

## ABC Radio Canberra 2019 presenter line up

ABC Radio presenter and former Canberra journalist **Paula Kruger** will return home to present **ABC Radio Canberra's Afternoons** program in 2019.

Following a year of breakfast radio for ABC Radio Perth, Paula is moving back east to join the ABC Radio Canberra team.

Paula was based in Canberra with the ABC for three years from 2000 to 2002. She worked in the local newsroom as a journalist soon after finishing her ABC cadetship and was also part of the reporting team that worked on ABC's 7pm News when Canberra's local bulletin was reintroduced in 2001.

From 2003 Paula moved to the ABC bureau in the Federal Parliament Press Gallery, reporting for radio news and current affairs.

"I feel like I've never really left Canberra. The place and the friendships formed there are always with you. I met my bloke - a Canberra boy - while working in the ACT and return all these years later with our two children Oscar and Ashla as well as a loveable disgrace of a dog Otis. The entire family are very excited about calling Canberra home again," Paula said.

"I'm looking forward to many great conversations on *Afternoons* sharing our lives and having a few laughs along the way."

ABC Canberra Editor Michelle Ainsworth said, "We are thrilled Paula will be joining the ABC Radio Canberra team and we warmly welcome her back to the nation's capital. Listeners will be in for some lively chat, from politics to baking, Paula can talk about it! She'll be great company for listeners each weekday afternoon."

"Paula is a knowledgeable and experienced journalist, and a warm and engaging broadcaster. From breaking news to delving into the local issues that people care about, Paula will bring a candid style and sense of humour to *Afternoons*."

Current ABC Radio Canberra *Afternoons* presenter, **Anna Vidot** will move to the *Drive* seat, to replace Laura Tchilinguirian who is heading back to Sydney to ABC NEWS on radio.

"Canberrans know they can turn to the ABC for local news they can trust. In a world where news develops so fast, the trip home after work might be the first chance they have to catch up on the day. I'm looking forward to bringing our listeners more of the latest news from the Canberra community, as well as keeping them entertained at the end of a long day," Anna Vidot said.

Michelle Ainsworth said that Anna is an outstanding broadcaster and will slip seamlessly into the *Drive* seat. "Anna is such a versatile and engaging presenter and will continue to inform and entertain listeners in the *Drive* timeslot. She'll bring the best analysis of what's been making news during the day, as well as a great mix of music, entertainment and interesting conversations," she said.

Anna Vidot has been presenting *Afternoons* since the beginning of 2018. Prior to that she spent six years as the ABC Rural's National Political Reporter based in Parliament House, Canberra.

ABC Radio Canberra listeners will hear the new presenter line up from Monday, January 21, 2019.

## Full ABC Radio Canberra 2019 radio line up

**Breakfast:** Dan Bourchier (5.30am-9.00am)

**AM:** Sabra Lane (8.00am-8.30am)

**Mornings:** Adam Shirley (8.30am-11.00am)

**Conversations:** Richard Fidler and Sarah Kanowski (11.00am-12noon)

**The World Today:** Eleanor Hall (12noon-12.30pm)

**Myf Warhurst** (12.30pm-2.00pm)

**Afternoons:** Paula Kruger (2.00pm-4.00pm)

**Drive:** Anna Vidot (4.00pm-6.30pm)

**PM:** Linda Mottram (6.30pm-7.00pm)

**Evenings:** Chris Bath (Monday-Thursday) and Christine Anu (Friday-Saturday) (7.00pm-10.00pm)

**Nightlife:** Philip Clark (Monday-Thursday) and Sarah Macdonald (Friday-Sunday) (10.00pm-2.00am)

**Overnights:** Trevor Chappell (Monday-Thursday) and Rod Quinn (Friday-Sunday) (2.00am-6.00am)

**Saturday Breakfast:** Greg Bayliss (6.00am-11.00am)

**Sunday Brunch:** Lish Fejer (10.00am-12noon)

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