



Observer Showbiz

Observer Overnighters

News about the 3AW Overnighters program with Keith McGowan

Railway book winners

■ Keith McGowan featured another interview with publisher-author **Nick Anchen** on Monday morning. Nick has published *Railways of the Yarra Valley*.

Winners of the four copies in recent *Observer-Phoenix* readers' competition are:

- Glenn Linnane, 570 Little Yarra Rd, Gladysdale,
- Wal Johnson, Post Office Box, Eltham
- R Norman, 14 Towers Rd, Lilydale
- David Thorburn, 1/1 Powlett St, Kilmore.

Big response to comp.

■ One of the bigger responses to a reader competition occurred with reader entry coupons for *Railways Of The Yarra Valley*.

Observer entrants included those from **Ashwood, Blackburn, Bonbeach, Box Hill, Box Hill North, Braybrook, Camberwell, Chelsea, Cheltenham, Clayton North, Croydon North, Croydon South, Dallas, Donvale, Eaglehawk, Eumemmerring, Fawkner, Frankston, Geelong, Gladysdale, Glen Waverley, Glenburn, Greensborough, Hawthorn East, Highlands, Hoppers Crossing, Lalor, Langwarrin, Maidstone, Maribyrnong, Melbourne, Melton, Montrose, Mt Evelyn, Mulgrave, Oakleigh East, Pakenham, Pearcedale, Point Cook, Reservoir and Richmond.**

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New menu

■ The **Kingston Hotel** of **Richmond**, owned by **Chris De Fraga** who appears on the *Overnighters* each Thursday, has launched a new autumn menu.

Items include freshly shucked oysters; ham with olives, goat cheese and sour dough; saganaki; and chickpea fritters.

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Castlereagh final eps.

■ The long-running *Castlereagh Line* serial (3am, weekdays, 3AW) comes to a conclusion next week (Friday, March 19). 3AW has aired 903 of the 910 episodes recorded in the early 1980s by **Grace Gibson Productions** in Sydney. They were written by radio producer **Ross Napier**.

Yarra Yarra Jazz Band

■ An exhibition about **The Yarra Yarra Jazz Band** is to be staged at the **Victorian Jazz Archive**, 15 Mountain Hwy, **Wantirna**, from 10am-3pm Tuesdays and Fridays. Phone: 9800 5535.



On This Day



Wednesday, March 10

■ Geelong footballer **Graham 'Polly' Farmer** turns 75 today.

Chuck Norris, real name 'Carlos', is 71.

US actress **Sharon Stone**, was born in Pennsylvania, in 1958 (52).

Prince Edward (Edward Antony Richard Louis) was born in 1964 (46).

Thursday, March 11

■ Newspaper publisher **Rupert Murdoch** was born in Melbourne in 1931 (79).

Australian Rules footballer **Sam Kekovich** was born in Victoria in 1950 (60).

Actress **Simone Buchan**, who played **Debbie Kelly** in *Hey Dad*, was born in Sydney in 1968 (42).

Friday, March 12

■ Happy birthday **Denise Meikle**.

Actress **Googie Withers (Georgette Withers)** was born in India in 1917 (93).

US singer and actress **Liza Minelli** was born in Los Angeles in 1946 (64).

Johnny Young (John De Jongh) was born in Rotterdam, 1947 (63).

Saturday, March 13

■ US singer/songwriter **Neil Sedaka** was born in New York in 1939 (71).

Journalist **George Negus** was born in Brisbane in 1942 (68).

Radio-TV presenter **Geoff Cox** was born in St Kilda in 1951 (59).

Australian singer **Phil Burton**, of *Human Nature*, was born in Sydney in 1974 (36).

Sunday, March 14

■ Actor **Sir Michael Caine** was born in South London in 1933 (77).

Music producer **Quincy Jones** is 77.

Folk poet **Pam Ayres** was born in Oxfordshire in 1945 (65).

Actor-comedian **Billy Crystal** was born in New York in 1968.

Monday, March 15

■ Football legend **Lou Richards** was born in Abbotsford in 1923 (87).

Val Lehman, who played **Bea Smith** in *Prisoner*, was born in Perth in 1943 (67).

Christine Anu, Australian singer, was born in Cairns in 1970 (40).

US television evangelist and gospel singer **Jimmy Swaggart** is 75.

Tuesday, March 16

■ **Matthew Flinders**, the British navigator, noted for his charting and coastal surveys of Australia, was born in 1776.

Leo McKern, the talented Australian actor who played **Rumpole Of The Bailey**, was born in 1920.

Comedian **Jerry Lewis** is 84.



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