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2017

Week 06 Highlights

Newton's Law
Series Premiere Thursday 9 February 8.30pm





Dream Gardens
Series Premiere Thursday 9 Feb 8.00pm



Ice Wars
Series Premiere Tuesday 7 February 8.30pm

Monday Night Current Affairs
Returns Monday 6 February

Newton's Law



Starring an outstanding line-up of Australian talent including Claudia Karvan, Toby Schmitz, Brett Tucker, Georgina Naidu, Sean Keenan, Miranda Tapsell, Andrew McFarlane and Jane Hall, the eight-part series **Newton's Law** is the 'Upstairs, Downstairs' of legal dramas.

After more than a decade of battling to help the less fortunate, Josephine Newton's (Claudia Karvan) suburban solicitor's practice is burnt down, by a disgruntled client. Her old Uni friend and admirer Lewis Hughes (Toby Schmitz) persuades her to leave her lame ducks behind and resume her briefly glorious career at the Bar.

Josephine's husband, Callum (Brett Tucker), has failed to deliver on his promise to stop disappearing to far flung corners of the Earth in pursuit of his various causes so she can have her turn at a career, and they're in the throes of separation. Her daughter, Lydia (Ella Newton), is fifteen years old and blames her mother for everything. Josephine can't see how her domestic life can get much worse – so what does she have to lose by going back to the Bar?

Unfortunately, Josephine finds it's not so easy to leave her entourage behind. Her clutch of ex-clients turned employees are reliant on her. When she discovers a former car wash in the basement is up for lease, the serendipity seems too perfect to ignore and Newton's Legal is reincarnated as Chatterjee & Chatterjee Solicitors. Josephine's former paralegal, Helena (Georgina Naidu), is reluctantly elevated to solicitor in charge and she is free to pursue her new life upstairs – with her old life only a lift-ride away.

Short synopsis
When her suburban solicitor's office is incinerated by a disgruntled client, Josephine Newton resumes her briefly glorious career at the Bar. CAST: Claudia Karvan

Production details
An Every Cloud Production in association with the Australian Broadcasting Corporation, Screen Australia and Film Victoria. Created by Deb Cox and Fiona Eagger. Produced by Fiona Eagger, Deb Cox and Anna Molyneaux. Executive Producers Fiona Eagger and Deb Cox. ABC Executive Producers Brett Sleigh and Alastair McKinnon.

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Ice Wars



Australia has a problem with Crystal Methamphetamine. Street name: Ice.

Ice Wars is a four-part series exploring the fall out and community response to one of the most popular and dangerous drugs of our time, crystal methamphetamine, also known as ice. The program makers had unprecedented access to NSW Police front line operations in metropolitan as well as rural and remote communities. The program reveals the scale and scope of the challenges facing law enforcement, health workers, users, families, and the community as they grapple to mitigate the effects of ice use in Australia.

Police co-operation with the program makers means that viewers are left in no doubt as to the size of the problem. The struggle of health workers to help their patients in the face of increasing drug use and often limited resources, points to an array of possible solutions that can only be achieved by informed discussion leading to good policy and political action.

We begin the series with an insight into where Ice comes from, how it's made and what kind of people benefit from the profits made on the misery of users. We hear from the Police who must plan and execute their anti-Ice strategies daily.

We also meet Aaron, a patient at a psychiatric unit who suffers from schizophrenia and is a regular ice user. Former ice users tell their stories of how they became addicted. Police raid a clandestine lab. A homeowner shares what happened when she unknowingly rented her granny flat to an ice cook. But after a drug lab has been dismantled, who is responsible for cleaning up the toxic residue left behind?

#IceWars

Short synopsis
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Production details
Ice Wars is a Northern Pictures Production in association with the Australian Broadcasting Corporation and financed with the assistance of Screen Australia. Series Directors: David Grusovin, Alex Hodgkinson & Cian O'Clery, Executive Producers: Alex Hodgkinson, Karina Holden and Sue Clothier.

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Dream Gardens



Dream Gardens is a new eight-part series hosted by Michael McCoy, one of Australia's leading landscape designers. In each episode Michael follows the transformation of one garden and watches on as the owners, working with our best designers battle weather, absent tradies, shifting design visions and budget blowouts.

For design inspiration and clues to what the finished spaces will look like, Michael also visits some of Australia's most spectacular gardens, as well as providing practical design tips along the way. Watch as ordinary Australians battle inclement weather, absent tradies, shifting visions, budget blowouts, unforeseen obstacles and sometimes, even the designers trying to help them. All in pursuit of the perfect place to relax and feel part of nature.

During episode one, for tree changers Michael and Rosi Kenny, home is an 1890's homestead just south of Toowoomba in Queensland, it's an idyllic rural setting with cows and horses roaming freely across their acreage. Both share a dream of being able to live off the land by adopting a 'grow it, eat it, live it' ethos. But being surrounded by dry, rock hard paddocks means building a large self-sustaining kitchen garden will be easier said than done, and that's all before you've tried to grow your own food under the intense Queensland sun.

Luckily for them this dream garden will be a family affair because their son Clint is a local landscape designer. Based on his parents wish list he has drawn up the plans including numerous raised beds, a conservatory, water feature and orchard. The garden will be separated from the spectacular landscape by a wall hugged with fruit bushes.

Having parents as clients will certainly come with its own challenges and in between his day job Clint has offered to help them build the extensive kitchen garden. To keep costs down they are challenging themselves to use recycled and reclaimed materials in the ambitious design wherever possible.

#DreamGardens

Short synopsis
Dream Gardens - a new eight-part series hosted by Michael McCoy, one of Australia's leading landscape designers, follows owners and their garden transformations as well as some of Australia's most spectacular gardens.

Production credits:
Head of Entertainment: Jon Casimir. ABC Executive Producer: Richard Huddleston. Series Producer: Jo Wathen. Producer: Kate Witchard.

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Monday Night Current Affairs Line Up



Monday night's unmissable line up of award-winning news and current affairs programs returns this week.

7.30
Monday February 6 at 7.30pm on ABC & iview
The best analysis of local, national and international events from an Australian perspective. Hosted by Leigh Sales, with political commentary from *7.30* Political Correspondent Andrew Probyn in Canberra. #abc730

Australian Story
Monday February 6 at 8pm on ABC & iview
Australian Story returns with more unique stories that provide an insight into Australian life with all its complexities and challenges. #AustralianStory

Four Corners
Monday February 6 at 8.30pm on ABC & iview
Australia's premier television current affairs program, hosted by Sarah Ferguson. *Four Corners* has been part of the national story since 1961, exposing scandals, triggering inquiries, firing debate and confronting taboos. #4Corners

Media Watch
Monday February 6 at 9.20pm on ABC & iview
Australia's leading forum for media analysis and comment, presented by one of Australia's most respected journalists Paul Barry. #MediaWatch

Q&A
Monday February 6 at 9:35pm on ABC and streamed live on ABC iview and ABC News 24 at 9.35pm (AEDT)
Hosted by Tony Jones, *Q&A* puts punters, pollies and pundits together in the studio to thrash out the hot issues of the week. It's about democracy in action – the audience gets to ask the questions. #QandA

Lateline
Monday February 6 at 9.30pm (AEDT) on ABC News 24 & iview and 10.40pm (local) on ABC & iview
Hosted by Emma Alberici, *Lateline* provides original journalism and investigations, quality analysis and insightful interviews, combined with a fresh approach to telling important stories. #lateline

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Grand Designs

The brand new series of Grand Designs is as enthralling and ambitious as ever. It opens with a gravity defying three storey tree house in Gloucestershire – built by two nature lovers determined to live life high up in the branches.

To follow, there's a giant house of fun near Horsham, complete with secret doorways and hidden passages. There are twin 21st century farm buildings in Devon and a unique home on the edge of the Lancashire moors inspired by drystone walls. Hidden away in an Essex woodland there's a sleek black bunker-like home designed for an artist, and in rural Pembrokeshire a hand crafted recycled house built for less than thirty thousand pounds. And that's not forgetting the astonishing Cornish home made with beautiful flowing steam bent ash.

Kevin McCloud is on hand to witness all the twists and turns experienced by those willing to put everything on the line to build their once in a lifetime homes.

#GrandDesigns

Short synopsis
Jon and Noreen take on an epic self-build, creating a modern treehouse on a half-acre site in the heart of a Gloucestershire town.

Production details
A Boundless Production for Channel 4 UK

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Program not yet available for preview.
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Midsomer Murders

Midsomer Murders returns with Series 19 - the successful British crime drama based upon the crime-novel series by author Caroline Graham which follows Detective Chief Inspector John Barnaby's quest to solve crimes that occur in the wealthy, isolated English county of Midsomer.

This new series introduces DS Jamie Winter as DCI Barnaby's new sidekick, and will feature upcoming storylines including a deserted village full of secrets, an extreme Neighbourhood Watch, a cricket festival and a rabbit and guinea pig show.

#MidsomerMurders

Short Synopsis:
The ghost village of Little Auburn has been abandoned since the war. When a young man is found murdered during its grand reopening, DCI Barnaby must unravel a sinister web of lies from past and present to catch the killer.

Production details
A Bentley Production. Executive Producer Jo Wright. Producer Ella Kelly.

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Program not yet available for preview.

Reggie Yates' Extreme UK: Gay And Under Attack

It might seem easy to be gay in the UK, but if you're Black or Asian, Catholic or Muslim, it can be a living nightmare. While mainstream British society celebrates gay marriage, hundreds of young people continue to fight a daily battle against their own communities- their families, friends, politicians and pastors who believe that the traditional and biblical model of man and woman should be upheld at all costs.

In this film Reggie will meet persistent homophobes whose lives are steeped in religious fundamentalism and cultural stigma - and the people whose lives they have destroyed. He'll ask where this bile is coming from - and then meet the people spreading the rhetoric.

Throughout this episode, Reggie will be shocked to witness fundamentalist religious views - he'll meet the vociferous and divisive leaders who believe gay people should disown their own sexuality. It's not just words though - the number of homophobic hate crimes in the UK recorded by police surged dramatically last year, with hundreds of physical and verbal attacks on LGBT people across the UK.

Short Synopsis:
With homophobic hate crimes on the rise in the UK, British personality Reggie Yates explores the difficulties faced by many openly gay people who are also Black, Asian, Muslim or Catholic.

Production details
A BBC Production. Directed and Produced by Stephen Mizelas.

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Julia Zemiro's Home Delivery

A documentary series in which the playful and entertaining Julia Zemiro walks notable people down memory lane. Each episode begins with Julia and her companion driving back to their old stomping ground. They travel through time, all the while talking about life's big questions including the past, present and future.

This series features revealing and surprising interviews with actor Sam Neill, Olympian Cathy Freeman, musicians Kasey Chambers and Colin Hay, media heavyweights Lee Lin Chin and Annabel Crabb, former journo and current senator Derryn Hinch, academic Susan Carland and comedians Tim Ferguson and Ronny Chieng. Julia travels from South Australia to Far North Queensland, from Dunedin to Singapore.

Julia is an interviewer of great charm, wit and depth. She puts her guests at ease with her genuine curiosity and warmth, and they respond by opening up and sharing parts of their lives not usually revealed.

Each trip back in time is as different as the guests themselves. Some can't wait to walk through the door of a place that will always feel like home, some want to run away, and for others the family home is where Mum and Dad still live now. Walking the corridors of a former school brings up happy memories for many, while others step with trepidation through hallways that are full of ghosts. For all of them, returning to the scenes of their formative years is a powerful experience, sometimes overwhelmingly joyous, sometimes bittersweet.

#HomeDelivery

Short Synopsis
Julia Zemiro travels around Australia to take some of her favourite people down memory lane. Joining her on the road this week is Olympic Gold Medallist Cathy Freeman.

Production details
A Cordell Jigsaw Zapruder production. Presenter and co-producer Julia Zemiro. CJZ Executive Producer Nick Murray. CJZ Executive Producer / Director Damian Davis. Series Producer Polly Connolly. Producer Nick Price. ABC Executive Producer Richard Huddleston. ABC Head of Entertainment Jon Casimir.

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Program not yet available for preview.
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The Weekly with Charlie Pickering

Last year, *The Weekly* promised to put the sense back into the nonsense. In 2017, the nonsense has defeated us. Each week, Charlie Pickering, along with Kitty Flanagan, Tom Gleeson, and - joining the team - Adam Briggs, will pick the news apart, and then attempt to put it back together, hoping that no one will notice the bits they broke.

In a world that is changing at breakneck speed, *The Weekly* will hardly change at all. We will continue to spend our Wednesday nights exposing the absurd, revelling in the ridiculous, and throwing shoes at the hypocritical. We encourage you to throw yours at us on the telly. After all, it's your telly.

The Weekly with Charlie Pickering: making breaking news brokener.

#TheWeekly

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Production details
A Thinkative Television production in association with ABC TV. Executive Producers: Kevin Whyte, Charlie Pickering and Chris Walker. ABC Executive Producer: Tarni James. Series Producers: Jo Long and Kirsty Bradmore.

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Program not yet available for preview.
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Stop Laughing…This Is Serious

The second episode of Stop Laughing…This is Serious, looks at the fearless funny ladies of Australian comedy, and their exciting journey to front and centre of Australian entertainment.

Thanks to an increasingly open society our funny gals eventually made themselves heard as a comic force to be reckoned with. No longer the silent muses of the 30s and 40s or the scantily clad beauties of the Benny Hill era, by the 1980s women were front and centre of Australian entertainment, offering audiences an exciting new voice. And sure enough, they were naughty, and outspoken and subversive. And terribly, terribly funny.

From Sue Ingleton and Noeline Brown to Wendy Harmer and Magda Szubanski… how did they pave the way for the next generation? We look at award-winning young stand-up comedians like Anne Edmonds, Zoë Coombs Marr and Felicity Ward; Hollywood superstars like Rebel Wilson, and online sensations such as **Skit Box** and **SketchShe.**

From **Big Girl's Blouse** to **The Big Gig, Fast Forward** to **Kath and Kim**, **The Comedy Company** to **The Katering Show**, this episode examines women as side-kicks, as hosts, in the writers' room, or on stage and screen, working in what was once a traditionally male domain.

Short synopsis
The second episode of Stop Laughing This is Serious, looks at the fearless funny ladies of Australian comedy, and their exciting journey to front and centre of Australian entertainment

Production details
A Screentime Production for ABC TV in association with Screen Australia and Screen NSW. Series Producer Craig Anderson, Executive Producer Jennifer Collins. ABC Executive Producer Mandy Chang.

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Hunted

In April 2016 ten fugitives went on the run from one location in Birmingham. They could take with them anything they were able to carry – from tents and food to disguises – given a bank account with £250, and told not to leave mainland UK.

With each fugitive, or pair of fugitives, was an embedded camera operator to capture their every move. 30 minutes after they absconded, the team of professional hunters were given their full names, ages, addresses and mug shots, along with the aerial footage of the initial escape. From that moment the game was on. Would the fugitives be able to keep their nerve and reach the extraction point 28 days later to claim the cash, or a share of it if more than one of them managed to evade detection and capture?

The 'hunters' were a crack team of 30 experts, led by highly experienced and respected former Scotland Yard detective, Peter Bleksley. With his deputies by his side – Ben Owen, formerly of the British Intelligence Services, and new team member Louisa Clarke who has worked in military intelligence – their mission was to track down each and every fugitive to stop them from getting their hands on the £100,000 prize.

This real-life thriller will once again explore the reach of the state's surveillance powers by challenging ordinary British people to see if they can outwit and outrun a team of professional hunters for a prize of £100,000.

In this episode, it's ten days in and the hunters are feeling frustrated following one daring escape. Anna and Elizabeth start to panic, while Hamish and Mikaela struggle with keeping a low profile.

#Hunted

Short synopsis
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Production details
Produced by Channel 4

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Program not yet available for preview.
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QI



QI is an award winning U.K. comedy quiz show full of quirky facts in which contestants are rewarded more if their answers are 'quite interesting'.

Hosted by Sandi Toksvig, each episode has a different theme on which the celebrity guests have to answer questions, avoiding repeating common misconceptions and urban myths. It's okay to be wrong but don't be obviously, boringly wrong.

In episode one, screening Friday February 10, 8pm on ABC & iview, Sandi is joined by Alan Davies, Cariad Lloyd, Romesh Ranganathan and Phill Jupitus.

Series guests include: Clive Anderson, David Mitchell, Frankie Boyle, Jeremy Clarkson, Jerry Springer, Noel Fielding, Phill Jupitus, Sarah Millican, Sarah Pascoe, Susan Calman and Victoria Coren Mitchell.

Short synopsis
QI is back for a brand new series with new host Sandi Toksvig. On the panel tonight are comedians Alan Davies, Cariad Lloyd, Romesh Ranganathan and Phill Jupitus.

Production details
QI is a Talkback Thames and Quite Interesting Production for BBC.

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Program not yet available for preview.

Secret Life of the Human Pups

Britain is a nation obsessed with dogs. There are nine million of them in the UK, with one-in-four households having a canine companion. But some people don't just want to own a dog… they want to be one.

Secret Life of the Human Pups introduces us to a previously unseen subculture of ordinary men who lead extraordinary double lives, dressing up in elaborate dog suits that cost thousands of pounds as they strive to become their very own pet.

Human puppy play has become a global phenomenon in recent years and there are now an estimated 10,000 'human pups' in the UK alone. But what makes these grown men covet doggy treats, belly rubs and squeaky toys? And why has it risen in popularity? From Crufts-style competitions to obedience training and finding a handler, being a human pup is just like being a dog, but fearing scorn and ridicule most have kept their alter egos a secret… until now.

Getting under the skin of this weird and wonderful world, Secret Life of the Human Pups explores what it takes to become a human pup, the impact it has on friends and loved ones and why, for some people, it has become a way of life. With unprecedented access, Guy Simmonds' directorial debut explores a previously unseen side of British life full of humour, drama and intrigue.

Short synopsis
A remarkable behind-the-scenes look at the hidden world of human pups, introducing us to a secretive subculture of men who dress and behave like dogs in a bid to become their very own pet.

Production details
Secret Life of the Human Pups is produced by Firecracker Films, the team behind *Secrets of the Living Dolls.* Director Guy Simmonds.

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Live at The Apollo

At the forefront of its genre, the roll call of stand-ups who have performed in front of the famous Live at The Apollo lights plays out like a who's who of comedic royalty.

In episode 2, Josh Widdicombe, best known as a solid part of ensemble comedy panel shows like Mock the Week and The Last Leg, this week reminds us that his real strengths lie in stand-up.

Sure, the topics his observational style alights on aren't the most original – tonight's musings include pretentious real ale drinkers and aeroplane turbulence – but they're delivered with such a skilful sense of incredulity by Widdicombe that they seem fresh.

Later, he's joined by Nathan Caton and Celia Pacquola, who bring their own brand of funny to the stage.

This series will include the likes of Frankie Boyle, Holly Walsh, Adam Hills and Josh Widdicombe taking to the stage at the Apollo theatre in west London, with newer faces such as 2013 Britain's Got Talent runner-up Jack Carroll also in the mix.

Short synopsis
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Production details
Host Josh Widdicombe; guests Nathan Caton and Celia Pacquola. Director Paul Wheeler; Executive Producer Andrew Beint

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