



ABC Newcastle ready for a big 2019

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ABC Newcastle's 2019 line-up features a new and extended *Breakfast* show, a new face in the morning plus the return of a favourite son.

Listeners to the station's *Breakfast* show not only get an extra half-hour – with the program extended to 9.00am – but also two new presenters, Dan Cox and Jenny Marchant. This brings ABC Newcastle into line with the same double-header format introduced last year in the ABC's Brisbane, Sydney and Melbourne stations.

Former *Breakfast* presenter Aaron Kearny returns this year to present *Drive* from 3.00pm to 6.00pm weekdays and Kia Handley joins the team to present her new *Mornings* show from 9.00am – 11.00am.

This year also sees *Treasure Hunter* moving to a restricted run on weekends to make way for Craig Hamilton who will present a mix of local news and sport on Saturdays.

Chief of Staff, Lucia Hill, said the station worked hard last year to bring listeners in the Newcastle and Hunter region the news and events that mattered. "We finished strongly at the end of 2018 and this year we'll continue to cover all the important local events and breaking news across sports, arts, community and politics."

"It's also wonderful to welcome Jill Emberson back to the station. She's been sorely missed by listeners and Jill will now be heard across all our programs presenting packages on special interest topics and issues from the around the region."

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Breakfast with Dan Cox & Jenny Marchant

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Saturday morning with Craig Hamilton

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