

Flights are delayed in snap strike

SYDNEY: Compass was expected to be the last airline to resume normal services yesterday after a refuellers' snap stop-work meeting.

Domestic airline flights around Australia were thrown into chaos on Friday when refuellers held the stop-work meeting to discuss the planned retrenchment of four refuellers in Townsville, north Queensland.

But most domestic flights were back on schedule by the afternoon after delays of up to an hour. Qantas said its flights were never behind time more than 15 or 20 minutes.

However, Australian Airlines said the fact that the Sydney refuellers' meeting ran until 9am caused a ripple effect. Delays of up to an hour continued into Friday's evening peak period, although the effect was "isolated to six or seven aircraft".

A Compass spokeswoman said Compass's Townsville services had been disrupted since Wednesday and there were no Compass flights to the city at all on Thursday because refuellers in Brisbane were refusing to refuel planes flying directly into Townsville.

Normal services would resume yesterday after negotiations with the Brisbane refuellers, she said.

The dispute will go before the Queensland Arbitration Commission in Brisbane on Tuesday, a Shell oil company spokesman said.

The Transport Workers' Union issued a statement on Friday saying the meetings had been held to hear a report "on the attack by Shell and Caltex on members employed as refuellers in Townsville".

The dispute centres on the companies' decision to replace their joint-venture partnership, JUHI Refuelling, in Townsville with an agency operation from February 1, because of costs.

Only two of the six refuellers employed by JUHI are to be given jobs by the agency, the four others being made redundant.

A Caltex spokesman said JUHI was a 50-50 partnership with Shell, with Shell the managing partner, and each company employed two of the four men to be made redundant on January 31.

The Townsville refuellers had been on strike since early in the week and their colleagues in some other cities had placed bans on Townsville-bound aircraft.

Australian and Ansett said this industrial action had only caused delays to their Townsville services.

Proud Vauxhall owners driven by a sense of nostalgia



David Evans, of Adelaide, and his 1930 20-60 T80 Vauxhall, at the Show and Shine display of cars of the Vauxhall Owners Club of Australia rally in front of old Parliament House. About 100 cars, some dating as far back as 1923, were on display.

Now for something completely stylish

While cars were still the focus, yesterday's annual rally of the Vauxhall Owners Club of Australia had very little in common with the events surrounding last weekend's Summer-rats.

About 100 Vauxhalls and Bedford's turned out for a "Show and Shine" at old Parliament House in a sedate atmosphere well-suited to the age of some participants which go back as far as 1923.

Vauxhall is the United Kingdom

arm of General Motors which took over the marque about 50 years ago. It still manufactures a range of vehicles in Britain but dropped out of the Australian market after 1967 and the Viva.

Some of the best-preserved specimens included a 1934 BX coupe and a 1937 DX tourer, possibly the only ones actually on the road.

The coupe, complete with dicky-seat, is not the most practical of vehicles but retains a sense of nostalgia.

Enthusiast Neil Heilbrunn said he had poured about \$20,000 into it, an investment he would be "very lucky to get back".

It seems Vauxhall may have started out as a high-class English vehicle but once General Motors got hold of it, things went downhill as the emphasis changed and "cheaper" production commenced.

By comparison, a pre-GM 1925 LM 1440 could, even in slightly diminished condition, fetch \$20,000 and in very good condition maybe \$40,000.

Also represented was the Vagabond, circa 1952-54, which was the last of the Vauxhall tourers and therefore among the most popular of the later models. Only a few thousand were built and one has sold in Sydney for \$23,000.

But why a Vauxhall? Mr Heilbrunn said "everybody has their own reason and it's a very accepting sort of club".

The first rally was held in Wangaratta 18 years ago with a roll-up numbering 14 and entries ranging from a 1923 1440 to a 1973 Ventura.

Club founder Ian Ward said yesterday that nobody thought then they would be holding a rally in the national capital so many years later with 100 other owners. Another special guest present was Frank Coad, who won the inaugural 300-mile road race at Phillip Island in 1960, driving a Vauxhall.

Arnold on European mission for SA gains

ADELAIDE: The Premier of South Australia, Lynn Arnold, embarked yesterday on his first overseas trip as Premier hoping to gain long-term security for the Australian Formula One Grand Prix and compensation for Maralinga Aborigines.

Mr Arnold's three-week trip to Europe will include talks in London on January 22 with Formula One motor racing power broker Bernie Ecclestone.

The Premier wants to discuss the long-term future of the Adelaide Grand Prix and assure Mr Ecclestone the SA Government would seek exemption from federal tobacco advertising bans. They are due to be introduced from 1995, but the SA Government fears they could jeopardise the Adelaide race, which presently enjoys a state government exemption.

Adelaide has a contract to stage a grand prix until 1995 with an option to the year 2000. Mr Arnold will push for an extension.

In London, Mr Arnold will try to fast-track compensation for Maralinga Aborigines, whose lands in SA's north were damaged by British atomic testing in the 1950s and 1960s.

Cabinet draws veil over notebooks

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First, the Bill will exclude notebooks from disclosure under the FOI Act. It would be very difficult to get them anyway under the Act, since Cabinet documents are exempt, but the Government will no longer even have to admit they exist.

More importantly, the Commonwealth Evidence Act will be amended, to quote Mr Duncan, "to protect the confidentiality of Cabinet discussions by prohibiting the disclosure to courts of the notebooks and any other notes taken by officials present in the Cabinet room during Cabinet discussions and of oral evidence of officials about those discussions". Ministers might be called upon to give court evidence about Cabinet deliberations, but government officials will be stopped from doing so.

What this means in practical terms is that if litigants against the Commonwealth have reason to believe that material contained in Cabinet notebooks is relevant to their claims, they will be denied access to it, for at least 50 years. It will not matter that the secret notebooks might contain independent evidence of a criminal conspiracy or serious maladministration, or that non-disclosure might defeat the legitimate claims of an individual or corporation.

The Government's justification for this potentially harsh outcome is that it is necessary for the protection of the convention of "collective responsibility and solidarity", and the related convention of confidentiality, among Cabinet members.

"The frankness and freedom of expression in Cabinet proceedings

would be damaged if Cabinet confidentiality were not properly protected," Mr Duncan told Parliament.

"The Government did not object to the courts having the final say on the disclosure of other Cabinet documents, only in relation to the notebooks. There were strong reasons of public policy in support of a different treatment of material which went beyond recording outcomes and which disclosed the contributions of individual Ministers".

"The Government's concern is that the common law cannot provide what the Government believes is the degree of confidentiality essential if the present Cabinet system is to continue," he said.

"The release of the notebooks would destroy the Ministers' expectation that their views would remain

confidential. More importantly, the freedom that Ministers feel to debate matters in complete privacy in the future would be seriously eroded, which would only harm the efficacy of the decision-making process."

Bureaucrats close to the Cabinet process undoubtedly agree but have another worry. If Cabinet minutes are going to be revealed, the notebook system may be abolished and senior public servants kicked out of the Cabinet room. This, they think, would be disastrous. The job of implementing Cabinet decisions is made much easier if two or three are there to hear the discussion and the result. And, of course, such privileged access gives the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet a marvellous insight into the most powerful unit in Australia.

Oxford win for ANU debaters

The Australian National University has once again proved its debating skills with two teams reaching the semi-finals of the 13th World Interservice Debating Championships at Oxford University.

At the end of the preliminary rounds, Richard Douglas and Damien O'Donovan (ANU I) and Daniel Mulino and Simon Banks (ANU 2) were in equal first position, a result never before gained by an Australian university.

"This result confirms that the ANU Debating Society is a very strong and internationally leading debating institution and this success further enhances the ANU as a centre for cultural activity," the society president, Simon Bretell, said.

The grand final result should be known tonight (AEST).

War crime trial due to begin tomorrow

ADELAIDE: Australia's first European war crimes trial is due to begin in the South Australian Supreme Court tomorrow amid moves by defence lawyers to have the case quashed.

Adelaide pensioner Heinrich Wagner, 68, has been committed to stand trial on two offences under Australia's War Crimes Act.

Wagner is charged with the murder of 19 part-Jewish children aged between four months and 11 years and a railway construction worker, and with being involved in the murder of 104 Jewish adults in German-occupied Ukraine during World II.

But defence lawyers lodged an application yesterday to permanently

stay the prosecution. The application states that Wagner cannot conduct a proper defence due to the length of time since the alleged offences occurred.

Three Adelaide pensioners have been charged with European war crimes by the Department of Public Prosecutions' special investigations unit.

Ivan Polyukhovich, 76, who was the first man charged under Australia's War Crimes Act three years ago, is due to stand trial early this year. His lawyers have also called for charges against him to be dropped.

Mikolaj Berzowsky, 78, had all charges against him dismissed by an Adelaide magistrate last year.

Algae along beaches

SYDNEY: A red algal bloom stretched 40km along the Sydney coastline yesterday. The Sydney regional director of the Environment Protection Authority, Peter Yates, said the non-toxic bloom, caused by a dinoflagellate called *noctiluca*, was the fourth such bloom in NSW coastal waters in the past six months.

Calls for tenders

MELBOURNE: The Victoria Government began advertising yesterday for tenders to run buses or trains privately on the nine country lines targeted under the state's transport shakeout announced last week.

Aid plane stranded

SYDNEY: A RAAF Hercules has left Sydney on its way to the Solomon Islands to repair another Hercules stranded in a remote region after one of its engines blew up on Friday during an emergency relief operation in the wake of Cyclone Nina.

Restraining order

MELBOURNE: Former South Australian Premier Don Dunstan has taken out a restraining order against a woman he says has a "mentally unbalanced emotional attachment" to him, according to a report in yesterday's *Herald-Sun* newspaper. The report said the order was made last month against Christine Lewis, 36, who was in residential care at the Royal Adelaide Hospital.

Drowned soldier

SYDNEY: Police released the name of a soldier who died on Thursday while riding rapids on the Clarence River in northern NSW. Paul David Donnelly, 18, of Glen Innes, disappeared at The Gorge, 90km west of Grafton, on Thursday. His body was recovered early yesterday.

NSW MP arrested

SYDNEY: NSW Democrat MP Richard Jones, arrested yesterday during a demonstration against United States warships in Sydney Harbour, said he would file a complaint over the matter. He said a state police boat had run over him in his kayak, overturning the vessel and leaving him in fear of drowning.

Shot in stomach

BRISBANE: Two armed men, attempting to steal a motorcycle south of Brisbane on Friday night, shot a factory worker in the stomach and hit another over the head. The men, armed with a shotgun, tried to steal the bike as it was parked outside a building, in which the two factory hands were working back.

Body identified

BRISBANE: The body of Melbourne tourist Vincent Borg, 45, was recovered on Friday from the surf at the Gold Coast. Mr Borg drowned on Tuesday while swimming in an unpatrolled area at Northcliffe beach, south of Surfers Paradise.

Geelong shooting

MELBOURNE: A Queensland man has been charged with two counts of attempted murder after shootings early yesterday morning outside a Geelong discotheque.

Belconnen crash

Police are looking for witnesses to a crash between two vehicles at the intersection of Belconnen Way and Bindubi Street, Macquarie, just before 8am yesterday morning. The drivers of both vehicles were injured.

WEATHER

Weather information is provided by the Bureau of Meteorology.

TODAY'S FORECASTS

Warnings: A small boat alert is current.

Canberra: Fine with sunny periods. Moderate to fresh north-west to westerly winds, shifting gusty south-east in the evening. Chance of rain 10%. Maximum 28 degrees.

Outlook: Monday, fine, max mid 20s. Tuesday, fine, max mid 20s. Wednesday, fine, max mid 20s.

Canberra Lakes: Winds north-west to westerly 25 to 35km/h, shifting gusty south-east in the evening.

Southern Tablelands: Light to moderate north-west winds, freshening and tending south-west. Some clouds and a shower or two in the south. Outlook: mainly fine.

South Coast: Northerly winds, mainly moderate but freshening ahead of a southerly change in the morning with a shower or two. Outlook: mainly fine.

General description: High-pressure systems lie east of New Zealand and south-west of Perth. Cold fronts are embedded in westerly flow near Tasmania and over ocean waters well south-west of the continent.

An area of low pressure over northern Australia contains a tropical low in the Coral Sea. The Tasmanian cold front will cross the southern Tasman Sea during Sunday. A new high will form over the Bight and progress steadily eastwards to enter the southern Tasman Sea by late Wednesday.

Isolated shower activity associated with the frontal passage on Sunday should be followed by a spell of mostly fine conditions due to the proximity of a ridge of high pressure. Winds will be mainly south-east to north-east.

Capitals forecast

Brisbane, sultry, fine	29
Sydney, mostly fine	26

Melbourne, shower or two. 21 Hobart, few showers. 19 Adelaide, mainly fine. 23 Darwin, late storm. 33 Perth, fine and hot. 37

SOUTH COAST TIDES

Batmans Bay and Bermagui: High 2.0m at 10.22am, 1.5m at 11.05pm. Low 0.1m at 4.45pm, 0.3m at 4.45am tomorrow.

Moruya and Merimbula: High 2.0m at 11.07am, 1.5m at 11.45pm. Low 0.1m at 5.44pm, 0.3m at 5.30am tomorrow.

Nerooma: High 2.0m at 10.52am, 1.5m at 11.30pm. Low 0.1m at 5.14pm, 0.3m at 5.00am tomorrow.

Eden: High 2.0m at 10.22am, 1.5m at 11.05pm. Low 0.1m at 4.59pm, 0.3m at 4.45am tomorrow.

SUN, MOON, PLANETS

Rises Sets	
Sun	6.00am 8.22pm
Moon	11.29pm 7.39am
Mercury	5.14am 7.54pm
Venus	9.47am 10.51pm
Mars	8.18pm 5.42am
Jupiter	12.21am 12.55pm
Saturn	6.18am 9.56pm

CANBERRA YESTERDAY

In Canberra the day was mostly sunny with light to moderate north to north-west winds. The maximum temperature to 3pm of 23 degrees was two below average.

Temp: 3am 15, 9am 18, 3pm 26, 6pm 28.

Hum: % 3am 90, 9am 75, 3pm 34, 6pm 42.

Barometer: 3am 1013.2, 9am 1013.3, 3pm 1010.0, 6pm 1009.3.

Wind: 3am calm, 9am NW4km/h, 3pm NW28km/h, 6pm W19km/h.

Evaporation: 24 hours to 9am 8mm.

Rainfall: Rainfall 24 hours to 9am: nil. Average annual rainfall 630mm. Rainfall for 1992 770mm. Rainfall to date for 1993: 76.2mm. Rainfall for corresponding period 1992 48.4mm. Average for January 57.5mm. Rainfall for January 1992 115mm. Rainfall to date for January 1993 76.2mm.

Capitals' temp and humidity yesterday

Brisbane	20	29	72	58
Sydney	18	26	80	53
Canberra	13	26	75	34
Melbourne	15	26	70	52
Hobart	17	25	65	89
Adelaide	15	23	81	51
Perth	22	33	36	29
Darwin	29	31	74	

THE WORLD (Latest full day)

Amsterdam	4	6	cloudy
Athens	4	10	cloudy
Auckland	16	23	clear
Bangkok	18	22	cloudy
Barcelona	23	29	clear
Berlin	-3	12	clear
Beijing	-6	-1	snow
Buenos Aires	19	31	clear
Brussels	3	7	clear
Budapest	-2	2	rain
Calcutta	19	31	clear
Cairo	6	13	clear
Canberra	-22	-11	cloudy
Caracas	16	27	clear
Chicago	6	-3	cloudy
Christchurch	7	23	cloudy
Copenhagen	1	4	cloudy
Dhahran	12	20	cloudy
Dublin	2	8	clear
Hankou	5	9	cloudy
Geneva	-3	6	rain
Harare	16	27	rain
Havana	21	30	clear
Helsinki	-3	3	cloudy
Hong Kong	18	20	clear
Honolulu	16	27	cloudy
Istanbul	2	4	cloudy
Islamabad	0	12	clear
Jakarta	23	31	rain
Jerusalem	3	8	rain
Miami	15	33	clear
Shanghai	0	0	cloudy
Kiev	23	33	clear
Kuala Lumpur	18	25	clear
Lima	8	14	clear
Lisbon	5	9	clear
London	13	17	cloudy
Los Angeles	13	17	cloudy
Madrid	2	14	clear
Manila	18	32	cloudy
Mecca	20	31	cloudy
Mexico City	8	24	clear
Moscow	13	17	cloudy
Montevideo	18	26	rain
Montreal	-7	0	cloudy
Moscow	-1	-1	cloudy
Nairobi	13	17	cloudy
Nassau	22	28	cloudy
New Delhi	9	15	cloudy
New York	7	13	snow
Nosara	5	11	rain
Oslo	-3	-1	clear
Paris	7	9	clear
Rio de Janeiro	22	26	clear
Rome	-10	10	cloudy
San Francisco	8	14	cloudy
San Juan	21	27	cloudy
Santiago	15	28	cloudy
Seo Paulo	20	31	cloudy
Seoul	-4	3	clear
Singapore	23	31	clear
Stockholm	-2	2	cloudy
Taipei	17	23	cloudy
Tel Aviv	9	14	rain
Tokyo	9	13	clear
Toronto	-3	0	cloudy
Vancouver	-12	-1	cloudy
Vienna	-2	6	rain
Warsaw	1	2	cloudy

LOTTERIES

Australian Lotto Bloc Draw 1197: 37, 29, 12, 33, 31, 7. Supplementaries: 42, 38. Division 1, \$2,240,913.

Super 66: 4, 0, 3, 5, 4, 5. Tatts Extra: 12, 33, 31, 7, 42, 38. Tatts 2: 92, 45. Div 1 dividend, \$759,000.

Fees discriminatory says ACT Opposition

The ACT Liberals have called on the Federal Government to make its proposed tip fees applicable to all users and not just the business sector.

Describing the fees, announced on Thursday, as discriminatory, the Liberal spokesman on urban services, Lou Westende, said business and industry paid a fair share of rates and taxes, and "should not be targeted for discriminatory treatment in using Canberra tips... the user-pays principle should ensure that all users are treated the same."

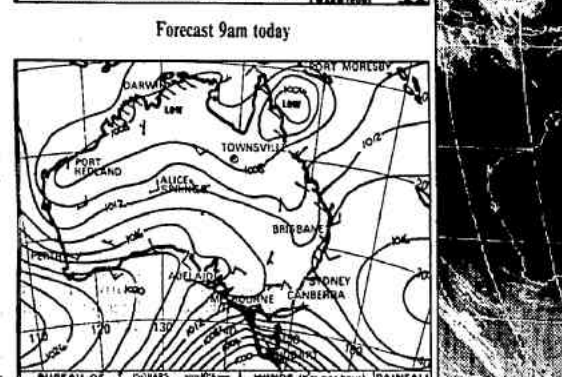
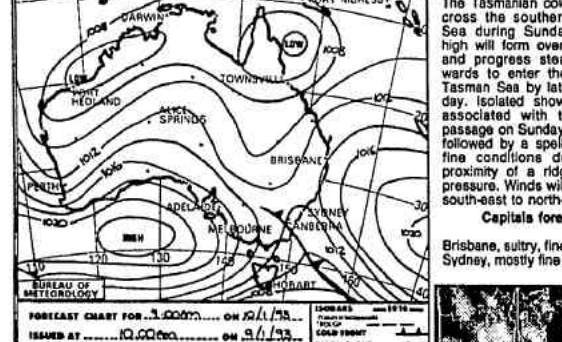
The Minister for Urban Services, Terry Connolly, has said the fees will be introduced from April and will apply only to commercial and industrial users, not "mums and dads with their trailer".

Until December, the fee will be \$11 per tonne and will rise thereafter to \$22 per tonne. The move is expected to generate

about \$8 million in revenue for the Government in a full year.

Mr Westende said the fees should only be introduced in conjunction with 160-litre big bins which would give ratepayers a better opportunity to dispose of their domestic waste without using the tips.

Mr Westende warned that restricting the fee to the business sector could encourage attempts to circumvent the regulation.



At noon yesterday