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Week 07 Highlights



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Newton's Law

Thursday 16 February 8.30pm



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Good Game

Series Return Tuesday 14 February 8.30pm



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Dream Gardens

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The Weekly With Charlie Pickering

Wednesday 15 February 8.30pm



Newton's Law

Josephine is handed the reins in a case petitioning hormone treatment for a transgender child, leaving Callum to look after Lydia. While her father rallies his troops at a bushland protest, Lydia finds herself at the controls of the developer's earthmover and unwittingly becomes a newsworthy eco-warrior with criminal charges to defend. Josephine wrangles Helena (Georgina Naidu) into briefing Lewis to defend Lydia. While Helena's terrified at the prospect of briefing a Senior Counsel, Josephine's terrified of Lewis discovering their carpark secret.



Upstairs, a highly suspicious Chambers Manager, Jackie Russo (Jane Hall), raises her misgivings about Josephine to Chambers boss Eric Whitley (Andrew McFarlane) but his attention is firmly elsewhere.

Downstairs, an investigator on the developer's side, Skye (Miranda Tapsell), arrives prompting Johnny (Sean Keenan) to try his own hand at investigating, much to Skye's chagrin. However, when their separate investigations reveal something far murkier underfoot, an unexpected collaboration occurs.

As secrets are revealed on both legal cases, Lewis finds himself in the downstairs carpark with more than a few questions for Josephine.

Short synopsis

Josephine takes the lead in a gender dysphoria case while, downstairs, Helena defends Lydia against a criminal damage charge.

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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Good Game

Good Game returns to ABC2 from Tuesday, February 14 with Bajo, Hex, Nichboy, Goose and Rad, for the very latest game reviews, insider interviews, and fascinating stories from the global culture of gaming. *Good Game* kicks off a new year of gaming with a brand-new look and 1-hour return special. Bajo, Hex, Nichboy, Goose and Rad combine their gaming superpowers to look at the new Nintendo Switch console (launching in March); review the much anticipated Resident Evil VII; test their skills in the Dark Souls-like adventure Nioh; take a visit to the Rooster Teeth pop culture and gaming expo in Sydney and chat with legendary game designer Hideo Kojima; plus check the pulse of mobile gaming in 2017 – and lots more!

Good Game fans can look forward to being a part of our very active and entertaining tweet stream (#ggtv) during the show, as well as being able to access *Good Game* content across a variety of electronic devices, smart phones, tablets, computers, game consoles, YouTube, iview and the tried and trusty TV.

In addition to *Good Game*, **Good Game: Spawn Point** for younger gamers is back on ABC ME from 9am, Saturday February 18th.

#ggtv

Short Synopsis

The show for gamers by gamers returns with a one hour special. Join Bajo, Hex, Nichboy, Goose and Rad for the latest game reviews, insider interviews, and fascinating stories from the global culture of gaming.

Production details

An ABC TV production. Executive Producer: Nick Hayden Series Producer: Eliot Fish

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★Top Pick

Thursday 16 February 8.00pm



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.

#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 details

Head of Entertainment: Jon Casimir. ABC Executive Producer: Richard Huddleston.
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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 broken.

#TheWeekly

Short Synopsis

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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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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

Matt and Sophie White from Sussex want to build a giant house of fun for themselves and their children. But Matt keeps changing the design as he goes along, bewildering his builders.

Production details

Produced by Channel 4

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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.

Small towns feel the effects of social dislocation caused by desperate ice users. In Nowra an astonishing percentage of drivers test positive for methamphetamines at random roadside drug testing, and in Lismore a dealer is arrested with a trove of crystal meth. Anthony Mundine visits his hometown of Wellington to see the effect ice is having on the community - the local area police catch a dealer with drugs on them but will it be enough to secure a conviction?

#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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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 ABC journalist and presenter, Annabel Crabb.

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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Stop Laughing... This Is Serious

Tonight's final episode looks at the eclectic genre of variety. Performers like Graham Kennedy, Bert Newton and Norman Gunston dominated, serving up a mix of comedy, live sketches and music. In this episode we chart the cultural juggernaut that was Hey Hey It's Saturday, chart its idiocentricities and reveal some of today's stars who got their start on the uniquely Australian phenomenon that was Red Faces.

We search for the roots of Australian variety and find it in the Tivoli circuit that dominated Australian entertainment for over sixty years. This episode also examines the resurgence of circus in the late 1970s and the colourful and subversive television programs like The Norman Gunston Show and The Big Gig.

We look at the early work of Andrew Denton in Blah, Blah, Blah and The Money or The Gun and discover Australia's love of anti-authoritarianism. We track the evolution of the variety genre – from cultural institutions like Club Buggery, The Sideshow and Rove Live, to the late night revolution driven by sketch comedians in The Late Show and Tonight Live with Steve Vizard.

Variety has been uniquely placed as a platform to showcase stand-up comedians like Dave Hughes, Celia Pacquola and Hamish & Andy, enabling them to hone their craft and gain national attention. In this episode we mine the fertile ground of the variety genre and the collision of comedy in all its guises.

Short synopsis

Tonight's episode looks at the eclectic genre of variety. From Hey Hey it's Saturday to Andrew Denton in Blah Blah Blah and The Money or The Gun, we search for the roots of Australian variety.

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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No Offence

The unorthodox crack team of gobby cops all return at full-throttle, headed up by the brilliant blonde bonce Spartacus warrior DI Viv Deering, (Joanna Scanlan), impulsive and street-smart DC Dinah Kowalska (Elaine Cassidy) and neurotic DS Joy Freers (Alexandra Roach).

Joining the team this season is the younger, hyper aspirational new boss, Detective Superintendent Christine Lickberg (Sarah Solemani) and office manager Gavin (Conor MacNeill) – loved by the guys and hated by the girls on the team.

At their sides in the crumbling Friday Street cop-shop are: unshakeable DC Spike (Will Mellor), maverick Miller (Paul Ritter), cool PC Stuart (Tom Varey), calm PC Taz (Neet Mohan), mischievous PC Jonah (Ste Johnston) and the force of nature that is PC Tegan (Saira Choudhry), who all go above and beyond the call of duty to get the job done.

In an explosive start to the second series screening Thursday February 16, 9.30pm on ABC & ABC iview, Deering is thrust head to head against a ferocious and unpredictable matriarch, Nora Attah (Rakie Ayola) and her volatile son Manni (Zachary Momoh), one of Manchester's most feared crime families – The Attahs. Viv is determined to broker peace but firebombs rain down thrusting the city back to the dark days of its "Gunchester" past. Viv and the Friday Street squad go all out to bring those responsible to justice and the battle for the streets of Manchester begins...

Short synopsis

The Friday Street squad have an explosive start to the day at the funeral of the son of a notorious gangster.

Production details

An Abbottvision production from BAFTA Award-winning writer and producer Paul Abbott for Channel 4.

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Comedy Next Gen: Corey White

Corey White's award winning *The Cane Toad Effect* sifts through the wreckage of a broken home, mental illness and failed love, delivering an hour of sparkling stand-up comedy that cuts through woe to the beautiful heart of life.

This is a show that affirms the power of the human spirit and the glory of being alive.

Production details

Production credits: ABC TV Executive Producer, Nick Hayden. Series Producer: Andrew Garrick. Associate Producer: Michele Esteves.

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