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Best of live storytelling returns for the long weekend

Eight new stories to make you laugh, cry and gasp

[*Tall Tales & True*](#) is the ABC's home of captivating, jaw-dropping and heartrending audio stories. It's the true stuff of life - stories of loss, hope, struggle, joy and the ridiculous - shared by a mix of everyday people and some of the country's leading writers and performers.

Eight brand new episodes of [*Tall Tales & True*](#) are available just in time for the holiday break. Perfect for those long drives, or escaping the relatives or hiding out in a tent in the pouring rain.

Host for Season 2 is [Sarah Macdonald](#), herself an avid storyteller. "Someone once told me that in certain tribal societies the storytellers always eat first. It's probably total cultural appropriation but it's a great story. I love eating. I also love listening to stories - it makes me feel connected, makes my heart beat in sync with the hearts of others. It helps me touch the truth of others. The stories in this podcast are like sharing a great meal. They touch a truth."

Some of the stories to feature this season:

- One of Australia's most loved comedians **Magda Szubanski** talks about the time she was 'Kirstie Alleyed' and how her Polish heritage gave her the courage to make an appropriate response.
- Comedian **Dan Ilic** tells how he was the most hated man in Australia when he made a joke that was just a bit too soon.
- Performer **Rob Carlton** shares an outrageous story of how he took on a pivotal role in film direction with absolutely no experience whatsoever.
- Medico favourite from season one **Dr Izaak Lim** tells of delivering a baby for the first time.
- ABC's **Sophie Townsend** ventures into the world of online dating which sends her scurrying home to her packet of Tim Tams.
- Performer **Alice Fraser** tells a heartfelt story about the brutal unfairness of losing her mother.
- Story Club's **Jessica Tuckwell** tells of the bizarre misguidedness of pretending to be pregnant to get a seat on the bus.

The series also features a dramatic and heart-stopping story about the darkest point in one woman's life. To finish the series, a very special surprise from a mystery storyteller.

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