

2026 March is Australian social issues



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Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

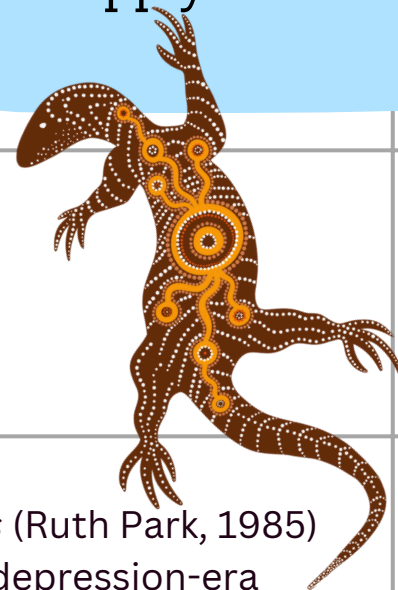
Saturday

Sunday

McCrindle research identifies the following trends shaping the 2026 Australian landscape:
Supply-demand squeeze | Intentional living | Productivity pivot | Personality premium | Hope under strain.



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Red Dirt, Blue Lights (Tess Merlin)
2025 novella. Set in Cherbourg in the 1970s.



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Missus (Ruth Park, 1985)
set in depression-era Sydney.

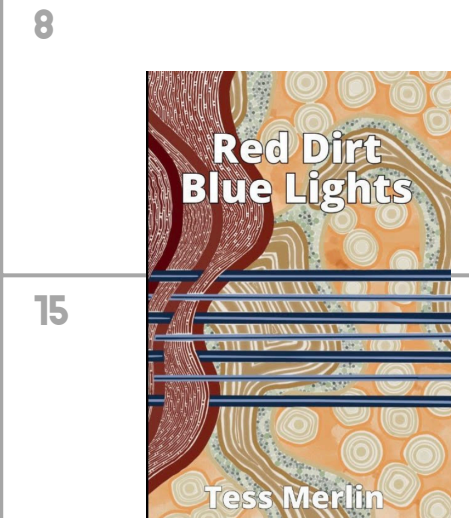
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Because of You (Pip Harry)
YA Fiction. Explores Sydney's homelessness.

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hope

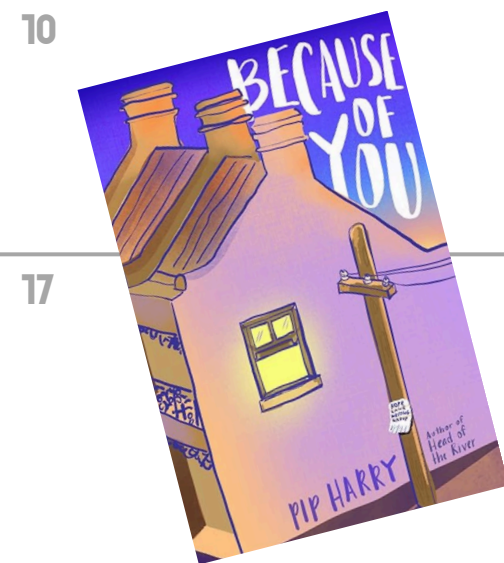
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We are Here: Stories of Home, Place and Belonging edited by Meg Mundell



6
Stories from Berry Street
podcast
Fortnightly episodes; issues affecting Australian families.



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10
Through my eyes: Australian Disaster Zones series
Junior fiction books, disasters through children's eyes.

11
View BTN – *Political cartoons explained* (2025) 5 mins.

12
Talking Pictures (ABC News) - summary of the week's events via cartoons/photographs.

13
The Brothers Wolfe (Steve Hawke, 2023): WA 1980s political scandal of financial greed and risk-taking. Fiction.



14
Create a Conversation Cafe in class, using key social issues.



15
Other Houses (2022, Patrick O'Reilly) gritty novel about confronting issues.

16
This day in 1912: *SS Koombana* sinks off WA coast during a cyclone.

17
The People vs Robodebt (2025 SBS documentary): social inequality.

18
Read Bruce Dawe's poem "Life Cycle": the Australian suburban life through the lens of AFL.

19
Listen to early 2000s band, Local Knowledge, First Nations hip hop.



20
Watch Young Australian of 2026, Nedd Brockman, give his speech: raising money for homelessness.



21
Have students create an infographic on the top 10 Australian social issues for 2026.

22
Background Briefing podcast
narrative journalism; uncovering hidden Australian stories.



23
Three-part ABC series, *End Game* (2025): racism in Australian sport.

24
Read *The Swan Book* (2023): dystopian, First Nations community, climate change.

"You feel free in Australia. There is great relief in the atmosphere - a relief from tension, a relief from pressure, an absence of control of will or form. The skies open above you and the areas open around you." D.H. Lawrence
DISCUSS.

