

# Robyn's off to the Oprah House

By BEN CAMERON

UNLESS you've been living under a rock you will know TV megastar Oprah Winfrey is in Australia.

And this lucky Bendigo woman will be in the audience at one of two shows scheduled to be taped outside the Sydney 'Oprah' House.

Robyn Bull will be up close and personal with America's most influential woman after her brother-in-law thought outside the box with a birthday idea for Robyn's sister.

"He wanted to do something special for her so he entered us into the competition online," she said.

"I'm really excited as Oprah is an amazing woman."

The former actress turned global savante who comes with a \$3 million price tag (partly paid for by the Federal Government), has inspired Robyn for over a decade.

"She is one awesome woman. What I know for sure is that she has created incredible and new steps for many women, men



OPRAH TIME: Robyn Bull packing her bags for Oprah in Sydney. Photo: VICKI HARRINGTON

and children throughout the world," she said.

"To me it is her ability to be present within her own story and pain, to heal from it and follow her heart no matter the challenges, and to never give up.

"She has inspired me so much, she's inspired

my passion and my life's purpose."

Robyn is a bit of a local inspiration herself.

A Bendigo life coach, who has helped empower countless people to live their life to the fullest, Robyn is unsure what to expect from the Oprah show, apart from a plane

load of hooting and hollering Oprah-ites.

"It's all very hush hush at this stage," she said.

The Australian tourism industry will be hoping Winfrey's visit will provide a larger boost than the advertisements featuring Lara Bingle.

Record rain leads to bursting storages

## City waterlogged

By ANTHONY RADFORD

BENDIGO is now officially waterlogged.

The city is now in its wettest year ever and it has run out of spaces to store its water.

Not only are Coliban Water's main storages full and overflowing, its holding basins, which feed the city's water supplies, are also full.

Coliban Water has 169,578 megalitres in storage, or 125 per cent of capacity.

For the first time in more than five years, Coliban Water last week ran water down its main

channel to Bendigo's Sandhurst Reservoir, but that has stopped because it, too, is full.

More than 25,000 ML has spilled out of Coliban Water's three main reser-

voirs since September, more than is needed to supply its entire system, including losses, for a year.

The overflow since September is more than four times the amount of water that flowed into the reservoirs in the entire 2006, and is three times

used last year. An additional 12,000 ML of Coliban's water has spilled out of Lake Eppalock in recent weeks.

Coliban Water staff are working around the clock to ensure the water escapes safely, and water quality is maintained. The city has now had

more rain in 2010 than any other year on record.

Lake Eppalock was yesterday officially at 104.16 per cent of capacity. This time last year that figure was 7.62 per cent.

Last Saturday, the city's rainfall broke the 1000mm mark for only the second time in its history.

On Monday night, the 1973 record of 1016.2 mm in a year was broken.

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More water flowed over Coliban Water's final spillway than Bendigo used last year

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