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Don Angel is Back in Very Small Business: Gristmill's new satire for ABC TV

Lovers of Australian comedy rejoice - *Back in Very Small Business* arrives on ABC screens in 2018, starring Wayne Hope and Kim Gyngell. The brand new comedy series by AACTA award-winning production company Gristmill (*Upper Middle Bogan*), will re-imagine the world of Don Angel, first introduced to audiences in 2008 with the AFI and Logie-nominated series *Very Small Business*.

Back in Very Small Business finds Don (Wayne Hope) at the helm of the World Wide Business Group, where he and his business partner Ray (Kim Gyngell), have found success in their 'Don's Dirty Dog Wash' franchise. Encompassing five other small businesses, the WWBG is staffed by an ethnically diverse, gender fluid, psychologically fragile menagerie, all hired on government subsidies. While Don enjoys the spoils of his burgeoning empire, he continues to be plagued by the consequences of both his morally questionable business practises and his delinquent emotional life.

Back in Very Small Business will feature a brilliant comic cast, showcasing some brand new faces alongside some of Australia's finest performers. Full cast will be announced in December, when production begins.

Creators Robyn Butler and Wayne Hope said: "We're extremely excited to be making *Back in Very Small Business* and we really hope there is room in the world for one more bombastic, emotionally stunted, shonky guy called Don."

Featuring 8 x 27min episodes, the comedy series will be produced executive produced and written by Wayne Hope and Robyn Butler, with Butler also taking on directing duties. Greg Sitch and the ABC's Rick Kalowski are the executive producers, with Gary McCaffrie completing the writing team.

The series has principal production investment from Screen Australia in association with Film Victoria.

Back in Very Small Business will commence filming in December and into the new year, and will air in 2018.

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