



# KITCHEN CABINET

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**Season 5 premieres Wednesday, October 28 at 8pm on ABC**

In a year of political drama, intrigue and instability, ***Kitchen Cabinet*** is back for its fifth season, with six brand new episodes.

Once again veteran political journalist, **Annabel Crabb** seeks out the most fascinating people in Federal Parliament, and forces them to eat cake even if they really don't want cake.

From dragway tracks in regional Victoria, to remote parts of Kakadu and the wildest, most inhospitable place of all – Canberra – Annabel travels the country in search of a good meal and an insight into the life of the curious creature that is the Australian politician.

Fortunately, none of Annabel's guests has taken advantage of former PM Tony Abbott's top-level endorsement earlier this year of serving onions whole and raw.

Join **Scott Morrison** as he cooks a Sri Lankan fish curry and opens up about his childhood acting career, his faith and reflections on his time as Immigration Minister. Motoring Enthusiast Party Senator **Ricky Muir** takes Annabel for a ride in two vehicles (one bumpy, one fast) and talks about his unexpected rise to political prominence. Senator **Richard Di Natale**, Leader of the Greens, invites Annabel to his off-the-grid farm and makes nearly every element of his meal from scratch, including the pizza oven. Gold medal Olympian **Nova Peris** takes Annabel to her family's country nestled in beautiful Kakadu, where they cook by a campfire, eat by a billabong teeming with crocodiles and discuss Senator Peris' life to date. And in a ***Kitchen Cabinet*** first, at a Chinese restaurant in Canberra deemed neutral territory, Annabel hosts a bi-partisan lunch with Liberal Minister **Christopher Pyne** and Labor MP **Anthony Albanese**.

Annabel Crabb said: *"It's been a great year. Though I feel I owe an apology to the family of the goose I plucked in Kakadu. Also, the neighbours of the drag track I went to with Ricky Muir; I hope they weren't trying to have a snooze or anything."*

Plus, this year if you're still hungry, you can have some more.

Exclusive to ABC iView from October 28, watch ***Canberra At Desko with Annabel Crabb*** – a thirteen-part series filmed inside Parliament House during the week of the recent leadership coup.

***Canberra At Desko with Annabel Crabb*** takes us into the Parliament House offices of a host of political characters, including new Prime Minister **Malcolm Turnbull**; his tactical right-hand-man James McGrath; rugged individualist **Jacqui Lambie**; new Mum **Amanda Rishworth**; **Barnaby Joyce**, who talks openly about his recent stoush with a Hollywood celebrity; right-wing rebel with a cause **Cory Bernardi**; inter-party chums **Josh Frydenberg** and **Ed Husic** – and many more.

Annabel snoops on them at work: What sort of letters do they get? What tragic concoctions do they have for lunch? Amusing, surprising and at times ridiculous, this series lets you get to know politicians in their Canberra habitat.

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## ANNABEL'S BIO

Annabel Crabb is the host of ABC TV's *Kitchen Cabinet*. Annabel has worked extensively in newspapers, radio and television. Her intelligent, insightful and often humorous take on politics has made her one of Australia's most popular media personalities.

She writes a weekly column for the *Sun Herald*, *Sunday Times* (Canberra) and *Sunday Age*. Annabel also creates a popular podcast with 7.30 host Leigh Sales called 'Chat 10 Looks 3'.

She won a Walkley Award in 2009 for her Quarterly Essay 'Stop At Nothing: The Life And Adventures of Malcolm Turnbull', and has published two political books, 'Losing It' and 'Rise Of The Ruddbot'. Her latest book 'The Wife Drought', released in October 2014, investigates gender equality, family and work in Australia.

Annabel started out as a cadet journalist at Adelaide's *The Advertiser* in 1997, and worked her way through local government and state political rounds before heading to Canberra in 1999. She has since worked as a political correspondent and sketchwriter for *The Age* and *The Sydney Morning Herald*, and served for a time as London correspondent for Fairfax's Sunday titles.

Annabel is very active as @annabelcrabb on Twitter, a platform she uses to talk about politics, find new friends and locate exotic ingredients. She has three children.



**Episode 1: Wednesday, October 28 at 8pm on ABC**

### **Treasurer, Scott Morrison**

Annabel visits Liberal heavy hitter **Scott Morrison** at a beach house his family regularly rents on the NSW South Coast.

Morrison is at ease in the kitchen as he prepares a Sri Lankan fish curry, chapattis and samosas, or - as his staff hilariously call them - 'ScoMosas'.

In this revealing interview, a relaxed Morrison talks about his family, his career as a child actor and his admiration for singer Tina Arena.

Over lunch Morrison reflects on his time as Immigration Minister, his Christian faith and whether or not he is annoyed that Peter Costello calls him a 'Happy Clapper'. Also, which faction is he in anyway? Morrison reveals some surprises.

Liberal MP **Scott Morrison** was elected to the seat of Cook in NSW in 2007 after a management career in Australia and New Zealand's tourism industries, most notably the 'Where the bloody hell are you?' campaign.

When Abbott came to power in 2013, Morrison was offered the role of Immigration Minister and succeeded in his brief of stopping the asylum seeker boats. In the 2014 reshuffle he took on the Social Services portfolio. When **Malcolm Turnbull** became leader in 2015, Morrison became Treasurer. He is married to Jenny and the couple have two girls.





**Episode 2: Wednesday, November 4 at 8pm on ABC**

**Shadow Minister for Infrastructure, Transport, Cities and Tourism, Anthony Albanese & Industry, Innovation and Science Minister, Christopher Pyne**

In a *Kitchen Cabinet* first, Annabel presides over a cross party lunch, when Liberal Minister **Christopher Pyne** dines with Labor MP **Anthony Albanese**. The pair try their hand at making dumplings at a Canberra Chinese restaurant favoured by the political elite. Over lunch they discuss the rough and tumble of political life and how the two have managed their long careers in parliament which has involved battling each other across the parliamentary floor.

Labor MP **Anthony Albanese** grew up in Sydney's inner west and joined the Labor Party as a teenager. He was active in student politics at the University of Sydney, where he studied economics. In his 20s, he was a factional power-player in the NSW wing of the party before being elected to the federal seat of Grayndler in 1996. Albanese was Infrastructure Minister in the Rudd Government, and Leader of the House in both Rudd and Gillard governments. He ran against Bill Shorten for the Labor leadership in 2013 and won the popular vote but was beaten in the caucus ballot. Albanese is married to former NSW deputy premier Carmel Tebbutt and they have a son.

Liberal MP **Christopher Pyne's** political career began in student politics at Adelaide University, where he studied law. Pyne went on to win the federal seat of Sturt at the age of 26, after a fierce pre-selection battle, and was the youngest member of the House of Representatives at the time. He has held the seat for 22 years. A moderate Liberal, Pyne was left out of the Howard Government ministry until 2007, when he was made Minister for Ageing for a brief term. In the Abbott government, Pyne served as Education Minister. Pyne has now been made Industry, Innovation and Science Minister within Malcolm Turnbull's cabinet, and remains Leader of the House. Pyne is married with four children.



### Episode 3: Wednesday, November 11 at 8pm on ABC

#### Senator for Victoria, Ricky Muir

In this episode of *Kitchen Cabinet*, Annabel Crabb travels to Gippsland, Victoria to meet the 34 year old father of five Senator **Ricky Muir**, who started election night 2013 as an anonymous petrol head, and ended it as the senator elected on the lowest-ever proportion of the primary vote.

Annabel investigates how he is coping with his sudden rise to public prominence after a less than promising start to his political career.

After a quick sticky-beak in his home they do some superfluous four-wheel-driving to a log cabin where – around the campfire -they discuss why Senator Muir found school difficult, who he was most scared of meeting when he first entered politics and his path to supporting gay marriage. For dessert Annabel cannot resist the urge to make a Ricky Road cake...boom tish.

**Ricky Muir** was elected to the Senate on a record low vote in 2013 as part of the Australian Motoring Enthusiast Party. Little was known about the former timber mill worker, but he quickly caught the public's attention with awkward media interviews and staffing issues. In 2014 he delivered an emotional maiden speech, and since then has spoken passionately about youth unemployment, same sex marriage and asylum seekers. Muir lives in Gippsland in Victoria and is married to Kerrie-Anne. They have five children.



**Episode 4: Wednesday, November 18 at 8pm on ABC**

### **Senator for the Northern Territory, Nova Peris**

Annabel travels to the Top End to meet Olympic gold medallist turned Labor Senator **Nova Peris**.

Peris introduces Annabel to her family's country in East Alligator, Kakadu, where they visit sacred rock art sites, prepare bush tucker on a campfire and eat dinner by a billabong teeming with crocodiles.

The Senator opens up about her amazing and at times challenging sporting career, her hardline parenting techniques, her tough start to politics as former PM Julia Gillard's 'Captains Pick' and racism in Australia.

Word of warning to the squeamish: the episode involves the pair plucking a magpie goose whose meat becomes the senator's dinner.

After a career as one of Australia's most versatile and successful athletes, **Nova Peris** was chosen by Julia Gillard in 2013 to be Labor senator for the Northern Territory. Peris won Australia's first indigenous Olympic gold medal for hockey in 1996, and then switched to track and field, winning Commonwealth gold. Nova Peris is an outspoken advocate for indigenous recognition in the constitution, and has a strong connection with her family's ancestral land in Kakadu National Park. Peris is married to Scott Appleton and has three children.



**Episode 5: Wednesday, November 25 at 8pm on ABC**

### **Greens Leader, Richard Di Natale**

Annabel travels to the Otway Ranges in Victoria to meet the Leader of the Greens **Richard Di Natale** at his farm, which is powered entirely by solar panels and optimism.

Di Natale excels in the culinary stakes, preparing pizzas from scratch using ingredients from his own garden, and cooked in a pizza oven he built himself. However, Annabel draws the line at eating salami that the Senator has made from pigs he reared and killed on his farm.

In this surprising interview the former GP turned Greens Leader discusses mining, the Greens' fondness for secrecy, and how he owes his political career to former Liberal leader Brendan Nelson.

**Richard Di Natale** became Greens leader in May 2015, after entering the Federal Parliament as a senator for Victoria in 2011. Di Natale trained as a GP, and it was while working as a doctor in remote indigenous communities he realised policy was a more effective way of improving people's lives. In parliament, Di Natale has advocated for a variety of health issues, including universal dental care and legalised euthanasia. After being elected Greens leader, Di Natale said he would take a pragmatic course and broaden the party's appeal. Di Natale lives on an environmentally sustainable, off-the-grid farm in the Otway Ranges with his wife Lucy and their two sons.



**Episode 6: Wednesday, December 2 at 8pm on ABC**

**Cory Bernardi**

*Details to be confirmed*

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**Annabel Crabb will be available for interviews**

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