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2016

Week 31 Highlights



The Checkout

Series Return Thursday 28 July at 8.00pm



Shaun Micallef's MAD AS HELL

Final Wednesday 27 July at 8.30pm



Barracuda

Sunday 24 July at 8.30pm



Live From The BBC

Saturday 30 July at 8.45pm

★Top Pick

Thursday 28 July, 8.00pm



The Checkout

Series Return

The Checkout returns on Thursday 28 July at 8pm on ABC TV and iview.

The Checkout is a satirical consumer affairs series presented by Julian Morrow and Craig Ruecassel from The Chaser team, Kirsten Drysdale, Kate Browne, Scott Abbot, Zoe Norton Lodge and Ben Jenkins.

From cradles to graves, everyone's a customer – and we have the right not to remain silent.



Each week, The Checkout takes a no-holds-barred, irreverent and entertaining approach to explaining and exposing the ways that all of us are being ripped off.

The Checkout is consumer affairs TV for the twenty first century offering a revolutionary new wonder diet of information and entertainment that's clinically proven and 26% fat free.

Don't get ripped off, watch The Checkout.

Short synopsis

The Checkout returns and continues to take a no-holds-barred, irreverent and entertaining approach to explaining and exposing the ways that all of us are being ripped off.

Production details

A Giant Dwarf, Cordell Jigsaw Zapruder and ABC TV co-production. ABC Executive Producer: Michael Badcock. Series Producer Martin Robertson. Executive Producers Julian Morrow and Nick Murray.

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Barracuda

Fresh from his world record-breaking swim, Danny's dreams come true when he is accepted into the Australian squad for the 1998 Commonwealth Games in Kuala Lumpur. He celebrates with Taylor but their developing relationship takes a turn when Taylor introduces Danny to someone new.

Danny enjoys his celebrity status at school, but struggles to get back his world record pace in the pool. Convinced he's not getting the support he needs and terrified of failure, Danny takes up Ben Whitter's offer and joins the VIS.

Along with his new life at the Vic Institute, Danny is soon seduced into the glossy world of elite sport. He feels like he's finally getting the attention he deserves.

The Taylor's are supportive of Danny's new trajectory at the VIS whilst adding salt to Martin's wounds. Taylor confesses how much he misses swimming and the peace he found in the water.

But on the eve of the Commonwealth Games swim, Danny is far from peaceful. Martin is not coming to see him swim and the angry noise in Danny's head builds as the race approaches. CAST: Elias Anton, Matt Nable, Rachel Griffiths, Ben Kindon, Jeremy Lindsay Taylor.



#barracuda

Short synopsis

Danny is seduced into the world of the elite sports institute. As the 1998 Commonwealth Games loom, Danny's obsession with improving his times puts him at odds with his family, Torma & Martin. CAST Elias Anton.

Production details

The ABC and Screen Australia present in association with Film Victoria a Matchbox Pictures production. Written by Blake Ayshford and Belinda Chayko. Associate Producer Christos Tsiolkas. Produced by Tony Ayres and Amanda Higgs. Directed by Robert Connolly. ABC TV Executive Producers Carole Sklan and Brett Sleigh.

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New Blood

Stefan (Mark Strepan) and Rash's (Ben Tavossoli) worlds collide again, but this time with even bigger consequences, as they agree to share information on their ever-more intertwined investigations.



Although the murder suspect Henry (Ian Bonar) has been arrested, Rash is convinced he is innocent and asks Stefan to help prove it. Together, they re-interview Bruce Lockwood (Henry Pettigrew), one of the surviving guinea pigs from the drug trial. In return, and as a favour to Stefan, Rash interviews Leese (Chris New) and threatens him, revealing that complaints have been made against him.

When the news filters back to the police and the Serious Fraud Office that Rash and Stefan have undertaken interviews without permission, their jobs are hanging in the balance.

When Bruce calls Rash wanting to meet, they discover the truth about India and as further information comes to light, Stefan and Rash are left running – and jumping – for their lives.

Also stars: Mark Addy and Anna Chancellor.

#NewBlood

Short synopsis

Rash is convinced of murder suspect Henry's innocence and asks Stefan to help him prove it.

Production details

BBC Production. Creator and Writer Anthony Horowitz. Executive Producers Jill Green and Matthew Read.

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Live From The BBC

Filmed in front of a live audience from the BBC's iconic Radio Theatre, this exciting series of stand-up specials presents the comedy stars of the future.

The British stand-up scene is a hotbed of creativity that attracts the most distinctive comic voices from around the world.

In Live from the BBC, some of the world's brightest comic acts join with local UK comedians, in the intimate setting of the BBC Radio Theatre, for searing live stand-up performances. Acts include: Edinburgh Comedy Award-winning New Yorker Alex Edelman; multi-award winning Australian Felicity Ward; four-time Edinburgh Comedy Award-nominee James Acaster; Denmark's Sofie Hagen, winner of Best Newcomer at the Edinburgh Comedy Awards; and critically acclaimed upcoming acts including Dane Baptiste and Nish Kumar.



This is a new breed of stand-up show that gives comics free rein to express their talent. These are comedy's household names of the future, captured at the top of their game in the authentic style of the club circuit.

In this episode, James Acaster, who has been nominated a record four times at the Edinburgh Comedy Awards, discusses his love of acapella music (mainly football chants) and reveals some juicy celebrity gossip.

He is joined by Spencer Jones, who performs his award-winning physical and prop-based show on television for the first time.

#LiveFromTheBBC

Short synopsis

James Acaster, discusses his love of acapella music (mainly football chants) and Spencer Jones performs his award-winning physical and prop-based show.

Production details

Producer: Lindsay Jex; Executive Producer for BBC: Tilusha Ghelani; Executive Producer: Lucy Ansbro. Live from the BBC is a Phil McIntyre Television production for BBC in association with BBC Worldwide.

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Grand Designs New Zealand

An Earthship is a non-traditional home built using recycled materials such as bottles and tyres, and even mussel shells for insulation.

Young Coromandel couple Gus and Sarah Anning decided to step outside the norm with their Grand Design when they realized they couldn't afford a traditional home.

Enlisting the help of community volunteers, both in New Zealand and overseas and using unique building techniques originally designed for the desert in California, it's not certain how this Grand Design will fare in Coromandel's temperamental climate.

#GrandDesignsNZ

Short synopsis

Architect Chris Moller meets a couple building an Earthship - a house constructed from recycled materials. However, the structure was designed for the Californian desert, and is untested in New Zealand's climate.

Production details

Presented by Chris Moller.

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