



1233 ABC Newcastle announces 2017 line up

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1233 ABC Newcastle is pleased to reveal its local line up for next year, confirming Garth Russell will return to host the Breakfast program.

Garth is no stranger to Newcastle audiences; locals will remember him presenting the Mornings and Drive programs a few years back, returning earlier this year to host Breakfast.

"I'm really enjoying being back and I'm looking forward to continuing exploring ways I can deliver the best radio to local audiences," Garth said.

Aaron Kearney, previous Breakfast host, will continue his work with ABC International, and Jenny Marchant will present the local Mornings program from 8.30am each weekday morning. Paul Bevan also returns to the weekday Drive program, with Craig Hamilton locked in as host of Saturday Breakfast.

1233 ABC Newcastle Chief of Staff Theresa Rockley-Hogan, says Jenny will take the reins while Jill Emberson continues her recovery after being diagnosed with Ovarian cancer in February this year.

"We continue to support Jill as she recovers, and hope she is able to return to the airwaves in some capacity in 2017; it's very important that she puts her health first at this time."

"The on air line up for 2017 is supported behind the scenes by a strong team of local producers and reporters who work hard to provide informative and entertaining coverage of news and issues in our region."

ABC Regional and ABC News have also announced that an ABC TV news cameraman will be based in Newcastle from January 2017.

ABC Regional NSW Editor Patrick Emmett said:

"Having a dedicated camera resource will give us more capacity to cover stories from Newcastle and the Hunter for local audiences. We look forward to bringing stories from further afield to audiences watching our state and national programs."

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