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2016

Week 06 Highlights



The Doctor Blake Mysteries
New Series Friday 05 February at 8.30PM



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The Doctor Blake Mysteries

New Series

With new characters, twists and surprises, get ready for the next thrilling instalment of 2015's #1 Drama Series, **The Doctor Blake Mysteries**.

Picking up where series 3 ended, Doctor Lucien Blake (Craig McLachlan) and his housekeeper and confidant Jean Beazley (Nadine Garner) return to Ballarat, ready to finally pursue their romantic feelings towards one another. But their arrival coincides with the attack on someone extremely close to them, creating a life-threatening situation that will shake them both to their very core. And just as they're trying to recover from this, Blake is shocked by the sudden appearance on his doorstep of a mysterious figure from a life he can barely remember.



Blake throws himself back into his role as Police Surgeon. Lawson's (Joel Tobeck) headstrong niece Rose (Anna McGahan) arrives in Ballarat, ready to stir things up, while Lucien and Jean are torn apart by circumstances neither of them could have possibly foreseen.

In tonight's first episode, Blake finds himself thrown straight into another murder investigation; Ballarat is hosting a stopover in a round-Australia race, and a young mechanic has been found dead underneath another competitor's car. There's pressure from business to wrap up the investigation quickly, but Blake has dealt with that kind of interference before. But when Lawson is run down, Blake finds himself facing a very different case.

Short synopsis

Dr Lucien Blake returns home to find Ballarat hosting a very public stopover in a round - Australia motor race – and a very suspicious death. CAST: Craig McLachlan, Nadine Garner and Anna McGahan

Production details

December Media Production in association with ABC TV and Film Victoria. Produced by George Adams, Executive Producer Tony Wright and Associate Producer Craig McLachlan. ABC Executive Producers Christopher Gist and Carole Sklan

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**Julia Zemiro's Home Delivery****New Series**

In the most diverse series yet, Julia Zemiro travels around Australia to take some of her favourite people down memory lane. Joining her on the road for this 10-part series will be well-known faces from the worlds of comedy, journalism, entertainment, arts and sport. As always the interviews are intimate, candid and Julia's guests reveal parts of their life story that were until now unknown to viewers.



The series launches with Kerry O'Brien. In this revealing episode, Julia takes Kerry back to his childhood in suburban Brisbane. Kerry speaks candidly about his difficult and troubled relationship with the Brothers at St Laurence's College and the long-term effects of a career in journalism.

Australia's international comedy superstar Rebel Wilson is next up, followed by cricketing legend Glenn McGrath. The fourth episode features arguably Australia's greatest intellectual export Geoffrey Robertson. Also opening up to Julia in the series are artist Ben Quilty, TV stalwart Kerri-Anne Kennerley, Logie Award winning actress Miranda Tapsell and comedians Greig Pickhaver (HG Nelson) and Denise Scott. Along the way Julia springs the odd surprise and calls on parents, friends and old school mates to share their own stories about her guests.

Short synopsis

Julia Zemiro takes Kerry O'Brien back to his childhood in suburban Brisbane. Kerry speaks candidly about his difficult relationship with the Brothers at St Laurence's College & the long-term effects of a career in journalism.

Production details

A Cordell Jigsaw Zapruder production. Presenter and co-producer Julia Zemiro. CJZ Executive Producer Nick Murray. CJZ Executive Producer / Director Damian Davis. ABC Executive Producer Richard Huddleston. ABC Head of Entertainment Jon Casimir.

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Black Comedy

New Series

The wait is over! The groundbreaking comedy series **Black Comedy** returns to ABC TV. Written by and starring some of the funniest and most talented Indigenous performers in the country, **Black Comedy** 'goes blackly where no other blackfella has gone before' using an array of talented Indigenous and non-Indigenous performers to explore what it means to be Indigenous in contemporary Australia.



Returning in key roles are **Black Comedy** stalwarts Aaron Fa'Aoso, Nakkiah Lui, Steven Oliver and Elizabeth Wymarra, and they're ably joined by new core cast members Adam Briggs and Ian Zaro. Series 2 sees the return of many favourite characters including, Townsville's favourite gays, the Tiddas, the Housewives of Narromine, Blakforce and Tiffany, the culturally confused wannabe black, white girl.

New characters include Uncle Doctor, a medico whose methods are more than just a little unconventional, the Thong Mum, a woman whose ability with a boomeranging thong is deadly, and the Beachies, a father and son who spend their days sitting on a log on their Torres Strait Island home staring out to sea and pondering the imponderable. We also meet Ray, a recent parolee and the newest member of the Black Comedy writing team – unfortunately Ray's enthusiasm for his new job doesn't extend to his new colleagues.

Black Comedy is a fast paced, irreverent, entertaining, thought provoking - at times silly, at other times confronting - but always funny look at Australia and Australian culture through the comedic prism of our first people.

Starring alongside our cast are special guests including; Deb Mailman, Matt Day, Leah Purcell, Luke Carroll, Shari Sebbens, Bjorn Stewart, Jack Charles, Elaine Crombie, Bruce R Carter, Brendan Cowell, Lisa Hensley, Anita Hegh, Robbie Magasiva, Harriet Dyer, Andrew McFarlane, Bruce Spence, Chris Haywood, Graham Rouse, Maggie Dence, Costa Georgiadis and Brooke Satchwell.

Short synopsis

Returning for a second series, with new characters along with returning favourites including, Townsville's favourite gays, the Housewives of Narromine, Blakforce & Tiffany, the culturally confused wannabe black, white girl.

Production details

Producers Kath Shelper and Mark O'Toole. ABC Head of Indigenous Sally Riley.

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The Weekly With Charlie Pickering

New Series

Last year, **The Weekly with Charlie Pickering** delivered on its promise to appear weekly, and to be hosted by Charlie Pickering. This year, it promises to put the sense back into the nonsense of the news world, with three comedians who are expert at supplying sense, and eliminating none.



Like all hastily thrown-together sequels, the second season of **The Weekly** is bound to be even better than the first. As the news cycle spins ever faster, there'll be no shortage of targets for Charlie, Tom and Kitty to hit with their carefully-aimed comedy scattergun.

They'll spend their Wednesday nights exposing the absurd, revelling in the ridiculous, and throwing shoes at the hypocritical. When they run out of shoes, they will throw socks.

The Weekly with Charlie Pickering: Putting the sense back into the nonsense.

Charlie Pickering, Tom Gleeson & Kitty Flanagan.

#TheWeekly

Short synopsis

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Production details

A Thinkative Television production in association with ABC TV. Executive Producers: Kevin Whyte, Charlie Pickering and Chris Walker. ABC Executive Producer: Tarni James. Series Producer: Frank Bruzzese.

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Monday Night Line Up

2016 Series Return

Monday

Monday night's unmissable line up of shows that inform and engage returns this week!

7.30

Monday February 01, 7.30pm on ABC

The best analysis of local, national and international events from an Australian perspective. Hosted by Leigh Sales, with political commentary from 7.30 Political Editor Sabra Lane in Canberra. #abc730

Australian Story

Monday February 01, 8:00pm on ABC

Celebrating its 20th anniversary in 2016, **Australian Story** returns with more unique stories that provide an insight into Australian life with all its complexities and challenges. #AustralianStory

Four Corners

Monday February 01, 8:30pm on ABC

Australia's premier television current affairs program, hosted by Sarah Ferguson. **Four Corners** has been part of the national story since 1961, exposing scandals, triggering inquiries, firing debate and confronting taboos. #4Corners

Media Watch

Monday February 01, 9:20pm on ABC

Australia's leading forum for media analysis and comment, presented by one of Australia's most respected journalists Paul Barry. #MediaWatch

Lateline

Monday February 01, 9:30pm (AEDT) on ABC News 24 and 10:40pm (local) on ABC

Hosted by Tony Jones and Emma Alberici, **Lateline** provides original journalism and investigations, quality analysis and insightful interviews, combined with a fresh approach to telling important stories. #lateline

Q&A

Monday February 01, 9:35pm (live AEDT) on ABC and streamed live on ABC iview

Hosted by Tony Jones, **Q&A** puts punters, polities and pundits together in the studio to thrash out the hot issues of the week. It's about democracy in action – the audience gets to ask the questions. #QandA

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River Monsters

New Series

Jeremy Wade, freshwater detective, biologist and extreme angler, is breaking the surface and diving into the lairs of aquatic beasts in this sixth season of RIVER MONSTERS.

All over the Amazon, Jeremy has heard stories of a monster fish that grows so large, it's said to swallow men whole.

Locals call it the lau-lau but after 20 years of searching, from Peru to Brazil and Colombia, the evidence Jeremy needs - a single colossal specimen, still eludes him.

Now though, he's discovered a secret, untouched location deep in Guyana's remote rainforests where he suspects they may be thriving. Embedding himself in the wild jungle, this time it's different: he's not coming back until he catches it.

Short synopsis

All over the Amazon, Jeremy Wade, freshwater detective and angler, has heard stories of a monster fish that grows so large, it's said to swallow men whole. However, after 20 years of searching, this fish still eludes him.

Production details

Executive Producer, Lisa Bosak Lucas. River Monsters is produced for Discovery Communications, LLC by Icon Films Limited in association with itv Global Entertainment.

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Countdown To Life: The Extraordinary Making Of You

From the makers of *Human Universe*, this fascinating series tells the amazing story of how we are made. With privileged access to the first beats of a human heart, this series uses groundbreaking imagery to capture all the drama of human development.

100 trillion cells. 280 days. One human life. The person you are was decided before you were even born. The way you smile, the environments you thrive in, the colour of your eyes – from the moment you're conceived to the moment you're born, each critical event in the womb can change your life forever.

In episode one, Michael Mosley tells the story of our first eight weeks – the most perilous time in the womb. This is when everything about who we are hangs in the balance – when the layout of our organs is determined, when our heart makes its first beat, and when the length of our lives could be decided. Told through a series of surprising, moving and inspirational human stories, we discover how the journey to becoming a human being is a rollercoaster ride when anything can – and does – happen.

Short synopsis

Hosted by Michael Mosely, this series tells the amazing story of how we are made. With privileged access to the first beats of a human heart, it uses groundbreaking imagery to capture all the drama of human development.

Production details

Presenter: Michael Mosley. Series Producer: Gideon Bradshaw. Executive Producer: Helen Thomas. A BBC production with PBS.

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Dara O'Briain: Craic Dealer

Premiere Special

One of the world's best stand-ups brings his incisive wit to bear on the absurdities of modern life.

Recorded in front of a packed Edinburgh Playhouse, Dara O'Briain: Craic Dealer is a consummate comedy hour brimming with incisive wit and easy-going charm.

Regarded as one of the stand-up greats by discerning fans and fellow comics alike, Dara O'Briain is also an established TV star, hosting UK panel show institutions *Mock the Week* and *The Apprentice: You're Fired!*.

In this smart, accessible show, the award-winning comedian regales his audience with a unique blend of whip-smart punch lines and ingenious audience interaction. Whether dissecting the absurdities of modern life with skilful precision, or waxing lyrical with another self-deprecating yarn, he injects his material with remarkable insight and warmth.

Short synopsis

Dara O'Briain, one of the world's best comedians, brings his incisive wit to bear on the absurdities of modern life in his new stand-up show.

Production details

An Open Mike production for BBC2

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Adam Hills: The Last Leg Down Under

Premiere

The award-winning gang from *The Last Leg* (Adam Hills, Josh Widdicombe & Alex Brooker) have been sent to the wilderness of Australia for the ultimate extreme road trip. They will be guided through their adventures by Amar Latif, a charming and thrill seeking Scottish travel agent who also happens to be blind, and who decides to give them a difficult and dangerous road trip as far from their expectations as he can.

How will self-professed Neighbours addict Josh, beer and BBQ aficionado Alex, and Sydney native Adam cope as their fantasies of beaches and sunshine are replaced with hunting crocodiles and feral pigs, facing off with hard faced biker gangs and embracing a real life Crocodile Dundee experience?

Plus, as Adam starts to embrace the trip and his Aussie roots, Josh and Alex wonder if a nervous breakdown looms - and "Is it OK?" becomes "Are you OK?" Could this trip be the last straw for *The Last Leg* comrades?

The boys learn a great deal about the other side of Australia, a nation with a steadfast optimism and a dark underbelly. But the three will find out a few things about each other too, whilst turning each encounter into an exciting, poignant and most of all, richly comedic journey. CAST: Adam Hills, Josh Widdicombe and Alex Brooker.

Short synopsis

The Last Leg gang are sent from the UK to the Australian wilderness for the ultimate road trip. A comedic journey where the boys learn about Australia, and each other. CAST: Adam Hills, Josh Widdicombe, Alex Brooker.

Production details

Open Mike Productions and True North.

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