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## ABC News makes *The Link* with Stan Grant on Friday nights

Starting **Friday, 3 March** ABC News brings you ***The Link***, a new current affairs program that supplies what its name implies: A link connecting today's current topics and major news stories with people's lives.

*The Link* also asks viewers what news matters to them, and why. It finds out what people want to know, and what knowledge and insights they have to share with the rest of us.

Hosted by one of Australia's most highly-regarded journalists, **Stan Grant**, *The Link* airs weekly at 7.30pm Fridays on ABC and ABC iview.

"Our goal is to turn the news from background noise into something that matters to us," Stan says.

"*The Link* is engaging and people-centric. Its guiding principles are curiosity and conversation. It tackles serious issues and tells interesting stories in a relaxed format suited to the end of the working week."

Make *The Link*:

### ABC TV and live streaming on ABC iview:

Starting on Friday, February 24 at 7.30pm

### ABC News 24

Fridays 11.30pm (AEDT)

Saturdays 3.30pm (AEDT)

Sundays 7.30pm (AEDT)

### Stan Grant

Stan Grant is one of Australia's most successful and highly-regarded journalists, with a distinguished 30-year career in the media at home and overseas. A Wiradjuri man from Griffith, NSW, and son of a Wiradjuri elder, he is also one of this nation's thought leaders on Indigenous issues.

Grant began his media career as a copyboy at The Canberra Times and spent several years as a news presenter at the Australian Macquarie Radio Network, Seven Network and the ABC. In 1994, as host of the Seven Network's *Real Life*, he won the Logie Award for Most Popular Current Affairs Program.

For more than decade he covered the world as a correspondent and anchor with CNN, based in Hong Kong, Beijing and the Middle East. His coverage of war, terrorism, political upheaval and natural disaster won him some of international journalism's most prestigious awards. Stan has also been published in Australia's major newspapers, been a commentator on the BBC and Indigenous Affairs Editor for Guardian Australia. Between 2013 and 2016 he was International Affairs Editor for Sky News and presented current affairs programs for National Indigenous Television.

He is the winner of the 2015 Walkley Award for coverage of Indigenous affairs. His writing includes the 2013 memoir *The Tears of Strangers*, which charts the political and social changes for Indigenous Australians over the past 40 years, and his 2016 book *Talking To My Country*, which won the 2016 Walkley Book Award.

Grant joined the ABC in December 2016 as a presenter and as Indigenous Affairs Coverage Editor.

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