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CUP WEEK



Derby Day is Saturday 31 October and the Melbourne Cup runs on Tuesday 3 November.

THE BIG STORY

The lucky country is going hungry

Foodbank Australia's 2026 Hunger Report says 3.6 million households went without enough food in the past year, about 100,000 more than the year before. That is roughly one household in three.

For 69% of them it was the first time. Regional families are doing it hardest, with almost one in four facing severe food insecurity, against 18% in the

cities. Australians aged 18 to 34 are the most affected, and more than half of First Nations households went without.

Foodbank Australia chief executive Kylea Tink blames the cost of living and rising interest rates, and wants a national school breakfast program reaching every child by 2030. *ABC News*

Rain wipes out the last Phillip Island MotoGP

Sunday's race, the final MotoGP on the island, was called off for rain and poor visibility after a day of steady rain. A local push earlier this year to keep the race failed. *ABC News*

The fight over Titanic's treasures

The US government is battling a plan to auction more than 100 artefacts from the wreck, including jewellery and a bronze cherub from the grand staircase. *ABC News*

BREAKING

Antonelli on pole for a shot at the world title

Kimi Antonelli starts the United States Grand Prix in Austin from pole, at 7am Sydney time. He becomes the youngest Formula One world champion if he wins and finishes 125 points clear, which needs George Russell 9th or lower and Lewis Hamilton 5th or lower. *ABC News*

As at 7am Monday

Essendon sacks its AFLW coach

The Bombers have moved on their coach after a season with just one win. *ABC News*

