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BEHIND THE BELT

ABC launches “deep-dive” pro wrestling podcast, for the obsessed and the uninitiated alike

Scratch beneath the surface of most Australians and it doesn't take long to find a connection to professional wrestling. Maybe your grandmother used to see Mario Milano at Festival Hall. Maybe your sister had a Rey Mysterio action figure. Maybe your boss is in training to make a local debut.

It's this enduring appeal of pro wrestling that has led to the new ABC podcast, *Behind The Belt*. It's a new podcast hosted by sibling wrestling fanatics, journalist **Clem Bastow** and sound artist **Atticus Bastow**, and featuring expert commentary from legendary Australian wrestler **KrackerJak** 'The Mad Bastard'.

A deep dive into the world of “sports entertainment”, *Behind The Belt* will bring you everything you never knew you wanted to know about pro wrestling, from WWE and New Japan Pro Wrestling through to your local backyard promotion. The podcast explores the history, cultural context and sheer insanity of pro wrestling through a combination of panel chat, interviews, and in-depth documentary-style coverage.

After all, pro wrestling isn't just people belting each other over the head with folding chairs (though it's also that): there are compelling storylines, heroic acts of bravery, bloodcurdling injuries, and enough cultural complexities to make Slavoj Žižek grab his nose.

Let *Behind The Belt* take you on a journey into the ring and beyond, and powerbomb your pro wrestling prejudices through the table of history.

Hear a new episode of Behind The Belt every week on the new ABC listen app or weekly wherever you get your podcasts.

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