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TRACE: WHY THE CASE MIGHT HAVE GONE UNSOLVED FOR SO LONG

Is Australia's #1 podcast, Trace, on the verge of a cold case murder breakthrough?

When Australia's top-ranking podcast, <u>Trace</u>, began investigating the unsolved cold case of Melbourne mother Maria James, it had an ambitious goal – to bring her two sons, Mark and Adam, closer to uncovering the truth around her brutal 1980 murder.

Now, on the eve of Episode 4, *Trace* offers a glimpse of hope that brings this prospect closer to reality for the James brothers – waiting 37 years, after a series of dead ends saw the trail go cold... until now.

If you haven't caught up with *Trace*, now is the time.

In tomorrow's Wednesday 12 July episode, the podcast reveals why the case might've gone unsolved for so long. And it poses the question: does the new evidence exposed or explored by *Trace* warrant a re-opening of the Maria James murder case?

Australians have flocked to *Trace*, either as engaged observers as the shocking story unfolds, or by contacting the podcast team with previously undocumented accounts from the crime scene and investigation.

After four weeks, Trace remains Australia's #1 podcast and was today featured on BBC5Live:

"I'd recommend to listen as soon as you can" – David McGuire of Stabl Podcasting App on BBC5Live

<u>Episodes 1-3 available now.</u> <u>Trace Episode 4 available Wednesday 12 July.</u> Subscribe to *Trace* on the <u>ABC Radio app</u>, <u>Apple Podcasts</u>, or wherever you get your favourite podcasts.

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