



Teacher Resource

## Focus Questions

As a class, discuss the stories featured in the episode of BTN Classroom and record the main points of the discussion. Students will then respond to the following focus questions.

### Iran Impact

1. Discuss the BTN Iran Impact story in small groups. Share the main points of the discussion with the class.
2. How has travel been impacted by the war in Iran?
3. What has happened to the price of petrol since the start of the conflict?
4. What impact has the war had on sport?
5. How has Lena been affected by the war in Iran?

### E-bikes

1. Summarise the BTN E-bikes story in three sentences. Share your summary with another student. How did your summaries differ?
2. What are some pros and cons of e-bikes?
3. How old do you have to be to ride an e-bike in the state where you live?
4. Has the number of e-bike accidents increase or decreased?
5. Do you think there should be a minimum age for riding an e-bike? If so, what should it be?

### Sports Uniform Change

1. What was the main point of the BTN story?
2. What is a big reason for girls dropping out of sport when they get older?
3. What did Lexi and Poppy do to tackle the problem of girls sports uniforms?
4. What changes did ASICS make to the new uniform?
5. What was surprising about this story?

### Women's History Month – Vida Goldstein

1. Vida's mother was a suffragist. What does that mean?
2. What was the 'monster petition' Vida helped to organise?

#### EPISODE 6

10 March 2026

#### KEY LEARNING

Students will view a range of BTN stories and use comprehension skills to respond to a series of focus questions.

#### CURRICULUM

##### English – Year 4

Use comprehension strategies such as visualising, predicting, connecting, summarising, monitoring and questioning to build literal and inferred meaning, to expand topic knowledge and ideas, and evaluate texts.

##### English – Year 5

Use comprehension strategies such as visualising, predicting, connecting, summarising, monitoring and questioning to build literal and inferred meaning to evaluate information and ideas.

##### English – Year 6

Use comprehension strategies such as visualising, predicting, connecting, summarising, monitoring and questioning to build literal and inferred meaning, and to connect and compare content from a variety of sources.

3. Think of three adjectives to describe Vida.
4. What causes did she care about?
5. What else did you learn about Vida?

Check out the [teacher](#) resource on the Archives page.



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### Activity: Personal Response

Respond to the BTN Vida Goldstein story as a class. Students will complete one or more of the following incomplete sentences:

- Vida Goldstein is an important Australian because...
- It was interesting to learn...
- These are five words that I would use to describe Vida Goldstein...
- This story made me feel...
- It is important to celebrate Vida Goldstein because...

### Activity: Class Discussion

After watching the BTN story, hold a class discussion using the following discussion starters.

- What did the BTN story tell you about the life of Vida Goldstein?
- Name at least one of her achievements.
- Why do you think Vida Goldstein became so famous?
- What questions do you have about Vida Goldstein?



Vida Goldstein

#### EPISODE 6

10 March 2026

#### KEY LEARNING

Students will recognise and celebrate Australian women who have made significant impact on society.

#### CURRICULUM

##### HASS – Year 3 and 4

Pose questions to investigate people, events, places and issues.

Locate and collect information and data from different sources, including observations.

##### HASS – Year 5 and 6

Develop appropriate questions to guide an inquiry about people, events, developments, places, systems and challenges.

Locate and collect relevant information and data from primary sources and secondary sources.

##### History – Year 6

The contribution of individuals and groups to the development of Australian society since Federation.

##### HASS – Year 7

Construct significant questions and propositions to guide investigations about people, events, developments, places, systems and challenges.

## Activity: Key Words

Students will brainstorm a list of key words that relate to the BTN Vida Goldstein story. Here are some words to get them started.

|                    |                    |               |
|--------------------|--------------------|---------------|
| SUFFAGIST          | SOCIAL JUSTICE     | PETITION      |
| FEDERAL ELECTORATE | FEDERAL PARLIAMENT | RIGHT TO VOTE |

## Activity: Who was Vida Goldstein?

Students will develop a biography of Vida Goldstein. Begin by discussing with students what a biography is. What information is included in a biography and what does it tell us about a person? The biography organiser template at the end of this activity will help students to structure their biography. Students can use the following questions to guide their research.

- When and where was Vida Goldstein born?
- What were some of her achievements? Choose one to explore in more detail.
- What inspired/motivated her to run for parliament?
- How are her achievements recognised?
- How has she made an impact on people's lives?
- What do you admire about her?
- What is Vida Goldstein's legacy?



### Interview

Imagine you could sit down and talk to Vida Goldstein. What questions would you ask about her life and achievements?

In pairs, students can role play the interview – one taking on the role of interviewer, the other, as Vida Goldstein.

### Portrait

Create a portrait of Vida Goldstein.

Explore and experiment with different techniques and mediums to produce a portrait.

### Persuasive letter

Imagine you are a suffragette living in the late 1800s.

Write a persuasive letter to your local government explaining why women should be able to vote.

## Activity: Women in Politics Timeline

Students will research the history of women in politics and decide what to include in the timeline. Below is a list of important Australian milestones for students to research.

| Key Milestones in Australia   | Who and/or when? |
|---|------------------|
| When were women given the <b>right to vote</b> ?  |                  |
| When could women stand for <b>federal election</b> ?  |                  |
| Who and when was the first woman <b>elected to state parliament</b> ?                               |                  |
| Who and when was the first woman <b>elected to federal parliament</b> ?                             |                  |
| Who and when was the first woman <b>elected to the office of Speaker</b> ?                          |                  |
| Who and when was the first woman to <b>lead a state or territory government</b> ?                   |                  |
| Who and when was the first woman appointed <b>governor-general</b> ?                                |                  |
| Who and when was the first female <b>prime minister</b> ?   |                  |
| Who and when was the first female <b>Indigenous federal parliamentarian</b> ?                       |                  |
| How many seats in the <b>House of Representatives</b> are held by women?<br>Compare over the years. |                  |
| How many seats in the <b>Senate</b> are held by women? Compare over the years.                      |                  |

Students will present their information on a timeline and respond to one or more of the following research questions:

- Find 1-3 interesting facts about each significant event on your timeline. Why are they significant?
- Which events on the timeline do you think are especially significant? Why?
- How has the representation of women in Australian politics changed over time? Use a graph to show your findings.
- Why is it important to have gender representation in government?

## Useful Websites

- [Biography: Vida Goldstein](#) – MOAD
- [Vida Goldstein](#) – Suffragette stories



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# BTN Transcript: Episode 6- 10/3/2026

Hey, I'm Amelia Moseley and you're watching BTN. Thanks for joining us. Here's what's coming up. We find out why some states are looking at tougher e-bike laws, meet some kids designing sports uniforms that girls want to wear, and learn about the life of suffragette and pioneer Vida Goldstein.

## Iran Impact

Reporter: Justina Ward

*INTRO: All that soon, but first today to the war in Iran, which is continuing to make headlines and impact millions of people. While the fighting is a long way from here, Justina found out that lots of Australians are being affected.*

REPORTER: The conflict might have started in Iran, but it's spreading rapidly.

NEWS REPORT: It's a whole regional war.

NEWS REPORT: The Mediterranean is now in focus with a British airbase hit in Cyprus.

NEWS REPORT: In Lebanon, a country being dragged back into conflict as Hezbollah has resumed attacks on Israel.

NEWS REPORT: An Iranian drone hit the US consulate in Dubai.

Since the war started on February 28th. The US and Israel have continued to bomb sites in Iran. Israel has also attacked southern Lebanon, in response to strikes from Hezbollah, the militant group long backed by Iran. And Iran has launched attacks on targets across the region.

JUSTINA: Now, we here in Australia are a long way from the Middle East, but the war is still having an impact here.

ANTHONY ALBANESE, AUSTRALIAN PRIME MINISTER: While Australia's not directly involved in current military strikes, we're being clear of our utter rejection of the brutal Iranian regime.

Australia was one of the first countries to publicly back the US and Israel's strikes on Iran, but the government says we won't be sending any military support.

RICHARD MARLES, DEFENSE MINISTER: This is being undertaken by the United States and Israel and them alone. We support the US led action, but it's being undertaken by them.

That doesn't mean Australia's troops aren't in harm's way. We have more than 100 military personnel stationed across the Middle East with most in a military base in the United Arab Emirates, which was hit by an Iranian drone strike on the first night of the conflict.

RICHARD MARLES, DEFENSE MINISTER: That base is very important for us but they are all safe and accounted for.

There are also a lot of Aussies working, living and travelling in region.

TRAVELLER: I have a pretty tall apartment so there were a few missiles that literally went over my building.

TRAVELLER: The luggage I haven't seen it, don't know where it is, don't know how to get it.

TRAVELLER: How can I leave the country where the airport is closed and is getting hit by missiles.

The government is telling people not to travel to a lot of these countries and telling people who are already there to leave. But that's not easy. A lot of flights have been cancelled or routes changed because it's too dangerous to fly and with so many people trying to get home, tickets have become really expensive.

TRAVELLER: It's going to cost me at least two thousand dollars to get home, because I gotta go via the States.

PENNY WONG, FOREIGN MINISTER: This conflict is spreading and intensifying. We will continue to do all that we can to get Australians home.

JUSTINA: There's another place where we're already seeing an impact here in Australia.

Since the war started petrol prices have gone up and if you look at this, you can see why. These are ships travelling through the Strait of Hormuz which runs between Iran and Oman. It's one of the world's busiest transport routes for oil and since the war started a lot of ships are avoiding the area. US president Donald Trump says the Navy will be escorting tankers through the gulf if necessary. But experts are still expecting the price of oil to go up and that could cause more price rises at the supermarket.

MICHELE BULLOCK, RESERVE BANK GOVERNOR: It's too early to say what the economic impact will be. We're going to take some time to make sense of what it could mean for inflation here.

Even sport is being affected. F1 is scheduled to race next month in Bahrain and Saudi Arabia. But both countries have been hit by Iranian missile attacks. Meaning races might be cancelled or rescheduled. Iran is also scheduled to play at the 2026 FIFA World Cup. With all three games to be held in the U.S there's uncertainty around whether they'll be allowed to play. Meanwhile, the Iranian women's soccer team is here in Australia. They recently played in the women's Asian Cup and were called traitors on Iranian State TV for not singing the national anthem. Now some are calling for the team to stay in Australia because of fears for their safety if they return home. Of course, the people in Australia who are most affected by the war are those who have loved ones in the middle of the fighting, like Lena.

LENA: This is my best friend. I hope she'll come to Australia.

JUSTINA: So, she still lives in Iran?

LENA: Yep.

LENA: I'm really scared about my family and like the people in there. Contacting them it's really hard because the internet is off usually and like it's hard to like call them.

Lena moved to Australia in 2023.

LENA: We moved in Australia because women are free in here and they are not, like, they can wear hijab if they want, and if they don't want, they can just don't wear it.

While she loves her new home she says it's difficult knowing that her family and friends aren't safe. Like

many people she's worried about what will come next.

LENA: I hope everything, like, get together and be safe, everybody, like, live their life, alive.

*AMELIA MOSELEY: Now, if you feel worried or upset about that story, then make sure you talk to someone about it. You can also head to our website, where we have some resources on how to deal with upsetting news.*

## News Quiz

Major floods have hit parts of the Northern Territory, closing school and hospitals and forcing whole communities to be evacuated.

LIA FINOCCHIARO, NT CHIEF MINISTER: Yesterday, we evacuated three communities - Daly River, Palumpa and Jilkminggan.

In Katherine the river has reached its highest level in decades.

RESIDENT: Just started pulling mattresses out and all my clothes, and it was really chaotic.

While it's way wetter than usual, it is common to get a lot of rain in the top end at this time of year because of a wind pattern known as what? The monsoon, the sea breeze or the trade winds? It's the monsoon. Monsoon season runs from around December to March, during which time the wind blows from the ocean to the land, bringing humid air and more rain than usual. This year it's also brought some big tropical low-pressure systems which have dumped rain and filled rivers to bursting. There's also been flooding in Queensland and lots of towns are on flood watch.

SHENAGH GAMBLE, BUREAU OF METEOROLOGY: At this stage we're expecting it to stay in excess of major flood level for at least the week and into next weekend.

Can you name the foreign leader who was in Australia last week? It's Mark Carney, the Prime Minister of Canada. He's the first Canadian PM to visit Australia in nearly 20 years and he was here to encourage our countries to work more closely together.

MARK CARNEY, CANADIAN PM: Though we could not be further, physically, apart, Canada and Australia are strategic cousins.

ANTHONY ALBANESE, AUSTRALIAN PM: The distance between our two nations has never mattered less.

Meanwhile a foreign leader has moved Australia. Do you know who it is? Former US President Barack Obama, former NZ Prime Minister, Jacinda Ardern or former Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau? It's Jacinda Ardern! She and her family were spotted looking for houses in Sydney and last week her office confirmed she's made the move across the ditch.

A new study has found that kids today have half as many moles than they did 25 years ago! Researchers says it's partly thanks to this campaign which was launched in 1981 featuring a singing seagull called what? Is it Sid, Sean or Seamus? It's Sid the seagull.

The Victorian government is going to start charging tourists to visit this famous attraction on the Great Ocean Road. Do you know its name? The seven sisters, the twelve apostles or the four horsemen? It's the 12 apostles. The government says the fee will help to pay to maintain facilities at the site, but locals won't be charged.

Can you name the Aussie pop singer who's been chosen to represent us with this song at Eurovision this year? It's Delta Goodrum. She'll be performing her song Eclipse, in Vienna in May.

## E-bikes

Reporter: Justina Ward

*INTRO: Now to E-bikes. You might have noticed they're getting pretty popular here in Australia - you might even have one of your own. But how old should you have to be to ride one? That's a question some states are asking, as Justina found out.*

JUSTINA: Oh I just love bikes! I love to peddle. Love the breeze on my face! It's just so much fun!

WREN: How great are bikes?

Yeah, the whole electric thing is what sets normal bikes and e-bikes apart.

WREN: Just love them. So good.

See electric bikes are bikes that are, well, electric. They have a motor that helps with peddling making it easier to ride, climb hills, and travel further without breaking a sweat. And they've become pretty popular here in Australia. In NSW alone, there's around 760,000 e-bikes in the state! And a lot of them are owned by kids.

JUSTINA: Whether or not you're allowed to ride an e-bike depends on where you live.

In WA riders have to be over 16. Everywhere else there's no minimum age and some reckon that's a problem.

JOHN GRAHAM, NSW MINISTER FOR TRANSPORT: At the moment, it's legal for a primary school kids with no peripheral vision who can barely lift one of these bikes to ride it on New South Wales streets, and that has to change.

See, across Australia there's been a growing number of e-bike injuries. Last year, one Sydney hospital treated around 200 serious e-bike cases and say the numbers are doubling each year.

DR TONY GRABS, ST VINCENT'S HOSPITAL: We didn't expect this. It's suddenly upon us that we have to look after this additional load of patients.

While it's not just kids having accidents, some say kids are particular vulnerable. Which is a big reason why the NSW government has announced a plan to set a minimum age to ride an e-bike. They're still trying to decide what age that should be and whether or not kids should be allowed to carry passengers.

JOHN GRAHAM, NSW MINISTER FOR TRANSPORT: It's simply dangerous to have kids as young as 10 or 11 on these high-powered bikes. We want kids on bikes, we want them out of doors and off their screens, but we don't want them hurting themselves.

NSW is also planning to change e-bike rules to match European safety standards. That means motors will have to cut out and stop helping you once the bike reaches 25 kilometres per hour. Motors will be restricted to 250 watts, will only work when you're pedalling and can't be modified to go faster. If a bike exceeds those limits and doesn't have pedals, it's usually classed as a motor vehicle and may need licensing, registration and insurance.

MARK BUTLER, MINISTER FOR HEALTH AND AGEING OF AUSTRALIA: What we do know is tens and tens of thousands of these bikes on the road are illegal. They don't comply with standards in place by state governments.

And yeah, if you're caught speeding or have a high-powered and throttle-only bike, police already have the power to take your bike away and uh, destroy it. In fact recently, NSW has been cracking down on illegal e-bikes, and this is the result.

And it's not just NSW. Queensland has been doing a parliamentary inquiry into e-bike laws. Last week a report came out saying riders should have to be over 16 and hold a learners permit...

POLICE OFFICER: What attracted my attention was how fast you were travelling.

...and that e-bikes be limited to 25 km per hour.

JUSTINA: Authorities say they don't want to stop kids from riding altogether. They just want to make sure there are clearer rules to make it safer for everyone on the road.

WREN: Oi! Wait. Hang on, that...that's my bike!

## Did you know?

Did you know e-bikes date back to the 1890s? American inventor Ogden Bolton Jr. was granted a patent for a battery powered bicycle way back in 1895.

## Sports Uniform Changes

Reporter: Wren Gillett

*INTRO: Now we're going to meet some kids from the UK who've been part of a campaign designed to make girls feel more comfortable playing sport. They worked with a major sports brand to design a PE uniform that they actually want to wear. Wren found out more.*

WREN GILLETT: REPORTER: Lots of girls love to get out there on the field. But wearing sports uniforms, ah, not so much.

PERSON: It's pretty bad, the shorts are really bad.

PERSON: I used to play volleyball a while back and we had some pretty short shorts as well.

PERSON: It actually did make me uncomfortable a lot of the time now that I think about it that probably was the reason.

Studies in Australia and overseas show that a big percentage of girls drop out of sport when they get older, and many say a big reason for that is the clothes they have to wear.

ADVERT: What do we have today? Um, we have PE first. Oh no.

It's a problem that this school in the UK wanted to tackle.

POPPY: I don't enjoy wearing it don't know about you.

Meet Lexi and Poppy. Recently they were part of a campaign for a major sports brand.

LEXI: To try help girls and women be more confident in their body and in the uniform.

They shared what annoyed them about girl's PE uniforms.

ADVERT: You can see the sweat marks when you're sweating. I look like a boy wearing them. Shorts and a baggy top, we don't really want to be wearing that.

The designers then used their feedback to create ideas for a new uniform.

LEXI: So, then we drew like models and they showed us different fabrics and stuff, and we chose which ones we preferred and which ones we didn't like.

This was the end result. Shorts that don't ride up while you're running. Adjustable waistbands. Shirts that don't show how sweaty you are. They even included an emergency hair tie.

POPPY: I think it makes like girls seem like more seen and like heard about, like, obviously, their opinions about sport and like how their uniform makes them feel and stuff.

It's probably fair to say that comfort and practicality hasn't always been the number one priority for women's sportswear. Up until the early 20th century, women were expected to take to the field in full skirts, and even swim fully clothed. The rules of some sports even changed to allow women to play in the clothes they were expected to wear. But over time, with the help of some trailblazing sportswomen, things have changed. Now lots of codes are paying more attention to what women actually want to wear, whether that's giving them options like leggings or shorts, or like the AFL did recently ditching white shorts. But many say there's still a way to go.

POSIE: It's important that other brands and schools and stuff should come together and try and get women and girls more involved and make them feel more included and stuff.

Posie and Lexi say they're super excited to see the impact of their new PE uniforms.

POSIE: I think like confidence and stuff is very important when you're playing like a sport. So, it's like when you're able to like dress the way you want to dress. I think that has like a big impact on not like you wanting to drop out of a sport.

It's why they are encouraging other young people to speak up.

LEXI: Let people know that you're not happy. You have to go into detail of what you're not happy about or else it can't be changed.

LEXI: I think that the end goal is for women and girls to be like the most confident as yourself as you can be.

## Quiz

This photo from the late 1800s shows a woman taking part in which sport? Is it golf, tennis or mountaineering? She's climbing a mountain. In the 19th and even early 20th centuries female mountaineers would wear long skirts to summit mountains.

## Sport

Melbourne hosted the opening round of the 2026 Formula 1 Season.

COMMENTATOR: This is what Albert Park did not want to see.

But it didn't start well for Aussie McLaren driver Oscar Piastri, who crashed before the race even started.

COMMENTATOR: That is the sort of incident you would not expect a driver of Oscar Piastri's calibre to be making.

It shocked his team and the thousands of Aussie fans who'd come to see him race.

COMMENTATOR: This is heartbreak for Oscar Piastri.

Around half an hour later, the official race began.

COMMENTATOR: It's lights out, and away we go!

In the early laps, it was a bit of a battle between these two - Mercedes's George Russell and Ferrari's Charles Leclerc.

COMMENTATOR: Russell squeezes down the inside. There's half a car width left by the Ferrari.

But eventually, the gap widened, and it was Russell who finished first.

MAN: Very nice. I like this car. I like this engine.

This win solidifies his place at the top of the leaderboard.

The AFL is back! The opening round was held last week with five games played across New South Wales, Queensland and Victoria. For the most part, they weren't exactly nail-biters. Things kicked off at the SCG, where the Swans gave Carlton a ten-goal walloping. Gold Coast vs Geelong was also a one-sided affair, with the Suns thrashing the Cats by 56 points, led by star recruit Christian Petracca. Things got more exciting on Saturday when the Bulldogs knocked off last year's premiers, the Brisbane Lions, by just five points. The AFL starts in earnest with round one this week.

Now to Sydney, where the Matildas took on South Korea in the Women's Asian Cup.

COMMENTATOR: Done it again!

It was a super close game. The Tillies were down 2-3, until Alanna Kennedy scored this goal at the last minute. Literally.

COMMENTATOR: Undeniably!

It levelled the score, 3-3, meaning the Tillies have finished second in Group A.

ALANNA KENNEDY: We've made it a little bit harder for ourselves, but it's nothing that we're not used to as Matildas. So, um, we'll come, we'll come out fighting.

Now to the T20 World Cup final, where New Zealand took on India, in India. From start to finish, India was in front, with multiple players scoring half centuries - 50 runs in a single innings.

COMMENTATOR: Brings it up to a half century.

In the end, India won by an incredible 96 runs, which is actually a record margin for the T20 men's final. It's India's third T20 victory, and I think it's pretty safe to say they're happy about it.

And finally, the Winter Paralympics have begun in Milan. For the next week, Australia's best Winter Paralympians will be giving it their all, and they've already snagged a medal, thanks to Ben Tudhope, who won silver in the Snowboard Cross. His shoulder actually popped out of place during the first heat, but he pushed through and well and truly earned his place on the podium.

## Passion Project Promo

Do you or your classmates have something you're passionate about? Maybe it's making something, lending a hand or saving the planet. Whatever it is, we want to hear about it. Send us a letter or a video, telling us about your passion project, and we'll choose the best to turn into stories to share with kids around Australia. Head to our website to find out the details.

## Women's History Month – Vida Goldstein

Rookie Reporter: Ronnie

*INTRO: Finally today we're going to celebrate Women's History month by learning the story of another amazing Aussie. Today our rookie reporter Ronnie is going to tell you about the life and legacy of suffragette Vida Goldstein. Check it out.*

This is Vida Goldstein. She was born on the 13th of April 1869 in Portland in Victoria before moving to Melbourne with her family in 1877. Her family were committed to social justice. Her father worked for charity organisations and was a member of the women's hospital committee. Meanwhile Her mother was a suffragist - someone who advocates for everyone to be able to vote. At the time it was men over the age of 21 who were given that right. But a lot of people wanted that to change, and Vida helped to prove it.

In 1890 she helped her mum to collect signatures for something that came to be known as the "Monster petition". 30,000 people signed it and its about 260 metres long and takes about 3 hours to unroll, so yeah monster petition is a pretty good name.

Vida became the leader for the United Council for Women's Suffrage in 1899. It was around this time she created a monthly magazine - the Woman's Sphere - to help spread her message. And in 1902 a year after Australia became a nation, all non-Indigenous women over the age of 21 were granted the right to vote. That same year Vida travelled to the United States where she spoke to congress about why women should vote.

When Vida returned to Australia she decided to run for the senate, becoming one of four female candidates in the 1903 federal election - the first in which women were allowed to stand. While Vida didn't win, she ran 4 more times, and while she never entered parliament she never stopped fighting for the causes she cared about - equal pay, socialism, public control and of course women's rights.

Before her death in 1949 she had supported and founded many women's organisations and since 1984 this federal electorate in Victoria has been known as Goldstein as a reminder of the woman who worked to make Australia fairer for everyone.

## Closer

Ah, thanks so much, Ronnie. Well, that's all we have for this week. But don't worry, we'll be back before you know it. And in the meantime, you can jump online whenever you like to check out more stories and specials and quizzes. Plus, there's BTN High and BTN Newsbreak, right here in the studio, every weeknight, to keep you up to date. Have the best week, and I'll see you soon. Bye.