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# Week 05 Highlights



**Australian Of The Year**  
Special Event Monday 25 January at 7.30PM



**The Ultimate Survivor Smackdown**  
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Special Event Tuesday 26 January at 10.00AM



## **Australian of The Year**

## ***Special Event***

Monday 25 January at 7.30pm on ABCTV, and live at 7.30pm AEDT on News24 and ABC iview.

Each year our nation celebrates the achievement and contribution of extraordinary Australians through the Australian of the Year Awards. As the home of Australian stories, culture and conversations, the ABC will deliver an unmatched, truly national program of events in 2016.



ABC TV will broadcast a special Australian of the Year Awards event, live from Parliament House Canberra. The program will feature red carpet arrivals, stories about inspiring Australians in the running for Awards, and an exciting line-up of performances from leading Australian artists, until the spotlight falls on the Prime Minister and his announcement of our next Australian of the Year. Coverage will also include in-depth profiles of Australian of the Year finalists.

### **Short synopsis**

ABC TV will broadcast a special Australian of the Year Awards event live from Parliament House Canberra, featuring red carpet arrivals, stories about inspiring Australians and performances from leading Australian artists.

### **Production details**

An ABC TV production

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## The Ultimate Survivor Smackdown

## Australia Day Special

It's Australia Day and that means **Smackdown** time! This year the ABC3 presenters must tackle a series of grueling tests that will decide who is the fastest, strongest, smartest human! The prize? Their lives! An apocalyptic asteroid is heading for earth and only this year's winners will get to hide away in a protective bunker.



Is there something about the end of the world that Paul isn't telling them? Will Tim be able to tell Grace he has a crush on her in time? Will *My Great Big Adventure*'s Nancy find a way to deal with apocalypse-based stress? Will James become a real doctor? Will Kayne and Bajo settle years of rivalry to try and save the planet? And most importantly, will Hex and Liv bake the ultimate dessert before it's the end of everything?

Might as well play to win, it's the end of the world, after all! Cast: Bajo, Grace, Hex, Ivy, James, Kayne, Liv, Nancy, Paul and Tim.

### Short synopsis

It's Australia Day and that means Smackdown time! An asteroid is headed for earth and only this year's winner can seek shelter in the protective bunker. Who will be the fastest, strongest, smartest human? CAST: Bajo, Grace, Hex, Ivy, James, Kayne, Liv, Nancy, Paul and Tim.

### Production details

An ABC3 Production.

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## **The Wiggles Meet The Orchestra**

## ***Premiere Special***

Join The Wiggles as they meet the symphony orchestra!

Lachie, Anthony, Emma and Simon meet the musicians and instruments of the orchestra, and are joined by their friends Wags the Dog, Henry the Octopus, Dorothy the Dinosaur – and of course Andy the Conductor!

Together they perform all your favourite songs, play games with the musicians and introduce the instruments of the orchestra.

Recorded with the Melbourne Symphony Orchestra, this is a great introduction to the sights and sounds of the symphony orchestra.



### **Short synopsis**

Join The Wiggles as they meet the Melbourne Symphony Orchestra! Joined by friends Wags the Dog, Henry the Octopus, Dorothy the Dinosaur and Andy the Conductor, they perform all your favourite songs.

### **Production details**

An ABC Kids Production

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## Australia Day: Flag Raising & Citizenship Ceremony *Special*

Tuesday 26 January at 10am on ABCTV, and live at 10am AEDT on News24 and ABC iview.

Join the ABC live from the shores of Lake Burley Griffin, Canberra for the Australia Day National Flag Raising and Citizenship Ceremony to welcome our newest Australian citizens. The Governor General and the Prime Minister will review the guard, address the nation and raise the Australian Flag to the sound of a 21 gun salute and a flyover by air force jets.



### Short synopsis

Join the ABC live from the shores of Lake Burley Griffin, Canberra for the Australia Day National Flag Raising and Citizenship Ceremony to welcome our newest Australian citizens.

### Production details

An ABC TV Production

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**Vera****New Series**

DCI Vera Stanhope (Brenda Blethyn) is reunited, under tragic circumstance, with her first ever Sergeant, Stuart Macken (Steven Hartley). When his house is petrol bombed, Stuart is left badly burned and his 18 year old daughter, Stella (Jessica Barden), is fighting for her life in intensive care. Vera is shocked to see Stuart is a shadow of the man she knew twenty years before and, when her back is turned, he commits suicide by throwing himself from the hospital balcony.

Battling through grief for her former colleague and friend, Vera is determined to track down the assailant and discover why someone would want to kill Stuart and Stella. Does the answer lie in the steep downturn Stuart's personal and professional life has taken since they last met? With Stella in a coma, Vera and Joe pick their way through her former Sergeant's recent history and discover he has a broken family and the destruction he caused by his inability to let them go.

Soon they are hot on the trail of a suspect, but a dramatic discovery turns the case on its head, revealing the event at the heart of these catastrophic and heartbreaking events.

Guest stars include: Julie Graham (Lapland, Survivors, William & Mary), Steven Hartley (Doctors, The Bill), Ron Cook (Little Dorrit, The Diary of Anne Frank) and Nina Sosanya (Silk, Five Days).

**Short synopsis**

DCI Vera Stanhope is reunited, under tragic circumstance, with her first ever Sergeant, Stuart Macken, when his house is petrol bombed, and he and his daughter are badly burned. CAST: Brenda Blethyn, Steven Hartley

**Production details**

Written by Paul Rutman and directed by Peter Hoar

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**Inside Men*****Final***

In the final episode, Chris and Riaz are at each other's throats as tensions in the group start to build during the final practice for the heist.

There are several new faces at the cash counting house as the staff are merged with another branch. A new person in charge of security rubs John up the wrong way and he worries that she may put the whole job at risk.

Gina is offered a proper role in the heist and struggles with the decision to get fully involved. When she finally agrees, she is hit by the seriousness of what she is about to do. Both Gina and Marcus reflect on the risks they are taking and make a big decision as a result.

The team start to worry about Chris as his movements become increasingly unpredictable. John thinks he may struggle to go through with the plan.

Everyone tries to remain calm as the big day gets closer; they each savour their old lives for the last time before things change forever.

**Short synopsis**

John worries a new person in security will put the whole job at risk. Meanwhile, everyone tries to remain calm and savour their old lives before things change forever. CAST: Steven Mackintosh, Ashley Walters, Warren Brown

**Production details**

4 x 50 minutes. A BBC production.

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## Fit In Or Fail: Secrets of China

## Series Premiere

A three-part documentary series about China's youth that reveals a nation of workaholics, romantics and millionaires, and asks what's next for this fascinating place.

In this episode, Billie JD Porter reveals what it's really like to grow up in China, where respect for state and elders is being drilled into the next generation. If you don't fit in, you are often seen as a failure. She visits a special boot camp where kids are sent to be 'fixed' by their parents, and she discovers that many there are gaming addicts. As she explores China's glamorous gaming world, she asks what China's obsession with gaming really says about pressure and individual freedom in the world's most populated nation.

### Short synopsis

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### Production details

Presenter: Billie J D Porter (Secrets of South America, Prostitution: What's the Harm?), Executive Producer: Gian Quaglieni (Secrets of South America, Slum Survivors.) **Secrets of China** is a BBC Production.

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## Bodyshockers

## New Series

Record numbers of us are getting inked, pumped, sliced and stretched to alter our appearances. From facial and eyeball tattoos to sub dermal implants and multiple piercings, people are finding more outlandish ways to make their faces and bodies stand out.

In series three of Bodyshockers Katie Piper returns to a more extreme world of body modifications. She'll be meeting people who love their body work.....and others who loathe it. Plus those about to take the plunge will come face to face with regretters and witness their agonising process of reversal. Will this early intervention put a stop to their body mod dreams? Or will they continue on their path of radical reinvention?

In this episode it's a matter of no pain, no gain. Katie meets 33 year old butcher Jo with a passion for prime cuts. She's turning the knife on herself in an extreme and irreversible procedure. Its scarification and it's scary!

Big Brother winner Chantelle carved a successful career in the spotlight but carts 'round two enormous regrets from her celebrity past...her whopping 32 double F implants!

From DIY to A & E...the Brighton girl who took surgery into her own hands and lopped off her loopy left ear lobe with disastrous results...

Meet Jack the Bristol lad and his X rated inkings. He's on a one man mission to be King of the sex tattoos, much to his Mum's dismay.

And who's a pretty boy then? Why one man's blowing his pension money on looking like a parrot...

### Short synopsis

Katie Piper meets 33-year-old butcher Jo with a passion for prime cuts. She's turning the knife on herself in an extreme and irreversible procedure. Its scarification and it's scary!

### Production details

Producer/Directors, Christian Aldridge & Nick Webb. Executive Producer, Oliver Wright. Series Producer, Vivienne Molokwu. Bodyshockers is a Remarkable Television (part of Endemol shine group) production for Channel 4 Television.

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## Sherlock

The international smash hit series is back for a third series.

The question on everyone's lips is finally answered as Sherlock returns in three new action-packed adventures. How did he do it? And how will John take the news that his best friend faked his own death? Benedict Cumberbatch and Martin Freeman star as Sherlock Holmes and John Watson in the series return of Sherlock. Once again the game is on for Sherlock and John.

Sherlock faces his biggest challenge of all – delivering a Best Man's speech on John's wedding day! But all isn't quite as it seems. Mortal danger stalks the reception – and someone might not make it to the happy couple's first dance. Sherlock must thank the bridesmaids, solve the case and stop a killer!

### Short synopsis

Sherlock faces his biggest challenge of all – delivering a Best Man's speech on John's wedding day! But all isn't quite as it seems. Mortal danger stalks the reception. CAST: Benedict Cumberbatch, Martin Freeman

### Production details

A Hartswood Films production for BBC, co-produced with MASTERPIECE. Written and Created by Steven Moffat and Mark Gatiss. Producer Sue Vertue.

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