

### Stock Market Slump

1. Discuss the BTN *Stock Market Slump* story as a class and record the main points of the discussion.
2. What impact is the coronavirus having on businesses and the share market?
3. Give some examples of businesses affected.
4. How can something mostly happening in China affect Australia?
5. A lot of what we buy is made overseas. True or false?
6. Which country makes more goods than any other?
7. What has happened to manufacturing in that country?
8. What are shares?
9. Complete the following sentence. The government says it could have a lasting impact on the Australian \_\_\_\_\_.
10. What questions do you have after watching the BTN story?

### Spy Secrets

1. Before watching the BTN story discuss what you think the role is of a spy.
2. What did the BTN *Spy Secrets* story explain?
3. How many different intelligence agencies are in Australia?
4. What are Australia's intelligence agencies responsible for? Give one example.
5. Spies gather information from the...
  - a. News
  - b. Government reports
  - c. Social media
  - d. All of the above
6. Give an example of how technology helps spies gather information.
7. What does ASIO stand for?
8. What is the role of ASIO?
9. What are overseas spy agencies using to collect personal information?
10. What did you learn from the BTN *Spy Secrets* story?

### Mars Insight

1. Before watching the BTN story discuss what you know about Mars.
2. How far is Mars from planet Earth?
3. What does Mars look like? Describe using 3 words.
4. What does the Mars InSight spacecraft look like? Draw a picture.
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6. How often does Mars experience marsquakes?
  - a. Daily
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Check out the [Mars Insight Resource](#) on the Teachers page.

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10. How did you feel watching the BTN *War Dogs* story?

Check out the [War Dogs resource](#) on the Teachers page.

## Paralympic Dreams

1. Discuss the BTN *Paralympic Dreams* story with another student.
2. How old is Brydi?
3. What sport did Brydi play before wheelchair racing?
4. What are Brydi's biggest achievements?
5. How long is the OzDay wheelchair race?
6. What is Brydi's favourite thing about racing?
7. Who are Brydi's heroes? Name one.
8. How did Kurt Fearnley help Brydi?
9. What does Brydi's racing wheelchair look like?
10. What is Brydi's Paralympic goal?

# Teacher Resource

## Mars Insight

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### Key Learning

Students will develop a deeper understanding of Mars and other planets in the solar system.

### Curriculum

#### Science – Year 5

The Earth is part of a system of planets orbiting around a star (the sun).

#### Science – Year 5 & 6

Science involves testing predictions by gathering data and using evidence to develop explanations of events and phenomena and reflects historical and cultural contributions.

### Activity

#### Pre-viewing questions

Before watching the BTN *Mars Insight* story, hold a class discussion asking the following questions to find out what your students already know:

- What do you know about Mars?
- Do you know why Mars was in the news recently?
- What does Mars look like?
- What questions do you have about Mars?



### Activity

#### Glossary

Students will brainstorm a list of key words and terms that relate to the BTN *Mars Insight* story. Students may want to use pictures and diagrams to illustrate the meaning and create their own glossary. Here are some words to get you started.

Orbit	Mass	Terrain
Atmosphere	Magnetic field	Planet

## Activity

### Visual literacy

In this activity students will examine, analyse and query a range of images of planet Mars. Students will choose one or more of the images below and respond to the following (alternatively, students can find other images of Mars that they find to examine):

- Write a short paragraph describing what you see in this image. Write a caption for the image.
- When and where was the photo taken?
- Imagine you are a scientist examining the surface of Mars. Explain using scientific words and terms. In your description include one or more of the following terms: Martian, Red Planet, orbit, terrain, rocky, atmosphere, mission.
- What questions do you have about what you see in the image?



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## Activity

### Focus questions

Students will watch a video to learn more about recent discoveries on Mars and then respond to the following focus questions.

#### Mars in a Minute: Are there quakes on Mars?

[Link to video](#) (NASA video on YouTube)

Focus questions

1. What is plate tectonics?
2. Does Mars have plate tectonics?
3. What things can make the ground shake on Mars?
4. What is a seismometer?
5. What is another name given to planet Mars?



#### NASA Mars InSight Overview

[Link to video](#) (NASA video on YouTube)

Focus questions

1. What does the Mars InSight look like? Describe.
2. What is the aim of InSight? To explore the...
  - a. Atmosphere
  - b. Surface
  - c. Centre
3. Complete this sentence. A seismometer measures \_\_\_\_\_ waves.
4. Why is InSight described as a time machine?



## Activity

### Jigsaw learning activity

In this activity students will work cooperatively to learn about the 8 planets in our solar system. Each student will become experts on one of the planets and then share what they have learnt with other students.

## Form groups

Divide the class into 8 groups. Each group will be assigned a different planet from our solar system and become an expert on that planet. Each group will need to decide how they will collect and communicate the information they find during their research.

## Research

Each group will respond to the following questions to become experts on their assigned planet:

- What is the name of the planet? How was it named?
- When was the planet discovered?
- How big is the planet?
- Where is the planet in the solar system? Draw a diagram.
- How far away is the planet from the Sun?
- What does it look like? Describe the surface of the planet and find pictures that illustrate these features. Use words from your class glossary when describing the planet.
- What important discoveries have been made about the planet? List any missions.

## Share

One student from each of the expert groups will form a new group to share the information they have collected. Students will make sure there is one expert from each group at their table. Students will share the information they have collected and learn from one another about each of the planets.

## Reflect

Students will reflect on the activity by responding to one or more of the following questions:

- What did you enjoy about this investigation?
- What did you find surprising?
- What would you do differently next time?

## Activity

### BTN Space Science stories

Visit BTN's collection of stories which focus on space science and space exploration. After watching any one of the BTN videos ask students to respond to the discussion questions (to find the discussion questions and teacher resources go to the related BTN Classroom Episode and download the Episode Package).

### Link to collection of BTN Space Science stories

<https://www.abc.net.au/btn/space-science/10614248>

## Useful Websites

Mars InSight Mission NASA – NASA

<https://mars.nasa.gov/insight/>

Marsquake – BTN Newsbreak

<https://www.abc.net.au/btn/newsbreak/marsquake/11042196>

Mars Class – BTN

<https://www.abc.net.au/btn/classroom/mars-class/10489250>

NASA InSight mission confirms Mars has quakes, but its atmosphere and magnetic fields are weird – ABC News

<https://www.abc.net.au/news/science/2020-02-25/nasa-insight-mars-mission-detects-marsquakes/11988058>

Mars Overview – NASA Science

<https://solarsystem.nasa.gov/planets/mars/overview/>

## Teacher Resource

# War Dogs

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10. How did you feel watching the BTN *War Dogs* story?

## Activity

### What do you see, think and wonder?

After watching the BTN *War Dogs* story, students will respond to the following questions:

- What did you SEE in this video?
- What do you THINK about what you saw in this video?
- What did you LEARN from this story?
- What was SURPRISING about this story?
- What QUESTIONS do you have about this story?

### Class Discussion

As a class discuss the BTN *War Dogs* story, using the following questions as a guide. Record the main points of the discussion.

- What role have dogs played in wars?
- What other animals have gone to war and what role have they played?
- What medal honours the work of animals in war?
- Should animals play a role in war? Why or why not?



The BTN story focussed on dogs using during wartime. To find out more about how the role of animals during the war, watch these BTN stories.

[War Animals](#)

[Remembrance Day](#)

[The Animals of WWI](#)

## Key Learning

Students will investigate the role animals have played during wartime.

## Curriculum

### HASS – Year 3

Days and weeks celebrated or commemorated in Australia (including Australia Day, Anzac Day, and National Sorry Day) and the importance of symbols and emblems.

### HASS – Year 5 & 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.

### HASS – Year 7

Use historical terms and concepts.

## Activity

Students will brainstorm a list of key words and terms that relate to the BTN *War Dogs* story. Students may want to use pictures and diagrams to illustrate the meaning and create their own glossary. Here are some words to get you started.

Anzac	Mascot	Troops
Messenger	Carrier Pigeon	Dickin Medal

## Activity

### War Animals Research

Students will be exploring the part animals play in war in more detail. They can develop their own key questions to investigate or respond to one or more of the questions below. Students can complete the following KWLH organiser to explore their knowledge and consider what they would like to know and learn.

<i>What do I <u>k</u>now?</i>	<i>What do I <u>w</u>ant to know?</i>	<i>What have I <u>l</u>earnt?</i>	<i><u>H</u>ow will I find out?</i>

Here are some possible questions for students to research:

- Explore the pros and cons of using animals during wars.
- Why did the Anzac soldiers take animals to war with them?
- Investigate how one of the following helped soldiers during the Gallipoli campaign.
  - The Imperial Camel Corps
  - The 13<sup>th</sup> Australian Light Horse Regiment
  - John Simpson Kilpatrick and his donkey
- How did animals help service people during WWI and WWII?
- Not all animals were helpful during war. Investigate animals that were unwelcome such as rats and insects and the impact they had on the lives of soldiers.
- Communication is very important during wartime. How did animals help to send life-saving messages?
- Find out more about the Dickin Medal awarded to animals for bravery. Profile an animal that received the award.



[Dickin Medal](#)

## Activity

### Visual literacy

Below are images that relate to animals in war. Students look at the image and then respond to the following questions:

- What do you see in this image?
- What do you think is happening?
- What question/s would you like to ask about the image?
- Create a caption for each image.

Students will choose a photograph and write a short, fictional story based on the image. Students might want to tell the story of the photographer or a person in the photograph. Students will use their research to help them imagine what their characters were thinking and feeling.



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## Useful Websites

War Animals – BTN

<https://www.abc.net.au/btn/classroom/war-animals/10532762>

Remembrance Day – BTN

<https://www.abc.net.au/btn/classroom/remembrance-day/10537572>

The Animals of WWI - BTN

<https://www.abc.net.au/btn/classroom/the-animals-of-wwi/10526682>

Animals in Wartime – Australian War Memorial

[https://www.awm.gov.au/sites/default/files/m\\_is\\_for\\_mates.pdf](https://www.awm.gov.au/sites/default/files/m_is_for_mates.pdf)

New war memorial honours military working dogs (ABC News) – YouTube

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=X5sErTSRndw>

# BTN Transcript: Episode 5 – 3/3/20

Hey, I'm Amelia Moseley and you're watching BTN. Here's what's coming up. We find out more about the secret world of spies, get an insight into the inner life of Mars and meet a young athlete with big ambitions.

## Stock Market Slump

Reporter: Olivia Mason

*INTRO: But first up to the news story that isn't going away anytime soon and that's the coronavirus COVID-19. It's spreading to countries around the world and while it's having a big impact on people's health, it's also hitting the global economy, sending stock markets tumbling and the dollar diving. So, how does a virus affect money markets? Let's find out.*

KID 1: My new basketball shoes are stuck in China and no one knows when they'll arrive.

KID 2: I'm so sorry Jenny, your wig won't be ready this week. I'm afraid it's still in China and they don't know when they'll be delivering again.

KID 3: No, I've lost thousands on my shares.

KID 4: I'm a stranded lobster. No one wants to eat me. Aw.

OLIVIA: Yeah it sounds weird, but right now, there are a whole bunch of people and shellfish being affected by the coronavirus COVID-19 in ways you might not expect.

From share market investors to shopkeepers to airline workers to people planning their weddings and a whole bunch of Australian farmed lobsters that can't be sold in Chinese markets right now.

SCOTT MORRISON, PRIME MINISTER OF AUSTRALIA: It's affecting the manufacturing industry. It's affecting our export industry.

KID 1: Hang on, there's hardly any coronavirus here in Australia.

KID 4: Yeah how can something that's mostly happening in China affect us?

Well, it's because of the way global trade works. A lot of the things that we buy everyday come from all over the world.

REPORTER: Take something as simple as this t-shirt for example.

The cotton it's made from might've been farmed in India, which was then shipped to China to be woven into fabric and made into a blank t-shirt, then it's bought by a designer in Australia who has it printed to sell in a shop.

REPORTER: If you look around you, you'll find that most things are actually at least partly made overseas. Like my watch, this phone, my mug, the computer and even the TV you're watching me on.

And the one country that makes more than any other is China. It also imports a lot of products from other countries, including Australia. But right now, a lot of that importing and exporting and manufacturing isn't happening.

Some factories have closed down because of the risk of people spreading the COVID-19 coronavirus. There's also restrictions on travel within China and lots of shops and markets have closed. And it's not just

China. Other countries are starting to put measures in place to try to stop the coronavirus spreading and it's having a big impact on the global economy.

FINANCE REPORTER: There was a 2.3% fall today making it the second sneeze caused by the coronavirus.

Last week, share markets in Australia and overseas took a big fall. Shares are basically little pieces of companies that people invest in so when companies aren't going so well or when people think things might get bad the value of those shares can drop which affects a lot of people. The government says it could have a lasting impact on the Australian economy but the main priority is keeping people safe and healthy.

SCOTT MORRISON, PRIME MINISTER OF AUSTRALIA: It's a health crisis not a financial crisis but it's a health crisis with very real economic impacts.

That's why authorities here and around the world are making sure they're prepared while scientists look for a vaccine so the world can hopefully get back to business as usual.

## News Quiz

Ok, let's see how closely you've been following the news this week. Here's a quiz.

Which of these countries is closing schools for at least a month because of the coronavirus COVID-19?

Australia  
the United Kingdom or  
Japan?

It's Japan. It's one of several countries that've called off classes to try to stop the virus spreading, although it's still hoping the Olympics will go ahead in July.

Which country did US President Donald Trump visit last week? He went to India where he met some locals, saw the sights and tried to talk about cricket.

DONALD TRUMP, US PRESIDENT: This is the country where your people cheer on some of the world's greatest cricket players from Soo-chin Tendul-kerr to V-rot Ko-lee.

Errr I think he meant Sachin Tendulkar and Virat Kohli, good try though.

Who is this Australian? It's Julian Assange. He founded the company Wikileaks that published secret information about the US military. A court in London is deciding whether he'll be sent to the States to face charges.

DAVID PUTSON, PROTESTOR: I want Julian Assange freed. Julian Assange represents freedom and truth.

Which kind of animals got loose at a Sydney hospital?

Mice  
Baboons or  
Cats?

They were baboons. Three of them broke out of a truck, after being brought to the hospital so one could have an operation. They were eventually caught and sent back to the medical research lab where they live.

And what famous festival was held in Sydney on the weekend? It was the Gay and Lesbian Mardi Gras. It's the biggest event of its kind and it's been going for 42 years.

WOMAN: It's amazing, so much colour, so much freedom and we can all just be ourselves.

KID: Mardi Gras for me is celebrating what we've come through and what we've been able to achieve by doing this every single year.

## Spy Secrets

Reporter: Jack Evans

*INTRO: Now to something a little bit secret. I'm talking about spies and not not your James Bond-style movie spies the real ones. Last week the head of Australia's national security agency, ASIO, said that there's a lot more spying going on in Australia right now than you might think. So, Jack went undercover to find out what it's all about.*

When you think of spying you probably think of elaborate disguises, epic chase scenes, cool gadgets and the ability to get your hands-on important information. Wait a second, that's basically what I do. I must be a spy.

Spying has actually been around for thousands of years. Moses had spies, Queen Elizabeth I had spies, the author Daniel Defoe was a spy, which probably explains the wig. But it was during the 20th Century that spying as we know it really took and countries around the world set up spy agencies whose job it was to secretly watch what was going inside and outside their borders. Here in Australia we have 6 separate intelligence agencies which have different responsibilities. Whether it's looking for potential threats at home and preventing things like terrorism. Protecting our military secrets, keeping our digital information safe or looking into what other countries are doing.

JACK: Right so I've got my disguise, I've got an epic chase scene booked in at 4. Now to find some top-secret information. Hmm I guess if it was easy to find it wouldn't be top secret.

Despite what the movies might tell us, spying is usually a lot less Bond and well a little more well bland. According to people in the know the best spies are the ones that can blend in with ordinary people and go undetected. They'll often spend a lot of time watching people, following people or talking to people. And they'll also gather information from sources that are available to everyone like the news, government reports and social media. Of course, these days technology plays a big part. Whether it's using satellites to take pictures or mobile phone records to track people.

LIV: Hey. stop listening in to my private conversation.

JACK: Sorry, it was pretty boring anyway.

Then there's the internet. Spies can now operate from the safety of their foreign headquarters to launch cyber attacks and collect secret information. Something ASIO or the Australian Security intelligence Organisation says is happening a lot. ASIO is Australia's national security agency which is in charge of keeping Australia safe from foreign espionage and from threats within the country.

Last week the organisations head gave a rare speech letting the public in on some of their secret work. He warned that social media is being used more and more by overseas spy agencies to collect personal information. He also said there were way more foreign spies working in Australia than we might think and that's something ASIO is watching closely. He said ASIO is also busy watching extremist groups in Australia who are using the internet to spread false information and hate. In all he says there is plenty going on to keep Australian spies busy and they'll continue to quietly go about their business of keeping Australia safe.

JACK: Come to think of it I don't do any of that. Maybe I should just stick to what I know.

PRODUCER: Jack they're ready for you.

JACK: Yes, I'm coming. I'll just get these claws here. Right let's go explain evolution.

## Did You Know?

Did you know the man who wrote the James Bond series, Ian Fleming was actually friends with the director of the CIA? He even inspired the US spy agency to copy some of the spy gadgets in Bond movies.

## Mars Insight

Reporter: Amelia Moseley

*INTRO: Now to some news about Mars. Last week scientists announced a bunch of new discoveries made by NASA's InSight Lander. It's been hanging out on the surface of Mars for the past year or so gathering intel on the mysterious interior of our rocky red neighbour. Check it out.*

It's the small, red planet around 262 million kays from where you are right now. And for decades, it's been fascinating humans and drawing us to it. While we're still a fair way off from setting foot on Mars, we've been learning a lot about it from afar, thanks to some clever little spacecraft.

For starters, we know it's rocky like Earth and was probably a lot more like our planet a long, long time ago. It had a thick atmosphere, active volcanoes and was once covered in a massive ocean. But there are still a lot of Martian mysteries and for the past year or so, this little spacecraft has been digging for clues beneath the surface. InSight is a small, robotic geologist that can drill and grab and measure all sorts of things and here's some of what it's discovered so far.

The Red Planet experiences lots of small earthquakes, ah, I guess they're just quakes on Mars or marsquakes? Either way, they're shaking the red planet at least once a day. That's a big deal, because it's the first extra-terrestrial planet that we know has quakes, even if they're only small ones. It means that below the dusty surface, Mars could be alive. Alive in a geological sense, that is. Scientists reckon the marsquakes might be caused by magma from volcanoes underground or even flowing liquid water.

Then there's the strange case of the invisible dust devils. Nah, it's not alien life unfortunately but it's still pretty weird. You see, Mars has massive dust storms. We know this because you can see them from space.

But while InSight's weather station picked up what should look like twirling masses of dust and air like this known as Dust Devils, the cameras didn't show any signs of them.

InSight's also discovered that Mars is mysteriously magnetic. The planet used to have a magnetic field around it, much like Earth's, but it disappeared a long time ago along with most of its atmosphere. There are still some magnetised rocks around and the lander has picked up a magnetic field that's ten times stronger than expected. It also changes throughout the day and sends out a mysterious pulse around midnight. Weird. Again, it's probably not Martians. Probably not.

While it's clearly been very hard at work. InSight's job isn't over just yet. The lander's still got months of digging and measuring to do. Every discovery it makes below the surface will help us understand more about this mysterious Red Planet and maybe even a thing or two about our own place in the universe.

## Did You Know?

Did you know Mars' surface is red because it has lots of iron oxide in it? That's something we commonly know as rust.

## War Dogs

Reporter: Jack Evans

*INTRO: Recently the Australian War memorial unveiled a new sculpture dedicated to some important war heroes with four legs and a tail. I'm talking about dogs - our furry besties which have played important part in the military for generations and the war memorial wants to make sure they're honoured too. Take a look.*

NEWSCASTER: Private Buddy Barker the first Aussie to join the American army. Ceremoniously he's promoted to the rank of sergeant first class as a reward for his offensive action against the camps mice. He headed a couple of raids and sent the enemy scuttling back to prepared positions.

Buddy has to be one of the cutest soldiers around. But you know he and many dogs like him have played really important roles in conflicts throughout history. And not just scaring off mice, although that is a very important job! For thousands of years dogs have been protecting their human companions. The Assyrian, Babylonian, and Roman armies all enlisted dogs to help fight their battles.

It makes sense really, dogs are obedient, easy to train and they can sniff out things humans can't. They have agile bodies which allow them to move quickly through different types of terrain which is particularly useful on a battlefield!

During the First and Second World Wars, tens of thousands of dogs served their countries. That's a lot of good boys and good girls. They had different jobs like warning soldiers of intruders or working with foot patrols and let their masters know if they could smell the enemy coming. There were casualty dogs who would find wounded soldiers and keep them company. Messenger dogs who would, well, deliver messages. Dogs that were trained to sniff out explosives or jump out of planes. And some were there simply to keep spirits high and keep mice under control, like Buddy!

The dog days are certainly not over. Canines still play an important role in the Aussie military. In fact a few years ago the department of defence introduced The Canine Operational Service Medal for dogs who do extraordinary things on overseas operations. And this month the Australian War Memorial put on a special event for military dogs past and present. It unveiled a new memorial for working dogs and their handlers. The sculptures design represents the way a dog circles before it goes to sleep. The paw prints belong to Billy, an explosion detective dog and at the centre are the ashes of Aussie, a retired military dog who died in 2017.

**DARREN CHESTER, VETERANS' AFFAIRS MINISTER:** They have become much more than capabilities. They have become companions. They have become mates.

Mates whose contribution will never be forgotten.

## Ask a Reporter

Do you have a question about dogs in the military? You can ask me live on Friday during Ask a Reporter. Just head to our website for all the details.

## Did You Know?

Did you know, dogs were so important in World War II, that the British and US governments asked members of the public to volunteer their pets. and thousands did.

## Sport

The Canberra Capitals are one step closer to winning back-to-back WNBL championships. Over the weekend they scored a thrilling 2-point win in Game 1 of the final's series against the Victorian side Southside Flyers. Canberra now just needs 1 win from the final 2 games of the series to wrap up the title.

The AFL's best and brightest stars got together for a special All Stars Origin Match on the weekend to help raise money for bushfire relief. With Victoria being the home to most of the game's top players, it was pretty much the Vics versus the rest and they came out on top thanks to a massive late comeback. Tigers star Dusty Martin added another medal to his already very crowded trophy cabinet picking up best on ground.

Meanwhile Carlton has got some revenge for last year's devastating grand final loss against the Crows taking out their rivals by eight points at Richmond oval on the weekend. It wasn't quite the 45-point flogging that the Crows gave the blues last year, but Carlton were making the most of the rematch. It was also the first game back for Crows star Erin Phillips who ruptured her ACL in last year's Grand Final.

Chinese swimmer and Olympic gold medallist Sun Yang has been banned for 8 years for doping. Sun was found guilty of tampering with blood samples way back in November of 2018. The swimmer has been a pretty controversial figure and Australia's Mack Horton even refused to stand on the podium with him because he thought he was a drug cheat. The ban would almost certainly mean the end of Sun's career, but he says he plans to appeal it.

And is this the best catch of all time? I mean big call, but it was pretty impressive let's watch it again. Yeah - it's definitely up there. It was Indian allrounder Ravindra Jadeja dismissing New Zealand's Neil Wagner in spectacular style.

## Paralympic Dreams

Rookie Reporter: Brydi

*INTRO: Finally, you're about to meet an impressive young athlete who's got some pretty big dreams. Brydi's nine years old and she's hoping to eventually represent Australia at the Paralympics. I'll let Brydi tell you all about it.*

**BRYDI:** Hi BTN, my name's Brydi and I'm 9 years old from Brisbane Australia.

Ever since I was little I've been going super-fast in my wheelchair and I've been watching all the athletes on the TV and I wanted to have a go at it. I was doing wheelchair racing for two years but before that I was doing triathlons.

This is my really cool racing chair. This is what I steer with and I kneel on here and I push with these very special gloves.

I love racing because you get to go super-fast and it's a competitive sport and I love being competitive. I've got two brothers and one sister and my two brothers love OzTag and football and my older sister loves roller skating.

My biggest achievements are when I competed in the triathlons, I did tough mudders, fun runs, and I also did the Belmore Burns uphill in Sydney and I also finished the OzDay 10 kay. Competing in the OzDay 10 kay was so exciting but a little bit nervous. I crashed on the first lap, but I got back up again and I finished it and I was super proud of myself. I'm most proud of my never give up attitude for finishing the 10 kay after a big crash.

My favourite thing about racing is you get to race with your friends and that you also get to race with amazing athletes like Madison de Rozario and Eliza Ault-Connell. All my fellow para-athletes are my biggest heroes like Maddie de Rozario, Luke Bailey, Louise Sauvage and Kurt Fearnley because they inspire me to do my best. I first met Kurt when he reached out to me on Instagram and then I saw him at the Comm Games and then he invited us to go to Newcastle and that's when I got fitted for my first chair.

**TONI SAUL, BRYDI'S MOTHER:** That's a really special relationship actually. He's a really good mentor for her. He saw her on social media getting around in her day chair really fast and doing some triathlons and stuff and he reached out and said she's amazing and we want her in a racing chair how can we make this all happen and next thing we know we're off to Newcastle and he's fitting her in her first chair.

**BRYDI:** Since then he's been mentoring me and we get to catch up at places like the Wheelchair Sports New South Wales Christmas camp.

I also liked to do triathlons, Spartan races and I also recently tried wheelchair basketball and I really want to have a go at it.

My Paralympic goals are in 4 years I wanna go to Paris and be a Paralympian and I'm gonna keep training until I get to that point. My biggest dream in life is to keep loving my sport and being successful.

## Closer

Thanks, so much Brydi, great work. Well that's it for today, but I'll be back next week with more news. If you miss us in the meantime you can head to our website. And you can tune into BTN Newsbreak every weekday. Plus, if you're 13 or over you can subscribe to our YouTube channel to keep up to date with the latest news and interesting stuff. Thanks for watching and I'll catch you soon. Bye.