include some of the topics identified in other research. It is depicted first as a simple list, and then as a pie chart. The approximate percentages are based on how highly the issue was rated by respondents to the Ipsos research.

⁴ This is based on research asking people to rate which of the listed issues is most important in determining how they would vote

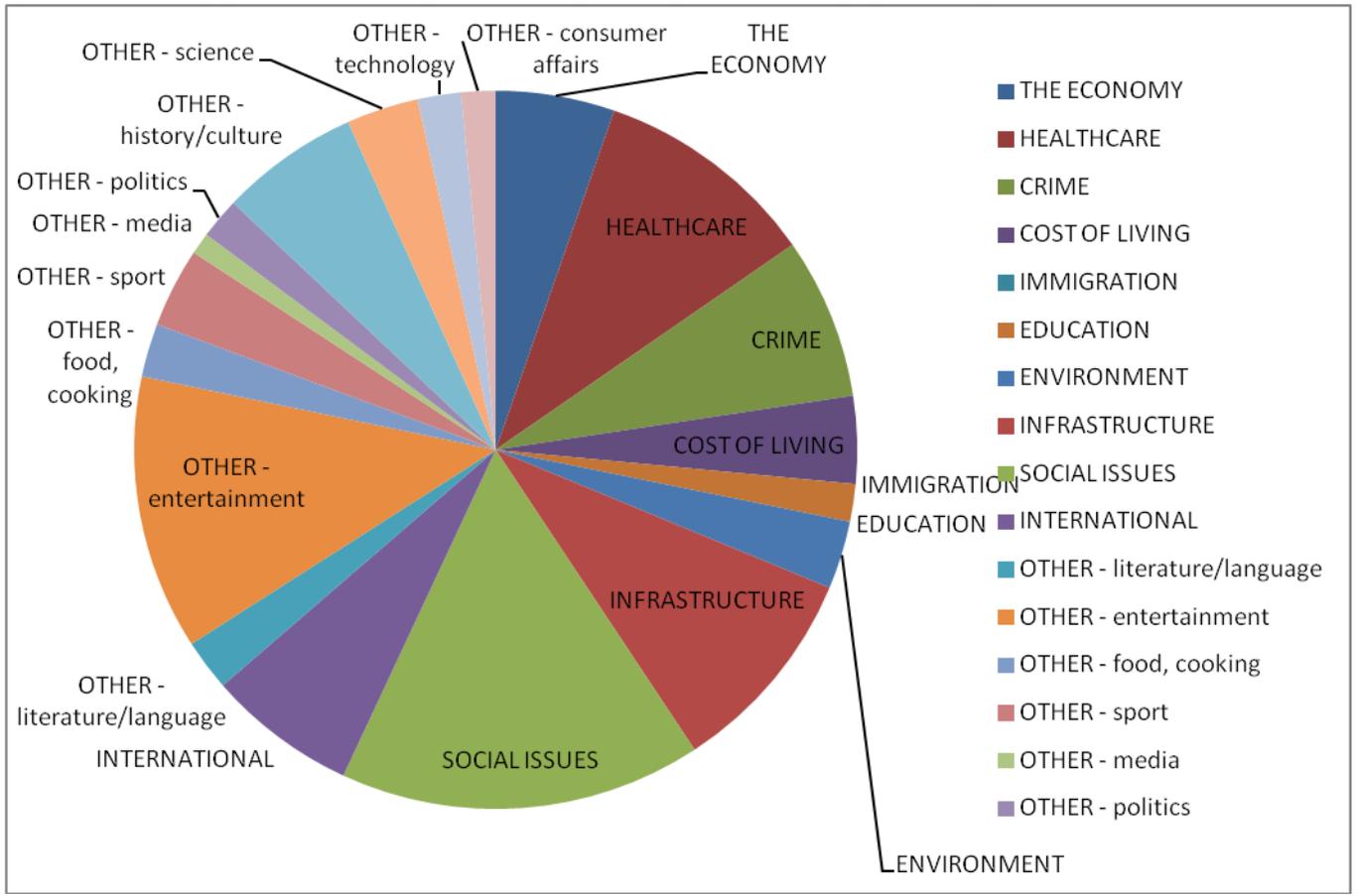
⁵ The complete list of issues produced by Ipsos lists 19 different topics.

ISSUE	AREAS OF DISCUSSION
<p>1. The Economy (inc. Unemployment, taxation, poverty)</p> <p>40%</p>	<p><i>This is the biggest issue for those under 50, for people in cities and for men</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fear of redundancy • More flexible and tenuous labour market • Life after the mining boom • Anxiety about the impact of China • Worries about 'selling off the farm' • BUT a sense that we are better off than other countries
<p>2. Health Care</p> <p>35%</p>	<p><i>This is the biggest issue for women and for people in rural and regional areas</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lack of regional access to healthcare facilities • Overburdened facilities • Deteriorating public health services • The burden of ageing and obesity • Worries about aging, staying mentally & physically fit
<p>3. Crime (inc. drug abuse)</p> <p>27%</p>	<p><i>This is the biggest issue for those over 50</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Alcohol-fuelled violence • Attacks on women • Crime trends spreading from cities to regional areas • Youth unemployment and drugs • Police losing control • Online safety and social media, esp. for kids
<p>4. Cost of living (inc. Housing, petrol prices, personal debt)</p> <p>24%</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prices going up • Wages not keeping pace • Cost of food, transport, housing, utilities • Private schooling, travel, technology the 'new essentials' • Cost of housing
<p>5. Immigration</p> <p>24%</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We value cultural diversity, but... • Too many migrants in enclaves, no assimilation • We are the minority in our own society • A range of views on boat people – anxiety, but no simple solution • Border security a key concern • Overpopulation
<p>6. Education</p> <p>23%</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Public vs. private funding • Quality of teaching • Universities – access, employment outcomes, etc • Childcare costs
<p>7. Environment</p> <p>10%</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Climate change • Water usage • Pollution, over-development
<p>8. Infrastructure</p> <p>10%</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Roads and other infrastructure • Congestion, commute times • Public transport • Planes, airports • General level of services provided to the community
<p>9. Social Issues (inc. Indigenous issues)</p> <p>10%</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Racial abuse, discrimination • Indigenous health, welfare • Poverty, equity • Rural & Regional disadvantage
<p>10. International</p> <p>7%</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Defence • Foreign Affairs • Relevant stories about our region • International trends

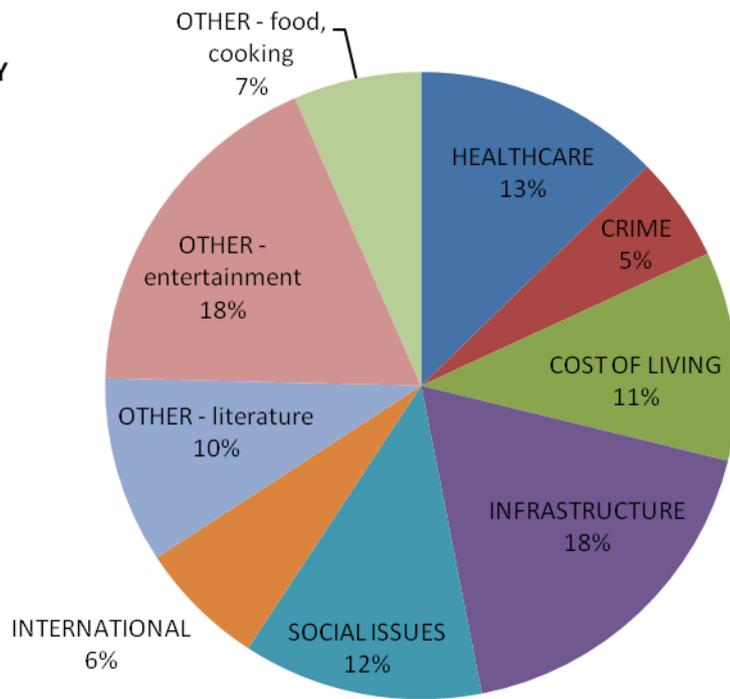


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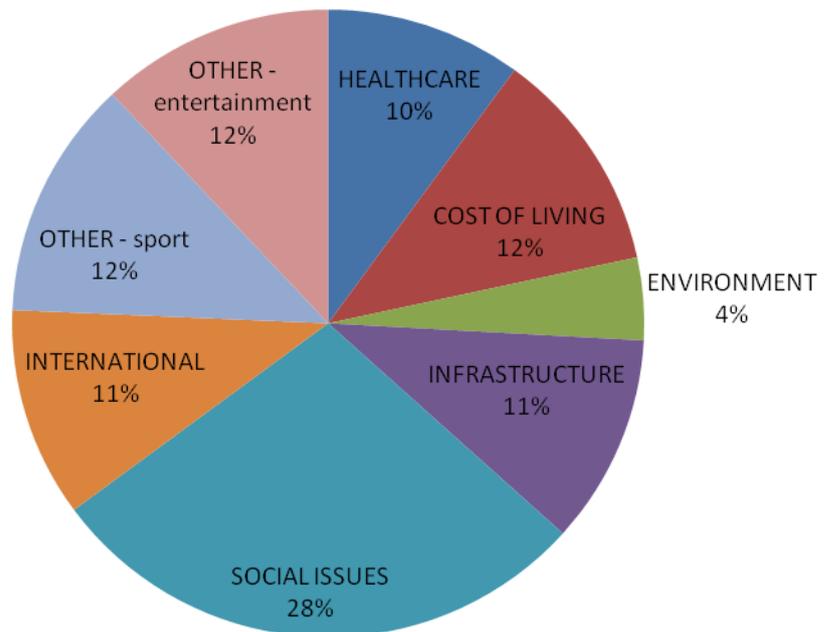
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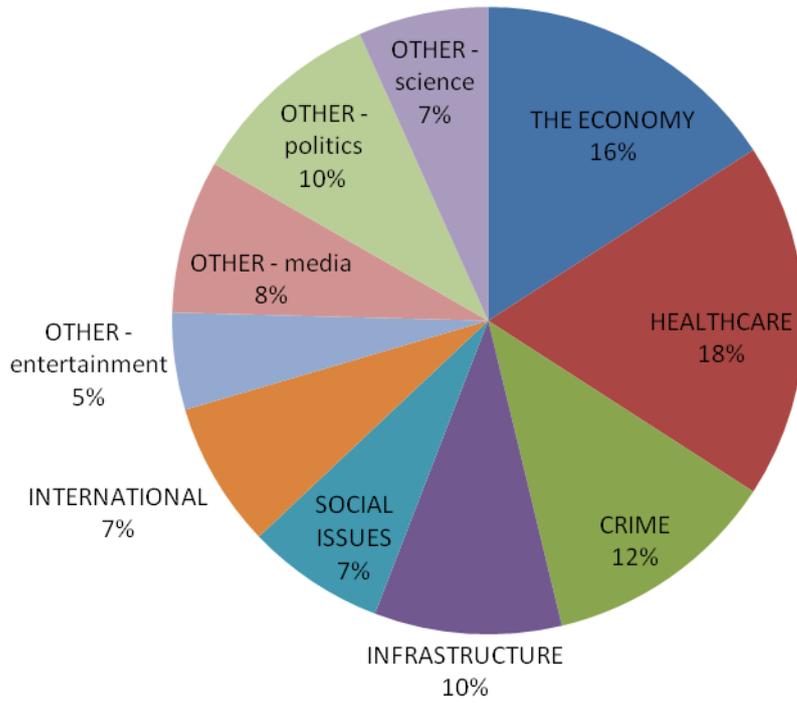
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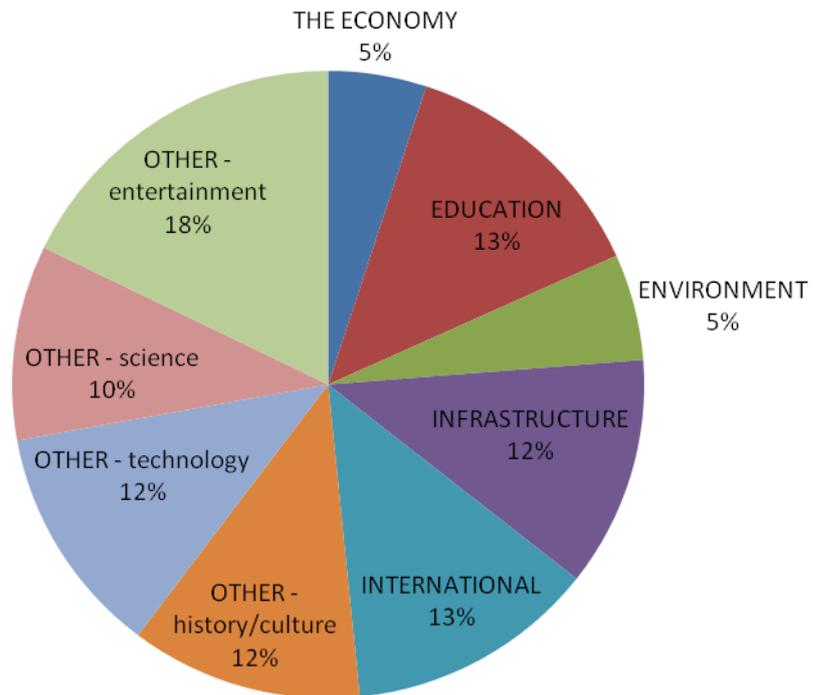
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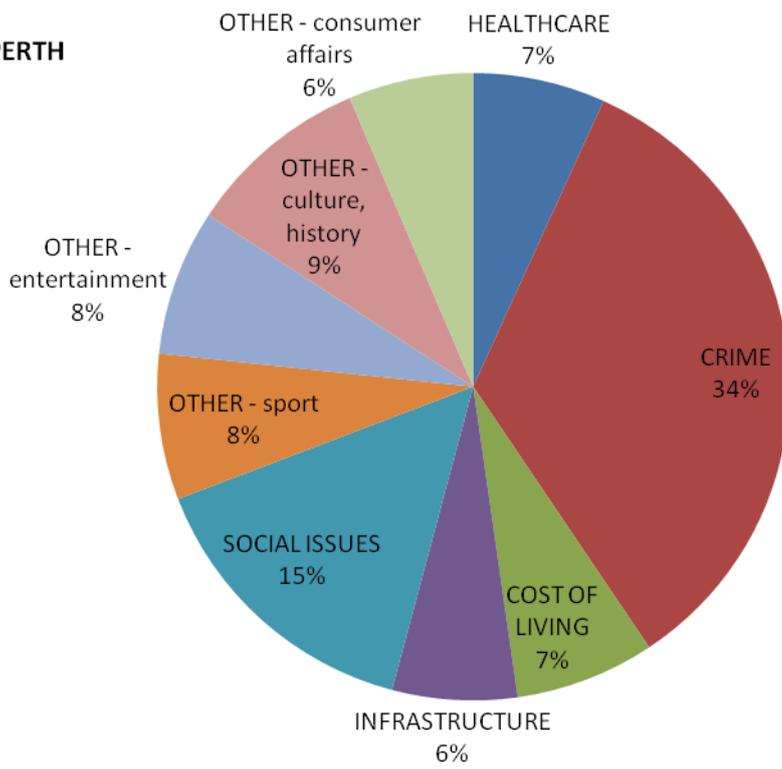
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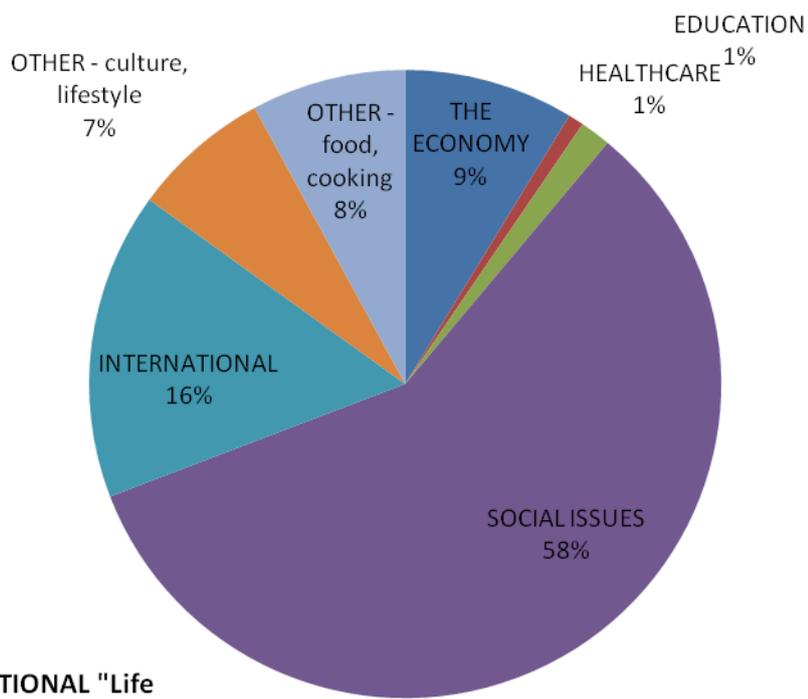
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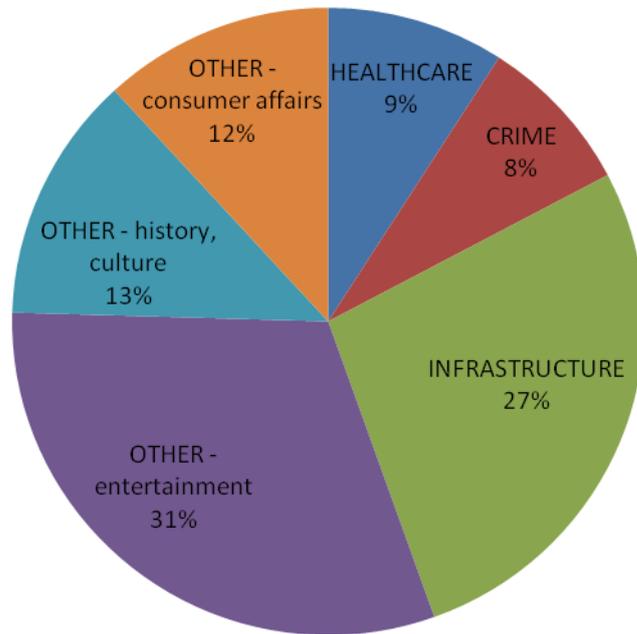
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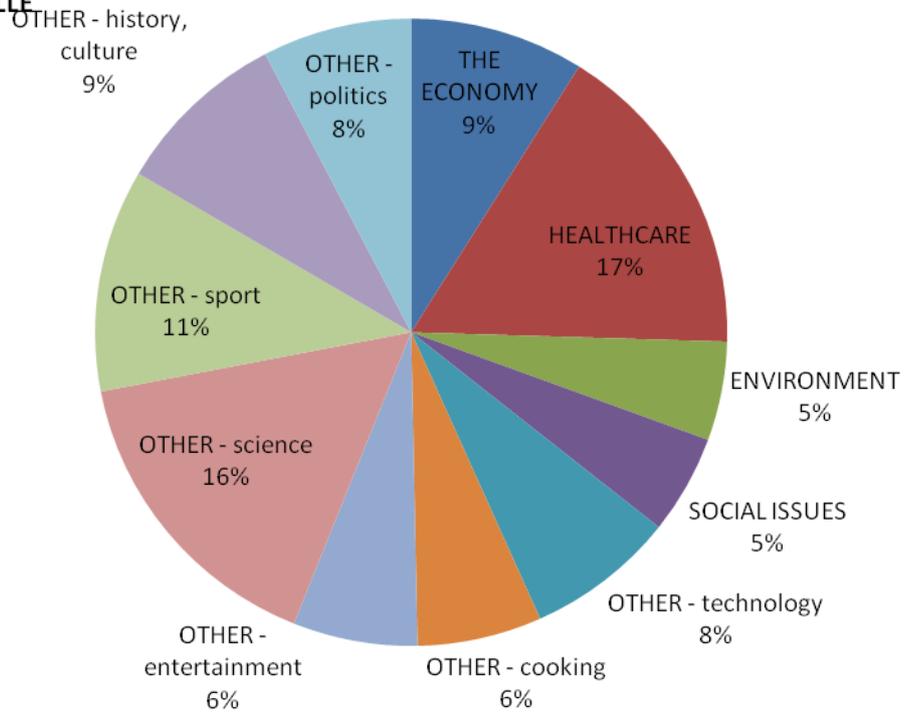
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