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AUSTRALIANS will wake to the announcement of a major international security deal following a flurry of secret meetings in Canberra. Reports emerged out of the US last night that Joe Biden would announce a technology working group with Australia and Britain.
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Boom to follow bust as Covid cloud lifts

Celebrated actor Lisa McCune has predicted a boom in the entertainment business when life opens up after Covid.

The multiple Gold Logie Award winner believes good times are coming for the industry that has been decimated across all levels by the global pandemic.

"I feel like I've used lockdown in a really productive way," McCune told Confidential. "I think a lot of people in the arts have been, even though we've been closed down in so many ways and it has been a really damaging time for the arts, but we have all been very quietly tinkering away behind locked doors."

"And, I think there's going to be such an explosion of great stuff when we come out of this that there will hopefully be a euphoric amount of work out there."

Known for her work on hit TV series including *How To Stay Married*, *Sea Patrol* and *Blue Heelers*, McCune (pictured) has several projects in the works but has been sworn to secrecy on details.

"There is a healthy Zoom community in the arts," the 50-year-old said.

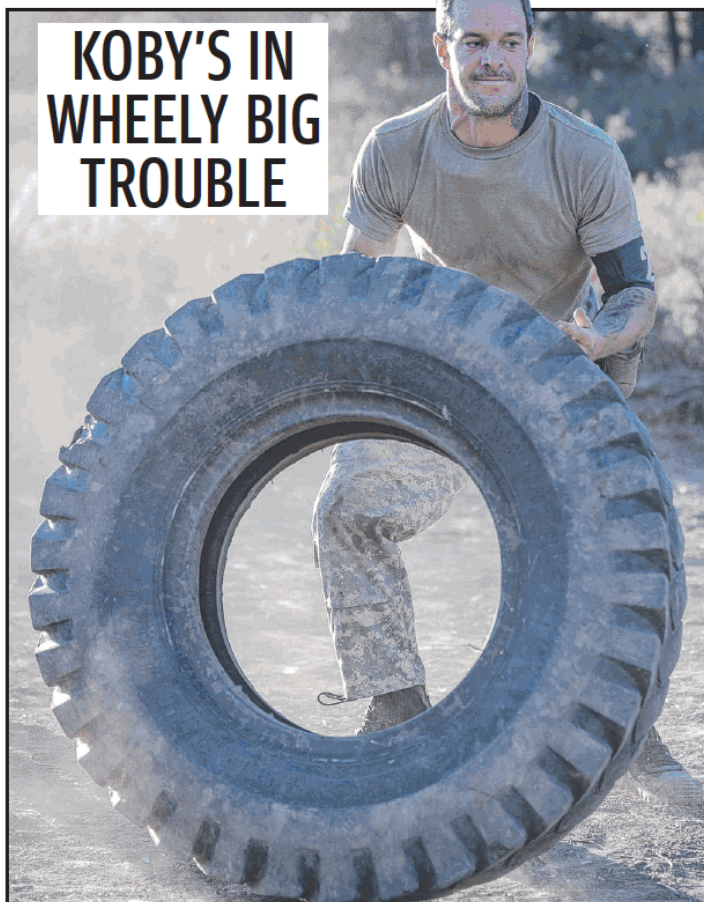


McCune yesterday hosted a virtual charity brunch for T.House to raise awareness for the work of the Robert Connor Dawes (RCD) Foundation.

Usually the event is an annual fun-run but due to Covid, it was brought online with the likes of Tina Nettlefold and Rob Mills also part of the event. The RCD Foundation was set up by Liz Dawes in memory of her son Connor, who died, aged 18, in 2013 of an ependymoma tumour.

"This charity is very close to home for me," McCune, a mother of three, said. "It is doing amazing work, and that's the incredible part. In memory of her son, Liz is creating really significant change. That inspired me as a mum more than anything."

KOBY'S IN WHEELY BIG TROUBLE



Koby Abberton competes in a challenge on SAS Australia.

KOBY Abberton has quickly put himself off-side with fellow contestants on SAS Australia.

The notorious Bra Boy was busted cheating in last night's episode and while it wasn't a huge scandal, Confidential hears there is much more to unravel for the 43-year-old, who has started out as the villain and joker of the season.

Last night, he was caught cheating in a combat task where

contestants had to sprint between exercise stations that included flipping a 55kg truck tyre, lifting sandbags, doing burpees and log squats.

Surveillance cameras showed Abberton cut corners by doing 15 press-ups instead of 30. While seemingly a physical test, the challenge was an integrity one to determine whether or not someone would cheat.

"That is not a miscount,

that is an integrity thing," SAS instructor Jason "Foxy" Fox said.

Abberton was then called to a meeting with the instructors, where he was confronted over his actions and still maintained he didn't cheat.

"I just wouldn't have cheated," he told Middleton before being forced to fess up to the other contestants. "If the evidence is there, I will take full responsibility," he said.

Footy star's getting kicks in a new field

CHLOE Molloy is loving her new role as a cadet with Fox Footy.

The AFLW Collingwood star (pictured) has been working behind the scenes and in front of the camera for the past three months.

"It's been cool seeing the other side of it and how it works," she said. "I'm doing some on air writing, content for shows and some filming. I definitely have more of an appreciation for journos and what they do."

Molloy has a 12-month cadetship at Fox Footy.



Former Tele artist crafts a TV debut

A BIG Confidential shout-out to former Telegraph staff member Benja Harney, who made his reality TV debut last night.

Harney was a long-time artist working behind the scenes at the Telegraph before forging ahead as one of the country's top paper artists.

Last night, he made his debut as a judge on new Channel 10 craft and DIY series, *Making It*, where 13 creatives battle it out in various challenges to win \$100,000 and the title of Master Maker.

"It is a fun life making things, I love it," Harney said. "With creativity, you have to find that reason to do it in your life, even if that is just to decorate your place."



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