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Observer Overnighters

News about the 3AW Overnighters program with Keith McGowan

McGowans pay respects

Overnighters host **Keith McGowan** and wife **Angela** have relayed their thoughts for victims of the **Victorian** bushfires at the weekend. **McGowan** phoned through his concerns on Sunday from **Longreach**, in far western **Queensland**. The couple have been kept up-to-date with the fire emergency by phone and SMS messages from **Victorian** friends and work colleagues at **3AW**.

Trip to Stockmans Hall



● Stockmans Hall of Fame, Longreach



● A hotel in outback Cunnamulla

Keith and **Angela McGowan** have travelled far in the first 10 days of this year's outback adventure.

They travelled through **Echuca-Moama**, where they stayed with **Keith's** cousin, **Margaret Gow** and her husband, **Captain Bruce Gow**.

Motoring continued next day with travels through **Deniliquin**, **Hay**, **Ivanhoe (NSW)**, **Wilcania**, **Thargomindah**, **Cobar**, to **Bourke**.

A highlight of the journey was a stop at **Cunnamulla**, before arriving at the **Yowah** opal fields which have been discussed on air by 'outback legend' **Nick Le Souef**.

Travels continued to the mining area of **Roma**, **Emerald** in central western **Queensland**, as well as the journey to **Longreach**. The **McGowans** plan to reach **Winton** as this edition of the **Melbourne Observer** goes to press.



● The 'Cunnamulla Fella' memorial

OLD SCHOOL PHOTOS FOUND

Before leaving on annual holidays, **Keith McGowan** asked if anyone had photographs of his early school days. **Keith** explained that he had few photos from those early days, and was particularly after shots from his days at **Glenhuntly State School**.

A listener, who has requested anonymity, forwarded these prints from **Keith's** younger days.

Are you able to identify Keith McGowan in this photo?



● Class photo from Glenhuntly State School



● Trying out a motor-bike



● At the Glenhuntly address

Overnighters: fire coverage

Simon Owens was in charge of the **3AW** overnight coverage of the bushfire emergency. He took continuous calls in the midnight-dawn shifts.

The coverage also included reports from **CFA**, charity organisations and **Police**.

One authority to make comment was the **ACCC** which has warned Victorians to be on alert to ensure they are not taken in by scammers, when making contributions to charities.

"In the past, such as during the 2003 Canberra bushfires and the Asian Tsunami, scammers took advantage of people's generosity and kindness.

"These involved a scammer collecting money by pretending to be a real charity. Not only do these scams cost people money, they also divert much needed donations away from legitimate charities and causes," said **ACCC** chairman **Graeme Samuel**.



● Simon Owens

Queenie's grand kids

Nightline and **Overnighters** listener, **Queenie of Bayswater**, has forwarded a photo with two of her favourite young people. **Queenie** has been heard on the **Overnighters** program whilst **Simon Owens** is hosting the show, whilst **Keith McGowan** is on leave.



● Queenie of Bayswater with Olivia and Ellie

Chris's part in Gulf War

Overnighters listener 'Chris of Broadmeadows' told the program's stand-in host **Simon Owens** that he (**Chris**) was a strategist in the **Gulf War**.

Chris has spoken increasingly in recent programs about his cross-dressing for "therapeutic reasons". **Chris** says he hopes to soon move to the southern suburbs.



● Chris of Broadmeadows

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On This Day

Wednesday, February 11

Hungarian actress **Eva Gabor** was born in 1920. She died aged 75 in 1995.

Canadian actor **Leslie Nielsen** was born in Saskatchewan in 1926 (83).

Country singer **Chad Morgan** was born in Queensland in 1933.

Cricketer **Bill Lawry** is 72 today.

Thursday, February 12

Legendary US President **Abraham Lincoln** was born in 1809. He died aged 56 in 1865.

Australian doctor **Dr James Wright** was born in Brisbane in 1927 (82).

Graham 'Smacka' Fitzgibbon was born in 1930. He died aged 49 in 1979.

Actress **Sigrid Thornton** was born in Canberra in 1959 (50).

Friday, February 13

Airline pioneer **Sir Reginald Ansett** was born in Inglewood in 1909. He died aged 72 in 1981.

Actor **Stuart Wagstaff** was born in Wiltshire, England in 1925 (84).

Politician **Andrew Peacock** is 70 today.

Jerry Springer was born in London in 1944.

Saturday, February 14

Valentine's Day. American comedian **Jack Benny** was born in Illinois in 1894. He died aged 80 in 1974.

Sports caller **Norman May** was born in Melbourne in 1928 (81).

Football identity **Grant Thomas** is 51.

Australian actor and singer **Tom Burlinson** was born in Canada in 1957.

Sunday, February 15

Actor **Cesar Romero** was born in New York in 1907. He died aged 86 in 1994.

TV comic **Graham Kennedy** was born in St Kilda in 1934. He died aged 71 in 2005.

Simpsons creator **Matt Groening** was born in the US in 1955. Footballer **Neale Danaher** is 48 today.

Monday, February 16

Horse trainer **Colin Hayes** was born in Adelaide in 1923. He died aged 75 in 1999.

Singer **Sonny Bono** was born in the USA in 1935. He died aged 62 in 1998.

Football identity **Malcolm Blight** is 59.

Australian actress **Alyssa-Jane Cook** was born in Papua New Guinea in 1967 (42).

Tuesday, February 17

Poet **Abraham 'Banjo' Patterson** was born in NSW in 1864. He died aged 76 in 1941.

Actor, writer and painter **Barry Humphries** was born in Kew in 1934 (75).

Actress **Judy Morris (L'Armand)** was born in Toowoomba, Qld in 1947 (62). She starred in *Mother & Son*.