

# WEEK 45 HIGHLIGHTS





**HARD QUIZ** Wednesday 7 Nov 8pm



SHAUN MICALLEF'S MAD AS HELL Wednesday 7 Nov 8.30pm



**TOMORROW TONIGHT** Wednesday 7 Nov 9pm





# **Spicks And Specks Reunion Special**

Hands on buzzers, it's time to play Spicks and Specks! ABC is thrilled to announce that Australia's favourite music quiz show is coming back for a one off, one night, hour special. Kicking off ABC's Ausmusic Month in November, Adam Hills, Myf Warhurst and Alan Brough are gearing up to celebrate Australian music as only they know how; with returning old favourite games, some new surprises, and of course plenty of laughs.

Our team captains will be joined by award-winning rapper Adam Briggs, singer, songwriter Ricki-Lee Coulter and comedians Frank Woodley and Denise Scott. Dropping in on the night will be a fantastic line-up of Australia's music greats, both past and present. They'll all play along, put their music knowledge to the test, share their anecdotes and perform live.

With our favourite comedians also joining in, the Spicks and Specks Reunion Special promises to be an unforgettable night of music and madness.

The Spicks and Specks Reunion Special will screen as part of ABC's annual Ausmusic Month in November. For the month of November, ABC celebrates and embraces Australian music across all its platforms with special initiatives, live performances and programming, highlighting and paying tribute to the diverse, depth and variety of Australian music.

#### **Short synopsis**

Australia's favourite music quiz show Spicks and Specks returns for a one off, one night, hour special to kick off ABC's Ausmusic month.

#### **Production details**

Spicks and Specks is an ABC TV Production. Executive Producers Nicholas Hayden and Anthony Watt.

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# **Barrenjoey Road**

In episode 2, investigative journalists Ruby Jones and Neil Mercer grapple with the mystery of the van: was Trudie taken in a beige Holden panel van or a green Kombi van? Each vehicle is associated with a different group of suspects.

They visit one of the Roseland Lads, a group of wild young men, some of whom witnesses overheard boasting that they had killed Trudie and others of whom owned a green Kombi.

And the investigators make unexpected discoveries when Trudie's ex-boyfriend and former suspect Stephen Norris hands them seven huge files of detailed documents relating to the case.

#### **Short synopsis**

Investigators Ruby and Neil probe the police investigations into Trudie Adams' disappearance and 14 attacks that took place in the same area around the same time.

#### **Production details**

Wildbear Entertainment

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# **Tomorrow Tonight**

Hosted by ABC favourites Charlie Pickering and Annabel Crabb, *Tomorrow Tonight* is a new 8 x 30' weekly panel show.

Each episode Charlie will introduce Annabel, and a panel of experts and comedians, to a story that would have us all glued to the news – an event that hasn't happened yet but could. Funny, illuminating and occasionally terrifying, *Tomorrow Tonight* will bring you tomorrow's news today and show us that the future is predictably unpredictable.

Tomorrow Tonight is the comedy panel show that gets ahead of itself by running out in front of the news cycle. As the world goes off script it is time for a show that takes a long, hard and hilarious look at "what happens next".

#### **Short synopsis**

Charlie Pickering and Annabel Crabb dive into tomorrow's headlines. Each episode a panel of experts have to survive a ground-breaking news story as it unfolds. Can they solve the world's problems before they even happen?

#### **Production details**

A Thinkative Television production in association with ABC TV. Executive Producers Chris Walker and Kevin Whyte. ABC EP Nick Hayden.

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Program not yet available for preview. For more information and images visit the <u>media portal</u>.





# Pine Gap

With the standoff between the USS Bartlet and the Chinese nuclear subs at the Nine-Dash Line showing no sign of easing, Gus decides to tell Ethan about the possibility of a Treaty of Neutrality between Australia and China. While secrets and lies divide Australia and the US, the tensions in the South China Sea seem even more troubling than first thought, particularly as it appears the President is on the verge of choosing a military option as a show of power.

Meanwhile, Kath's hand is forced and, needing his help, she tells Jacob about the Pine Gap mole. Typically brash, Jacob advocates a complete transferral of A-Crew, however, with the political situation as tense as it is, they opt to continue monitoring A-Crew for fear that if the mole is alarmed, they will activate the malware, risking the release of an unthinkable amount of sensitive information.

Jasmina uncovers some disturbing information about Simon which she shares with Kath. With this new information Kath realises that Simon couldn't be the mole. So who is?

Gus and Jasmina's relationship hits a roadblock as Gus applies for an open position at the NSA back in the US and invites her to go to Fort Meade with him. Concerned that they are moving too fast and that Gus' ambitions in America are mutually exclusive to her own in Australia, Jasmina is thrown into indecision: follow the man she loves or risk her whole career on what could just be a fling? Not only that, but they both begin to realise that they have both been privately encouraged to stay close to each other for their countries' sakes ... can they really trust each other when there are still secrets and higher loyalties?

On the Ops Floor, A-Crew prepare for the President's military option and a precision strike is made against a Chinese claimed island, but the attack provokes China into shooting down an American F-16 with the pilot ejecting somewhere over the South China Sea. And suddenly the event Ethan and Kath have been dreading happens: the malware has been activated, and they race to catch the culprit red-handed before it's too late ...

#### **Short synopsis**

As tensions in the South China Sea remain at breaking point, Gus and Jasmina's relationship stumbles and the US prepares to launch an airstrike on a Chinese-claimed island.

#### **Production details**

PINE GAP is a Screentime, a Banijay Group company, production for Netflix and ABC in association with the South Australian Film Corporation, with additional financial support provided by a grant from Screen Territory. Created by Greg Haddrick and Felicity Packard. Producers Lisa Scott and Felicity Packard. Executive Producers Greg Haddrick, Bob Campbell and Kerrie Mainwaring. ABC Executive Producers Brett Sleigh and Sally Riley.

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# Ask The Doctor - Immunity Wars

Our immune system battles bacteria, viruses and parasites in a valiant effort to prevent us from getting sick. So, what can we do to make our defences stronger? The doctors reveal handy tips for staying healthy and investigate the new treatments on the horizon.

Shalin reveals the ground-breaking therapy being used to create cancer fighting super cells. He visits the Peter MacCallum Cancer Centre in Melbourne, where his blood's T-cells are supercharged, turning them into cancer-killing machines. Shalin also meets Karen, a melanoma patient benefiting from a revolutionary therapy which is helping her stay cancer-free.

Caroline shows how the immune system really works, sorting out fact from fiction. She answers common questions, including: Why do we get sicker in winter? Can travelling on a plane increase your chances of catching the common cold? Do vitamin supplements make any difference?

Sandro finds out what happens when the immune system goes wrong. He meets Nicki, a patient with Guillain-Barre Syndrome that attacks the nervous system, causing muscles to fail one by one. To combat this debilitating disorder, she received a life-saving transfusion of a blood component known as 'liquid gold'. It's an expensive treatment due to the large numbers of donors required, so Sandro investigates what people can do to help out.

Lastly, there's a fun match between arch-rivals 'team virus' and 'team immune', who battle it out on the sports field - all in the name of science! Caroline and Shalin commentate this entertaining game, to show what happens when your immune system goes head to head with a foreign invader, like the flu.

#### **Short synopsis**

Shalin reveals the ground-breaking therapy being used to create cancer fighting super cells. Plus, in a fun match, arch-rivals 'team virus' and 'team immune' battle it out on the sports field - all in the name of science!

#### **Production details**

A WTFN production, developed and produced in association with the ABC and produced with the assistance of Film Victoria. Series Producer: Ged Wood; Executive Producer: Ariel White; ABC Commissioning Editor: Julie Hanna; ABC Head of Factual: Steve Bibb.

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# Tuesday 6 November 9.30pm





# Superwog

**Superwog**, ABC COMEDY's first original scripted series and ABC's first YouTube series collaboration, follows the often misunderstood, dysfunctional Superwog family as they struggle to navigate life in Australian suburbia. Superwog (Theodore Saidden) is a girls and fast foodobsessed teen, enrolled in a prestigious private school. His misadventures with best friend Johnny (Nathan Saidden) often cause Superwog's emotionally primitive, highly-strung father (again Nathan Saidden) extreme stress as he battles to keep his delusional, but fiercely loyal wife (again Theo Saidden) happy.

# Episode 5: The Power Trip - Tuesday November 6 at 9.30pm on ABC COMEDY and iview Sunday November 4 at 6pm on Superwog's YouTube Channel

Superwog and Johnny have been earning Bitcoin using their computer set up at the Superwog home. With Bitcoin prices on the rise, they are on the verge of becoming millionaires. However, when Wog Dad discovers his outrageously high electricity bill, he unplugs the computers and attempts to destroy them, forcing Superwog and Johnny to find electricity and internet elsewhere. Meanwhile, furious about the bill, Wog Dad defiantly decides to live off the grid.

#### **Short synopsis**

Superwog and Johnny have been earning Bitcoin using the home computer. With prices on the rise, they are on the verge of becoming millionaires. But when Wog Dad discovers his outrageous electricity bill, he pulls the plug.

#### **Production details**

**Superwog** is a Princess Pictures and Superwog production for YouTube and the ABC with principal production investment from Screen Australia in association with the ABC and financed with support from Film Victoria and YouTube Series. Producer Amanda Reedy. Executive Producers Emma Fitzsimons and Elia Eliades. Created, written, co-produced by and starring Theodore Saidden and Nathan Saidden. Produced by Paul Walton. Directed by Theodore Saidden. ABC Executive Producers Rick Kalowski and Lauren Merolli.

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### Nolan

Nolan is the second of four 60 minute arts documentaries.

These four extraordinary films look at Australian art through a variety of lenses, offering historical and contemporary perspectives on the influences that have shaped our artists and our communities.

Sidney Nolan is unquestionably one of the best-known names in the history of Australian modern art. His images are iconic, treasures of the Australian visual language – everyone feels they know Nolan but that is far from the truth.

He was a restless spirit, an exotic, boundlessly curious, intellectual, mischievous, his creativity was unrelenting; he was a genius.

This film explores and celebrates the artist and the man, going well beyond his early years to his extraordinary international career and all the success and turmoil that came with it.

The film will show Nolan's unexamined work in new light, exploring the range of experimental, innovative qualities that marked him as one of the world's truly great painters in the 20th century. A man ahead of his time, exploring digital manipulation in its early incarnations, experimenting with desiccated carcasses many decades before Damien Hirst, and taking selfies before Instagram was thought of.

Nolan is far, far more than a Ned Kelly mask. This was an artist who took Australia to the world, and in turn the world to Australia.

#### **Short synopsis**

Sidney Nolan is one of Australia's greatest artists. His images are iconic, treasures of the Australian visual language. This film explores the artist and the man, from his early years to his extraordinary international career and all the success and turmoil that came with it.

#### **Production details**

Director - Sally Aitkin. Producer - Julia Peters / Executive Producer, ABC Arts, Kalita Corrigan

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#### Victoria

Series Two sees the impulsive young queen face the very modern challenge of balancing a growing family with her husband and her work - all while being the ruler of the most powerful nation on earth. As Victoria's (Jenna Coleman) reign continues into the 1840s, her kingdom is witness to extraordinary events. Constitutional crises and scandalous romances blossoming at court; the rise of the Chartist movement; the devastating Irish Potato Famine; and perilous diplomatic relations that see Victoria travelling to France to try her hand at foreign policy.

#### **Episode Two: "The Green-Eyed Monster"**

Having reassumed her royal duties, Victoria is disconcerted when Albert appears to be drawn to the erudite Ada Lovelace (Emerald Fennell). Just as she begins to fear that she is losing her husband's attention, Victoria realises that she is pregnant again and is thrown into turmoil. Is it her destiny to be relegated to the nursery?

The mood below stairs is equally unsettled, as the servants begin to notice items mysteriously disappearing. Timid new Dresser, Cleary (Tilley Steele), fears the palace is haunted, but Brodie (Tommy Knight) discovers the real culprit – a teenage intruder.

Also Stars: Dame Diana Rigg, David Oakes, Catherine Flemming, Daniela Holtz, Adrian Schiller, Nell Hudson, Leo Suter, Jordan Waller, Anna Wilson-Jones, Margaret Clunie, Bebe Cave.

#### Short synopsis

Victoria realises that she's pregnant again and notices Albert is drawn to Ada Lovelace. The servants begin to notice items mysteriously disappearing, and Cleary fears the palace is haunted, Brodie discovers the real culprit.

#### **Production details**

A Mammoth Screen production; Creator /Writer/Exec Producer: Daisy Goodwin; MD of Mamoth Screen/Executive Producer Damien Timmer; Executive Producer: Kate McKerrell; Producer: Paul Frift; Writer: (Eps 4&7) Ottilie Wilford; Directors: Lisa James Larsson, Geoffrey Sax, Jim Loach, Daniel O'Hara.

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