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## Stan Grant joins the ABC

Stan Grant, one of Australia's best known and most respected journalists, is joining ABC News in a two-fold role: Taking the newly-created position of Editor, Indigenous Affairs Coverage as well as hosting a new Friday night current affairs program.

Starting in December, Grant will lead and drive ABC News's coverage of Indigenous affairs, overseeing planning and content co-ordination nationally. More information on this will be released soon.

From next year he will also present a new program in the 7.30pm Friday slot, helmed by Executive Producer Jo Puccini. This is still in the planning stages, with details to come. He will also fill in on 7.30 for presenter Leigh Sales.

Director of News Gaven Morris said: "Stan is one of Australia's top journalists, a highly respected talent with extensive media experience nationally and internationally. He is also one of our leading voices in the area of Indigenous affairs. As such, he is ideally suited for both of these key roles, and we are thrilled he has agreed to take them on.

"Indigenous affairs is an area of great importance to our nation and one ABC News has always comprehensively covered. Stan will lead the way in extending and better structuring our reporting on it throughout our news and current affairs coverage."

Grant said: "This role, and other plans still to be announced, are about the ABC engaging in a more structured way with Indigenous issues. These issues go to the heart of the country – to who we are as Australians – and these initiatives will put the ABC at the heart of the conversation.

"It is significant and appropriate for the national broadcaster to lead this discussion among all Australians, and I am excited to be a part of it."

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