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Triple the laughs in October, on ABC

Get ready to triple your laughs with three new comedies premiering next month on ABC and ABC iview.

Fans of comedy legend Shaun Micallef rejoice... Australia's longest serving caretaker Prime Minister Andrew Dugdale is back in a new series of ***The Ex-PM***. Beloved comics Celia Pacquola and Luke McGregor return to quirky country life in a second season of ***Rosehaven***. And, motherhood and mayhem go hand in hand in mothers' group comedy ***The Letdown***, starring Alison Bell and Noni Hazlehurst - and based on the *Comedy Showroom* pilot named Best Television Screenplay at the 2016 AACTA Awards.

ABC Head of Television David Anderson says "We're lucky here in Australia to have such dynamic and risk-taking comedy talent. It means there is always a sense of freshness and edge in what we get to see. Next month's line up is no different - *Rosehaven*, *The Letdown* and *The Ex-PM* are a great showcase of Australian comedy at its best. We look forward to sharing triple the laughs with our audiences!"

ABC Head of Comedy Rick Kalowski says "These three series *Rosehaven*, *The Ex-PM* and *The Letdown* - the first a small town charmer, the second a joke-packed political satire, the third an often heartbreaking comedy-drama, from creators/stars both established and new - speak to the ABC's unceasing commitment to be the home of Australian comedy of every kind. We couldn't be prouder of all three shows."

***Rosehaven* Wednesday 25 October at 9.05pm**

Daniel (Luke McGregor) and Emma (Celia Pacquola) are back in a second season of their hit, award-winning *Rosehaven*. They're housemates and workmates again and finally both feel like they belong. The question now is whether *Rosehaven* agrees. Also stars Kris McQuade, Katie Robertson, David Quirk and Sam Cotton. Sundance TV (USA) now co-presents the show with ABC TV, bringing this quintessentially Aussie comedy to the rest of the world.

***The Letdown* Wednesday 25 October at 9.35pm**

The Letdown is the story of Audrey (Alison Bell), a struggling new mum, and the parents group she thinks she doesn't need. The series proves that being a parent can be both extreme and hilarious. Directed by Trent O'Donnell the show also stars Noni Hazlehurst, Duncan Fellows, Sacha Horler, Leon Ford, Lucy Durack, Celeste Barber, Leah Vandenberg, Xana Tang and Sarah Peirse. Netflix will stream the series globally outside Australia and it will be available on Netflix in Australia after its run on the ABC.

***The Ex-PM* Thursday 26 October at 8.30pm**

Comedy is back on Thursday nights with the return of the hit series *The Ex-PM*. Retired, third longest serving caretaker Australian Prime Minister, Andrew Dugdale (Shaun Micallef) is called back into the political fold to run in a sudden, 'must win' by-election. Also stars Nicki Wendt, Kate Jenkinson, Francis Greenslade, Nicholas Bell, Lucy Honigman, Ming-Zhu Hii, Jackson Tozer and the late, great John Clarke in his final television appearance.

PLEASE NOTE:

The Letdown episode 1 is the original award winning pilot, now starring Duncan Fellows as Jeremy, with 6 brand new episodes to follow.

The original seasons of *Rosehaven* and *The Ex-PM* will be available on ABC iview from Wednesday 11 October and Thursday 13 October respectively.

PRODUCTION CREDITS

Rosehaven

A What Horse? / Guesswork Television production presented by Screen Tasmania, the Australian Broadcasting Corporation and SundanceTV in association with Film Victoria. Created and Written by Celia Pacquola and Luke McGregor. Directed by Jonathan Brough and Shaun Wilson. Produced by Andrew Walker. Co-Producer Fiona McConaghy. Executive Producer Kevin Whyte. ABC Executive Producers Rick Kalowski and Brett Sleigh.

The Letdown

A Giant Dwarf production for the Australian Broadcasting Corporation with funding from Screen Australia in association with Create NSW. Written by Sarah Scheller and Alison Bell. Directed by Trent O'Donnell (*New Girl, Grace and Frankie, No Activity*). Produced by Martin Robertson. Executive Producer Julian Morrow. ABC Executive Producers Rick Kalowski and Rebecca Anderson.

The Ex-PM

A CJZ production in association with ABC TV and Film Victoria. Created by Shaun Micallef and written by Shaun Micallef and Gary McCaffrie. Directed by Shaun Wilson. Series Producer Timothy Powell. Produced by Nick Murray. Executive Producers Nick Murray and Shaun Micallef. ABC Executive Producers Rick Kalowski and Andrew Gregory.



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