

● NEW DOCTOR

Who makes it a dozen

PETER Capaldi has been announced as the new Doctor Who, the 12th actor to take up the coveted TV role.

Fans eagerly awaited the news, which was broadcast during a special live show on ABC today.

The Scottish actor replaces Matt Smith, who announced in June he was leaving the sci-fi show later this year.

Capaldi is best known for his starring role as sharp-tongued spin doctor Malcolm Tucker in the critically acclaimed UK political comedy *The Thick of It*.

He has a long list of movie credits including a role alongside Brad Pitt in *World War Z*.

● CREEPY NIGHT OWLS

Be afraid of the dark

Cathy Morris

DON'T be scared of things that go bump in the night, but beware of those people who like to stay up into the wee hours.

You might think it's only werewolves and vampires who dwell in the twilight zone, but real people with a nocturnal bent are also more likely to have a dark side, research has found.

And it could all come back to evolution, with darkness providing a cover for those with more

dubious motives to play up while others are sleeping.

A University of Western Sydney study of 250 students found people who stayed up late or were night owls were more likely to have anti-social personality traits than early risers.

Dr Peter Jonason from the university's school of social science and psychology found those students who scored highly on the Dark Triad traits such as narcissism, Machiavellianism, and psychopathic tendencies were

"like many other predators such as lions and scorpions, creatures of the night".

Jonason said there may be an evolutionary link between being a night owl and anti-social behaviour.

"The Dark Triad traits may represent specialised adaptations to avoid detection."

Jonason said being awake at night could be advantageous for those who wished to get away with certain things.

"For people pursuing a fast life

strategy like that embodied by the Dark Triad traits, it's better to occupy and exploit a low-light environment where others are sleeping and have diminished cognitive functioning," he said.

"The feature of the night — a low-light environment where others are sleeping — may facilitate the casual sex, mate-poaching, and risk taking the Dark Triad traits are linked to.

"Indeed, most crime and most sexual activity peak at night, suggesting just such a link."

Those playing the dating game may also want to take note of the findings.

"If you want to find a good person, so to speak, you might have a better chance by going to some early morning photo-shoot at Bronte, rather than going to the casino three hours earlier, because of the nature of the kinds of people engaging in these behaviours," he said.

Jonason's study results were published in *Personality and Individual Differences*.



● TRIPS TRIPLE

Travel stats go troppo

AUSTRALIANS are leaving our shores — temporarily — like never before.

The Australian Bureau of Statistics' latest travel figures show Aussies made 8.4 million short-term overseas trips in the 2012-13 year, triple the number of overseas jaunts recorded a decade ago.

New Zealand proved the most popular destination with 1.1 million cross-Tasman trips followed by Indonesia (910,000), the US (907,000), Thailand (625,000) and the UK (508,000).

The average length of trip was 14 days, with 58 per cent of travellers going for a holiday and 23 per cent visiting friends or family.



Grab the kids ... and then take a look at this

A house fire provided the inspiration for Paddington artist Melanie Beresford's new solo exhibition, *Safekeeping*, at Kudos Gallery in Paddington from tomorrow until Saturday. The exhibition features a series of pictures of people with an item they would grab if they only had 60 seconds to get out of their burning house. melanieberesford.com Picture: SIMON BULLARD

● KE\$HA, PITBULL

Got the card, grab tickets

VISA cardholders will get the early jump on tickets for superstars Ke\$ha and Pitbull's Sydney show.

The performers will share the stage at Allphones Arena on November 8.

Visa credit card, debit and pre-paid cardholders will be able to jump the queue and purchase pre-release tickets from 2pm Wednesday until 11.59pm Sunday or until tickets sell out at visaentertainment.com.au.

● AUSSIE CAST

Slide in for a Grease fix

SHOW tunes fans can catch some grease lightning ahead of *Grease* premiering in Sydney in October.

GREASE — The Australian Cast Recording will feature classic songs from the musical including *Grease is the Word* and *Summer Nights* by members of the cast from the show, which is touring the country this year.

Musical theatre favourite Rob Mills and rising star Gretel Scarlett are playing the lead roles of Danny and Sandy.



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