

Explain that

31
intriguing reasons
WHY

Edited by
Felicity Lewis

Illustrated by Dionne Gain





Map by Jamie Brown



Getty Images/Lawrence BRUN

When former US president Donald Trump argued that Afghanistan was a lost cause, his national security adviser H.R. McMaster is said to have shown him this photograph of miniskirted students in Kabul in 1972 as proof that a different future was possible – if US troops stayed put. Western intervention in Afghanistan and the wider region has often been justified with reference to women's rights. The face-covering burqa enforced by the Taliban became part of the moral case for overthrowing their regime.

FEDERAL FACTIONS (AND FRACTIONS) AT A GLANCE

Labor powerbrokers			Liberal powerbrokers				Liberal subfractions (key members)				
LEFT	RIGHT	MODERATES	CENTRE RIGHT	NATIONAL RIGHT	NEW GUARD MODERATES	MORRISON CLUB	PRAYER GROUP	FRYDENBERG 'AMBITION' FACTION	MONKEY POD LUNCH CONSERVATIVES	RURAL & REGIONAL	VETERANS
Anthony Albanese (NSW)	Chris Bowen (NSW)	Simon Birmingham (SA)	Scott Morrison (NSW)	Peter Dutton (Qld)	James Stevens	Scott Morrison	Scott Morrison	Josh Frydenberg	Peter Dutton	Rowan Ramsay	Stuart Robert
Penny Wong (SA)	Tony Burke (NSW)	Marise Payne (NSW)	Josh Frydenberg (Vic.)	Michaelia Cash (WA)	Andrew Bragg	Alex Hawke	Andrew Hastie	Greg Hunt	Zed Seselja	Dan Tehan	Andrew Hastie
Mark Butler (SA)	Bill Shorten (Vic.)	Paul Fletcher (NSW)	Ben Morton (WA)	Zed Seselja (ACT)	Jason Falinski	Ben Morton	Stuart Robert	Michael Sukkar	Michael Sukkar	Warren Entsch	Jim Molan
Andrew Giles (Vic.)	Don Farrell (SA)	Trent Zimmerman (NSW)	Alex Hawke (NSW)	Michael Sukkar (Vic.)	Tim Wilson	Stuart Robert	Amanda Stoker	Alan Tudge	Angus Taylor	James McGrath	David Fawcett
Pat Conroy (NSW)	Richard Marles (Vic.)	Jason Falinski (NSW)	Stuart Robert (Qld)	Angus Taylor (NSW)	Jane Hume		Alex Hawke		Alan Tudge	Angus Taylor	
Kim Carr (Vic.)	Jim Chalmers (Qld)	Andrew Bragg (NSW)	James McGraith (Qld)	Andrew Hastie (WA)	Trevor Evans				Andrew Hastie		
Tanya Plibersek (NSW)	Joel Fitzgibbon (NSW)	James Stevens (SA)	Greg Hunt (Vic.)	Tony Pasin (SA)							

Factions map of federal Liberal and Labor parties, 46th Parliament, 2021



Party General Secretary
XI JINPING



Politburo Standing Committee
7 MEMBERS



Politburo
25 MEMBERS



Central Committee
205 MEMBERS & 171 ALTERNATES



Party Congress
2354 DELEGATES



Communist Party of China
92 MILLION MEMBERS

1.4 BILLION PEOPLE
China's population

Infographic by Matthew Absalom-Wong



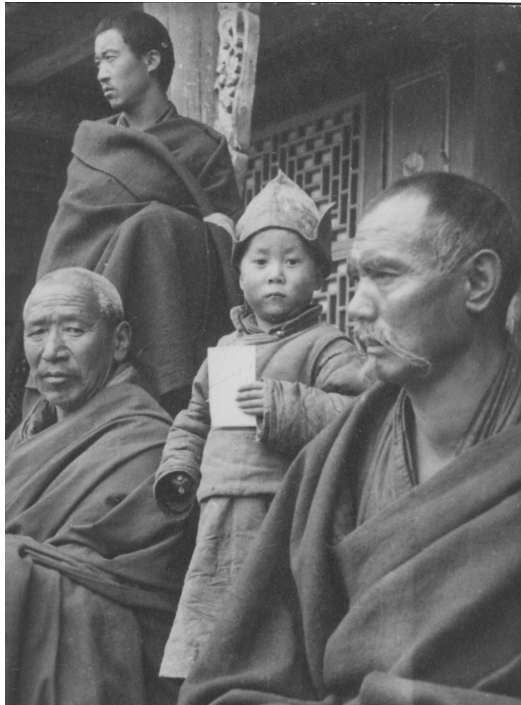
Map by Jamie Brown



Palm cockatoo by Matt Davidson



*Julius Shulman's iconic 1960 photo of Pierre Koenig's Stahl House in Hollywood Hills.
Courtesy J. Paul Getty Trust, Getty Research Institute, Los Angeles (2004.R.10)*



*The current Dalai Lama, aged four in 1939
Courtesy: A.T. Steele Papers, Special Collections,
Arizona State University Libraries*

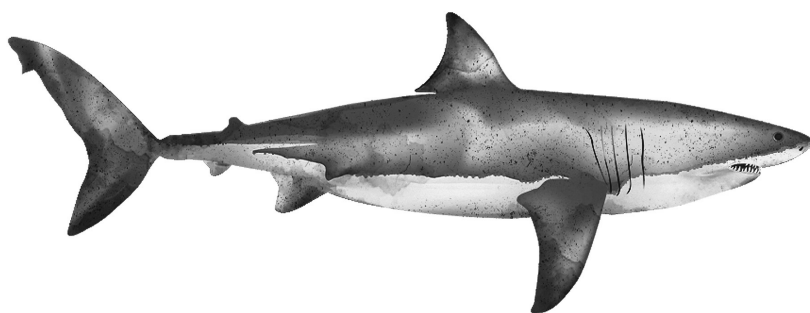


Map by Matthew Absalom-Wong



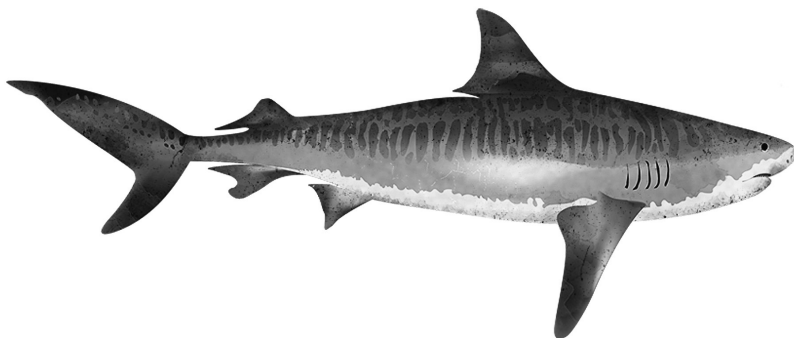
The great white (also known more humbly as the white shark) has two genetically distinct populations in Australia: western whites range from Victoria to Western Australia while an eastern group moves from Tasmania to Queensland, shifting north in winter. That's similar to the annual movement of whales along the east coast, but it's not a straightforward chase. They can live to the age of 70.

Illustration by Jamie Brown



The thugs of the shark world, bulls are jumpier than other species, with a blunt nose on a thick muscular body (and a tendency to headbutt their prey). They're tough, too, known to switch between salt oceans and freshwater rivers without skipping a beat. Their typical lifespan is 16 years.

Illustration by Jamie Brown



Named for the stripes on their backs (which tend to fade with age), tiger sharks have a reputation as scavengers. A tiger at a Sydney aquarium famously helped solve a murder case in 1935 when it vomited a human arm with a distinctive tattoo. Tigers prefer warmer seas and can hunt in shallower water than other big sharks. They typically live for 15 years.

Illustration by Jamie Brown

Airbus hydrogen concept planes

Turboprop



<100
Passengers



Two hydrogen
hybrid turboprop
engines



1000+
Nautical mile range



Liquid hydrogen
storage and
distribution system

Blended-wing body



<200
Passengers



Two hydrogen
hybrid turbofan
engines



2000+
Nautical mile range



Liquid hydrogen
storage and
distribution system

Turbofan



Source: Airbus

Choke points and hotspots

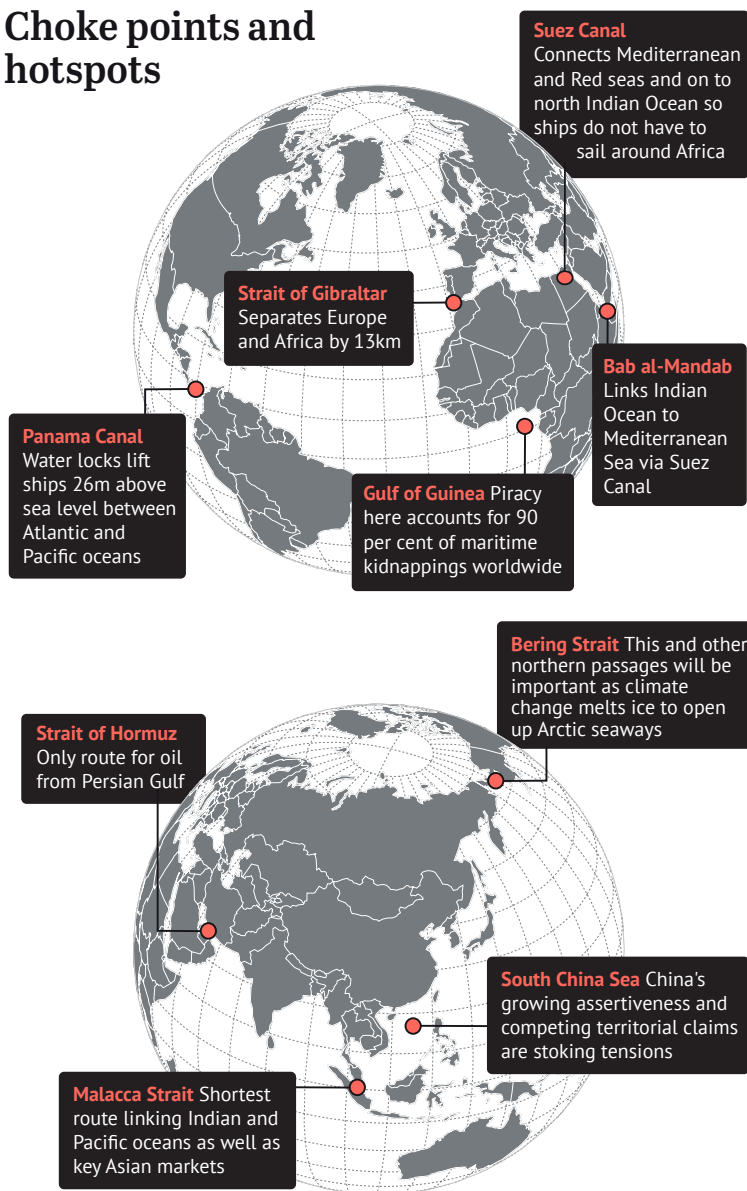
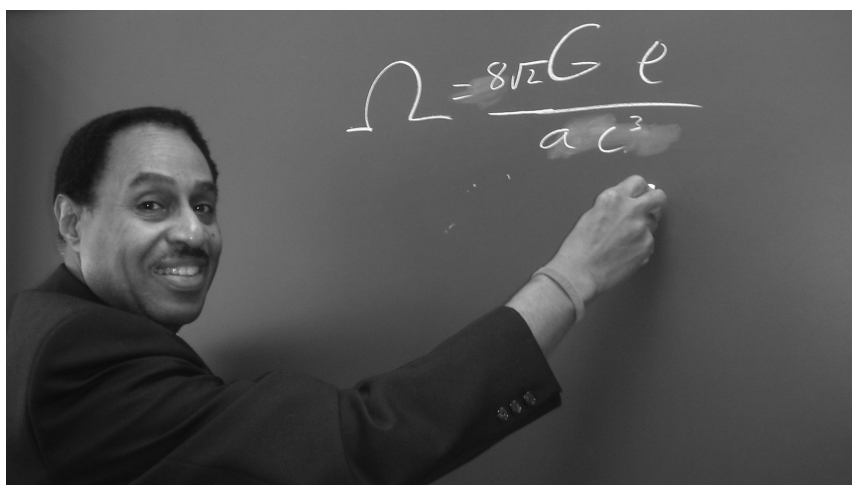


Illustration by Matthew Absalom-Wong



Ron Mallett (standing) with his parents, Dorothy and Boyd, and brother Jason in 1948. After his father's sudden death, Mallett dedicated his life to the study of time and space. Courtesy Ron Mallett



Theoretical physicist Ron Mallett with Einstein's field equation, which helps explain time travel. Courtesy Ron Mallett



Map by Jamie Brown