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Hello and welcome to a very different looking BtN!

Coming up today:

It's down periscope for Australia as the Government commits to buying 12 new submarines.

We score an exclusive interview with William Shakespeare 400 years after his death.

And find out how to give back to your community with BtN's Kind Classrooms campaign.

More on that soon! But first:

Budget 2016

Reporter: Amelia Moseley

INTRO: The big story this week is the announcement of the Federal Budget. That's when the government reveals exactly how it's going to manage our country's money. But how do they decide where to spend all of that money when everyone wants different things? Take a look.

COMMUNICATION KID: Sir, it's getting closer. We need to make some decisions.

DEFENCE KID: Millions of people's lives are at stake!

LEADER: Just give me a minute, I need to think!

COMMUNICATION KID: But we're running out of time!

LEADER: Arrrgghhh!

AMELIA MOSELEY, REPORTER: While it isn't the end of the world, working out our country's budget is a really big deal, because it affects every single Australian.

In real life, Treasurer Scott Morrison is the guy who's got that job. He's spent the past few months drawing up the budget, the document that says exactly how the government's going to spend our country's money. That's hundreds of billions of dollars collected through things like taxes. Although it sounds like a lot of money, there are heaps and heaps of things the government needs to spend it on.

Like defence.

Education.

Transport.

Welfare.

WELFARE KID: Will somebody please think of the older generations?

Also research.

And communication

COMMUNICATION KID: Excuse me a moment: how about faster internet?

And that's just to name a few!

LEADER: Wait! I can't give everyone what they want! We don't have enough money!

In recent years, Australia's been spending more money than it's got, leading to something called a deficit. Just like people can borrow money from a bank, the government can borrow money, too. And just like a regular bank loan, the longer it isn't paid back, the bigger the debt gets.

The government's hinted it might try to pay back some of its debt in this budget. That means it could try to save money by cutting back on spending. So some areas wouldn't get as much funding. There's also another option to make more money by raising taxes.

LEADER: Oh, come on!

That would mean Australians might have to pay more for certain things. Or pay more of the money they earn to the government. Some people reckon the government shouldn't be so worried about getting our country out of deficit. They say Australia has a lot less debt than other countries, and is doing pretty well.

But others say we need to get the budget back on track soon, so there'll be more money to work with in the future. Either way, the government's had to make some pretty tricky decisions, especially with an election coming up. Now we'll just have to wait and see how this year's budget goes down.

LEADER: OK, here we go.

ANNOUNCEMENT: The budget will release in 3, 2, 1.

The Week in News

There was heaps of other big stories around this week too. Here's a quick look at some of them.

The detention centre for asylum seekers on Manus Island in Papua New Guinea could be closed after that country's highest court ruled that it's illegal. There are 850 men in the detention centre who tried to get to Australia by boat.

The Papua New Guinean and Australian governments are still trying to figure out where the asylum seekers will go. But the Immigration Minister says they won't be coming to Australia.

A massive 5 per-cent of the world's ivory has been burnt in Kenya!

The country wants to send a message to poachers who kill elephants and rhinos for their tusks and horns. So over 100 tonnes of ivory was destroyed in an effort to put a stop to the industry.

ARMY OFFICIAL: 'The only value of ivory is on the elephants. And rhino horn is on the rhino.'

And US president Barack Obama has cracked a lot of jokes at his last White House Correspondents' dinner. It's an annual event that lets the leader have a bit of fun with reporters, pretty much at everyone else's expense. Like one of the people running to take his job next year.

BARACK OBAMA: Hilary trying to appeal to younger voters is a little bit like your aunt trying to sign up to Facebook. Dear America, did you get my poke?

He wrapped up the speech in style too.

BARACK OBAMA: Two more words to say, Obama out.

Submarines

Reporter: Carl Smith

INTRO: Okay next up, to submarines! The Government has announced it will spend a whopping \$50 billion dollars on a new fleet of subs. But why are subs that important? Time to find out.

CARL SMITH, REPORTER: Classic films like *The Hunt for Red October*, or 20,000 leagues under the sea, show just how difficult and terrifying it can be living in a submarine. Giant squid attacks aside submariners have to live in tiny, cramped conditions with just a bit of metal to protect them from the depths of the ocean, or torpedo attacks!

But if they're so dangerous and uncomfortable to hang out in why is Australia going to build a whole bunch more of them!? Well it turns out they're actually pretty handy. Submarines are an important part of Australia's Navy. Unlike other ships or airplanes, subs can easily hide under the water. That stealth combined with the right sensors and weapons means they can guard huge areas without being noticed. And given we live on a giant island, that makes them pretty handy for us!

Australia already has six submarines called the Collins Class subs. But these vessels were designed way back in the 80s. So the government has announced it'll spend 50 billion dollars to build a brand new submarine fleet!

MARISE PAYNE, DEFENCE MINISTER: The largest regeneration of the Australian Navy since the Second World War.

The 12 new subs will be bigger than the old Collins Class. On top of that, they'll be quieter. They'll have better weapons and better radars. Plus they also have a pretty cool sounding name the 'Shortfin Barracuda'. A French company called DCNS has designed the subs and will be in charge of building them.

But there has been some controversy around where they would be built. Many people wanted the subs built in Australia because it would mean heaps of new jobs, and heaps more of the money spent building them would stay here. But the French company preferred to make them all in France or the first few at least because it would be a bit cheaper and faster.

The Federal Government looked at all of the options, and after some protests from workers here, decided to build all of the subs in Australia. It might be a bit slower and more expensive but the PM says it'll create almost 3000 new jobs right here.

MALCOLM TURNBULL, PM: Australian workers, building Australian submarines, with Australian steel, here where we stand today, for decades into the future.

Another issue some people had was around the cost of the new subs. At 50 billion dollars those 12 vessels will cost more than the whole country's new National Broadband Network! So some questioned if we really need subs that much. But others say it's important to have a strong Navy to protect Australia's borders.

MARISE PAYNE, DEFENCE MINISTER: These future submarines will be a vital part of our naval capability to 2060 and beyond. Well beyond the lifespan of most of us who are standing here today.

The new fleet of Shortfin Barracudas won't be ready for over a decade. But the Government says these new high-tech submarines will be patrolling Australian waters for decades to come. And who knows what sorts of terrible foes they'll protect us from deep below the surface.

Quiz

While we're on the subject let's quiz you on subs too.

The question is:

Which of the following is not a fuel source for submarines?

Nuclear

Wind

Diesel

Answer: Wind

Volunteering

Rookie Reporter: Sophie

INTRO: Now, did you know an estimated 6.1 million Aussie adults volunteer a total of 713 million hours each year. That's an amazing amount of good being done by people who just want to give back. Next week is National Volunteer Week when we honour all of those people. But you don't have to be an adult to get involved. Take a look.

SOPHIE: Hi, I'm Sophie I'm 13 years old, and this is my volunteer story. I love singing, looking after my pets, and hanging out with my family, but volunteering has always been a big part of my life.

Just two weeks after I was born, my mum took me into a nearby nursing home.

SOPHIE'S MUM: And the residents used to play pass the parcel with you when you were a baby.

SOPHIE: Really?

SOPHIE'S MUM: Yep, they used to get a big kick out of it. They used to fight over who was going to hold you.

SOPHIE: I dressed up eight weeks later as the Christmas angel for Christmas time for them. I had a little halo; a little white dress. A lot has changed since then, but I still visit the nursing home all the time. After school I catch the bus to the nursing home every Thursday to work there until 5 o'clock. I usually talk to them, I usually cook for them, listen to their stories, hear about their life.

I've met some really interesting people. Some still remember me when I first came in as a baby!

SOPHIE: Do you remember me dressing up as the little Easter Bunny?

RESIDENT: Yes, and you gave out the Easter eggs.

SOPHIE: Yeah, and one year I was a Christmas angel.

RESIDENT: Yeah, I remember that.

Coming here is a way for me to help out and make new friends. Even if things don't always go to plan.

RESIDENT 2: I'm not a very good put-er-oner-er.

SOPHIE: Neither am I.

SOPHIE: I usually tell them stories and they tell me stories about their past lives and their childhood, and they were in the wars. And it's really interesting to hear their stories so then I can tell my parents what I learn about them.

My family's been involved in volunteering for a long time.

SOPHIE: Why do you think volunteering is so important in our family?

SOPHIE'S MUM: I think volunteering is very important not only for our family, but for other people and other families, because it gives us and them a chance to give back something special to people who wouldn't otherwise have it.

SOPHIE: I usually look after my mum when I'm not at the nursing home because she gets sick pretty easily so I usually take a lot of good care of her and she does the same for me.

So whether it's looking after mum, or being at the nursing home, I know I'm making a difference by volunteering. It makes me feel really good knowing I can help others, and if you volunteer your time, I think you'll feel the same way.

You'll just start falling in love with it and it's just amazing.

Kind Classrooms

Okay now as you saw there, kids can make a big difference when they get into volunteering. And we want to encourage as many of you as possible to do just that.

That's why this month, we're launching BtN's Kind Classrooms campaign. Here's how it works.

Get together with your teacher and classmates and brainstorm ways you can show a little kindness to the people of your community. It could be anything: sending nice letters, offering free car washes or making snacks for people who pass by. No act of kindness is too small! Register your activity on our website and share video of your kind deed there afterwards too. We'll play the best ones on BtN.

Go to our website for all the info you need to become one of BtN's Kind Classrooms today.

Shakespeare

Reporter: Matt Holbrook

INTRO: It's been four hundred years since the death of the world's most famous playwright, William Shakespeare. His plays and stories are still really important today as are the thousands of the words and phrases he invented too. But what was this genius' life really like? We find out from the man himself!

WILL: Hi, I'm Will.

KID: Hi Will.

WILL: But people usually call me William.

INTERVIEWER: Can you tell us your full name?

WILL: William Shakespeare. Playwright.

INTERVIEWER: Can you spell that?

WILL: It's like shake, and spear, with an e at the end.

WILL: Do you want my autograph?

KID: What?

WILL: My autograph. I'm the guy that came up with this.

KID: The Lion King? You didn't make that.

WILL: People tell me all the time "You're the greatest writer in the English language." And I'm like: "Yeah. I am."

WILL: Nah, but it's based on Hamlet. You know where that guy talks to a skull. That was me!

I was born in England in 1564. But no-one knows exactly when, so birthdays were difficult. "No cake for Will this year". That happened every year.

My dad was a glove maker. One thing we always had growing up were gloves. I had a family and then, for a few years, as far as people knew, I just disappeared.

INTERVIEWER: What were you doing?

WILL: Nothing much. Anyway, eventually I moved to London and started acting. And then I started writing. In the next twenty five years, I wrote thirty seven plays, like Romeo and Juliet, Hamlet, Macbeth, and loads of poetry.

WILL: Shall I compare thee to a summer's day?

I came up with seventeen hundred new words. Not bad, hey.

WILL: Okay, forget Hamlet. There are countless words of mine I bet you use all the time. Like countless.

KID: I don't think I've ever said "countless".

WILL: That's laughable. Hey that's one of mine as well. There's buzz, puking, assassin. All mine!

KID: Right.

INTERVIEWER: What kinds of things did you write about?

WILL: Well, people tend to put my plays into categories. There are the comedies. People always get married in those. There are the tragedies.

WILL: I love this bit. O Romeo, Romeo! Wherefore art thou Romeo? Spoilers! They die at the end.

WILL: And there are the histories. They're about history.

Many of those plays are still popular, but I wrote them at a time when people said things like:

WILL: Thou poisonous bunch-back'd toad. Thou loggerheaded maggot-pie!

So I suppose the language might take some getting used to. Yeah, that's probably why I've inspired so many people to retell my stories.

WILL: Anyway, even though I've been technically dead for four hundred years now, you'll still see signs of me everywhere. Movies, TV shows, and the words you use every day.

WILL: Moonbeam, eyesore, wild goose chase, break the ice. All me!

KID: For goodness' sake!

WILL: Ah that's one of my as well.

WILL: It's a pretty good feeling, to be honest. Yeah.

Quiz

What was the name of Shakespeare's theatre?

The World

The Globe

Or the Stage

The answer is: The Globe

Okay now before the holidays we asked you to tell us about how you use technology in our Tech survey. Here is just a taste of what you told us.

Sport

Adelaide United has finished off their fairytale season in style beating Western Sydney 3-1 in the Grand Final. Spanish midfielder, Isais was the hero of the day scoring an absolute ripper of a free kick. Taking Adelaide to two-nil before half-time.

Wanderers Defender Scott Neville turned up the pressure with a goal in the second half. But this 90th minute shot from Adelaide's Pablo Sanchez secured the win. To see Adelaide lift the A-league Champion trophy for the first time in the club's history!

The 2016 Youth Girls National Footy Championships kicked off in Melbourne yesterday and Victoria Metro got the ball rolling with a big win over Queensland. The Championships feature some of the best young female footy players from all around Australia and the Grand Final will be played on Friday night as a curtain-raiser to Hawthorn and Richmond's AFL game.

And finally this enthusiastic pitch invader decided to follow his dreams of becoming a soccer star. By bounding out onto the pitch during a premier game in South America. The overjoyed pooch seemed to be having the time of his life! But officials eventually managed to catch him and escort him off.

Dragon Boats

Reporter: Amelia Moseley

INTRO: Finally today have you ever heard of dragon boating? It's a tradition that originated in China but now people from all over the world get involved including kids. We spoke to some of them at the Club Crew World Championships to find out more about their unique sport.

AMELIA MOSELEY, REPORTING: From up here, this looks like a regular rowing regatta. But get a little closer, and you can see it's a whole lot more fierce.

TASH: I love racing! Especially in the 200s, because it's a really aggressive and powerful sport.

Just like rowing, dragon-boating involves paddling through the water at high speeds. But there are a few big differences, besides the dragon, of course.

ISAAC: Rowing is sorta you're pulling backwards and you have your paddle sideways. Whereas dragon-boating is more up and you gotta drive down.

There can be up to 20 paddlers in a team, so there's a drummer to keep them all in sync.

ISAAC: So I'm a drummer. I have to hit the drum with the drum stick and keep everyone in time.

There's also the all-important sweep, who controls the boat and decides when the team needs to pick up the pace.

SOPHIE: So I'm the sweep so I stand just at the back of the boat and I steer, so we don't run into other lanes and I make the calls as well, so I call the ups throughout the race.

Dragon-boating originated in China before it became a competitive sport. And because you can be aged 12 all the way to 60 to compete, lots of families get involved.

These junior teams from Sydney and Canberra are here in Adelaide for the Club Crew World Championships, so they're competing against some of the best dragon-boaters in the world!

SOPHIE: You get so many opportunities to travel! So like we're from Canberra and we get to come up to Adelaide, I think last year it was in China.

BEN: You can get to higher levels since there aren't as many people like there are in soccer or rugby. That's why I joined as well, so I can get more medals!

They reckon more kids should join the club.

ISAAC: I like meeting new people, so I've made a lot of good friends that I wouldn't have met without dragon-boating and it's also just a really fun sport.

TASH: It's a very, very team sport! Very, very team oriented, yeah definitely!

And there's plenty of team spirit to go 'round.

SOPHIE: So every club has their chants and we do them when we're in marshalling. It's less of an intimidation thing, it's just more of just a group spirit thing and it's really nice to see everyone coming together!

BEN: After my first regatta, I came home and I had to have like three lozenges cause my throat was hurting from all the cheering. It was very hard.

CREW: We love BtN!

CLOSER

And that wraps us up for today! Please head to our website for more info on anything you've seen including how you can become of BtN's Kind Classrooms. Hope you enjoyed the launch of our new look today and I'll see you next week. Bye!