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Kelli Underwood to host Offsiders

Offsiders returns to ABC TV at 10am this Sunday with new host Kelli Underwood.

Kelli is a leading sports broadcaster who has been part of the ABC Grandstand commentary team for more than a decade and is the first woman to call AFL football on television and radio.

She will continue to call AFL games for Grandstand in 2018.

Kelli is also an Australian Open tennis commentator and for eight years led the Trans-Tasman netball competition broadcasts.

She joined *Offsiders* five years ago as a panellist and brings a wealth of knowledge and opinion across all sports.

"I'm delighted to take over as host of such a well-established and highly respected program," she said.

"I grew up in Adelaide and have lived in Sydney and Melbourne, so I have a broad understanding of the Australian sporting landscape."

"We have a packed schedule for 2018, with the Winter Olympics, Commonwealth Games and FIFA World Cup, as well as the national sporting competitions, so it's going to be a busy year."

Executive Producer Kate Tozer says Kelli is a respected broadcaster and a popular member of the Offsiders team.

"She's our regular back-up host and has a great existing rapport with the other panellists and our audience," Tozer said.

"Kelli hosted *Offsiders Summer Edition* on location during January so we're looking forward to getting back to the studio and stuck into a new season."

Offsiders is repeated on ABC NEWS on Sundays at 11.30am AEDT.

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