



TASK TIME ONLINE

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Who's a Legend?
Legends possess a number of qualities that make them special. Can you identify some Australian legends? Who in your eyes is a legend? What makes them a legend? This week's task online will have you doing some legendary things!



QUIZ TIME
Each week we will test your knowledge on what's been happening in the news. For the answers visit NiE online.

- 1 On which Channel Nine television show did an 18-year-old visually impaired singer wow the judges and audience with her performance?
- 2 Who won the A-League football final between Brisbane Roar and Perth Glory?
- 3 What type of animal was stolen from Sea World on the Gold Coast?

Essence of a legend



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WHAT'S NEWS

Penguin stolen

Dirk was very afraid, distressed and tired. He was in the wild – a tough gig for a Fairy penguin raised in captivity. He was an ideal target for bull sharks, cats and dogs. Fortunately for Dirk he was spotted hiding under Southport Pier and rescued. He was returned to his home at Sea World where he was checked over by a vet. It was the first incident of animal theft from the Gold Coast theme park but the three men who allegedly stole the penguin were nabbed because they boasted about it on Facebook. The bird-nappers, aged 18, 20 and 21, have been charged with trespass, stealing and unlawfully keeping a protected animal. They will appear before Southport Magistrates Court on May 2.

Troops Return

After almost 12 years of war, 218 wounded and the loss of 32 Diggers, Australian troops in Afghanistan, could be back home as early as the middle of next year. Prime Minister Julia Gillard outlined the timetable and said mid-2013 would mark "a crucial point: when the international forces will be able to move to a supporting role across all of Afghanistan". December 2014 was the original withdrawal date but it is understood that the 1550 Australian troops will hand over to Afghan forces sooner. Some Australian special forces are expected to stay.

What do you think?

Should Australian Troops withdraw from Afghanistan? Leave a comment on the NiE webpage.



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Legend is a term applied to stories, books and accounts about people and their usually heroic deeds. It's attributed to a person or achievement worthy of inspiring a story and whose fame promises to be everlasting.

The ANZAC Legend

In 1915, on the slopes of the Gallipoli peninsula, the soldiers of Australia and New Zealand created a legend that survives to this day. Combined Australian and New Zealand troops, known as the Anzacs, fought bravely against appalling odds and in the face of constant death and despair for eight months. A total of 8700 did not return to their homelands and 17,200 were severely wounded.

It is in memory of the bravery, heroism, mateship, camaraderie, leadership and sense of duty of these young men that we honour the Anzac legend on April 25 each year.

It is a date etched in Australia's history. Its anniversary is commemorated across the country each year as Anzac Day. To many this is Australia's most important national day.

In the morning of this day Australian troops made a landing on a hostile shore along the Gallipoli peninsula in Turkey. Some saw it as Australia's "baptism of fire" and "the birth of nationhood".

In the story of the Gallipoli landing Australians saw positive characteristics displayed by their troops that they would continue to identify with in later wars and conflicts, and in other crises and hardships.

This is also the most thoroughly documented day in Australia's history. It tells the story of the Australians who landed at Gallipoli, and of the creation of the Anzac legend.

Source: .awm.gov.au/exhibitions/dawn

BEING A LEGEND

"If you make yourself more than just a man. If you devote yourself to an ideal. Then you become something else entirely. A legend, Mr. Wayne. A LEGEND." (from the forthcoming Batman series film the Dark Knight Rises)
What does it take to be a legend? Many people do great things but are not necessarily noticed or recognised as being legends. You don't have to be a super hero or to conquer the world to become a legend. A legend should have qualities such as courage, strength, will power, wisdom, passion and a positive attitude. It should inspire people and set a good example for the next generations. A legend might amaze us with his/her skill and tremendous talent and show socially acceptable and admirable behaviour.

An Unlikely Legend

In 1983, a 61-year-old farmer named Cliff Young, dressed in overalls and work boots, picked up his race number and joined runners in the annual 875km endurance race from Sydney to Melbourne. It is among the world's most gruelling ultramarathons, takes five days to complete and is normally only attempted by world-class athletes. Cliff "shuffled" non-stop, surpassing everybody and winning the \$10,000 first prize, all of which he promptly gave to several other runners, endearing himself to all Australians.



NEXT WEEK'S TOPIC:
Agriculture on Show