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ABC TV TALENT SHINES AT THE 2016 AACTA AWARDS

Last night a wide range of AACTA Awards were bestowed on some of the nation's best and brightest stars. ABC TV's recipients of the awards, considered Australia's highest industry honour, included *Upper Middle Bogan*, *Gruen*, *Comedy Showroom's The Letdown* and *Hitting Home*.

Richard Finlayson, ABC Director of Television, said: "The AACTA Awards are Australia's highest industry honour and the ABC's success is testament to the rich and diverse range of content we offer our audience. The network congratulates both nominees and winners of this year."

"These awards reinforce the importance of ABC's role in commissioning quality Australian stories and I'm happy to say that we are confident 2017's programming slate is every bit as great!"

The ABC TV winners from last night were:

BEST TELEVISION COMEDY SERIES

Upper Middle Bogan - Robyn Butler, Wayne Hope, Ben Grogan – ABC

BEST SCREENPLAY IN TELEVISION

ABC Comedy Showroom – The Letdown – Sarah Scheller and Alison Bell – ABC

BEST LIGHT ENTERTAINMENT TELEVISION SERIES

Gruen – Wil Anderson, Polly Connolly, Nick Murray, Jon Casimir, Richard Huddleston – ABC

BEST DOCUMENTARY TELEVISION PROGRAM

Hitting Home - Nial Fulton, Sarah Ferguson, Ivan O'Mahoney – ABC

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