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triple j 2018: Ben & Liam back on Brekkie, Marigliano moves to Mornings and a Ratdog returns

triple j are rapt to welcome back **Ben Harvey**, **Liam Stapleton** and **Brooke Boney** to *triple j Breakfast* in 2018. After a massive first year together, with highlights including [Zipper & The Shit-Stick](#), [Pub Trivia with Lorde](#) and their recent [ARIA lookalikes prank](#), we're excited to see what they have in store next year.

Gen Fricker will continue hanging out with **Lewis Hobba** on *Drive* until **Veronica Milsom** returns from maternity leave later in the year. This leaves an opening prime for the return of the Ratdog, **Alex Dyson**, as he fills in for Gen on *Lunch* for the first part of 2018.

In an exciting move, beloved *Good Nights* presenter **Linda Marigliano** steps up to *Mornings*, replacing **Zan Rowe**. In her new role Linda will have even more chances to exercise her encyclopaedic music knowledge every weekday, and hang out with everyone's favourite science expert, **Doctor Karl**, each Thursday.

Excited for a new challenge, **Linda Marigliano** says *"It's been such a blast presenting new music in the evenings, getting those hot jams out there and winding those windows downnn! I feel so privileged to have had the opportunity to create this Good Nights beast six years ago, and oh boy it's been a party every night. But I love to shake things up, and I am honoured to follow on from my dear friend and legend Zan Rowe, bringing my true music nerd to triple j Mornings."*

In Linda's place, Ballarat born and bred **Bridget Hustwaite** takes over *Good Nights*. Bridget has had a massive year regularly filling in on *Lunch* and *Home & Hosed* we're proud to add her to our permanent weekday programming in 2018.

After eight incredible years at the forefront of discovering and supporting new Aussie music, **Dom Alessio** is leaving *Home & Hosed* for an exciting new opportunity, to be announced next week. Dom's not only been a skillful interviewer and entertainer, he's also been a driving force in the industry, pushing Australian artists to the forefront in everything he does. He'll be greatly missed by triple j, our audience and the artists alike.

Speaking on his time at triple j, **Dom Alessio** says *"These past eight years have been the best of my life. It's been an honour to come to work every day, listen to incredible music, curate the very best of it and present it to the nation. That includes being an early champion of artists like Flume, Meg Mac, Camp Cope, Alex Lahey, Courtney Barnett, Sampa The Great, Remi, Tired Lion and Julia Jacklin who often had their first spins on my show. In over 1,400 radio shows I've strived to be diverse, inclusive and representative of the breadth of music from all over Australia. It's been incredible in that time to see Australian music grow to be more popular than ever and if I've had even a minuscule role in making that happen, I'm really proud of that."*

After regular spots presenting on triple j and triple j *Unearthed* in 2017, **Declan Byrne** steps up as the new host of *Home & Hosed*. His knowledge and passion for Australian music is second to none and we're excited to see where he takes the show next year.

Over on weekends, music programmer and presenter **Karla Ranby** will present *Weekend Lunch*, as **Gemma Pike** takes over presenting and producing *The J Files* on **Double J**. Charismatic presenter **Dylan Alcott** will remain a triple j *Breakfast* regular, however he'll leave *Weekend Arvos* at the end of the year to focus on his thriving sporting career and his new [Dylan Alcott Foundation](#). With plenty of experience making the nation laugh, **Sally & Erica** will step up to host *Weekend Arvos* in Dylan's place. After two brilliant years as the host of all things sex and relationships **Hannah Reilly** will be leaving *The Hook Up* to focus on her other projects. Stay tuned as we announce a new presenter soon.

triple j *Unearthed* radio will continue to highlight the best new Aussie music 24/7 in 2018, including its popular music discovery programs *Tops*, *Amped* and *Handpicked*.

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triple j's 2017 regular programming will finish up on **Sun 17 Dec**, with the new 2018 line up beginning on **Mon 8 Jan**. In the meantime, **Alex Dyson**, **Bridget Hustwaite**, **Ciaran Lyons** and **Sally & Erica** will keep you company on your summer road trips as triple j's official summer programming team.

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