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TELL US WHAT YOU THINK

ABC TV and **Screen Australia** present the **Comedy Showroom** - launching six new comedy pilots made by some of Australia's most exciting comedians, comedy writers, producers and directors. But viewers won't have to wait each week for the latest pilot to be unleashed, with all of the pilots being made available to watch on ABC iview straight after the **Comedy Showroom** premiere.

Further to this, and in a network and Australian television first, we want our audience to tell us which pilots they think should come back as full TV series.

Simply by clicking through from iview, our audience will have the opportunity to provide their feedback by answering a few quick questions or just by telling us what they like and don't like.

No other network nurtures and supports Australian comedy like ABC TV.

So which pilots will our audience gravitate to? Which will they laugh at most? And which will they want to see more of?

Will it be **Ronny Chieng** sharing his experiences as an International Student; **Eddie Perfect's** absurd suburban life in *The Future Is Expensive*; *The Katering Show's* **Kate McLennan** hitting rock bottom in life and love in her and **Kate McCartney's** *Bleak*; **Lawrence Mooney** discovering what it takes for a 40-something-year-old man to finally grow up in *Moonman*; the desperate attempts of a deadbeat weed dealer to win his new neighbour's affections in **hot WA comedy team Mad Kids'** *The Legend of Gavin Tanner*; or **Alison Bell's** struggles as a new mum in an oddball mothers' group in *The Letdown* (produced by The Chaser's **Julian Morrow**).

All will be revealed from Wednesday April 27 when our best and brightest comedians invite you to join them in ABC TV's **Comedy Showroom**.

A joint initiative with Screen Australia, made in association with Film Victoria, Screen NSW and ScreenWest. Head of ABC Comedy Rick Kalowski.

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PILOT ONE

RONNY CHIENG: INTERNATIONAL STUDENT

WEDNESDAY 27 APRIL AT 9PM
CREATED BY RONNY CHIENG AND DECLAN FAY



Ronny is a Malaysian student who's come to Australia to study law. He's smart, driven and competitive, which would make him the perfect law student, if he actually wanted to be a lawyer. Blunt, barbed and not afraid to cut through the BS, it's not long before he is at odds with most people on campus; not to mention his mum. Ronny finds himself caught between his old life and his new life, between the international students and the local students, and between his mum's expectations and his own dreams, whatever the hell they may be.

Also stars: Molly Daniels, Dave Eastgate, Felicity Ward, Hoa Xuande, Laurence Boxhall and Anthony Morgan.

A Sticky Pictures Production. Directed by Jonathan Brough. Produced by Donna Andrews. Executive Producers Donna Andrews and Stu Connolly. ABC TV Executive Producer Andrew Gregory.





PILOT TWO THE LET DOWN

WEDNESDAY 4 MAY AT 9PM
CREATED BY SARAH SCHELLER WITH ALISON BELL



The Letdown is a comedy about Audrey (**Alison Bell**), a struggling new mum, and the local support group she thinks she doesn't need. Determined not to be defined by her new role, Audrey's first encounter with the local Mothers Group is a disaster. She leaves humiliated with a quiet resolve never to return.

But Audrey's attempt to reconnect with her old life (not least her sex life) is even more of a disaster and it's not long before Audrey realises she may be in the market for a new support team after all. Her sanity might just depend on it.

Also stars: **Noni Hazlehurst**, Ewen Leslie, Sacha Horler, Lucy Durack, Leah Vandenberg, Celeste Barber, Taylor Ferguson, Sarah Peirse and Leon Ford with special guest appearances by **Patrick Brammall** and **Brendan Cowell**.

A Giant Dwarf production. Director Trent O'Donnell. Producers Julian Morrow and Martin Robertson. ABC TV Executive Producer Rebecca Anderson.

PILOT THREE

THE LEGEND OF GAVIN TANNER

WEDNESDAY 11 MAY AT 9PM
CREATED BY MATT LOVKIS



Gavin Tanner (**Matt Lovkis**) is Western Australia's crappiest weed dealer and wannabe hero, who's utterly convinced he's the biggest legend in his hometown of Balladeen. When Gavin meets his new neighbour Marshall (**Adam Zwar**), he believes they are destined to be best mates, even though they have nothing in common. But when Marshall befriends Gavin's girlfriend Trish (Emily Rose Brennan) instead, Gavin resolves to break the union and claim Marshall for himself.

Also stars: **Mandy McElhinney**, Liam Graham, Eddie Baroo, Tahlia Norrish.

A Mad Kids Production. Written and Directed by Matt Lovkis and Henry Inglis. Produced by Lauren Elliott. ABC TV Executive Producer Andrew Gregory.





PILOT FOUR THE FUTURE IS EXPENSIVE

WEDNESDAY 18 MAY AT 9PM
CREATED BY EDDIE PERFECT



Eddie Perfect navigates modern life as husband and father, never certain whether the absurdity surrounding him is really happening or if it's all some kind of surreal middle-class suburban plot against him. In the course of a day, Eddie deals with a mummy-Nazi in the park, rises to a backyard DIY challenge with a little help from musician **Paul Kelly**, and negotiates conversational pitfalls at a toddler's birthday party.

Also stars: Leeanna Walsman.

A Goalpost Pictures Production. Directed by Matthew Saville. Produced by Rosemary Blight, Lauren Edwards and Eddie Perfect. ABC TV Executive Producer Andrew Gregory.

PILOT FIVE BLEAK

WEDNESDAY 25 MAY AT 9PM
CREATED BY KATE MCLENNAN AND KATE MCCARTNEY
(THE KATERING SHOW)



Self-obsessed screw-up Anna O'Brien (**Kate McLennan**) loses her terrible boyfriend, her septic tank of a house and her dead-end job all in one day. With no friends, no money and nowhere to go, she crawls back to the warm embrace of her well-to-do family, only to be given a drink and then shown the door. Cast out onto the street, with both her life and her mental resolve disintegrating like old jocks, Anna stumbles upon an Open for Inspection at a nearby townhouse. And it's here, surrounded by empty cupboards and hire furniture, that the unhinged Anna O'Brien seeks to reinvent herself, and her luck.

Also stars: **Shane Bourne**, **Jean Kittson**, **Brooke Satchwell**, *Toby Truslove*, *Sammy J*, *Zahra Newman* and **Kate McCartney**.

A Princess Pictures Production. Directed by Kate McCartney. Produced by Laura Waters and Jessica Leslie. Co-producers Kate McLennan and Kate McCartney. ABC TV Executive Producer Brett Sleight.





PILOT SIX MOONMAN

WEDNESDAY JUNE 1ST AT 9PM
CREATED BY SCOTT TAYLOR



What will it take to make a forty-something year old man grow up? *Dirty Laundry* Live host Lawrence Mooney stars as the fictional character Lawrence Mooney. Loosely based on his life, *The Moonman* is a normal bloke with a vice or two. He loves a party and his career as a late night DJ provides a great excuse for him to stay out late and sleep all day. But his long suffering girlfriend is about to turn his life upside down with massive news. Can this typical Aussie bloke keep his promise to be more responsible, or will his love of a big night out bring his whole life undone?

Also stars: **Ian Smith** (*Harold from 'Neighbours'* as you've never seen him before), *Elise Jansen* and *Blessing Mokgohloa*.

A Renegade Films Production. Directed by Clayton Jacobson. Produced by Joe Connor and Jen Livingston. ABC TV Executive Producer Brett Sleigh.



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